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NTPC SIGNS 25-YEAR POWER PURCHASE AGREEMENTS WITH EGAT AND EDL

VIENTIANE, November 8, 2003 -- The Electricity Generating Authority of Thailand (EGAT) and the Nam Theun 2 Power Company Limited (NTPC) signed a Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) for the sale of generating capacity of up to 995 MW and electrical energy of 5,636 GWh per year. Simultaneously, NTPC signed a PPA with Electricité du Laos (EDL) for the sale of generating capacity of up to 75 MW and electrical energy of 200 GWh per year. The signing ceremony was held at the Lao Plaza Hotel in Vientiane, Lao PDR, in the presence of H.E. Mr. Somsavath Lengsavath, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs, H.E. Mr. Bouasy Lovanxay, Standing Member of the National Assembly, H.E. Onneua Phommachanh, Minister of Industry and Handicrafts, other members of the Government of the Lao PDR, and H.E. Dr. Prommin Lertsuridej, Minister of Energy of the Royal Thai Government.

The EGAT PPA comes under the framework of a bilateral agreement between Laos and Thailand that was signed in the mid 90s for the export of more than 3,000 MW of electricity from Laos to Thailand. Both PPAs define the rights and obligations of the Parties, and the contractual background for NTPC to sale electricity to EGAT and EDL from the Nam Theun 2 hydroelectric Project during a 25-year operation period at an agreed tariff on a “Take-or-Pay” basis. It complements the Concession Agreement that NTPC signed on 3 October 2002 with the Government of the Lao PDR to create the necessary legal background allowing NTPC to develop, construct, own and operate the Project during 25 years after the beginning of commercial operations.

Nam Theun 2 will be the largest cross border hydroelectric project to be built in Laos for selling electricity to Thailand. Full commercial operations are planned for end 2009.

NTPC was created on 28 August 2002 as a limited company incorporated under the laws of the Lao PDR to develop, finance, own and operate the Nam Theun 2 Project. Its shareholders are:

- 35% EDF International (EDFI), a subsidiary of Electricité de France
- 25% Electricité du Laos (EDL), the electricity utility of the Lao PDR
- 25% Electricity Generating Public Company Limited (EGCO) of Thailand
- 15% Italian-Thai Development Public Company Limited (ITD) of Thailand

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