



NEWS RELEASE

EXPANSION OF NTPC'S PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTER

VIENTIANE, January 26, 2005 -- The Nam Theun 2 Power Company Ltd (NTPC) is pleased to announce that it has now expanded its Public Information Center (NTPC PIC) on the Nam Theun 2 Hydroelectric Project. NTPC's PIC is located in Vientiane on Khun Boulom road (next to Silapa Restaurant). NTPC's PIC sources and supplements the existing NT2 Public Information Center at the Science, Technology and Environment Agency (STEA) at the Prime Minister's Office, which has been displaying the main Nam Theun 2 safeguards documentation since November 30, 2004. In particular, the three safeguards documents and an extensive summary in Lao language have been made available at both NTPC and STEA Public Information Centers.

That includes:

- Environmental Assessment and Management Plan (EAMP) (English version)
- Social Development Plan (SDP) (English version, Summary of chapters in Lao)
- Social and Environmental Management Framework and 1st Operational Plan (SEMPOP) (English version)
- Summary Environmental and Social Impact Assessment (SESIA) (English and Lao versions)

Maps and posters in Lao language describing the various Project environmental and social impacts and mitigation have been displayed on the PIC walls. A selection of supporting studies, extracts from the Concession Agreement between NTPC and the Government of the Lao PDR, a summary of the Power Purchase Agreement between NTPC and the Electricity Generating Authority of Thailand, as well as extensive reports in Lao language of local villagers' comments on the Project, has also been displayed at NTPC PIC. Project films and photographs can be viewed on a computer that has been allocated for this purpose.

Subject to prior request to NTPC's Environmental and Social Development Managers through NTPC's contact point below, background engineering documents that have served to prepare the Project environmental and social development plans may also be consulted at NTPC's office in Vientiane.

NTPC's PIC is open from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm and from 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm from Monday to Saturday (morning only) except during Public holidays. For ease of consultation by the international Public, all major environmental and social safeguard documents for the Project are also available online at <http://www.poweringprogress.org> and <http://www.namtheun2.com>

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