



News Release

NTPC HANDED OVER VEHICLES TO THE LAO GOVERNMENT

Saturday 9th September 2006 – NAKAI PLATEAU:

NTPC handed over 15 four wheel drive pickup trucks to better assist Bolikhamxay and Khammouane Provinces' Government Resettlement activities.

The vehicles were handed over to Resettlement Management Units in Thakhek and Nakai, as well as to District Resettlement Working Groups (DRWG) / District Compensation Working Groups (DCWGs) in Nakai, Mahaxai, Gnommalath, Xe Bang Fai, Nongbok, Xaibouly and Khamkeut districts.



District Governor's Office in Nakai

The Resettlement Management Units (RMU) are in charge of coordinating the whole resettlement process, and managing field resettlement activities undertaken by the District Resettlement Working Groups (DRWG) / District Compensation Working Groups (DCWGs). The RMU head office is located in Thakhek with a field office in Ban Oudomsouk, Nakai District. From these offices in Thakhek and Nakai, the RMU coordinate activities in all of the Districts of Gnommalath, Mahaxai, Xe Bangfai, Nongbok and Xaibouly, and Khamkeut Districts.

The DRWG/DCWGs are responsible for implementing, in cooperation with villagers, and under the technical direction of the RMU, the relocation, rehabilitation, compensation and development activities specific to their Districts.

This handover ceremony took place during the Nam Theun 2 Project site visit by H.E. Mr. Somsavat Lengsavad, Deputy Prime Minister of Lao PDR, accompanied by delegates from concerned ministries, including Ministry of Energy and Mines, Industry and Commerce, Agriculture and Forestry, Finance as well as Labour and Social Welfare.



H.E. Mr. Somdy Douangdy, Vice-Minister of Finance, H.E. Mr. Bosaikham Vongdara, Minister of Energy and Mines, Mr. Khambai Damlat, Khamouane Governor, H.E. Mr. Somsavat Lengsavath, Deputy Prime Minister and Mr. Christophe Maurel, NTPC COO

These pickups are part of a much bigger program of equipment and infrastructure development which are in accordance with the resettlement program developed and jointly implemented by the Government of Lao PDR and NTPC.

By mid 2008, before reservoir impounding, the 1,200 families will be fully re-established in locally designed villages, provided with electricity, water supply, schools, clinics and other community infrastructures, similar to those of Ban Nong Boua, a pilot village that the Project had established since 2002.

For further and more detailed information about the Nam Theun 2 Project, please visit the website www.namtheun2.com, or the Lao National Committee for Energy website, www.poweringprogress.com.

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