



(1200 MW H.E. Project, Sikkim)



TEESTA URJA LTD.

PRESS RELEASE (22nd SEPTEMBER, 2011)

Update on the situation at the Teesta III Project site – 22nd September 2011

The Company is implementing the 1200 MW Teesta III Hydroelectric project, which has project works spread over the area from Mangan to Chungthang in North Sikkim. This area, along with other parts of North Sikkim were badly affected due to the severe earthquake that hit Sikkim on 18th September 2011.

Certain news articles appearing in a section of the print media on Wednesday, September 21st and Thursday, September 22nd, 2011 are factually incorrect and contrary to the facts on the ground. The Company provided a detailed update on the facts through a press release on 21st September 2011, and is providing additional information for an update again through this Press Release:

- No section of the tunnels or project works, at Saffu or at any other location on the site, is flooded or has collapsed.
- None of the personnel are trapped in the tunnels, as has been reported.
- All casualties, injured and missing employees of the Company have been fully accounted for, and all other employees are safely housed in various project locations and temporary camps.
- The Army personnel that are involved in rescue operations in Saffu could not reach there by road, owing to the landslides in the area. They have commuted from Theng village to Saffu through the project tunnels which are clear and safe.
- A 30 member Company of the Sikh Regiment, led by their Commanding Officer Col. Dogra was able to go through the above tunnels and have seen the conditions. This army platoon is staying in the Camp site of the Project in Saffu since last night.

- Company officials have also driven through this tunnel several times since 19th September, 2011 from Theng village to Saffu and also to Chungthang for transporting men and materials, and are carrying out relief operations for the local villagers and the employees.
- Engineers from the Company and its Consultants have visited all major project components such as the Head Race Tunnel (HRT), Dam site and Power House and have carried out the assessment about the safety of these project structures in the past two days. All the major structures are intact and safe. Brief update on the status of major structures is attached.

The Company conveys its deepest sympathy and prayers to the people who have been affected by this devastating earthquake, and expresses sincere condolences for the loss of life and injuries that have been sustained by the people in the area which includes local villagers, employees of the Company, and its Contractors. Local villagers stranded at various locations, especially at Saffu, are being flown out to Mangan and Chungthang by the Company on a continuing basis. The Company will continue to fully support the massive rescue efforts of the state government, local administration, ITBP and Army through its dedicated 24X7 rescue and relief operations team till normalcy is restored.

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ABOUT TEESTA URJA: Teesta Urja Limited, New Delhi, is implementing the 1200 MW Teesta III project in Sikkim. The project site is situated on the Teesta river in Mangan District of North Sikkim. The Project components such as Dam, Head Race Tunnel, Power House and Tail Race Tunnel are spread over the areas between Chungthang and Mangan. This area, along with other parts of North Sikkim, were affected by the recent earthquake in Sikkim and other areas of the North East India on 18th of September, 2011.



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Annexure to the press release dated 22nd September, 2011

Detailed Brief on the Technical Assessment of the Project Components

The Company along with its Consultant is continuously monitoring the safety of all the structures and will take adequate safety precautions and quality measures to ensure that all the project components are constructed with highest standards once the works re-starts at site.

A brief on the assessment made at project site by visiting all major components of the works is given below:

- **Tunnels:** The tunnel starting from the dam site (Head Race Tunnel or HRT) has been used extensively for the purpose of transporting men and material during the relief operations without any hindrance and all the portals at various Adits are intact.
- **Dam Site:** At Dam Site in Chungthang, there were landslides over two of the project structures, namely the Spillway Tunnel 1 and 2 intakes. There are many minor slides in the dam area. However, there is no damage and danger to any of the structures at the dam site.
- **Power House:** The power house cavern is in good condition and there appears to be no damage to any structure.
- **Access Roads in The Project Area:** The right bank access road of the Teesta river along the approach roads to the Head Race Tunnel is damaged in certain locations, hampering the transportation of men and materials. There are additional landslides between powerhouse and dam damaging the connecting roads. The Company will restore the road accesses after resuming the work at site.
