



Lao People's Democratic Republic: NAM NGIEP 1 HYDROPOWER PROJECT

Project Name	NAM NGIEP 1 HYDROPOWER PROJECT		
Project Number	41924-014		
Borrower/Company	NAM NGIEP 1 POWER COMPANY LIMITED		
Country	Lao People's Democratic Republic		
Location	Bolikhamxay and Xaysomboun, Lao PDR		
Approval Number	7414/3153, 7414/3154, 7414/66		
Type or Modality of Assistance	7414	Loan	USD 50.00 million Committed
Strategic Agendas	Environmentally sustainable growth Inclusive economic growth Regional integration		
Drivers of Change	Gender Equity and Mainstreaming Partnerships Private sector development		
Sector / Subsector	Energy - Large hydropower generation		
Gender Equity and Mainstreaming	Some gender elements		
Responsible ADB Department	Private Sector Operations Department		
Responsible ADB Division	Portfolio Management Division, PSOD		
Responsible ADB Officer	Singh, Samarendra		
Project Sponsor(s)	EGAT International Kansai Electric Power Company Inc. Lao Holding State Enterprise		
Description	The Project involves the construction and operation of a 290 MW hydropower generation facility on a build-operate-transfer (BOT) arrangement at the Nam Ngiep River in the provinces of Bolikhamxay and Xaysomboun, Lao PDR.		
Objectives and Scope	As one of major export hydropower projects in Lao PDR, the Project will contribute to the country's economic growth and is an important component of the Government of Lao PDR's poverty-reduction strategy. For Thailand, the Project supports sustainable development through the provision of clean energy and energy diversification.		
Linkage to Country/Regional Strategy	The Project is consistent with the country strategy and program for Lao PDR as it will develop export hydropower resources, increase the supply of affordable power, generate employment opportunities for Lao nationals, improve workforce skills, and provide local infrastructure in the project area, all of which will have multiplier effects to the country's economy. Moreover, the Project mobilizes large-scale foreign direct investment into Lao PDR.		
Status of Development Objectives	To be achieved.		
Material Changes	None.		

Safeguard Categories

Environment	A
Involuntary Resettlement	A
Indigenous Peoples	A

Summary of Environmental and Social Aspects

Environmental Aspects	Key environmental impacts are associated with the inundation of 68km of terrestrial and riverine habitats, resulting in loss and alteration of habitats. A comprehensive program of mitigation, management, and biodiversity offsets are planned. The environment management plan also provides measures for advanced warning for downstream hydrological changes and management of riverbank erosion during operations.
Involuntary Resettlement	The project will involve relocation of more than 430 households and loss of land by more than 560 households. NNP1PC has prepared resettlement and livelihood restoration plans to responsibly resettle and compensate these people, many of whom are ethnic minority Hmong. NNP1PC has also prepared a social development plan comprising a public health action plan, a community development plan, and a labor management plan to mitigate impacts and promote social development in the project area.
Indigenous Peoples	See above.
Stakeholder Communication, Participation, and Consultation	The Project has carried out and is continuing public consultations with stakeholders at household, village, provincial, and national levels.

Timetable for assistance design, processing and implementation

Concept Clearance	07 Apr 2014
Due Diligence	31 Jul 2014
Credit Committee Meeting	09 Jul 2014
Approval	14 Aug 2014
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Last PDS Update	27 Nov 2014

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