

Avantha synchronizes 1st 600 MW unit in Raigarh, Chhattisgarh
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Avantha Power & Infrastructure Limited (APIL) today announced the synchronization of its first unit of 600 MW in Raigarh, Chhattisgarh through its wholly-owned subsidiary Korba West Power Company Limited (KWPCCL).

With this synchronization, the generation capacity of APIL, a part of the Avantha Group, stands at 626.19 MW, a press release from the company.

APIL began construction of the plant in August 2010 and successfully executed the project in 38 months. The public sector Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited (BHEL) has supplied the boiler, turbine and generator (BTG) equipments.

APIL has another 1,860 MW under various stages of construction and an additional 1,320 MW under planning, the release said.

Mr. Gautam Thapar- Founder and Chairman of the Avantha Group, stated, "With this milestone, APIL progresses towards our vision of achieving a market position based on solid execution, growth and accomplishment. I am confident that APIL will continue to deliver the best possible results for all stakeholders, today and in the future."

APIL's subsidiary KWPCCL signed the Fuel Supply Agreement (FSA) with South Eastern Coal Limited (SECL) in August 2013 for feeding the plant with uninterrupted coal supply.

APIL's Chief Operating Officer K N Neelkant said: "This marks the commencement of a new phase for APIL and our presence in the IPP segment. The synchronization of our first 600 MW unit in Chhattisgarh reflects our commitment to contribute towards India's growing energy demand. We are aggressively progressing with our plans of adding to the installed capacity."

Apart from synchronisation of Unit 1 of 600 MW and Unit 2 of 600 MW under construction through KWPCCL in Chattisgarh, APIL has a second thermal power plant of 1260 MW under various stages of construction at Seoni, near Jabalpur, Madhya Pradesh through its project Jhabua Power Limited (JPL).

APIL has a plant at Malanpur, Madhya Pradesh with an installed capacity of 26 MW. APIL will have a total installed capacity of 3806 MW once all the projects commence commercial operations.

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