

Avantha Power synchronises first unit

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Avantha Power and Infrastructure Ltd has synchronised its first unit of 600 MW in Raigarh, Chhattisgarh, through its wholly owned subsidiary Korba West Power Company Ltd. The company's generation capacity stands at 626.19 MW with the new commissioning. Avantha Power and Infrastructure Ltd is part of the Rs 25,000-crore (\$4 billion) Avantha group. APIL began construction in August 2010 and executed the project in 38 months. BHEL has supplied the boiler, turbine and generator equipments. APIL has another 1,860 MW under various stages of construction and an additional 1,320 MW under planning. Gautam Thapar, Founder and Chairman, Avantha Group, noted in a statement that Korba West Power Company Ltd signed the fuel supply agreement with South Eastern Coal Ltd in August, for uninterrupted coal supply. APIL's Chief Operating Officer K.N. Neelkant noted the company is aggressively progressing with its plans of adding to the installed capacity. — **Our Bureau**