

Avantha Power & Infrastructure Limited

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Avantha Power's Korba West Power Project Commissions First Unit of 600MW in Chhattisgarh

New Delhi, March 31, 2014: Avantha Group Company-Avantha Power & Infrastructure Limited (APIL) today commissioned its first unit of 600 MW at the Korba West Power Company Limited (KWPCCL) project in Raigarh, Chhattisgarh.

KWPCCL, which is a wholly owned subsidiary of APIL, has already signed the fuel supply agreement (FSA) with South Eastern Coal Limited (SECL) for uninterrupted coal supply to its plant. Spread over 860 acres, the Korba plant has adopted state of the art technology and best execution practices to ensure efficient project implementation. Public sector major BHEL has supplied the BTG (bolier, turbines and generator) equipment.

"Avantha Group Company Avantha Power & Infrastructure Limited has achieved an important milestone by commissioning its first unit of 600 MW at the Korba plant in Raigarh. This is a significant stepping stone for the company in its quest to become an important private power producer in the country. I congratulate the entire team of APIL and all at the Korba plant who have worked tirelessly to achieve this goal," said **Mr. Sudhir Trehan, Chairman APIL.**

The plant also accords high priority to safety and quality control measures and has adopted industry best practices regarding the same. It is committed to balancing operational efficiencies and compliance of environmental, health and other statutory requirements.

"We are happy to declare commercial operation for the first unit at Korba West Power Company project. We thank the Chattisgarh Government and all our stakeholders for their continued support," commented **K N Neelkant, COO APIL.**

KWPCCL is a socially conscious and active enterprise and is equally committed to creating a positive environmental footprint. To this end, it has successfully engaged with local communities and has implemented several schemes to address their developmental needs. These initiatives span across livelihood, infrastructure, community health and education and have so far benefited over 60,000 people across 75 villages.

APIL has a second thermal power plant of 1260MW under various stages of construction at Seoni, near Jabalpur, Madhya Pradesh. This is being operated through another wholly owned subsidiary Jhabua Power Limited (JPL). APIL will have a total installed capacity of 3806MW once all the projects achieve commercial operations.

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About Avantha Power & Infrastructure Limited

Avantha Power & Infrastructure Limited (APIL), part of the Rs. 25,000 crores (\$4 billion) Avantha Group is an established power generation company. Avantha Power has embarked upon an ambitious plan of contributing towards meeting India's growing power demand with 2,460 MW of generating capacity under various stages of implementation and 1,320 MW of generating capacity under planning. Its entities include 2 thermal power projects in Raigarh (Chhattisgarh) and Seoni (Madhya Pradesh) through its wholly owned subsidiaries Korba West Power Company Limited (KWPC) and Jhabua Power Limited (JPL) and a thermal power project in Gujarat under planning.

Avantha Power is also committed towards environment management and community relations for a sustainable business development and responsible growth. The company has undertaken several welfare initiatives in the field of Livelihood, Infrastructure Development, Community Health and Education for the benefit of the communities it operates in both in Raigarh and Seoni. The welfare programmes are particularly focused on empowering less privileged communities and encouraging self-reliance and empowerment. Visit us at www.avanthapower.com

About Avantha Group

The Rs. 25,000 crores (US\$4bn) Avantha Group is one of India's leading business conglomerates. Its successful entities in diversified sectors include Crompton Greaves (power transmission and distribution equipment and services), BILT (paper and pulp), The Global Green Company Limited (food processing), Biltech Building Elements Limited (infrastructure), Avantha Power (energy), Salient Business Solutions Limited (IT and ITES), Jg Glass (glass containers).

With a global footprint, the Group operates in 90 countries with more than 25,000 employees worldwide. Led by Gautam Thapar, Avantha demonstrates strong leadership globally and emerges as a focused corporate, leveraging its knowledge, leadership and operations, adding lasting value for its stakeholders and investors.

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