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## **CLP and Haryana Government Lay Foundation of Jhajjar Power Plant in India**

CLP Group and the Government of Haryana today laid the foundation stone of the 2x660MW Power Plant in Jhajjar-Haryana on 10 January 2009. The ceremony was attended by the Honourable Chief Minister of Haryana, Shri Bhupinder Singh Hooda and other government officials.

With an investment commitment of approximately USD1.2 billion (HKD9.4 billion) by the CLP Power India Private Limited, a wholly owned subsidiary of CLP Group, the 1,320 MW (2X660MW) power plant will be spread over an area of over 1,200 acres, potentially employing 250 staff directly and thousands indirectly. The station has committed 90% of its electricity output to the State of Haryana.

In line with CLP's environmental responsibility, the power plant will deploy the highly efficient supercritical technology that uses less coal to generate electricity, coupled with Flue Gas Desulphurisation equipment that would reduce emissions of sulphur dioxides. Coal linkages of 5.2 Million Tonnes per annum will be derived from Central Coalfields Ltd. from their North Karanpura Coal Fields, Jharkhand. The first unit of the plant is scheduled to be operated in December 2011 and the second unit in May 2012.

At the foundation ceremony, Mr Andrew Brandler, CEO CLP Group, said: "This project underpins CLP Group's commitment to contribute to improving quality of life in India in a sustainable way. The power sector in India has massive potential and we appreciate Haryana government's initiative by offering us a gateway to this state and providing the project with the necessary infrastructure to commence operations here. It is our privilege to have the chance to light up the lives of millions in Haryana."

Commenting on the occasion, Mr Rajiv Mishra, Managing Director, CLP India, said: "Over USD 275 billion (HKD2,145 billion) investments is expected in power sector through government sources and public-private-partnership (PPP) in next four years. The Indian economy is growing rapidly and there is an acknowledged need to establish and sustain a high-quality power plant for the local Indian population."

"We are committed to growing our business in India and strengthening our presence in the country. The opening of this plant is a major step towards achieving that objective

as it extends our capability to serve our customers with our world-class technology and service", he further added.

Present at the occasion, Shri Bhupinder Singh Hooda, Chief Minister of Haryana said, "The Government of Haryana is taking steps to improve the power supply position in the State, including augmentation of generating capacity and development of a number of mega power projects in the public and the private sector. The Jhajjar power plant is a step in this direction. I am hopeful that CLP will utilise its expertise to generate 1,320MW power in the state of Haryana that will benefit millions of households. With the setting up of a plant by the CLP Group, we have achieved yet another milestone for the state. This project will be a significant contribution on the part of CLP to our state's development."

CLP India is the first foreign company that has won a power generation project in India through international competitive bidding that took place in July last year.

#### **About CLP Group**

CLP is listed on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange and is one of the largest investor-owned power businesses in Asia. Throughout the years CLP has grown to become a conglomerate of companies with a portfolio of generation, transmission and distribution assets and retail businesses in different countries in Asia Pacific Region. Through CLP Power Hong Kong, it operates a vertically integrated electricity supply business in Hong Kong, and provides a highly reliable supply of electricity and excellent customer services to over 5.5 million people in its supply area.

#### **About CLP India**

CLP India is one of the largest foreign investors in the Indian power sector and is responsible for developing CLP's presence in that market. Its portfolio, including the Jhajjar power station, comprises approximately 2,300 equity MWs of generating assets.

CLP India owns and operates a 655MW Gas fired IPP in Gujarat. It is also one of the largest wind power developers in the country with approximately 350MW of committed wind projects at different stages of implementation. The total committed investment by CLP India is in excess of HKD15.6 billion including the Jhajjar Power Plant.

More information about the group and its India operations is available on <https://www.clpgroup.com/ourcompany/aboutus/regionalpresence/india/Pages/india.aspx>.



Mr Andrew Brandler, Chief Executive Officer of CLP Holdings Ltd said at the Ceremony that the 1,320MW Jhajjar Power Plant in Haryana underpinned CLP Group's commitment to contribute to improving quality of life in India in a sustainable way.



Mr Andrew Brandler, Chief Executive Officer of CLP Holdings Ltd (3rd from left), Mr Peter Littlewood, Group Director – Operations of CLP Holdings Ltd ( 5th from left) and Mr Rajiv Mishra, Managing Director of CLP India ( 2nd from left) participated in the Stone Laying Ceremony of Jhajjar Power Plant in Haryana, India on 10 January 2009.

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