

## **National Hydro Power Company (NHPC)**

National Hydro Power Company Limited (NHPC) was established with the objective of developing small hydropower projects in Nepal. Initially NHPC was set up as a joint venture Company formed by Nepali owners and Lyse Kraft AS of Norway to develop its first hydro project, the 7,500 kW Indrawati-III, in Sindhupalchowk District, in Central Nepal. NHPC has been commercially operating the Indrawati III Hydro Power Project since 1999. The national utility of Nepal, Nepal Electricity Authority, is the off taker of the energy produced by this Project.

NHPC today operates as a wholly public owned company, with no Promoter group. The Company's stock is traded in the Nepal Stock Exchange with corresponding stock symbol "NHPC". NHPC owns the Sunkosi Hydro Power Company Limited (SHPC), which is formed as a SPV to develop the 4,500 kW lower Indrawati Hydropower Project.

In the long run NHPC intends to build and own many small and medium sized hydropower projects. NHPC owns licenses for developing other hydro projects and is also looking at the opportunity of investing in hydropower projects presently owned by other developers. New opportunity in the trading domain has opened up after the signing of a Power Trade Agreement between the Governments of Nepal and India. This may also be a new business opportunity for NHPC to engage in.

The Company is run under the guidance of the Board of Directors through a capable management team. The Company has employees capable of operating, repairing and maintaining its hydro project, the associated transmission facilities and the substations. It is the Company's policy to engage productively with governmental agencies such as the Ministry of Energy, Nepal Electricity Authority, Company Registrar's Office, Stock Exchange Board of Nepal etc. to carry out its day to day business. Likewise the company maintains cordial relations with Nepal Rastra Bank (the central bank of Nepal), its banking partners, its shareholders, suppliers and vendors, and all stake holders.