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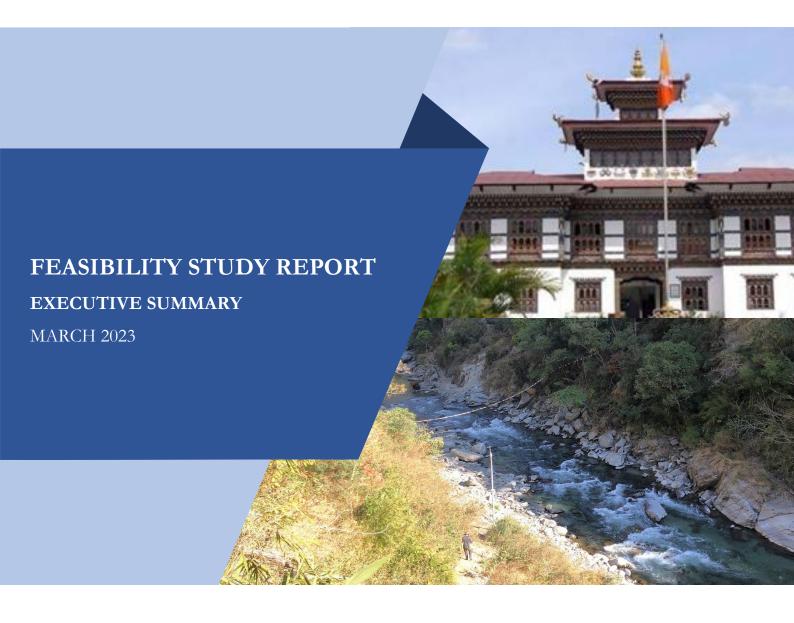
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#### 1. Introduction

## 1.1. Background

The Kingdom of Bhutan has abundant hydropower reserves with overall hydropower potential estimated at 37GW from 155 sites identified in the updated PSMP 2040. The 90 sites having installed capacity of about 33GW have been identified as techno-economically viable for implementation. Sustainable hydropower development is critical for Bhutan to reap the benefits of this huge hydropower reserves. The economic gains as a result of this development to the people of Bhutan in financial, economic, and social terms will be immense. With present installed capacity of 2,326 MW from its six large power plants, the country has harnessed about 7% of the techno-economically feasible hydropower potential. The country today exports about 70% of its electricity to India after meeting the internal demand first. With the addition of 3,042 MW installed capacity from the four large projects and three small-medium projects, currently under different stages of construction, it is expected to further enhance the quantum of export to India and contribute to the country's socio-economic development.

The electricity grid in Bhutan is closely interconnected to the Indian grid which is prone to frequent failures. Bhutan has experienced prolonged power outages in pockets of the country as well as at the national level. With India's increasing investment into renewables such as solar and wind without adequate provision for balancing power support from energy sources such as hydropower, it will only make India's grid more prone to major grid failures. As of now, Bhutan's existing mega hydropower projects cannot operate in a standalone (isolated) mode. Therefore, it has become imperative to plan for an adequate backup power supply to provide essential electricity supply services to each Dzongkhag in an isolated mode. More importantly, there is a need to plan for a robust energy supply system as a preparedness measure for natural hazards and other exigencies. By virtue of its location, Bhutan is prone to natural disasters such as earthquakes, glacial lake outburst floods (GLOF), flash floods, and extreme weather conditions. In the last few decades, Bhutan has experienced major earthquakes of magnitude over 7 on the Richter scale, devastatingly impacting the country's infrastructure and claiming lives. During such events, as an essential service, the availability of a steady power supply is crucial for sustaining people's livelihood and recovery processes.

Recognizing the need for domestic energy security through the facilitation of self-contained supply flexibility for each Dzongkhag to meet the demand of household, institutional consumers and essential service providers in times of exigencies (which at other times could be fed into the grid), Druk Green Power Corporation (DGPC) is undertaking strategic planning of a backup power supply system by harnessing abundantly available renewable hydropower resources through the implementation of small and medium-sized hydropower projects. Further, in the wake of the economic downturn with the Covid-19 pandemic, developing such hydropower projects across the country will not only help stimulate economic activities at the grass root levels but also help generate employment and engagement of the people in these difficult times.

As part of Phase I of the Small Hydropower Initiative, the feasibility study of three hydropower projects namely 54 MW Burgangchhu, 32 MW Yungichhu and 18 MW Suchhu, have been completed in December 2021 and are currently under construction.

Similarly, Phase II initiative is being undertaken by DGPC for small and medium hydropower projects. The techno-economic viability and social consideration was given priority compared to the 60:40 Technical: Social criteria of the Phase I selection process. Accordingly, the projects which have already been studied at either a Pre-Feasibility Study (PFS) or Feasibility Study Report (FSR) level and approved by the Department of Energy (DoE) were considered techno-economically viable. Six projects have been considered under Phase II for FSR study or for updation of existing FSR/DPR.

This report entails the FSR prepared for the 90 MW Jomori Hydropower Project (HPP) in Jomotsangkha Dungkhag under Samdrup Jongkhar.

#### 1.2. Previous Studies

The PFS was carried out by the Department of Energy (DoE), the erstwhile Department of Hydropower & Power Systems (DHPS) in collaboration with the National Centre for Hydrology and Meteorology (NCHM), the erstwhile Department of Hydromet Services (DHMS), National Land Commission Secretariat (NLCS), DGPC and the Bhutan Power Corporation (BPC) in 2014-2016.

As per the PFS, the project with an installed capacity of 85 MW and annual design energy of 362.39 GWh was designed as a run-of-the river scheme. The project envisages 42 m high concrete gravity dam, 4,299.60 m long Head Race Tunnel of 4.10 m finished dia., 506.50 m long pressure shaft of 2.7 m dia. feeding water to two Pelton turbines in underground powerhouse of 61.00 m (L) x 18.00 m (B) x 37.00 m (H) operating at net design head of 353 m.

The estimated cost at December 2015 price level was Nu. 5,855.89 million excluding transmission line cost of Nu. 736.89 million with a construction duration of 65 months including preconstruction activity. The levelized tariff accordingly worked out was Nu. 4.63 per kWh.

#### 2. Feasibility Study

As part of Phase II Small Hydropower Initiatives, the FSR of Jomori HPP has been undertaken since February 2022 with the objectives to assess the technical, economic, financial viability and environmental acceptability of the project. The scheme envisages a run-of-river hydropower development on Jomori river basin located in Jomotsangkha Dungkhag under Samdrup Jongkhar Dzongkhag. The project is planned and designed as standalone project. The installed capacity of Jomori HPP has increased to 90 MW with the annual energy generation of 367.33 GWh. The increased in installed capacity as compared to PFS is attributed to the inclusion of additional hydrological data and increase in head.

# 2.1. Project Location and Accessibility

The Jomori HPP lies in extreme South-East of Bhutan and is spread over two Gewogs under Jomotsangkha Dungkhag under Samdrup Jongkhar Dzongkhag. The dam complex falls in Lauri Gewog and the powerhouse complex under Serthi Gewog. The location map of the Project is shown below in **Figure 1**.

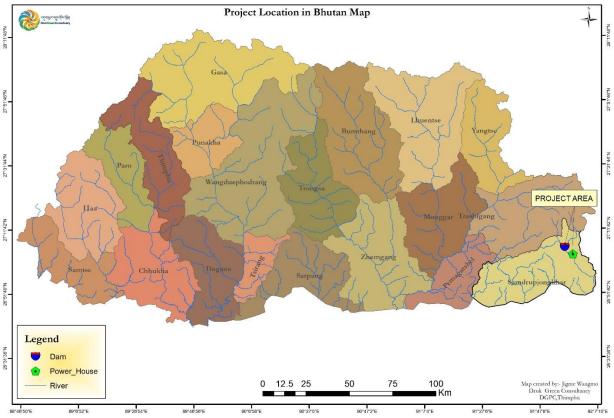


Figure 1: Project location in Bhutan map

The nearest road entry point to the project site is from Jomotsangkha satellite town in the east. The distance to Jomotsangkha Dungkhag from the nearest Thromde, Samdrup Jongkhar, is about 191 km via Assam. Alternatively, the construction of internal road of approximately 150 km from Samdrup Jongkhar to Jomotsangkha via Samrang highway is in progress.

#### 2.2. Topographical Survey and Mapping

The topographical map and river cross sections of the project area of requisite scale had been prepared to enable proper planning, engineering and design works. Total of 12 new ground control points had been established to facilitate survey works. One control point established during PFS stage was also used as reference control points. The topographical survey covering the whole project area in a scale of 1:5,000 with 5 m control interval and 1:1,000 scale with 1 m contour interval for major project components had been prepared. The longitudinal profiling and cross section survey of the river in requisite scale had been surveyed and drawings prepared.

#### 2.3. Geological Appraisal and Construction Material

## 2.3.1. Regional Geology

Regionally, the project area falls under Lesser Himalaya Zone. This zone constitutes 6 geological set up and the current project area falls under Daling-Shumar Group which is overlain by Paro Formation and underlain by Baxa Group. Under Daling-Shumar Group, dam site and powerhouse fall under Orthogneiss unit and Daling formation respectively. For Orthogneiss unit, concordant bodies of mylonitized, granitic orthogneiss at varying stratigraphic levels are anticipated and for Daling formation, it is dominated by schist and phyllite. Quartzite is thin-to medium-bedded, and medium-gray limestone interbeds are rare.

# 2.3.2. Geology at Project Area

To determine the surface and sub-surface geology, geotechnical investigations were carried out which includes detailed surface geological mapping on topographic map of scale 1:5,000 with contour interval of 5 m, geophysical surveys with total of 1,449 m of seismic refraction and 399.50 m of resistivity, 14 numbers of exploratory boreholes with the total depth of 884.80 m, 2 numbers of exploratory drifts at dam abutments and in-situ tests in each drift comprising 1 set of DST and 2 sets of PJT. The boreholes samples have been tested at laboratory to determine geotechnical parameters of rock to be used for engineering designs.

Table 1:	Geological	&	Geotechnical	Investigations

<b>Project Components</b>	Exploratory Borehole		Geophysical Survey		
	No. of boreholes	Depth (m)	No. of profiles	Length (m)	
Dam Complex	7	380.30	4	577.50	
HRT	2	65.00	1	115.00	
Powerhouse Complex	5	439.50	9	1,156.00	
Total	14	884.80	14	1,848.50	

The Seismotectonic assessment had also been carried out by IIT Roorkee, India to derive the PGA value to be incorporated for the design of dam structure.

#### **Diversion Tunnel**

Jomori shall be diverted through 330 m long diversion tunnel designed on right bank which is likely to traverse through slightly to moderately weathered augen gneiss intercepted by schist. Same geological rock trend as observed at right abutment for dam site and right bank drift is anticipated with rock dipping NW at 36 °.

#### Dam Complex

Jomori HPP envisages construction of concrete gravity dam of maximum height of 45 m from the deepest foundation level and a crest length of 79.90 m with FRL at El. 1,156.00 m.

The dam area located around 150 m downstream of Zangtheri and Jomori confluence has good exposure of massive rock outcrop predominated by augen gneiss, which is intercepted by Schist with presence of quartz veins on both abutments. The rock mass is traversed by three sets of joints namely J1/F 48°/025°, J2 77°/155° and J3 72°/253°. Continuous rock outcrop is exposed along the river bed which is slightly to moderately weathered, joint aperture ranging from 1 to 5 mm with soft infill of fine material of sand and silt. The spacing and persistence of the rock ranges from 0.2 to 0.6 m and <1->20 m respectively. The joint planes are found slightly rough to rough in nature.

#### Intake Structures and Feeder Tunnel

Massive rock of augen gneiss is outcropped at intake. The rock is slightly to moderately weathered with joint spacing ranging from 0.2 to 0.6 m and has a minimal aperture between each joint sets.

# **Desilting Chamber**

The underground desilter chamber area falls on the nose ridge which is also exposed with same rock type as in dam. Entire region of desilter maybe dominated by strong to moderately strong, medium to coarse grained, fresh to slightly weathered augen gneiss interspersed with thin bands of phyllite. Similar to dam area, desilter has three perceptible discontinuities with the rock dipping in N or NW direction.

# Silt Flushing Tunnel

Massive exposure of gneiss is observed along the left bank, which is in the vicinity of the SFT portal. Same rock quality viz is medium to coarse grained and slightly to moderately weathered rock, as observed in DC is anticipated with rock dipping in NW direction.

# Head Race Tunnel

It is observed that the 6,355 m long HRT will pass through rock stretch predominated by augen gneiss, phyllite and quartzite. The rock is found to be exposed sporadically along tunnel alignment and generally found to be slightly to moderately weathered with the joint aperture ranging from 0.1 to 5 mm with soft infill of fine material of sand and silt. The spacing and persistence of the rock ranges from <0.06 to 0.20 cm and 1-10 m respectively. The joint planes are found slightly rough to rough in nature. Notable four sets of joints namely J1/F 33°/349°, J2 67°/087°, J377°/181° and J4 67°/280° is observed.

#### Surge Shaft and Pressure Shaft

No massive and competent rock outcrop is observed at surge shaft and pressure shaft area but few readings from rock exposed sporadically at this area has been taken. It is observed that the areas is traversed by four perceptible sets of joints area observed namely J1/F 28°/354°, J2 81°/070°, J3 80°/140° and J4 67°/261° and generally rock is found slightly to moderately

weathered with the joint aperture ranging from 0.1 to 5 mm with none to soft infill of fine material of sand and silt. The spacing ranges from <0.06 to 2 m and the persistence of rock is found >20m. The joint planes are found smooth to very rough in nature

# **Surface Powerhouse Complex**

The surface powerhouse and TRC will be founded on thick alluvium material composed of rounded to sub-rounded boulders of gneiss and quartzite embedded in a matrix of fine sand.

The slope near the terrace is exposed with a massive outcrop of gneiss interbedded with phyllite and quartzite. The rock mass is traversed by four perceptible sets of joints namely J1/F 28°/354°, J2 81°/070°, J3 80°/140° and J4 67°/261 with rock showing shallow dipping in N to NW direction. Similar to surge shaft and pressure shaft, rock is found slightly to moderately weathered with the joint aperture ranging from 0.1 to 5 mm with none to soft infill of fine material of sand and silt. The spacing ranges from <0.06 to 2 m and the persistence of rock is found >20m. The joint planes are found smooth to very rough in nature.

#### 2.3.3. Construction Materials

Two potential quarry sites were assessed and under approval process to obtain suitable aggregates for the construction of various project components. One quarry site is at Arazor which is approximately 8 km upstream from the dam site and other quarry site is at Satsham located about 365 m downstream of the powerhouse location. In order to assess the sufficiency and suitability of the aggregates, detailed construction material survey and laboratory tests for samples collected from the identified quarry sites were carried out.

The quarry site at Arazor has an estimated reserve of 1.194 million tonnes and the quarry site at Satsham near powerhouse complex has an estimated reserve of 0.192 million tonnes. The above reserves are sufficient to meet the project requirements.

## 2.4. Hydrology and Sedimentation Studies

The hydrological studies for the project have been conducted to assess the water availability for power generation, estimate design flood and temporary river diversion flood. The Elevation-Area-Capacity curve for determining the capacity of the reservoir and its submergence and sedimentation studies has also been performed.

The catchment area at Jomori dam site is 486.00 sq.km. For the purpose of establishing water availability for the estimation of power potential, daily discharge derived based on water level and rating equation at Zamtari automatic water level station (AWLS) has been utilized. The data is available from 2014 to 2021 and the catchment area at the gauging station is 574.00 sq.km. The internal and external consistency of the series has been established and data corrected accordingly. The average annual and specific flows for the catchments are provided in **Table 2**.

Table	2.	Flow	<b>Parameter</b>	at ]	Intake
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Parameters	Unit	At Intake
Catchment area	sq.km	486.00
Average annual flow	cumecs	22.48
Average maximum flow	cumecs	165.11
Average lean flow	cumecs	6.06
Average minimum flow	cumecs	5.04
Average annual specific runoff	l/s/sq.km	46.25
Lean period specific runoff	l/s/sq.km	12.46
Minimum specific runoff	l/s/sq.km	10.38
Average annual flow volume	MCM	665.95
Average annual runoff	mm	1,370.26

Since short duration (hourly/3-hourly) gauge discharge and rainfall observed data for any site is not available, derivation of unit hydrograph based on observed hydro-meteorological data is not possible. Hence, design flood for the project has been worked out based on synthetic unit hydrograph derived from the basin characteristics. An estimation of design flood from Bhramaputra basin 2a report, Clark's Method and triangulation method have been adopted for developing the synthetic unit hydrograph for the dam site. The design flood studies have been carried out using hydro-metrological approach.

For Jomori diversion site, since the gross storage capacity is less than 10 MCM and hydraulic head is less than 30 m, diversion structures have been designed for Standard Project Flood (SPF). The SPF of Jomori HPP has been worked out as 3,099 cumecs. The flood for temporary river diversion arrangements has been estimated both for monsoon as well as non-monsoon floods of 25 years return period and the diversion flood is estimated to be 279 cumecs and 263.31 cumecs respectively.

The project-specific sediment data have been collected and the sediment rate estimated including analysis of project-specific mineral content. The feldspar and quartz content in the suspended sediment load is about 60%.

## 2.5. Project Alternative Studies

The project alternatives have been studied considering aspects such as topography, geology, social, environmental, economics and accessibility. Firstly, the suitable locations of the major components have been studied with respect to the above mentioned considerations. After finalizing the location of the major components, alternative project layouts to select the most feasible option has been studied based on preliminary benefit-cost analysis.

The various alternative locations of major project components mainly dam and powerhouse have been studied based on detailed geological and geo-technical investigations to select the most feasible site. The various alternative sites and the most feasible option are provided below.

#### 2.5.1. Dam Site

In PFS, only one dam site was considered for the diversion structure of Jomori HPP and the selection of the dam site was based on hydrology, topography and geological consideration. However during FSR, the alternate dam site was explored upstream of the identified dam site. It was determined that shifting of dam site upstream will have to forgo additional hydrological flow from the Zangtheri with the catchment of 225.70 sq. km which accounts for 46.4% of the total catchment area. Further, choosing an alternative site downstream of the PFS dam site shall result in the reduction of head and wider river valley.

The PFS dam site has been assessed to be the most feasible site with details as given in **Table 3** and therefore, selected as the final site.

Table 3: Location of Dam Site

Name	Right Abutment Coordinate	Left Abutment Coordinate	Catchment Area (km²)	Remarks
Dam site	E: 395210.98 N: 2997860.09	E: 395291.00 N: 2997862.88	486.00	River Bed Elevation is 1,126 masl.

#### 2.5.2. Powerhouse Site

Two (2) alternative powerhouse sites, PH-1 and PH-2 have been studied. PH-1 site is the PFS underground powerhouse option and PH-2 is the surface powerhouse alternative identified during FSR as indicated in **Table 4**.

**Table 4: Location of Powerhouse Site** 

Name	Coordinates	Remarks
PH-1	E: 399159.53	Underground Powerhouse before Tsanglari
PH-1	N: 2994276.65	crossing (PFS location)
PH-2	E: 399815.31	Symfogo Dowyouthouse of tou Tangalani and saint
ГП-2	N: 2993739.06	Surface Powerhouse after Tsanglari crossing

The PH-1 site has been ruled out as it entails an underground components such as caverns, MAT, TRT and Adits which will be costlier as compared to surface powerhouse option. Considering the cost, construction time, geological risk, availability of adequate space for surface powerhouse and head gain (13.10 m), the surface powerhouse option (PH-2) has been chosen.

#### 2.5.3. HRT Alignment

The HRT alignement has been studied after finalising the location for dam and powerhouse sites. The HRT has been aligned more towards the valley to introduce shorter intermediate construction adits and to maintain requisite covers. The following alignement of HRT has been studied on the left bank of Jomori as given in **Table 5**.

Alternative	HRT Length (m)	HRT stretch with high vertical cover (m)	Maximum Vertical cover (m)	Remarks
Alternative-2A	5,965	1,547	1,020.0	
Alternative-2B	5,590	1,297	1,000.5	
Alternative-2C	6,328	1,258	798.6	
				Shortest HRT stretch
Alternative-2D	6,355	445	760.5	through high cover and
				least maximum cover.

The Alternative-2D has been selected as the final HRT alignment as it has the shortest stretch (445 m) passing through high vertical cover of 760.50 m. The tunnel alignment with high vertical cover will experience high vertical stress making it vulnerable to geohazards such as rock bursting, slabbing, tunnel squeezing and geothermal condition.

The final project layout is attached at **Annexure 1**.

#### 2.6. Power Potential Studies

The project is a run-of-the-river scheme with peaking capability. The reservoir capacity has been fixed to get the peaking capacity for 6 hours during high inflow and 4 hours during lean inflow.

The power potential studies have been carried out using flow series derived based on Zamtari station flow series available for a period of 8 years from 2014 to 2021. The e-flow of 0.51 cumecs has been considered in the power potential study. The basic parameters obtained from the power potential studies are provided in **Table 6**.

Table 6: Water Levels and Storage

Description	Units	Value
FRL	masl	1,156.00
MDDL	masl	1,143.70
MIV/ Machine Centre Line	masl	778.90
Gross head	m	370.27
Head Losses	m	11.27
Net head	m	359.00
Type of turbine		Pelton
Combined overall efficiency	0/0	89.18%
Live Reservoir Capacity	MCM	0.60

As per the power potential studies, 90 MW is the optimal installed capacity for the project. The annual design energy based on 90% dependable year with 95% plant availability (PA) works out to 367.33 GWh. The output from power potential studies is as provided in **Table 7**.

Table 7: Output for 90 MW with 100% PA

Flow Parameters	Unit	50%	75%	90%	
Flow Parameters	Unit	Dependability	Dependability	Dependability	
Net Head	m	359.00	359.00	359.00	
Plant Efficiency	%	89.18%	89.18%	89.18%	
Design Flow	cumecs	28.66	28.66	28.66	
Installed Capacity	MW	90.00	90.00	90.00	
Annual Energy	GWh	428.86	390.77	377.27	
Annual PLF	%	54%	50%	47.85%	
Lean Period Energy	GWh	48.44	45.52	45.04	
PLF (Lean Season)	%	19%	17%	17%	
Qd/Qavg		1.27	1.27	1.27	
Average Lean Flow	cumecs	4.92	4.92	4.92	
Firm Power	MW	15.47	15.47	15.47	
Exceedance	%	23.00%	23.00%	23.00%	
probability					

# 2.7. Civil Engineering Structures

The civil engineering structures are designed for peaking capacity comprising the following components:

- A temporary river diversion arrangement comprises of diversion tunnel of 6.0 m x 6.0 m D-shaped and length of 330 m; and 15 m and 9 m high upstream and downstream cofferdams;
- A concrete gravity dam of 45.0 m high above the deepest foundation level with crest length of 79.9 m comprising of 3 overflow and 3 non-overflow blocks. It's provided with three number spillway radial gates of size 8 m (W) x 11 m (H) to safely discharge SPF of 3,099 cumecs. One high level spillway of size 8 m (W) x 7 m (H) is provided to manage floating debris;
- Two number power intakes are provided with trash rack and trash rack cleaning machine
  to manage floating debris provided at inlet of power intake. A service gate is provided to
  regulate flow;
- Two number feeder tunnels of 3.5 m diameter horse shoe shape with flat invert of length 148 m have been provided in between power intake and underground desilting chamber;
- Two numbers of underground desilting chamber of 138 m length including transitions and width of 8 m each designed to exclude sediment size >0.20 mm. The depth varies from 6.0 m to 6.6 m;
- HRT of 4.10 m diameter horse shoe shape with flat invert of total length of 6,355 m and a side adit, 4m diameter, 40 m long is planned. Provided with two intermediate construction adits and one side adit at Tshanglari to facilitate construction of HRT;
- An open to sky surge shaft of 10.0 m diameter with vertical height of 68.9 m.

- A steel lined main pressure shaft of 2.8 m diameter consisting of vertical shaft and horizontal pressure tunnel of lengths 291.00 m and 450.71 m respectively. The horizontal pressure tunnel bifurcates into two-unit pressurised penstock of 2.0 m diameter with the length 30 m each upto MIV;
- A surface powerhouse of 42.0 m (L) x (20 + 5.5 m Annex)(W) x 27.0 m (H);
- Two units tail race channel of 3.0 m x 2.5 m of length about 35 m and main tail race channel of 3.0 (H) m x 3.5 (W) m and length of about 35 m with its outfall level at El. 772.6 m.

# 2.8. Hydro-Mechanical Equipment

The following Hydro-mechanical equipment have been provided for the project:

- One number fixed wheel gate with downstream sealing at inlet of each diversion tunnel of size 6.0 m (W) x 6.0 m (H).
- Three numbers spillway type radial gates of size 8.0 m (W) x 11.0 m (H) as main spillway with hydraulic hoists.
- One number fixed wheel type vertical lift gate of size  $8.0 \text{ m (W)} \times 7.0 \text{ m (H)}$  as high level spillway with hydraulic hoist.
- One set (5 panels) of slide type stoplogs of size  $8.0 \text{ m (W)} \times 11.0 \text{ m (H)}$  for main spillways in the dam with electrically operated Gantry Crane.
- Each of the two intake structures with 4 trashrack bays of 2.5 m x 5.0 m (clear opening) with Trash rack cleaning machine (TRCM).
- Two numbers intake emergency gate of size 3.5 m (W)  $\times$  3.5 m (H) for Intake with hydraulic hoist.
- Two numbers intake service gate of size 3.5 m (W)  $\times$  3.5 m (H) with hydraulic hoists.
- One number fixed wheel gate of size 3.5 m (W) x 3.5 m (H) for desilting chamber outlet with rope drum hoist.
- Four numbers (2 emergency and 2 service) bonnet type slide gate of size 1.0 m x 1.5 m with hydraulic hoist for silt flushing duct.
- Two numbers slide type gate of size 3.0 m (W) x 3.5 m (H) for unit TRC with monorail hoist.
- One number hinge type gate of size 3.0 m (W) × 3.0 m (H) for Adit 1 is provided for inspection and future use.

## 2.9. Electro-Mechanical Equipment

The powerhouse has been designed to house two vertical shaft Pelton turbines having rated output of 2x45 MW under a design head of 359 m at 375 rpm synchronous speed. Each turbine shall be provided with spherical type main inlet valve. The generators shall be synchronous and of the vertical shaft type of 53 MVA rated power at 0.9 power factor and 50 Hz frequency. The generators shall have a speed of 375 rpm and generator voltage of 11 kV.

The following mechanical and electrical auxiliary equipment would be provided:

- One number EOT crane of 120/10/5 tonnes main & auxiliary hooks are proposed to be provided for handling the assembled rotor along the full length of the powerhouse.
- Cooling water system for generators and generator step up transformers
- Drainage and dewatering systems
- Ventilation and air conditioning system
- Fire protection system
- Compressed air system
- Unit auxiliary and station auxiliary supply system
- D.C supply system
- Control and Monitoring system
- Protection system, etc.

The generation voltage of 11 kV is proposed to be stepped up to 132 kV through a bank of 18 MVA, 11/132 kV single phase transformers 7 (seven) numbers single phase transformers (including one spare) would be installed in the transformer. The low voltage terminals of the transformers would be connected with the generator terminals through 11 kV bus ducts. The high voltage 132 kV terminals of the transformers would be connected to 132 kV Air Insulated Switchgears (AIS) located adjacent to the powerhouse. The two outgoing feeders from 132 kV AIS shall be connected to Phuntshothang Substation

# 2.10. Infrastructure and Construction Organization

The main infrastructure works includes the following:

- Construction of 20.37 km project roads to access various project components.
- Construction of four bailey bridges. One bailey bridge for connectivity to Zamtari along Chumodurdur stream and three bailey bridge along Jomori to connect Powerhouse, adit to Desilting Chamber and adit 1 to HRT.

The construction facilities such as site offices, residential and non-residential buildings, workshops, warehouses/stores, aggregate processing plant (crushing plant) and concrete batching plants, muck disposal area, explosive magazines, construction power, telecommunication, water supply system, security & safety arrangements etc. will be established to facilitate the project construction.

The estimated manpower for contractor during the peak construction period is 1,208. The manpower requirement for project management during pre-construction and peak construction has been estimated to 10 and 44 respectively based on the understanding that Druk Hydro Energy Limited will implement the project.

#### 2.11. Construction Program and Scheduling

The construction of main project components is scheduled to start by December 2023 ("Zero date") after the mobilization period of three (3) months. The major infrastructure works such as roads and bridges for the project components are planned to be completed by "Zero date". The balance infrastructure works shall be continued and completed in parallel with the initial activities

of main civil works. The pre-construction works will take about 8.5 months and tendering and mobilization of Main Civil works will take 8 months. The construction of the project is planned to be completed in 55 months excluding pre-construction activitie. The summary of Key milestones is shown below in **Table 8**.

**Table 8: Project Key Milestones** 

SN	Key Milestones	Duration	Start Date	End Date
1	River Diversion Ready	390 days	28/12/23	25/07/24
2	Dam structure ready for H&M works	1080 days	20/06/24	21/02/27
3	Completion of Dam in all respects	270 days	25/06/26	06/05/27
4	Intake site ready for H&M works	150 days	20/06/24	16/06/25
5	Completion of intake in all respects	90 days	16/05/25	29/09/25
6	Completion of feeder tunnel in all respects	340 days	27/12/23	27/01/25
7	Completion of DC in all respects excluding the installation of gates	646 days	06/03/24	30/03/26
8	SFT ready for H&M works	241 days	04/05/25	31/12/25
9	DC, GOC and Gate shafts ready for initial filling	780 days	27/12/23	24/06/26
10	Completion of HRT in all respects	1340 days	27/12/23	07/04/28
11	Surge shaft ready in all respects	1035 days	27/12/23	17/04/27
12	Pressure shaft ready for H&M works	825 days	06/03/24	26/12/26
13	Pressure shaft ready in all respects	625 days	26/12/26	19/02/28
14	Site ready for erection of distributor	375 days	27/12/23	14/05/26
15	Site ready for laying of turbine housing	100 days	14/05/26	27/08/26
16	Civil structures in PH ready for installation of EOT crane	125 days	14/11/25	03/04/26
17	Civil structures in TRC ready	365 days	27/12/23	23/12/24
18	TRC ready in all respects	90 days	21/03/26	02/06/26
19	Switchyard and transformer ready	365 days	02/11/26	22/11/27
20	Testing and commissioning of Unit 1	30 days	14/04/28	19/05/28
21	Testing and commissioning of Unit 2	30 days	19/05/28	23/06/28
22	Commercial Operation Date			23/06/28

The project schedule is in **Annexure- 2**.

# 2.12. Power Evacuation Arrangement

The power from Jomori HPP is planned to be pooled at Phuntshothang Pooling Station through Double Circuit (DC) 132 kV Feeder transmission line of 43 km long. The same transmission line is proposed to be used for the supply of construction power by charging at 33 kV during peak construction as the existing 33 kV line is not reliable and will not be able to cater the peak power load of 4.31 MW.

# 2.13. Environment and Social Impact Assessment

The ESIA was prepared based on the terms of reference endorsed by the National Environment Commission Secretariat (now known as Department of Environment and Climate Change).

- Project area does not fall within any of the Protected Areas and/or Biological Corridors.
- Shannon-wiener diversity index ranges from 1.70 for trees to 3.13 for saplings.
- Aquatic ecology assessment recorded 9 fish species under 3 families. Schizothorax richardsonii
  was the most dominant followed by Gara birostris and the least dominant was Glyptothorax
  cavia.
- Total of 22 water quality parameters were analyzed, and were found within the ranges of permissible limits.
- No displacement of households.
- The total land requirement for the project is 199.19 acres of which 195.07 acre (120.89 acre temporary and 78.29 acre permanent) is SRF land and 4.11 acre (2.37 acre temporary (Kamzhing) and 1.74 acre permanent including 0.12 acre of Chuzhing) is private land. Private land of 4.11 acre belongs to 32 landowners mainly falling along the access road.
- Jomori HPP is estimated to reduce emission by 334,270.30 tCO<sub>2</sub> annually.

The ESIA report has assessed the direct and indirect potential environmental and social impacts from all aspects of construction and operation of the project including short term and long term impacts. The impacts have been quantified wherever possible in addition to qualitative assessment. Appropriate mitigation measures and environment management plan have been prepared accordingly.

#### 2.14. Cost Estimate

The detailed cost estimate has been prepared to arrive at the total cost of the project. The cost estimate is based on the March 2023 Price Level.

The unit rate analysis has been carried out based on the prevailing market rates of construction materials and equipment. The labour rates have been taken as per the prevailing rates in the ongoing hydropower projects in the country. The following guidelines and publications have been referred for preparation of the cost estimate:

- Bhutan Schedule of Rate 2022 Civil (BSR 2022), by Ministry of Work and Human Settlements, Department of Engineering Services, Thimphu, Bhutan.
- Labour and Material Coefficients 2022 Civil (LMC 2022), by Ministry of Work and Human Settlements, Department of Engineering Services, Thimphu, Bhutan.
- Guidelines for preparation of project estimates for river valley projects by Central Water Commission, India.
- Guidelines for working out unit rate cost of the construction equipment used for river valley projects by Bureau of Indian Standards, India.
- Guidelines for Development of Hydropower Projects-2018, by DoE, MoENR,

The cost includes all Civil, Hydro-Mechanical and Electro-Mechanical Works, including transmission works.

The total cost of the project is estimated at **Nu. 8,509.00** million including the transmission cost at March 2023 PL. The cost abstract is given in **Table 9**.

Table 9: Abstract of Project Cost

Sl. No.	Description	Cost (Nu. in Millions)				
DIRECT COST						
I	Works					
i	Preliminary	183.96				
ii	Land	20.30				
111	Civil Works	4,017.16				
	Diversion Tunnel and Coffer Dam	137.36				
	Dam	1,234.59				
	Intake Structures	36.51				
	Desilting chamber Adit	47.60				
	Desilting chamber incl. SFT	262.56				
	Access Adits to GOC, SFT chamber, Gate shaft and Access shaft	29.65				
	Feeder and Link Tunnel	72.96				
	Adits Underground	159.94				
	Head Race Tunnel	1,442.67				
	Surge Shaft	109.12				
	Pressure Shaft	296.09				
	Power House Complex	168.72				
	Tail Race Channel	19.38				
iv	Hydro-Mechanical Works	892.01				
V	Building	94.97				
vi	Maintenance during construction @ 1% of total cost of Civil and HM Works, Buildings and Communication	53.41				
Vii	Special Tools and Plants	11.00				
V111	Communication (Access Road)	336.71				
ix	Electro-Mechanical Cost including switch yard	1,493.37				
X	Environment and Ecology	44.98				
xi	Losses on Stock @ 0.25% of Civil & HM Works, Buildings, E&M and Communication	17.09				
	Sub-Total of Works	7,164.97				
Xii	Miscellaneous @ 4% of Works	286.60				
	Total of Works	7,451.57				
II	Establishment Cost @ 5% of Works minus Land	371.56				
III	Tool and Plants @ 1% of Works	74.52				
IV	Receipt and Recoveries @ 20% of Special T&P	2.20				
	Total Direct Cost	7,895.45				
INDIE	RECT COST					
i	Account and Audit Charges @ 1% of total Works	74.50				
	Total Indirect Cost	74.50				
	Total Cost (Direct and Indirect cost)	7,969.95				
	Transmission Lines	539.05				
	Grand Total	8,509.00				
	Installed Capacity in MW	90.00				
	Specific Cost per MW	94.54				

#### 2.15. Financial Analysis

The financial evaluation of the Jomori HPP has been prepared in accordance with the "Tariff Determination Guidelines 2016" issued by the Energy Regulatory Authority (ERA). The energy cost for hydropower plant comprises of the recovery for annual capacity charges and energy charges. Annual capacity charges consist of interest on loan capital and depreciation. Energy charges consist of operation and maintenance expenses, return on equity and interest on working capital.

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The estimated hard cost of the Jomori HPP at March 2023 PL is **Nu. 8,509.00 million** including transmission cost of Nu. 539.05 million and the cost to completion (CTC) of the project escalated by 3.55% (average inflation rate of Bhutan for last 5 years for non-food items) works out to **Nu. 8,856.08 million** including transmission cost.

The tariff determination of the project has been carried out based on ERA regulation with upfront equity injection and proportionate fund injection. The project cost and the tariff details are given in **Table 10**.

Table 10: Project Cost and Tariffs

SN	Items Description	Upfront	Proportionate
	_	Equity	Fund
Marc	eh 2023 PL		
1	Total Hard Cost including transmission (Mil Nu)	8,509.00	8,509.00
2	Interest during construction (Mil Nu)	1,124.51	1,471.94
3	Total Cost of the project including IDC (Mil Nu)	9,633.50	9,980.93
4	First year Tariff (Nu/kWh)	5.26	5.45
5	Levelized Tariff (Nu/kWh)	4.70	4.87
6	Specific Cost per MW	9.	4.54
Cost	to Completion (June 2028)		
1	Total Hard Cost including transmission (Mil Nu)	8,856.08	8,856.08
2	Interest during construction (Mil Nu)	1,170.38	1,531.98
3	Total Cost of the project including IDC (Mil Nu)	10,026.46	10,388.06
4	First year Tariff (Nu/kWh)	5.48	5.68
5	Levelized Tariff (Nu/kWh)	4.89	5.06

While the base case for the project has been considered as above, the levelized and first year tariffs for the project has also been determined with CERC guideline 2019, India.

The financial analysis of the project was carried out considering the weighted average market clearing price (MCP) for electricity in the Indian Energy Exchange (IEX) which is Nu 5.47 per unit during 2022, indicating the energy market reality. Therefore, the export tariff of Nu. 5.50 per unit (assuming 10% increase every five years) has been considered. With the increase in the domestic load every year, the energy generated by Jomori HPP will have to be allocated to the domestic grid especially during the lean season (Nov-April) to meet the domestic demand and to reduce the import of energy from India. The energy generated during the lean period accounts to 79.44 million units and the balance energy of 287.89 million units will be exported at the assumed export tariff. Based on the assumed tariffs and energy allocation for both domestic load and export energy, the financials of Jomori HPP work out as given in **Table 11**.

Table 11: Summary of Financial Viability

Particulars	Average DSCR	Min DSCR	Average RoE (%)	NPV (Mil Nu)	Project IRR (%)	Equity IRR (%)	Pay Back
Jomori HPP	1.70	1.48	29.71	689.07	10.85	14.10	12.00

With the project internal rate of return (IRR) of 10.85% and positive net present value (NPV) of Nu. 689.07 million, the project is financially viable. With an average debt service coverage ratio (DSCR) of 1.70, the project will generate enough cash to service its debt obligation.

#### 2.16. Conclusion and Recommendations

The Jomori HPP is designed as a run-off-river scheme with an installed capacity of 90 MW and annual design energy of 367.33 GWh with Plant Load Factor (PLF) of 47.85 %. The available firm flow is 4.92 cumes and the corresponding firm power is 15.47 MW. The project is planned for a peaking capacity of up to 6 hours.

Jomori HPP envisages a concrete gravity dam of 45 m high from the deepest foundation level and 79.9 m crest length; 2 nos. underground desilting chamber to exclude sediment size greater than 0.2 mm; 4.1 m diameter horseshoe shape with flat invert HRT of 6,355 m long conveying design discharge of 26.66 cumecs; open to sky 10 m diameter surge shaft of 68.90 m high; steel lined pressure shaft of 2.8 m diameter of 741.71 m long bifurcating into two penstocks of 2 m diameter near the surface powerhouse to feed two vertical axis Pelton turbine operating at net head of 359 m and a tail race channel of 3.0 m (H) x 3.5 m (W), 35 m long with its outfall at El. 772.60 m discharging water back to Jomori. The FRL and MDDL are fixed at El. 1,156.00 m and El. 1,143.70 m respectively providing gross and live storage of 0.79 MCM and 0.60 MCM respectively.

The project has been extensively surveyed, investigated and studied at the level of FSR. The geological and geotechnical investigations by way of extensive borehole drillings, seismic refraction & electrical resistivity tests, lineament & surface mappings of the whole project area, exploratory drifts and requisite laboratory and in-situ tests have been carried out during the FSR period. The major project components have been suitably located and optimized to best suit the topographical and geological conditions of the project area.

Based on the detailed environmental and social impact assessment carried out concurrently with the feasibility study of the project, it has been evaluated that the project will have minimal environmental and social impacts.

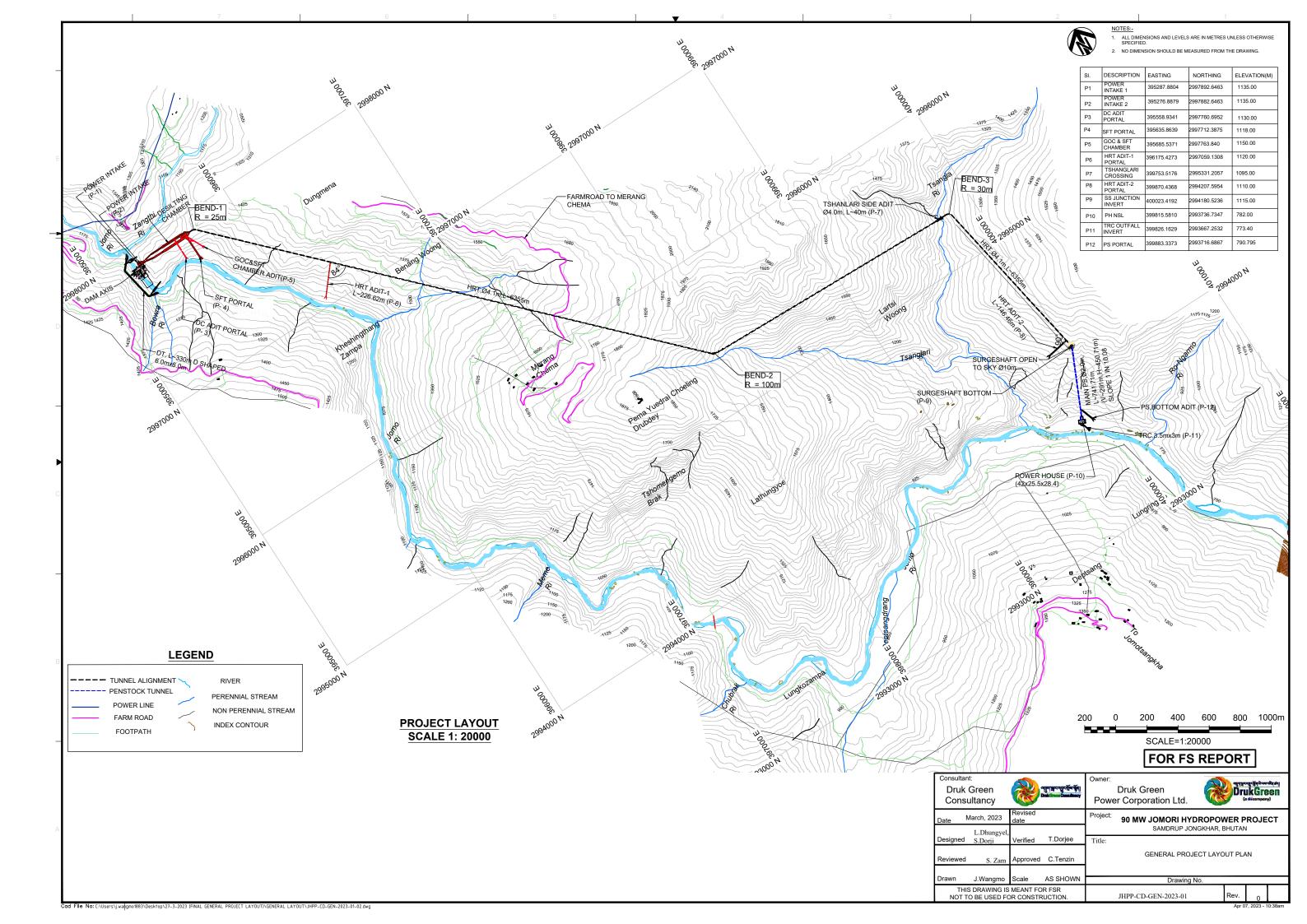
The total construction period is 55 months excluding 8.5 months for preconstruction activities. The total project cost at March 2023 PL has been estimated at **Nu. 9,633.50 million** including IDC of Nu. 1,124.51 million and hard cost of Nu. 8,509.00 million. The first year and levelized tariff has been determined as Nu.5.26 per unit and Nu. 4.70 per unit respectively for upfront equity.

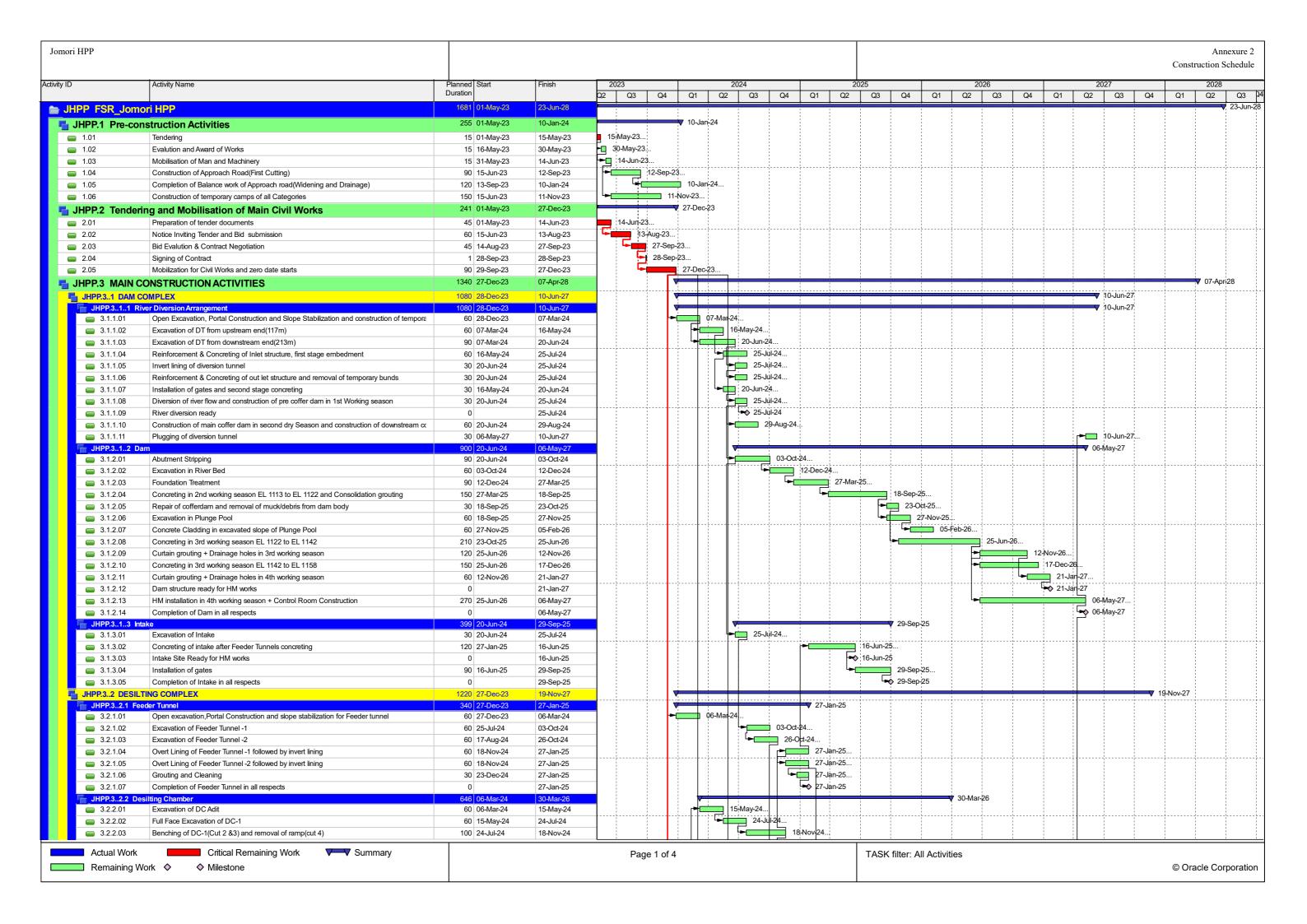
With the project IRR of 10.85% and and positive net present value (NPV), the project is assessed to be financially viable.

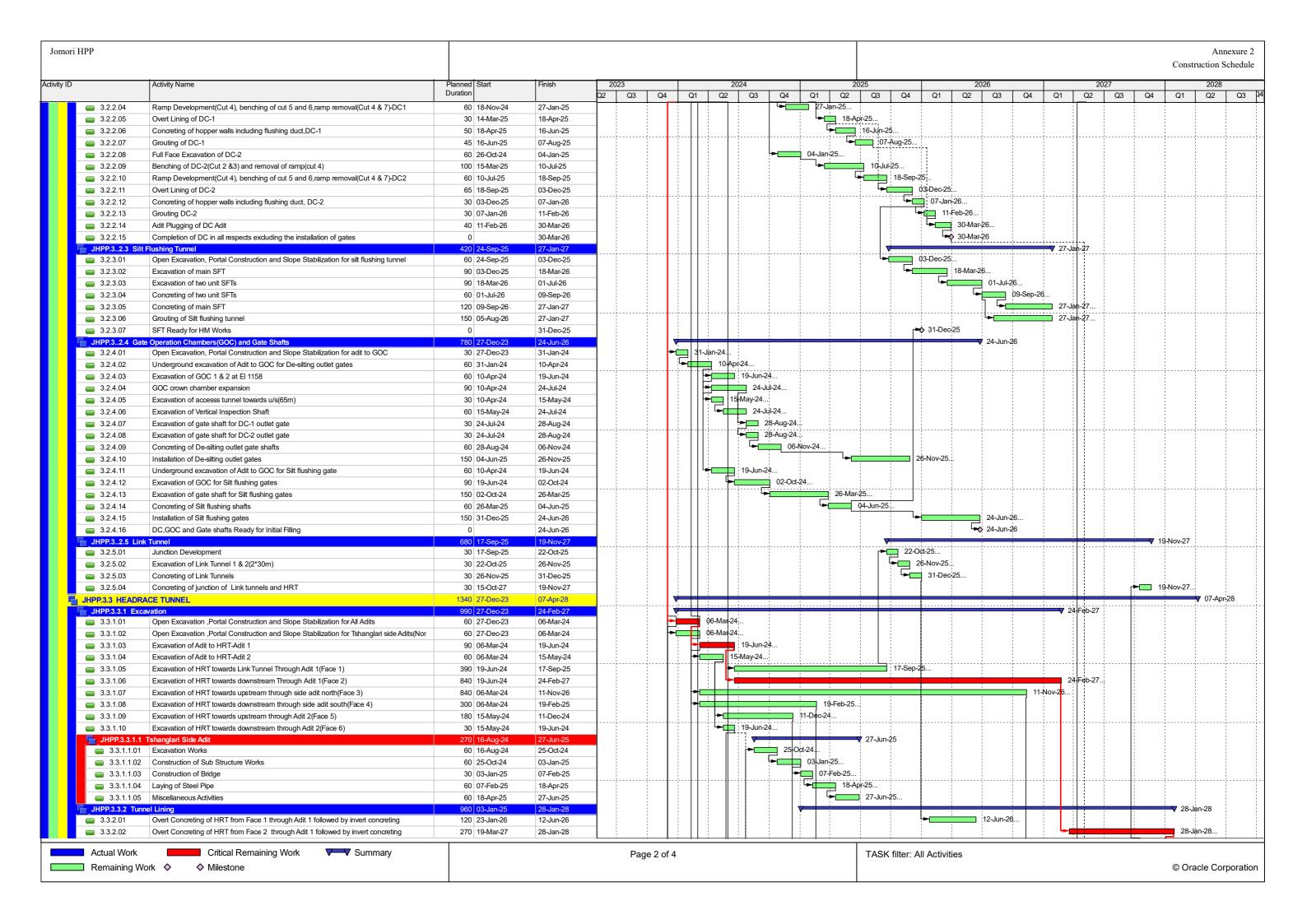
In view of the above assessment, it is concluded that the project is techno-economically viable and socio-environmentally acceptable for development. Further, the development of the Jomori HPP will enhance the energy security and power reliability for the country including the achievement of balanced regional development goals of the government.

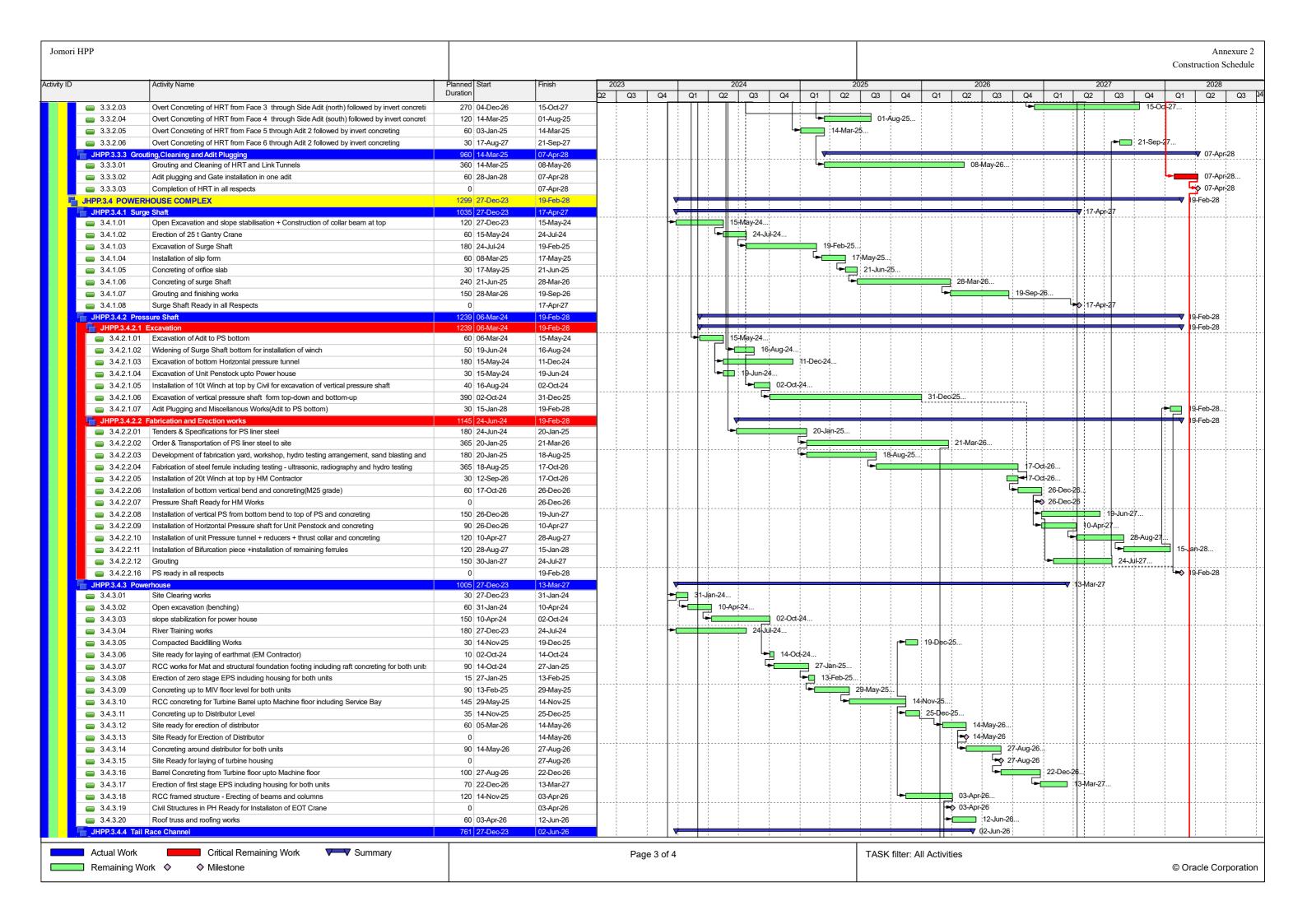
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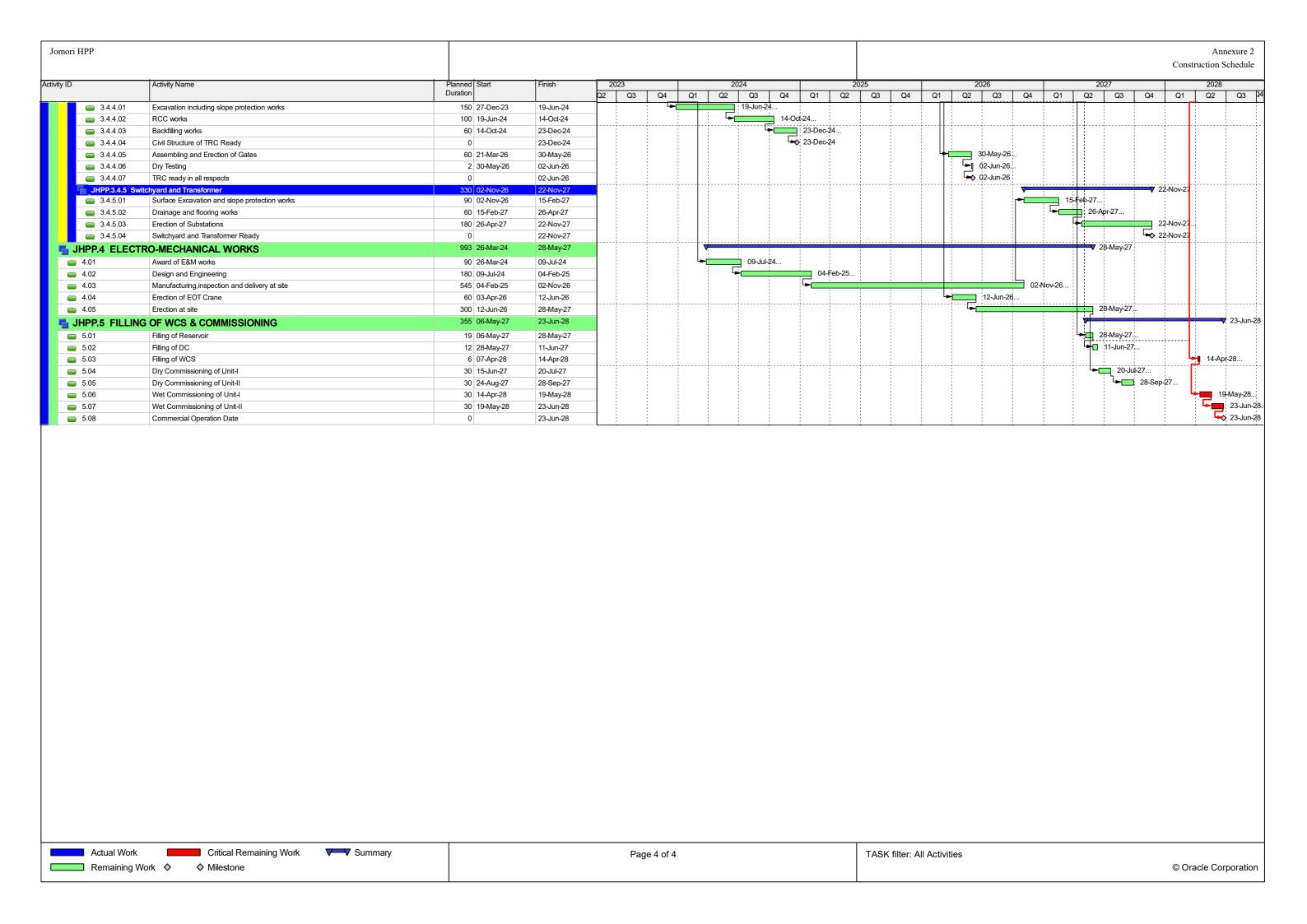
The salient feature of the project is in **Annexure-3**.











# Annexure- 3

# Salient Features of Jomori Hydropower Project

A.	GENERAL				
	Location	Jomori			
	Country	Bhutan			
	District/Dzongkhag	Samdrup Jongkhar			
	River	Jomori			
	Nearest Village (Dam site)	Woongthig			
	Nearest Village (Power House Site)	Deptshang			
	Nearest Airport, Domestic	Yonphula, Bhutan			
	Nearest Airport, International	Paro, Bhutan & Guwahati, Assam, India			
	Nearest Railhead (Broad gauge)	Rangiya, Assam, India			
	Location of Dam (at Dam Axis in UTM	<u>(i)</u>			
	Right Bank				
	Easting	395210.98			
	Northing	2997860.09			
	Left Bank				
	Easting	395291.00			
	Northing	2997862.88			
	Location of Power House (Center of Bu	uilding in UTM)			
	Easting	399815.31			
	Northing	2993739.06			
B.	HYDROLOGY				
	Catchment area	486.40 km <sup>2</sup>			
	Probable Maximum Flood	4,120 m <sup>3</sup> /s			
	Design flood (SPF)	3,099 m³/s			
	Diversion Flood	279 m³/s			
C.	CIVIL WORKS	•			
	Reservoir				
	Full Reservoir Level (FRL)	El. 1,156 m			
	Minimum Draw Down Level (MDDL)	El. 1,143.70 m			
	Live storage	0.6 MCM			
	Peaking	6 hrs.			
	Gross Storage (FRL)	0.79 MCM			
	Reservoir Surface Area (FRL)	4,399 m <sup>2</sup>			
	Length of reservoir (FRL)	780 m			
	Gross head	370.27 m			
	Net head	359 m			
	Temporary River Diversion Arrangement				
	Diversion Tunnel				

Number/Location	1 No. / Right Bank
Diameter & shape	6 m dia., D shaped
Length	330 m, slope 1 in 66
Diversion discharge (1 in 25-year non- monsoon)	279 m³/s
Gate type	Vertical lift fixed wheel type
Number of gates	1
Gate size	6 m (W) x 6 m (H)
Upstream Coffer Dam	om (w) x om (n)
Type	Random fill concrete facing
Top Level	El. 1,141 m
Height/Crest Length	15 m / 33.70 m
Downstream Coffer Dam	13 III / 33.70 III
	Masangy fill ganggata facing
Type Top Level	Masonry fill concrete facing
	El. 1,132 m
Height/Crest Length	9 m / 40 m
Main Dam	
Туре	Concrete gravity
Dam Top	El. 1,158 m
River Bed Level at dam site	El. 1,126 m
Max. Dam Height (above deepest foundation level)	45 m
Dam height (above river bed level)	32 m
Length of Dam at Crest Level	79.9 m
Spillway	
Design flood (SPF)	$3,099 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$
Crest Level of Main Spillway	El. 1,128 m
Crest Level of Auxiliary Spillway	El. 1,149 m
Туре	
Main Spillway	Orifice with Breast wall
Auxiliary Spillway	Overflow
Number & size of lower-level spillway	231 0.0 44
opening (W x H)	3 Nos & 8 m x 11 m
Number & size of Auxiliary spillway opening	4 N. 9 0 7
(W x H)	1 No & 8 m x 7 m
Energy Dissipater	Trajectory Bucket Type
Number of Radial gates	3 Nos
Size of Radial gates (W x H)	8 m x 11 m
Stop Log Gate	1
Number	3 Nos
Size	8 m x 11 m
Type of Hoist	Gantry Crane
7.1	

Power Intake & Feeder Tunnels	
Number of Feeder Tunnels	2 Nos., Left bank & concrete line
Shape & Size of Tunnel	3.5 m dia. (Modified Horseshoe
-	shaped with flat invert)
Trash rack sill level	El. 1,135 m
Length of Feeder tunnels	151 m
Intake invert level	El. 1,135 m
Discharge Capacity	32.959 m <sup>3</sup> /s
Number of Intake trash rack	2 sets
Size of Intake trash rack	5 m x 5 m
Number of Intake service gate	2 sets
Size of Intake service gate	3.5 m x 3.5 m
Number of Intake emergency gate	2 sets
Size of Intake emergency gate	3.5 m x 3.5 m
Desilting Chamber	
Type and Number	2 Nos
Size (L x W x D)	138 m x 8 m x 9.5 m
Design discharge (Installed Capacity at	20.66 3/
MDDL)	$28.66 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$
Total flushing discharge (15%)	4.299 m3/s
Total diversion discharge	28.66 m <sup>3</sup> /s
Average design discharge in one Chamber	14.33 m <sup>3</sup> /s
Sediment size to be removed	≥ 0.2 mm
Number of Desilting outlet gates	2
Size of Desilting outlet gates	3.5 m (W) x 3.5 m (H)
Silt Flushing Tunnel	
Unit Tunnel – Number	2 Nos
Unit Tunnel – Size (W x H)	1 m x 1.5 m
	Unit tunnel 1(left) – 68 m, Unit
Unit Tunnel – Length	tunnel 2 (right) – 41 m
Main Tunnel – Size (W x H)	3 m x 3 m
Main Tunnel – Length	115 m
SFT outfall invert level	El. 1,118 m
Number of SFT gates	4 (2 EG + 2 SG)
SFT Gate size (W x H)	1.0 m x 1.5 m
Adit to SFT gate Chamber- length	35 m (From GOC adit)
Shaft to SFT Gate - Size and Height	8 m dia, 19.5 m
Link Tunnel	
Number	2 Nos
Size	3.5 m
Length	51 m

Shaft at Desilting Outlet gate – Numbers /	2 Nos/3.5 m/20.5 m
Diameter / Height  Head Race Tunnel	
Number	1 No.
Size & Type	4.1 m dia., flat bottom horsesho
Design Discharge	28.66 m <sup>3</sup> /s
Length	6,355 m
Slope (u/s of Tshanglari side adit)	1 in 131.69
Slope (d/s of Tshanglari side adit)	1 in 60.90
Number of adit plug (vehicle gate)	1
Number of permanent plugs in HRT	1
Number of adit plug (vehicle gate) and size	Hinged gate, 3 m (W) x 3 m (H)
Construction Adits	
DC Adit (5 m x 5 m) (Length)	145 m
SFT & GOC chamber Adit (5 m x 5 m)	154 m
(Length)	154 111
HRT Adit 1 (5 m x 5 m) (Length)	225 m
HRT Adit 2 (5 m x 5 m) (Length)	145 m
PS Bottom Adit (5 m x 5 m) (Length)	112 m
Side Adit	
Diameter	4 m
Bottom Level	El. 1,095 m
Length	40 m
Type of steel	ASTM A517
Liner Thickness	16 mm
Surge Shaft	
Number	1 No.
Type	Open to sky
Top Level	El. 1,190 m
Bottom Level	El. 1,121.10 m
Surge shaft - Diameter	10 m
Surge shaft – Height (excluding orifice slab)	68.90
Orifice slab thickness	2 m
Orifice Diameter	1.6 m
Total height of surge shaft	70.9 m
Pressure Shaft	1
	Underground, Vertical and
Type	Horizontal steel Lined
Number	1 No
Main Pr. Shaft - Diameter	2.8 m
Main Pr. Shaft - Length	741.71 m
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	Unit Pr. Shaft - Length	30 m			
	Trans of Charl	ASTM A537 Class II & ASTM A517			
	Type of Steel	Gr F			
	Liner Thickness	10 mm to 34 mm			
	Power House				
	Type of Turbine	Pelton			
	Machine centre line level	El. 778.90 m			
	PH Size (Lx W x H)	42 m x (20+5.5 m Annex) x 28.4 m			
	Main Inlet Valve				
	Туре	Spherical			
	Number	2 Nos.			
	Tail Race Outfall				
	Туре	TRC			
	Number	1 No.			
	Size and Shape (HxW)	3 m x 3.5 m			
	Length of Main TRC	35 m			
	Outfall invert level	El. 772.60 m			
	TRC Outlet Gate	Vertical lift slide type			
	Number and Size of TRC outlet gate	2 Nos, 3 m (H) x 3.5 m (W)			
D.	ELECTRO-MECHANICAL EQUIPMENT				
	Turbine				
	Type of Turbine	Vertical Shaft Pelton			
	Number of turbines	2 Nos.			
	Rated net head	359 m			
	Rated Output	90 MW			
	Rated Speed	375 rpm			
	Generator				
	Type of Generator	Synchronous, Vertical Shaft			
	Rated power	53 MVA			
	Power Factor	0.85			
	C ' V 1	44.177			
	Generation Voltage	11 kV			
	Number of Phases	11 kV 3 phases			
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	Number of Phases	3 phases			
	Number of Phases Frequency	3 phases 50 Hz			
	Number of Phases Frequency Efficiency	3 phases 50 Hz			
	Number of Phases Frequency Efficiency Power Transmission and Distribution	3 phases 50 Hz 98			
	Number of Phases Frequency Efficiency Power Transmission and Distribution Transmission Line Voltage	3 phases 50 Hz 98 132 kV			
	Number of Phases Frequency Efficiency Power Transmission and Distribution Transmission Line Voltage Total line length	3 phases 50 Hz 98  132 kV 78.08 km			
	Number of Phases  Frequency Efficiency  Power Transmission and Distribution  Transmission Line Voltage  Total line length  Conductor type	3 phases 50 Hz 98  132 kV 78.08 km			

	50% dependable year Energy	428.88 GWh
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	Annual Plant Load Factor	47.85 %
	Lean season Plant Load Factor	17.23 %
	Probability of Exceedance	23.00 %
	Firm Power	15.47 MW
E.	CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE	
	Preconstruction period	8.5 months
	Mobilization of main civil work	3 months
	Main work construction duration	55 months
F.	COST AND FINANCIALS	
	March 2023 PL (Upfront Equity)	
	Total Hard Cost including transmission	Nu. 8,509.00 million
	Total Project Cost including IDC	Nu. 9,633.50 million
	First year tariff	Nu. 5.26 per unit
	Levelized tariff	Nu. 4.70 per unit
	Specific cost per MW	Nu. 94.54 million
	Cost to Completion- June 2028 (Upfront E	quity)
	Total Hard Cost including transmission	Nu. 8,856.08million
	Total Project Cost including IDC	Nu. 10,026.46 million
	First year tariff	Nu. 5.48 per unit
	Levelized tariff	Nu. 4.89 per unit



# **Executive Summary**

For

Druk Bindu I Hydropower Project

### 1. Executive Summary

# 1.1. Background

The Kingdom of Bhutan has abundant hydropower reserves with techno-economically viable potential of 33 GW as per the Power System Master Plan 2040 (PSMP-2040). The overall hydropower potential was estimated as 37 GW from 155 sites, out of which 90 sites having installed capacity of about 33 GW have been identified as techno-economically viable for implementation. Sustainable hydropower development is critical for Bhutan to reap the benefits of this huge hydropower reserves. The economic gains as a result of this development to the people of Bhutan in financial, economic, and social terms will be immense. With present installed capacity of 2,326 MW from its seven large power plants, the country has harnessed about 7% of the techno-economically feasible hydropower potential. The country today exports about 70% of the electricity to India after meeting its internal demand first. With addition of 2,938 MW installed capacity from the four projects, currently under different stages of construction, it is expected to further enhance the quantum of export to India and contribute to the socio-economic development of the country.

The electricity grid in Bhutan is closely interconnected to the Indian grid that is prone to frequent failures. Bhutan has experienced prolonged power outages in pockets of the country as well as at the national level. With India's increasing investment into renewables such as solar and wind without adequate provision for balancing power support from energy sources such as hydropower, it will only make India's grid more prone to major grid failures. As of now, Bhutan's mega hydropower projects with BHEL technology cannot operate in an isolated mode. Therefore, it has become imperative to plan for a backup power supply that is adequate to provide essential electricity supply services to each Dzongkhag in an isolated mode. More importantly, there is a need to plan for robust energy supply system as a preparedness measure for natural hazards and other exigencies. By virtue of its location, Bhutan is prone to natural disasters such as earthquake, glacial lake outburst flood (GLOF), flash flood, and extreme weather conditions. In the last few decades, Bhutan has experienced major earthquakes of magnitude over 7 on the Richter scale which had devastating impacts on the country's infrastructure and has claimed lives. During such events, as an essential service, availability of steady power supply is crucial for sustenance of livelihood of people as well as for recovery processes.

Recognizing the need for domestic energy security through facilitation of self-contained supply flexibility for each Dzongkhag to meet the demand of household, institutional consumers and essential service providers in times of exigencies (which at other times could be fed into the grid), DGPC is undertaking strategic planning of a backup power supply system by harnessing abundantly available renewable hydropower resources through implementation of small and medium sized hydropower projects. Further, in the wake of the economic downturn with the Covid-19 pandemic, development of small hydropower projects across the country will not only help to stimulate economic activities at the grass root levels but also help generate employment and engagement of the people in these difficult times.

As part of Phase I of the Small Hydropower Initiative, the feasibility study of three hydropower projects have been completed in December 2021 and are currently under different stages of construction.

With regard to Phase II of the undertaking, the techno-economic viability of projects was given priority compared to the 60:40 Technical: Social criteria of the Phase I selection process. Accordingly, the projects which have already been studied at either a Pre-Feasibility (PFS) or Feasibility (FSR) level and approved by the Department of Hydropower and Power Systems were considered techno-economically viable and proposed for selection. Subsequent to further field assessments, six projects have been considered under Phase II for FSR study or for updation of existing FSR/DPR.

This report entails the updation of the Detailed Project Report (DPR) of 18 MW Druk Bindu I Hydropower Project (HPP) located in Tendu Gewog under Samtse Dzongkhag.

### 1.2. Previous Studies

The Feasibility Study of Druk Bindu I Small Hydropower Project (Druk Bindu HPP) in Tendu, Samtse Dzongkhag was conducted by Bhutan Power Corporation Limited (BPC) in 2009-2010 (FSR-2011). As per the report, the project envisages diversion of water from Kachin river (El. 978 m) via an open channel to Druk Bindu river (El. 966 m). Two separate trench weirs and intake structures have been proposed to utilize the water from both the rivers for power generation. The water from the main intake at Druk Bindu river at El. 966 m has been planned to be diverted through a Glass Reinforced Pipe (GRP) of 145 m length with designed flow of 9.75 m<sup>3</sup>/s till the surface desilter. The head race GRP of 2,567 m and 2.0 m diameter has been designed to convey discharge of 8.58 m<sup>3</sup>/s from desilter to forebay tank. The full supply level and minimum draw down level has been worked out to be El. 960.42 m and El. 956.42 m respectively. A steel pipe main penstock of about 300 m in length, 1.7 m in diameter and unit penstock of 3 x 67 m has been proposed. A surface powerhouse of 30 m x 18 m x 13 m with service bay at El. 771.448 m has been proposed. The Francis type horizontal axis turbine of 3 x 4 MW have been proposed to generate an installed capacity of 12 MW. The BPC in 2014 has further updated the hydrological, power potential and cost estimation part of the FSR-2011. As per this update, no changes were made in the design. The updated estimated cost of the project worked out at 2014 price level was Nu. 732.74 million including transmission line cost. The levelized tariff accordingly worked out was Nu. 2.90 per kWh.

Subsequently, Druk Green Power Corporation undertook the preparation of DPR of the project towards the end of 2015. The project with an installed capacity of 18 MW and annual design energy of 76.51 GWh has been designed as a run-of-the river scheme. The project envisages trench weir type intake at Druk Bindu river with additional diversion of flow from Kachin river through 198 m long, 2 m D-shape transfer tunnel for generation augmentation; Feeder channel of 208 m long (2.80 m x 2.10 m) diverting water from intake to surface desilting chambers; 3,086.40 m long headrace water conductor GRP pipe of 2.30 m Ø conveying design discharge of 9.35 m³/s water from desilting chamber to forebay tank; Forebay tank of 40m x 14m x 8.20m is provided with 3

minutes storage for meeting varying load demand and also absorb surges during transient condition; Steel penstock of 502 m long, 1.60m Ø feeding water to two Pelton turbines in surface powerhouse operating at design head of 219 m; and a tailrace channel of 148 m discharging water back to Druk Bindu at an outfall level of El. 726 m. The updated estimated cost of the project worked out at December 2016 price level was Nu.1,186.72 million excluding transmission line cost of Nu.145 million. The levelized tariff accordingly worked out was Nu. 5.22 per kWh.

# 1.3. Updation of Detailed Project Report of Druk Bindu I Hydropower Project

As part of phase II of the Small Hydropower Initiative, DGPC undertook the updation of the DPR in July 2022, with particular focus on the optimization of the layout and designs, updation of environmental and social impact assessment and updation of cost estimate. All major changes and optimizations in the designs, findings of additional investigations and studies, and the impact of cost updation on the financial viability of the project have been captured as part of the DPR updation.

This report shall serve as a supplemental report and shall be read in conjunction with the existing DPR (hereafter referred to as DPR-2016). The project layout and salient features as finalized in the updated DPR is at **Annexure 1-1** and **Annexure 1-2** respectively.

# 1.3.1. Project Location and Accessibility

Druk Bindu HPP is located in Tendu Gewog under Samtse Dzongkhag. It is a small hamlet bordered by Namgaycholing Gewog in the east, Norgaygang Gewog in the northwest, Haa Dzongkhag in the north and Indian State of West Bengal in the southwest.

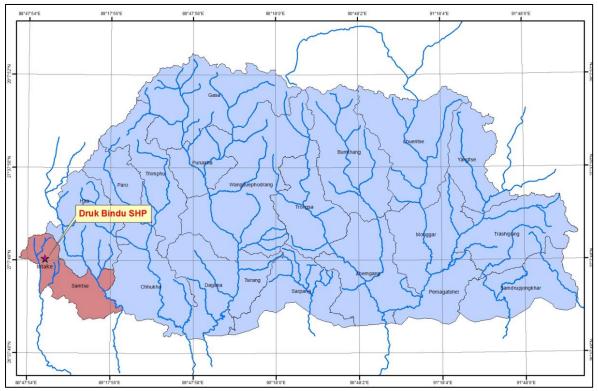


Figure 1-1: Druk Bindu project location

The project site is connected to Samtse town by secondary national highway of 73 km. This route can be used to transport construction materials, equipment, machineries and labour for the project. Samtse is well connected with Indian national highway NH 31C. The weir site is located about 300 m away from the existing Samtse-Tendu road while the powerhouse is below Tendu town.

# 1.3.2. Topographical Survey

No additional topographical survey was carried out during the period of DPR update since adequate survey maps prepared during DPR-2016 are available. Maps from DPR-2016 were used for the studies.

In DPR-2016, 10 control stations was established within the project area and mainly placed within the vicinity of major project components. Based on satellite image and ground survey, the topographical map in a scale 1:5,000 with 5 m contour interval and 1:1,000 scale with 1 m contour interval was produced including the river cross sections and longitudinal profile.

# 1.3.3. Geological and Geotechnical Investigation

Since no substantial changes in project layout and design has been made, except for replacement of forebay with surge tube, the geological appraisals of the project will remain same as reflected in DPR-2016 except for the additional geotechnical investigations and studies carried out as part of DPR update. The necessary changes and appraisal have been made in relevant sections as given below.

## Regional Geology

Druk Bindu Small Hydropower Project is located in Tendruk in Samtse Dzongkhag of South Eastern Bhutan. Geologically the project area falls within the higher Himalayan sequence namely Surey Formation under Thimphu Group.

### Geology of Project Area

The detailed geological mapping of the various project components was carried out on a scale of 1:1,000 with 1 m contour interval to explore the surface and subsurface geological conditions.

# Diversion Intake structure, Trench weir (Kachin River)

The trench weir 10 m (L) x 2.0 m (B) with top level at El. 967.5 m has been placed in a moderately wide (40 m-50 m) river valley comprising boulders of gneiss and quartzite of varying sizes ranging from 0.5 m to 4 m. The rock has been exposed on both the banks comprising medium grained, high strength gneiss.

### **Transfer Tunnel**

The 198 m long and 2.0 m dia., D shaped transfer tunnel will be accommodated in moderately jointed, medium to coarse grained, high strength, grayish colored and foliated gneiss. The observed rock mass exhibits blocky nature. Minor staining has also been observed at places. The UCS Strength of the rock mass on the basis of Schmidt hammer number was found to range between 100–200 MPa. The tunnel direction from intake end is trending 350°N and driving against dip direction w.r.t the foliation joint (35°/063°). The major part of the tunnel will fall in Class II with few shear seams and fractures.

# Diversion Outfall structure, Trench weir (Druk Bindu River)

The trench weir at diversion outfall, 20 m (L) x 2.8 m (B) with top level at El. 962.0 m lies in a moderately wide valley roughly 50-60 m comprising boulders of gneiss and quartzite of varying sizes ranging from 0.5 m to 4 m. No significant rock exposure has been observed on the right bank requiring slope protection measures. Moderate to thick alluvium cover has been anticipated at trench weir location.

### Feeder Channel

Feeder channel of 208.0 m length and 2.1 m width connecting intake structure at Druk Bindu river to Desilting basin would be laid on thick pile of alluvium with approximate thickness of 25-35 m comprising cobbles and boulders of gneiss in sandy silty matrix. The upslope of the feeder channel has to be provided with retaining structures as well as the lower part with RCC walls.

### **Desilting Basin**

About 60.0 m in length and 4.8 m wide twin chamber surface desilting basin, placed at an El. of 952.5 m over approx. 18 m thick cover alluvial deposit consisting of dark brown colored, loose silty sand with presence of sub-angular gravels, cobbles and boulders of gneiss, quartzite and mica schist. The in-situ plate load test result shows the safe bearing capacity (SBC) of the material within the range 10.8 to 15.2 ton/m² with corresponding settlement value of 15.225 mm for 2 m foundation width. The permeability range from 1.08x10<sup>-3</sup>cm/s to 5.20x10<sup>-3</sup>cm/s shows moderate to high water conductivity indicating presence of void spaces. The ground water table as obtained from the drill hole is around 4 m from the NSL. The upstream part of the desilter falls in the alluvial fan deposit of the perennial stream flowing on the northern flank of the desilter. Necessary drainage and protection measures be provided. The cut slope along the desilter should be treated with 25 mm thick shotcrete and wire mesh with horizontal drainage pipes to avoid erosion and destabilization.

### **Head Race Pipe Including Penstock**

3,192.52 m long GRP head race system of 2.3 m dia and steel penstock (437.54 m long) with 1.6m dia. will be constructed. The HRP throughout its course including penstock till power house

complex would come across different lithology types at regular intervals. About 74% of HRP stretch is anticipated to pass through alluvium and colluvium with thickness range from 20 m to 40 m. The rest 26% would be accommodated initially in high strength, good quality gneiss/micaceous quartzite of Suray Formation.

HRP stretch of 1027 m from Chukarp to Dorleni village has been anticipated as highly unstable region in the area in view of the presence of colluvial deposit having thickness of about 35 m with saturated zones at shallow depths having moderate to heavy seepage conditions with moderate slope. One small and active landslide zones were observed near to the tunnel portal at Dorleni. Provisions for drainage network and retaining structures in the form of gabions are to be provisioned.

### **Connection Tunnel**

Approximately 98 m long, 3.5 m dia., D-shaped head race tunnel has been proposed from RD 2,398 m to 2,496 m in view of the project geology and topography. The tunnel is anticipated to accommodate in moderately jointed, un-weathered, high strength fair to good quality gneiss with presence of three prominent discontinuities viz. J1(f)-29°/171°, J2-69°/268° and J3-86°/183° (Dorleni Khola side). No exposure is observed at its inlet portal so the initial 50 m is expected to be in alluvial deposit. The rock mass classification along the HRT is anticipated as 4 % of class II, 55 % of class III and 5 % of class IV & below.

### Surge Tube

The geology in the surge tube area consists of 40 m thick cover of alluvial deposit comprising of dark brown colored, loose silty sand with presence of sub-angular gravels, cobble and boulders of gneiss, quartzite and mica schist.

### **Power House**

The surface power house complex of 31 m (L) x 14 m (B) x 20 m (H) with service bay level at El.732.86 m will be placed over 10 to 15 m thick alluvial cover. The overburden primarily consisting of gravelly sand with presence of sub-angular gravels, cobbles and boulders of gneiss, quartzite and mica schist. The power house comprises two units of 9 MW each. The in-situ plate load test result shows the safe bearing capacity (SBC) of the over burden material in the range of  $20.4 \text{ to } 27.6 \text{ ton/m}^2$  with corresponding settlement value of 15.225 mm for 2 m foundation width. The permeability ( $1 \text{ x} 10^{-3} \text{cm/sec}$ ) in the over burden ranges from 22.30-172 indicating very high to extremely high-water conductivity. The ground water table is expected to range from 0.5 m to 5.16 m as observed from the drill data.

Since the excavation is going below the river level and the materials being very pervious, recharge from the river cannot be ruled out. Therefore, on top of the pumps, cut off walls be provided on upstream side as well as the face towards the river to prevent the water inflow.

#### Tail Race Channel

The geological map of the project area indicates that the TRC would be accommodated over approx. 30 m thick pile of alluvium comprising sub-angular gravels, cobbles and boulders of gneiss, quartzite and mica schist.

### **Construction Materials**

The construction materials will be sourced (Jiti river) as identified in DPR-2017 (Druk Bindu II) and if not sufficient, it will be sourced from either from Diana/Damdum area (River-borne material)- it is found suitable for wearing surfaces. The estimated quantity of coarse and fine aggregates required for the projects is 21,000 MT and 11,000 MT respectively.

# 1.3.4. Hydrology and Power Potential Studies

The specific runoff for the project catchment was estimated to be 81 l/s/sq. km based on the rainfall runoff analysis in DPR – 2016. This was reviewed during DPR update stage based on additional data available from the completion of DPR in 2016 till 2021. The specific runoff of the catchment based on additional data considering rainfall runoff correlation was estimated to be 98.35 l/s/sq. km while using the gauging station data of Druk Bindu river from the period January 2016 till June 2019 (3.5 years) works out to 84.17 l/s/sq. km. Since the flow series observed from Druk Bindu river was assessed to be reliable, the specific runoff of 84.17 l/s/sq. km was used to transpose flow series of Chuba to the intake site of Druk Bindu. There are no major changes in the water availability for the project with adoption of revised flow series at the intake sites.

The design flood for the project that was computed in DPR – 2016 has been reviewed mainly in line with the Bhutan Hydropower Development guidelines 2018. The design floods for Druk Bindu and Kachin as per DPR- 2016 was estimated at 458 cumecs and 284 cumecs respectively. Adopting the above guidelines, the flood values for Druk Bindu and Kachin has been estimated as 405 cumecs and 214 cumecs respectively.

The temporary river diversion flood for the project has also been reviewed in line with Hydropower Guidelines 2018. The diversion flood for the Druk Bindu and Kachin has been reworked as 14 cumecs and 7 cumecs respectively.

In the DPR- 2016, the Manual on Development of Small Hydro Electric Project published by Central Board of Irrigation and Power (CBIP publication 305), 2009 was adopted for power potential studies. The PPS was further reviewed based on the Guidelines for Development of Hydropower Projects, 2018 which uses Flow Duration Concept as against on dependable year concept. Adopting the FDC Concept, the Installed Capacity remains the same while the design energy reduces from 76.51 MU to 75.83 MU (less than 1%).

### 1.3.5. Project Alternatives, Civil & HM Design

As per the DPR-2016, the hydropower project development at Druk Bindu river was proposed as integrated tandem scheme with two stages, where the tailrace water of Druk Bindu I is conveyed directly into the headrace system of Druk Bindu II. As part of the DPR update study, reassessment of the area beyond the Druk Bindu I forebay has been carried out with the view to develop the project as a single stage. The single stage development envisages construction of HRP passing through two geologically critical stretches. Based on the site assessment and investigations, the single stage scheme was not found feasible and it was decided to adopt the same project layout (two stage tandem development) that was finalized in the DPR-2016.

Except for some optimization in the alignment of HRP and replacement of forebay by surge tube with other associated changes, there is no major changes in project layout and designs of the Druk Bindu I. The design discharge from Kachin and Druk Bindu intake will be conveyed through feeder channel of length 208 m up to surface desilting chamber designed to exclude sediment particle size of 0.2 mm and larger. The design discharge of 9.36 cumecs from the desilter is conveyed to the surge tube via a 2.3 m dia. 3.2 km long Glass Reinforced Plastic (GRP) pipe. A surge tube of 1.8 m – 2.8 m diameter of 154 m inclined length at the end of the GRP pipe has been provided to accommodate transient in the Water Conducting System (WCS) which is connected to the powerhouse through a 437.5 m long, 1.6 m dia. steel penstock. A surface powerhouse of 31.0 m (L) x 14.0 m (W) x 20 m (H) located on the right bank of Druk Bindu accommodates two vertical shaft Pelton turbines generating 2 x 9 MW power, operating at 218 m net head and generating annual design energy of 75.83 GWh.

Except for the removal of valves for the forebay and inclusion of flap gates for the surge tube manhole, there is no change in the H&M components of the project.

The summary of the project components is as given below:

The Civil Engineering structure for the project comprises the following:

- Kachin Trench Weir: A trench weir of 10 m (L) x 2 m (B) has been provided across Kachin river at RBL El. 967.5 m.
- Kachin Trench Weir: A trench weir of 20 m (L) x 2.8 m (B) has been provided across Kachin river at RBL El. 962.0 m.
- Transfer Tunnel: A 2.0 m diameter, 198 m long D-shaped tunnel has been provided to divert water from Kachin intake to the main intake at Druk Bindu.
- Feeder Channel: The water from the main intake will be fed by a 208 m long, 2.8 m (W) x
   2.1 m (H) feeder channel into the surface desilting basin.
- Desilting Basin: A surface Desilting Basin comprising of 2 chambers of size 60 m (L) x 4.8 m (W) has been provided downstream of the main intake. Silt flushing arrangement has also been provided.
- Head Race Pipe: A 3.2 km long Glass Reinforced Pipe (GRP) of 2.3 m diameter has been designed to divert 9.36 m³/s of water from Desilting Basin to Surge tube. The HRP shall also pass through a 98.00 m, 3.5 m D-Shaped connection tunnel.

- Surge tube: To manage surges during transient condition, a surge tube of 154 m long, 1.8-2.4 m dia has been provided to manage the surge in the system.
- Penstock: A 437.54 m long single main steel penstock of internal diameter 1.6 m will bifurcate into two unit penstock of 14 m long, 1.0 m internal diameter. The shell thickness varies from 20 mm to 8 mm.
- Power House: A surface power house of 31.0m (L) x 14.0 m (B) x 20.0 m (H) size has been provided to accommodate the electro-mechanical equipment. The machine center line is fixed at El. 731.00 m.
- Tail Race Channel: The tail race water from the machine will be integrated to Druk Bindu II through an integration tank or release from surplus escape arrangement while not in use.

Following hydro-mechanical equipment has been provided for flow regulation, sediment management and maintenance:

- One number trash rack arrangement on trench weir of size 10.00 m (L) x 2.00 m (W) for Kachin.
- One number fixed wheel vertical lift slide gate with 3T rope drum hoist at the end of trench weir of size 1.50 m (W) x 1.50 m (H).
- One number fixed wheel vertical lift slide gate with 2T rope drum hoist at the end of collection chamber of size 1.50 m (W) x 1.80 m (H).
- One number vertical lift slide shingle flushing gate with 0.50 T motorized screw hoist of size 0.50 m x 0.50 m.
- One number trash rack arrangement on trench weir of size 20.00 m (L) x 2.80 m (W) for Druk Bindu.
- One number fixed wheel vertical lift slide gate with 4T rope drum hoist at the end of trench weir of size 3.00 m (W) x 2.00 m (H).
- One number fixed wheel vertical lift slide gate with 3T rope drum hoist at the end of collection chamber of size 3.00 m x 1.80 m (H).
- Two numbers fine screen at desilting chamber outlet of size 3.86 m (W) x 3.62 m (inclined length)
- One number vertical lift slide shingle flushing gate with 0.50T screw hoistin feeder channel of size 0.50 m (W) x 0.50 (H).
- Two numbers vertical lift slide gate with 3T motorized screw hoist at the inlet of desilting chamber of size 1.40 m (W) x 2.10m (H).
- Two numbers vertical lift slide gate with 4.5T motorized screw hoist at the outlet of desilting chamber of size 1.50 m (W) x 2.10 m (H).
- Two numbers vertical lift slide silt flushing gate with 2T motorized screw hoist at desilting chamber size of 0.80 m (W) x 1.00 m (H)
- One number flap gates for the surge tube maintenance
- Two numbers vertical lift slide gate with 4T motorized screw hoist at unit tail race channel of size 2.50 m (W) x 1.95 m (H).

# 1.3.6. Electro-Mechanical Equipment and Power Evacuation

Based on the review and update of the hydrological and power potential studies of the project including recent changes in the equipment designs and market condition, the E&M and power evacuation arrangements of the project has been reviewed and necessary changes have been made in the report.

Some of the major changes made in the DPR update includes revision of transformer sizing, change of the communication system from PLCC to OPGW and redesign of switchgear to accommodate evacuation of Druk Bindu II power.

The power house shall accommodate two vertical Pelton type turbines having rated output of 9 MW under a weighted average net head of 217.82 m at 428.57 rpm synchronous speed. Each turbine shall be provided with butterfly type main inlet valve. The generators shall be synchronous and of the vertical shaft type of 9 MW rated power at 0.9 power factor and 50 Hz frequency. The generators shall have a speed of 428.57rpm and generator voltage of 11 kV.

The following mechanical and electrical auxiliary equipment will be provided:

- One number 40T/5T EOT crane in the Power House for installation and maintenance of the heavy equipment
- Cooling water system for generators
- Drainage and dewatering systems
- Ventilation and air conditioning system
- Fire protection system
- Unit auxiliary and station auxiliary supply system
- D.C supply system
- Control and Monitoring system
- Protection system, etc.

The power generated at 11 kV would be stepped-up to 66 kV through 7 numbers (one is spare) of single-phase transformer each of 11 MVA,  $11/66/\sqrt{3}$  kV capacity. The LV side of the generator transformers would be connected to Generator and the HV side to the 66 kV AIS through oil to SF<sub>6</sub> bushings.

# 1.3.7. Infrastructure, Construction Planning and Schedule

The infrastructure and construction facilities for the project has been reviewed and updated keeping in the view the existing infrastructures and development in the area. The major changes with respect to DPR-2016 are in the area of re-alignment of access road to project components, widening of secondary national highway near HRP crossing, shifting of colony areas and construction facilities, and manpower planning.

The main infrastructure works includes the following:

• About 4.63 km of project roads to access various project components.

- One bailey bridge (43 m span, 18 R) to facilitate the construction of Kachin Intake.
- Construction facilities such as site offices, residential and non-residential buildings, workshops, warehouses/stores, aggregate processing plant (APP) and concrete batching plants, muck disposal area, explosive magazines, construction power, telecommunication, water supply system, security & safety arrangements etc.

The construction methodology has been reviewed and elaborated in detail in the updated DPR. The construction schedule has also been reviewed and retained as in the DPR-2016 with a total duration of 36 months including 6 months for preconstruction activities.

### 1.3.8. Environment and Social Impact Assessment

The Environmental and Social Impact Assessment undertaken as a part of the Detailed Project Report of Druk Bindu I Hydropower Project in 2016 has been updated in line with the Terms of Reference endorsed by the National Environment Commission Secretariat.

Baseline information (physical, biological and socio-economic environment) was collected through field surveys in collaboration with relevant agencies. Based on terrestrial biodiversity survey conducted in association with Tashichholing Forest Range Office under Samtse Territorial Forests Division, Department of Forests and Park Services, Shannon-wiener diversity index ranges from 0.64 to 2.08. Aquatic biodiversity assessment (monsoon and post-monsoon seasons) recorded a total of 330 fishes belonging to 8 species under 3 families from 30 sampling stretches. Schizothorax richardsonii was the most dominant (n=330, Relative Abundance /RA/=84.85%) followed by Schistura scaturigina (n=15, RA=4.55%) and the least dominant was Aborichthys garoensis (n=2, RA=0.61%). The overall species diversity of the project sites was H'=0.70, species evenness  $E_H=0.33$  and species richness  $S_R$ =2.78. A total of 26 water quality parameters (7 physical, 16 chemical and 3 microbiological) were analyzed for the water samples collected from 8 sampling sites. Overall, the water quality was found to be within the ranges of the national (Ambient Water Quality Criteria 2020 and Bhutan Drinking Water Quality Standard 2016) and international standards (EPA and WHO) with few parameters in few sampling sites deviating from the permissible limits. The socioeconomic information is also updated through a socio-economic survey covering 105 households from 4 chiwogs under Tendu Gewog.

The total land requirement for the project is 93.938 acres of which 86.662 acres (20.338 acre temporary and 66.324 acre permanent) is State Reserve Forest (SRF) land, 1.932 acres (permanent) is Community Forest (Amaley Community Forest) and 5.344 acres (1.178 acre temporary and 4.166 acre permanent) is private land. Private land (5.048 acres kamzhing and 0.296 acre orange/orchard) belongs to 15 landowners.

The environmental and social impacts were assessed quantitatively in terms of their direction, magnitude, extend, duration and frequency to the extent possible. Accordingly, mitigation measures were formulated as a part of Environmental Management Plan (EMP). The cost to implement EMP is estimated as Nu. 27.97 million and cost for land substitute, compensation and lease is estimated as Nu. 16.87 million. Additional studies, Environmental Valuation and

Greenhouse Gas Emission Reduction and Environmental Risk Assessment have also been updated.

### 1.3.9. Cost Estimate and Financial Evaluation

The cost estimate has been updated at the price level of December, 2022 based on latest available data, market condition and guidelines. The project estimate has been framed broadly on basis of "Guidelines for preparation of project estimates for River Valley Projects" dated March 1997 by Central Water Commission, Government of India and Standards/manuals/guidelines for small hydro development published by Ministry of New and Renewable Energy, Government of India in group effort with Alternate Hydro Energy Center, Indian Institute of Technology Roorkee.

The total hard cost of the project is estimated at Nu. 1,950.66 million at December 2022 price level comprising of Nu. 1,328.59 million for Civil & HM works, Nu. 429.91 million for E&M works and Nu. 186.17 million for transmission line.

The financial evaluation of Druk Bindu I Hydropower Project has been prepared in accordance with the "Terms and Conditions of Tariff Determination Guidelines 2016" issued by Bhutan Electricity Authority (BEA). Accordingly, with design energy of 75.83 Million Units, the first year and levelized tariff of the project works out to Nu. 5.08 per unit and Nu. 4.79 per unit respectively for upfront equity investment and Nu. 5.19 per unit and Nu. 4.89 per unit respectively for proportionate fund investment. The financial evaluation based on CERC guideline has also been assessed.

# 1.3.10. Conclusion and Recommendation

The existing DPR was prepared by DGPC between 2015 and 2016. With the availability of additional data due to time lapse of about 6 years since its preparation, the DPR-2016 was further reviewed and updated in 2022. While review and updation of the DPR was carried out covering all aspects, the major changes and updation were made in hydrological analysis, optimisation of civil engineering structures, construction methodology, cost estimation, and financial analysis.

The revised cost estimation of the project has been prepared based on latest available data, market condition and guidelines. The estimated hard cost of the project at December 2022 Price Level is Nu. 1950.66 million. Accordingly, with design energy of 75.83 Million Units, the first year and levelized tariff of the project works out to Nu. 5.08 per unit and Nu. 4.79 per unit respectively for upfront equity investment and Nu. 5.19 per unit and Nu. 4.89 per unit respectively for proportionate fund investment.

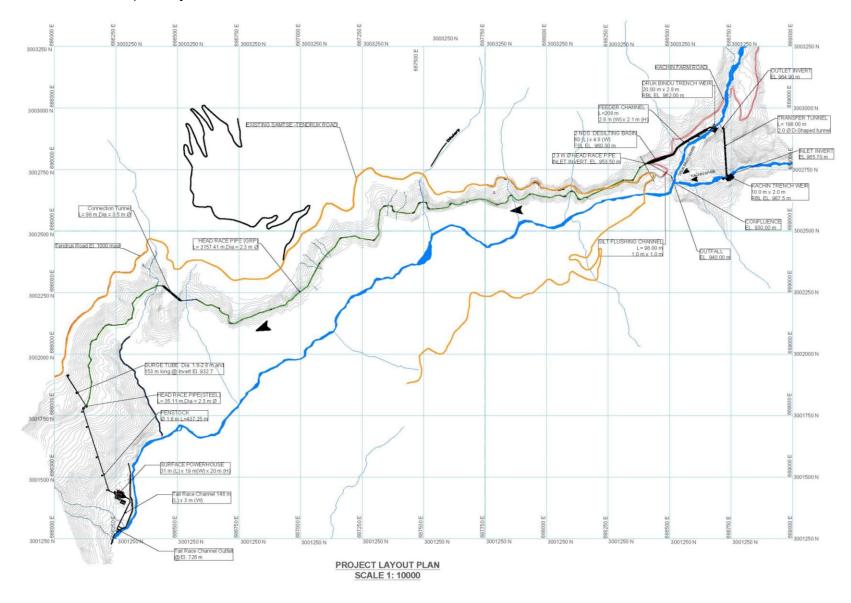
In view of the above assessment, the updated DPR study has concluded that the project is techno-economically viable and socio-environmentally acceptable for development.

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Annexures

# Annexure 1-1: Project Layout

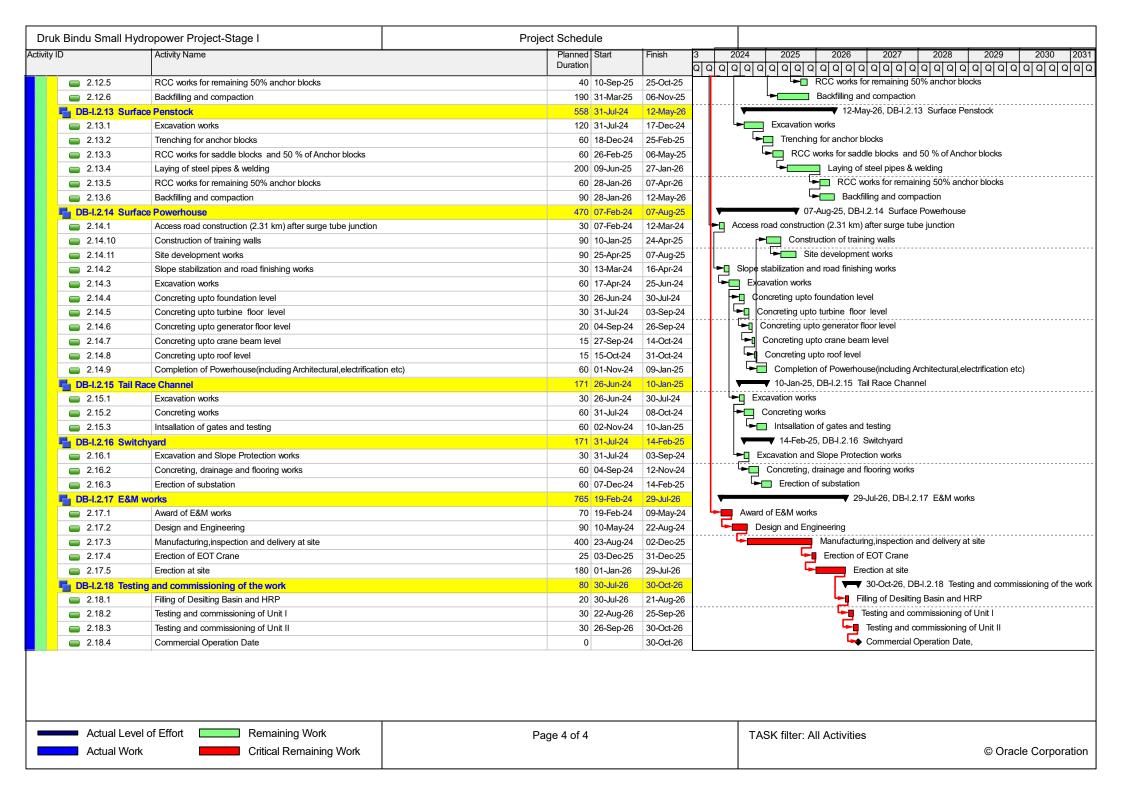


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<b>DB-I Druk Bind</b>	du-l	1028 20-Jul-23	30-Oct-26			▼ 30-Oct-26, DB-I Druk Bindu-I			
DB-I.1 TEND	ERING AND MOBILISATION OF MAIN CIVIL WORKS	153 20-Jul-23	13-Jan-24	<b>—</b>	13-Jan-24, DB-I.1 TENI	DERING AND MOBILISATION OF MAIN CIVIL WORKS			
<b>_</b> <b>_</b> 1.1	Preparation of tender documents	40 20-Jul-23	04-Sep-23	Prep	aration of tender docum	ents			
<b>1.2</b>	Tendering Process (NIT and receiving of Bids)	30 05-Sep-23	09-Oct-23	Ten	dering Process (NIT and	receiving of Bids)			
<b>1.3</b>	Bid Evalution	15 10-Oct-23	26-Oct-23	Bio	d Evalution				
<b>1.4</b>	Contract Negotiation and Award	7 27-Oct-23	03-Nov-23	Co	ontract Negotiation and A	Award			
<b>1.5</b>	Signing of Contract	1 04-Nov-23							
<b>1.6</b>	Mobilization for main civil works	60 06-Nov-23	13-Jan-24	<b>-</b>	Mobilization for main civ	vil works			
DB-I.2 MAIN	CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES	875 15-Jan-24	30-Oct-26	<b>-</b>		30-Oct-26, DB-I.2 MAIN CONSTRUCTION ACTIVIT			
	orary Diversion-Kachin	383 15-Jan-24	04-Apr-25	<del>-</del>	▼ 04-Apr-	25, DB-I.2.1 Temporary Diversion-Kachin			
2.1.1	Road excavation works(0.60km)	10 15-Jan-24	25-Jan-24	1	Road excavation works	(0.60km)			
2.1.2	Slope stabilization and road finishing works including bridge	30 26-Jan-24	29-Feb-24	▎╠		l road finishing works including bridge			
<u> </u>	Excavation/dredging of RBM	10 08-Jun-24	19-Jun-24	<b>│</b>	Excavation/dredgi	5 5			
2.1.4	Providing Embankment with RBM(first stage)	10 08-Jun-24	19-Jun-24	<b>│   </b>	Providing Embank	xment with RBM(first stage)			
2.1.5	Providing RCC facing	5 20-Jun-24	25-Jun-24	<b>│   </b>	Providing RCC fa				
2.1.6	Dismantling of first stage embankment	1 22-Oct-24	22-Oct-24		Dismantling of	f first stage embankment			
2.1.7	Construction of embankment(second stage)	10 23-Oct-24	02-Nov-24	<b>∃ Ⅲ</b>		of embankment(second stage)			
2.1.8	Providing RCC facing	5 04-Nov-24	08-Nov-24	<b>∃   </b>	Providing RC	C facing			
2.1.9	Dismantling of second stage embankment	1 04-Apr-25	04-Apr-25	<b>∃ Ⅲ</b>	☐ F Dismar	ntling of second stage embankment			
	ch weir(First stage)-Kachin	131 26-Jun-24	25-Nov-24	<b>    </b>	11 11 1	DB-I.2.2 Trench weir(First stage)-Kachin			
2.2.1	Excavation works(First stage)	30 26-Jun-24	30-Jul-24	<del></del>	Excavation work	s(First stage)			
2.2.2	Slope protection works	30 26-Jun-24	30-Jul-24	<b>∃ Ⅲ</b>					
2.2.3	Concreting works	60 31-Jul-24	08-Oct-24	<b>∃ Ⅲ</b>	Slope protection Concreting wo				
= 2.2.4	Steel lining in weir and apron	20 09-Oct-24	31-Oct-24	<b>∃ Ⅲ</b>		weir and apron			
<b>2.2.5</b>	Installation of intake maintenance gate	20 02-Nov-24	25-Nov-24	<b>∃ ∭</b>	► Installation of	of intake maintenance gate			
<b>2.2.6</b>	Training wall	30 31-Jul-24	03-Sep-24	-   <del>  </del>	Training wall				
2.2.7	Plum Concreting	15 31-Jul-24	16-Aug-24	<b>∃ ∭</b>	Plum Concreting	g			
2.2.8	Backfilling of earth material	15 04-Sep-24	20-Sep-24	<b>∃ ∭</b>	Backfilling of e	arth material			
DB-I.2.3 Collection	ction Chamber and Shingle Flushing Duct-Kachin	101 26-Jun-24	21-Oct-24	<u>                                     </u>	21-Oct-24, Di	3-I.2.3 Collection Chamber and Shingle Flushing Duct-Kachin			
2.3.1	Excavation works	15 26-Jun-24	12-Jul-24	<b>-</b>	Excavation works				
<b>2.3.2</b>	Concreting works	30 31-Jul-24	03-Sep-24		Concreting wor	ks			
<b>2.3.3</b>	Installation of intake service gate and shingle flushing gate	20 28-Sep-24	21-Oct-24	1	Installation of	intake service gate and shingle flushing gate			
<b>2.3.4</b>	Plum concreting	5 04-Sep-24	09-Sep-24	1	Plum concretin	g			
<b>2.3.5</b>	Boulder Pitching	5 10-Sep-24	14-Sep-24	1	Boulder Pitchin	g			
B-I.2.4 Trenc	ch weir(Second stage)-Kachin	125 09-Nov-24	03-Apr-25		03-Apr-	25, DB-I.2.4 Trench weir(Second stage)-Kachin			
2.4.1	Excavation works and Slope protection works(Second stage)	30 09-Nov-24	13-Dec-24	<b></b>	Excavation	works and Slope protection works(Second stage)			
<b>2.4.2</b>	Concreting works	30 14-Dec-24	17-Jan-25		Concreting	g works			
<b>2.4.3</b>	Steel lining in weir and apron	15 18-Jan-25	04-Feb-25		Steel linin	g in weir and apron			
<b>2.4.4</b>	Training wall	30 05-Feb-25	11-Mar-25		Training	wall			
<b>2.4.5</b>	Plum Concreting	10 18-Jan-25	29-Jan-25		Plum Cor	ncreting			
<b>2.4.6</b>	Backfilling of earth material	20 12-Mar-25	03-Apr-25	T#-	Backfilli	ing of earth material			
B-I.2.5 Transf		160 20-Jan-24	24-Jul-24	<b> </b>    <del>-</del>	24-Jul-24, DB-I.2	2.5 Transfer Tunnel			
<b>2.5.1</b>	Open Excavation, Inlet Portal Construction and Slope Stabilization for	Transfer Tunnel 15 26-Jan-24	12-Feb-24	<b>│                                    </b>	Open Excavation, Inle	t Portal Construction and Slope Stabilization for Transfer Tunnel			
<b>2.5.2</b>	Open Excavation, Outlet Portal Construction and Slope Stabilization	15 20-Jan-24	06-Feb-24	H=0	Open Excavation, Out	et Portal Construction and Slope Stabilization			
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2.5.3	Excavation of Transfer Tunnel (198 m)	100 13-Fi	eb-24 07-Jun-				cavation of Trans			4 4 4 4			.   ~   ~
2.5.4	RCC lining of Transfer Tunnel	30 08-Ju			-       -	<del></del>	CC lining of Tran						
2.5.5	Cleaning	10 13-Ju			Ш		Cleaning						
	porary Diversion-Bindu	217 15-J			,		23-Sep-24, DB-I.2.6 Temporary Diversion-Bindu						
2.6.1	Road excavation works(0.25km)	5 15-Ja				_	Road excavation works(0.25km)						
2.6.10	Construction of remaining 30 % RRM (coffer Dam)	20 01-N			T,		truction of remair	,	RRM (coffer D	am)			
2.6.11	Concreting on RRM wall facing	2 25-N			- 4- <b>1</b> -6		Concreting on RRM wall facing						
2.6.12	Dismantling of coffer dam	2 21-S			Ш		•	•					
2.6.2	Slope stabilization and road finishing works	10 15-Ja					Dismantling of coffer dam  Slope stabilization and road finishing works						
2.6.3	Surface Excavation	15 20-Ji			Ш	i 'l	Excavation		.9				
2.6.4	Construction of 70 % RRM wall(coffer Dam)	30 07-F					ruction of 70 % l	RRM wall(	coffer Dam)				
2.6.5	Concreting on RRM wall facing	10 13-N			- 11 [	<del></del>	reting on RRM w						
2.6.6	Open Excavation for Diversion pipe	15 20-Ja					Excavation for Div	-	۵				
2.6.7	Laying of Diversion pipe	10 07-F			IL	<b>-</b> '	of Diversion pipe		•				
	7.5	5 19-F				<u> </u>	concreting and ba		oath material	l			
2.6.8	Plum concreting and backfilling of earth material		-			_	pag filling and Di	_		l			
2.6.9	Sand bag filling and Diversion of river	5 24-F											
DB-I.2.7 Trend		195 07-F					20-Sep-24, DB-	-1.2.7 Iren	cn weir-Bindu				
<b>2.7.1</b>	Excavation works	30 07-F				_	ation works						
<b>2.7.2</b>	Slope protection works	30 13-N	- ' '		Щ	-   '	e protection work	<b>KS</b>					
<b>2.7.3</b>	Concreting works	120 24-F			╢	I	concreting works						
<b>2.7.4</b>	Steel lining in weir and apron	30 13-Jı		-24	-	lH-F	Steel lining in we						
<b>2.7.5</b>	Installation of intake maintenance gate	2 07-A	ug-24 08-Aug	-24	Ш	1 1 1	nstallation of inta	ake mainte	nance gate				
<b>2.7.6</b>	Training wall	40 13-Ji	ıl-24 28-Aug	-24	Ш	<b>'-</b>	Training wall						
<b>2.7.7</b>	Plum Concreting	20 29-A	ug-24 20-Sep	-24	Ш		Plum Concretin	ng					
<b>2.7.8</b>	Backfilling of earth material	20 29-A	ug-24 20-Sep	-24	Ш	<u> </u>	Backfilling of ea	arth materia	al				
DB-I.2.8 Colle	ection Chamber and Shingle Flushing Duct-Bindu	60 13-M	ar-24 21-May	-24	Ш.	21-	May-24, DB-I.2.8	8 Collectio	n Chamber ar	nd Shingle Fl	ushing Duct-	Bindu	
<b>2.8.1</b>	Excavation works	20 13-N	ar-24 04-Apr-	24	114	Exca	vation works						
<b>2.8.2</b>	Concreting works	20 05-A	pr-24 27-Apr-	24		Con	creting works						
<b>2.8.3</b>	Installation of intake service gate and shingle flushing gate	15 29-A	pr-24 15-May	-24		► Inst	allation of intake	service ga	ate and shingle	e flushing gat	te		
<b>2.8.4</b>	Plum concreting	10 29-A	pr-24 09-May	-24			n concreting						
<b>2.8.5</b>	Boulder Pitching	10 10-M	ay-24 21-May	-24		F Bot	ulder Pitching						
DB-I.2.9 Feed	der Channel	30 05-A	pr-24 09-May	-24	-11-1	₩ 09-1	May-24, DB-I.2.9	Feeder C	hannel				
2.9.1	Excavation works	10 05-A	pr-24 16-Apr-	24	Ш	Exca	vation works						
<b>2.9.2</b>	Slope protection works	10 17-A	pr-24 27-Apr-	24	Ш	► Slop	e protection work	ks					
2.9.3	Concreting works	10 29-A			Ш	Con	creting works						
	silting Basin,SFC and Transition chamber	241 17-A			Ш	<b>—</b>	22-Jan-25,	DB-I.2.10	Desilting Bas	in,SFC and	Transition cha	mber	
2.10.1	Excavation works for Desilting Basin	30 17-A			-11-		avation works fo						
2.10.10	Rip rap for SFC outlet	20 31-Ji			$\parallel$		Rip rap for SFC	Ü					
2.10.11	Installation of gates for SFC	30 24-A			$\parallel$	-	Installation of g		=C				
2.10.2	Excavation works for transition chamber	10 22-N			$\parallel$		cavation works fo	•					
2.10.2	Concreting works for transition chamber	20 21-0			$\parallel$		Concreting w			er			
2.10.4	slope stabilization	30 29-A			-++-		pe stabilization						
2.10.4	Concreting works	120 03-Ji			$\parallel$		Concreting wo	orks					
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<b>2.10.6</b>	Installation of gates for Desilting Basin	60 14-N	ov-24 22-Jan-	20	Щ		in stallatiOH	or gates it	or Desimily Da	JII I			
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<b>2.10.7</b>	Excavation works for SFC	15 22-May-24	07-Jun-24	1				4 4 4 4			4 4 4	~   ~
2.10.8	slope stabilization works for SFC	15 08-Jun-24	25-Jun-24		Ę,	slope stabilization	works for SF	-C				
2.10.9	Concreting works	30 26-Jun-24	30-Jul-24		E	Concreting works	 ;					
DB-I.2.11 Surfa	· ·				_			5-Jul-26, DB-I.2	2.11 Surfac	æ HRP		
	tart of face 1(800m)	783 15-Jan-24 633 15-Jan-24	15-Jul-26 21-Jan-26		<u> </u>		▼ 21-Jan-2	6, DB-I.2.11.1	Start of fa	ce 1(800m	)	
2.11.1.1	Tendruk Road realignment at HRP crossing		27-Apr-24	۱,	-	Tendruk Road realign				(,		
2.11.1.2	HRP excavation works(0.8km)	60 29-Apr-24	06-Jul-24		F	HRP excavation v	vorks(0.8km)	)				
2.11.1.3	Slope stabilization and road finishing works	30 08-Jul-24	10-Aug-24			Slope stabilization	''	, 	 3			
2.11.1.4	Trenching works for HRP,saddle and anchor blocks	40 08-Jul-24	22-Aug-24	-		Trenching works		_				
2.11.1.5	RCC works for saddle blocks and 50 % of Anchor blocks	20 23-Aug-24	14-Sep-24	_		RCC works for				ocks		
2.11.1.6	Laying of HRP		24-Nov-25	_		Tree wells let	Laying of F		nraionoi bi	3010		
2.11.1.7	RCC works for remaining 50% anchor blocks	20 25-Nov-25	17-Dec-25	-				s for remainin	a 50% and	nor blocks		
2.11.1.7	Sand backfilling and compaction		21-Jan-26					ckfilling and co				
	tart of face 2(800m)		20-Mar-26		ΙΙ,			r-26, DB-I.2.11		face 2/800	lm)	
2.11.2.1	Access road construction to face 2/3(0.87 km)	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	01-Jun-24			Access road constr				IACE 2(000	''')	
2.11.2.1	HRP excavation works(0.8km) and Slope stabilization works	60 03-Jun-24	10-Aug-24	-	[ ]	HRP excavation		,	,	worke		
2.11.2.3	Trenching works for HRP,saddle and anchor blocks	40 12-Aug-24	26-Sep-24	-		Trenching work				WOINS		
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<b>2.11.2.7</b>	Sand backfilling and compaction		20-Mar-26			4		oackfilling and				
	tart of face 3(800m)	200	15-Jul-26					5-Jul-26, DB-I.2			300m)	
2.11.3.1	HRP excavation works(0.8km) and Slope stabilization works	60 03-Jun-24	10-Aug-24		7	HRP excavation	•	,			0	
<b>2.11.3.2</b>	Open Excavation, Portal Construction and Slope Stabilization		14-Sep-24			Open Excavation			•	bilization to	ir Connect	ting Tur
<b>2.11.3.3</b>	Excavation of Connecting Tunnel (98 m)	60 16-Sep-24	23-Nov-24	4 1		_		g Tunnel (98 n	•			
<b>2.11.3.4</b>	Invert lining and cleaning of Connecting Tunnel	10 25-Nov-24	05-Dec-24					g of Connecti	•			
<b>2.11.3.5</b>	Trenching works for HRP,saddle and anchor blocks	40 06-Dec-24	21-Jan-25	1				RP,saddle and				
<b>2.11.3.6</b>	RCC works for saddle blocks and 50 % of Anchor blocks	20 22-Jan-25	13-Feb-25			RCC worl		blocks and 5	0 % of Anc	nor blocks		
<b>2.11.3.7</b>	Laying of HRP	365 19-Mar-25	18-May-26			\ <u>-</u>	Layi	ng of HRP				
<b>2.11.3.8</b>	RCC works for remaining 50% anchor blocks	20 19-May-26	10-Jun-26				L <mark>►</mark> □ RC	C works for re	maining 50°	% anchor b	locks	
<b>2.11.3.9</b>	Sand backfilling and compaction	355 28-May-25	15-Jul-26			L-	Sa	and backfilling	and compa	iction		
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<b>2.11.4.1</b>	Access road construction (0.90 km) till surge tube junction	20 15-Jan-24	06-Feb-24	۱ ۲	- <b>0</b> A	ccess road construction	n (0.90 km)	till surge tube	junction			
<b>2.11.4.2</b>	Slope stabilization and road finishing works	30 07-Feb-24	12-Mar-24		<b>-</b> □	Slope stabilization and	road finishii	ng works				
<b>2.11.4.3</b>	HRP excavation works(0.71 km) and Slope stabilization works	60 07-Feb-24	16-Apr-24		_	HRP excavation work	s(0.71 km)	and Slope stal	oilization w	orks		
<b>2.11.4.4</b>	Trenching works for HRP,saddle and anchor blocks	40 17-Apr-24	01-Jun-24		-	Trenching works for	HRP,saddle	and anchor b	olocks			
<b>2.11.4.5</b>	RCC works for saddle blocks and 50 % of Anchor blocks	20 03-Jun-24	25-Jun-24		<b>-</b>	RCC works for sac	ddle blocks	and 50 % of A	nchor block	s		
<u> </u>	Laying of HRP	300 29-Jul-24	12-Jul-25			Lay	ng of HRP					
2.11.4.7	RCC works for remaining 50% anchor blocks	20 14-Jul-25	05-Aug-25					remaining 50°	% anchor bl	ocks		
2.11.4.8	Sand backfilling and compaction	290 07-Oct-24	09-Sep-25	_		RCC works for remaining 50% anchor blocks  Sand backfilling and compaction						
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2.12.1	Excavation works	90 17-Apr-24	30-Jul-24		┕	Excavation works			-			
2.12.2	Trenching for anchor blocks	60 31-Jul-24	08-Oct-24			Trenching for a		 S				
2.12.3	RCC works for saddle blocks and 50 % of Anchor blocks	60 09-Oct-24	17-Dec-24			ı —		locks and 50	% of Anchr	r blocks		
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2.12.4	Laying of steel pipes & welding	200 20-Jan-25	09-3ep-25	Щ	<u> </u>		aying of siec	or bibos a mein	·9			
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# **Annexure 1-2: Salient Features**

Parameter	Description				
A. General					
Location					
Country	Bhutan				
Dzongkhag	Samtse				
River	Druk Bindu				
Nearest Town in Bhutan	Tashichholing				
Nearest City in India	Siliguri				
Nearest Village (Weir Site)	Tendu				
Nearest Village (Power House Site)	Tendu				
Nearest International Airport	Bagdogra, India				
Nearest Rail head (Broad gauge)	NJP, India				
Location of Weir Site	27°8'9.15" N, 88°54'13.73" E				
Location of Power House	27°7'22.15" N, 88°52'45.28" E				
Seismic Zone	V				
B. Hydrology					
Catchment Area (Kachin)	28 km <sup>2</sup>				
Catchment Area (Druk Bindu)	53 km <sup>2</sup>				
Annual Inflow	219.10 MCM				
Design Flood (1 in 100 years)	214 m³/s (Kachin)				
Design Flood (Fin Foo years)	405 m³/s (Druk Bindu)				
Diversion Flood (Non-monsoon)	6.99 m <sup>3</sup> /s (Kachin)				
Environmental Flow	13.98 m <sup>3</sup> /s (Druk Bindu) 0.15 m <sup>3</sup> /s				
C. Civil and HM works	0.13 fit / S				
Kachin Intake					
	El. 967.50 m				
River Bed Level (RBL)					
Normal Water Level	El. 966.90 m				
Trench Weir Top	El. 967.50 m				
Trench Weir	10 m (L) x 2.0 m (B)				
Collection Chamber	7.5 m (L) x 1.5 m (B)				
Collection Chamber Top	El. 975.00 m				
Maintenance Gate &Type	1.5 m (B) x 1.5 m (H) Fixed wheel vertical lift				
	1.5 m (B) x 1.8 m (H)				
Service Gate &Type	Fixed wheel vertical lift				
Crest Level (Surplus Escape)	El. 966.90 m				

Parameter	Description			
Crest Length (Surplus Escape)	5.0 m			
Discharging Capacity (Surplus Escape)	$27.0 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$			
Chinala Evaludas Cata % Type	0.5 m (B) x 0.5 m (H)			
Shingle Excluder Gate & Type	Vertical Slide			
Transfer Tunnel				
Number	1			
Diameter & Shape	2.0 m, D-Shaped			
Length& Slope	198.00 m, 1 (V) in 280 (H)			
Inlet Invert	El. 965.70 m			
Outlet invert	El. 964.90 m			
Druk Bindu Intake				
River Bed Level (RBL)	El. 962.00 m			
Normal Water Level	El.961.30 m			
Trench Weir Top	El. 962.00 m			
Trench Weir	20 m (L) x 2.8 m (B)			
Collection Chamber	15 m (L) x 3.0 m (B)			
Collection Chamber Top	El. 968.00 m			
Maintanana Cata 8-Tyra	3.0 m (B) x 2.5 m (H)			
Maintenance Gate &Type	Fixed wheel vertical lift			
Service Gate &Type	3.0 m (B) x 1.8 m (H)			
,,	Fixed wheel vertical lift			
Crest Level (Surplus Escape)	El. 961.30 m			
Crest Length (Surplus Escape)	12.0 m			
Discharging Capacity (Surplus Escape)	65.0 m <sup>3</sup> /s			
Shingle Excluder Gate & Type	0.5 m (B) x 0.5 m (H) Vertical Slide			
Temporary River Diversion	vertical Slide			
Type	RRM with RCC cladding			
River Bed Level (RBL)	El. 968.00 m			
Top Level	El. 970.70 m			
Height & Crest Length	2.7 m, 22.0 m			
Diversion Pipe	1.5 m dia. concrete Hume pipe, 97.0 m (L)			
Feeder Channel	1.5 III dia. concrete Fruite pipe, 77.0 III (L)			
Design discharge	$12.17 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$			
Number of Feeder Channel,	12.17 111 / 0			
Location & Type	1 No., Right Bank &RCC			
Shape & Size of Channel	2.8 m (B) x 2.1 m (H) (Rectangular)			
Length & Slope of Feeder Channel	208 m, 1 (V) in 500 (H)			

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Parameter	Description
Inlet Invert	El. 959.50 m
Outlet Invert	El. 958.80 m
Desilting Basin	
Number of Basins	2 Nos.
Sizes of Main Basin	60 m (L) x 4.8 m (B)
Full Supply Level (FSL)	El. 960.30 m
Desilting Basin Top	El. 961.00 m
Basin Inlet Gate	2 Nos., 1.4 m (B) x 2.1 m (H) Vertical Slide
Basin Outlet Gate	2 Nos., 1.5 m (B) x 2.1 m (H) Vertical Slide
Silt Flushing Gate & Type	2 Nos., 0.8 m (B) x 1.0 m (H) Vertical Slide
Head Race Pipe (HRP)	
Number & Type	1 No., Glass Reinforced Plastic (GRP) Pipe
Size & Shape	2.3 m dia. Circular
Design Discharge	9.36 m <sup>3</sup> /s
Length	3,192.52 m
Slope	1 in 700
Invert level at 0.00 m RD	El. 953.50 m
Invert level at HRP end (3,192.52 m RD)	El. 932.70 m
Connection Tunnel (Length and Diameter)	98.00 m, 3.5 m D-Shaped
Surge Tube	
Size & Shape	Circular (1.8 m dia. @ angle of 12.69°) RD 0-75 Circular (2.8 m dia. @ angle of 30.78°) RD 75-154
Surge Tube Top	El. 992.00 m
Maximum Surge Level	El. 989.00 m
Minimum Surge Level	El. 937.00 m
Flap Gate (Manhole gate)	1.2m @ HRP and Surge Tube junction
Penstock	
Type & Shape	ASTM 537 Class-II, Circular
Design Discharge	$9.36 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$
Number	1 no. (bifurcating into two near power house)
Main Penstock (dia., length, thickness)	1.6 m dia., 437.54 m long, 8 mm to 20 mm
Unit Penstock	1.0 m dia., 14 m each, 20 mm

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Parameter	Description
Powerhouse	
Type	Surface Powerhouse
Maximum Tail Water Level (Full load)	El. 728.00 m
Center Line of Turbine	El. 731.00 m
Turbine Floor Level	El. 732.56 m
Service Bay Level	El. 732.56 m
Generating Units (Installed Capacity)	2 x 9 MW (18 MW)
Size (Machine Hall)	31.0 m (L) x 14.0 m (B) x 20.0 m (H)
MIV Type& number	Butterfly, 2 Nos.
Switch Yard	
Size	20.0 m (L) x 15.0 m (B)
Voltage Level	66 kV
Tail Race Channel	
Туре	Open Channel
Number	1 no.
Shape & Size	Rectangular, 3.0 m (B) x 2.25 m (H)
Length	148.0 m &
Slope	1 in 1,000
TRC Outfall	El. 726.00 m
TRC Gate	2 Nos., 2.5 m (B) x 1.95 m (H)
D. Electro Mechanical Equipment	
Turbine	
Type of Turbine	Vertical Pelton
Number of Turbines	2 (Two)
Rated Net Head	218.00 m
Rated Output	2 x 9 MW
Rated Speed	428.56 rpm
Generator	
Type of Generator	Synchronous, Salient pole type
Rated Power	9 MW
Power Factor	0.9 lagging
Generation Voltage	11.0 kV
Number of Phases	3 (Three)
Frequency	50 Hz
Insulation	Class F
Type of Cooling	Air cooled (Air cooled by water)

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Parameter	Description				
Transformer					
Transformer Rating and Type	11 MVA 4 Nos. (Oil Natural Air Natural)				
Number of Transformers	3+1 (Single Phase)				
Voltage Ratio	11.0 kV/ 66/ sqrt (3)				
Vector Group	YnD11				
Transmission Voltage	66 kV				
EOT Crane	40 MT/5 MT				
E. Power Evacuation					
Switch Yard Voltage Level	66 kV				
Outgoing Bays	1				
Size of Switch Yard	15 m (B) x 20 m (L)				
Number of Transmission Line Feeders	Single Circuit				
Type of Conductor	WOLF				
Length	15.4 km				
F. Power Generation					
Design Discharge	$9.36 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$				
Firm Flow	$1.38 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$				
Gross Head	229.3 m				
Head Loss	11.38 m				
Design Head	218 m				
Annual Design Energy	75.83 GWh				
Firm Power	2.68 MW				
Annual PLF	49%				
Exceedance Probability	28 %				
G. Construction Schedule					
Construction Period	36 months including 6 months of pre-construction activities.				
H. Project Cost					
Cost of Civil & HM Works	Nu. 1,328.59 million				
Cost of E&M Works	Nu. 429.91 million				
Total Hard Cost excluding	Nu. 1,758.5 million				
Transmission Cost at Dec 2022 PL					
Cost of Transmission Line	Nu. 186.17 million				
Total Hard Cost including	Nu. 1,950.66 million				
Transmission Line at <b>Dec 2022 PL</b>	·				
IDC (Upfront Equity)	Nu. 151.50 million				
IDC (Proportionate Fund Investment)	Nu. 195.39 million				

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Parameter	Description
Capital Cost (Upfront Equity)	Nu. 2,158.56 million (With Cost to Completion)
Capital Cost (Proportionate Fund	Nu. 2,202.45 million (With Cost to Completion)
Investment)	, <u> </u>
Tariffs for upfront equity	
First Year Tariff	Nu.5.08/Unit
Levelized Tariff	Nu. 4.79/Unit
Tariffs for proportionate fund investr	nent
First Year Tariff	Nu. 5.18/Unit
Levelized Tariff	Nu. 4.89/Unit

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# **Executive Summary**

For

Druk Bindu II Hydropower Project

# 1. Executive Summary

# 1.1. Background

The Kingdom of Bhutan has abundant hydropower reserves with techno-economically viable potential of 33 GW as per the Power System Master Plan 2040 (PSMP-2040). The overall hydropower potential was estimated as 37 GW from 155 sites, out of which 90 sites having installed capacity of about 33 GW have been identified as techno-economically viable for implementation. Sustainable hydropower development is critical for Bhutan to reap the benefits of this huge hydropower reserves. The economic gains as a result of this development to the people of Bhutan in financial, economic, and social terms will be immense. With present installed capacity of 2,326 MW from its seven large power plants, the country has harnessed about 7% of the techno-economically feasible hydropower potential. The country today exports about 70% of the electricity to India after meeting its internal demand first. With addition of 2,938 MW installed capacity from the four projects, currently under different stages of construction, it is expected to further enhance the quantum of export to India and contribute to the socio-economic development of the country.

The electricity grid in Bhutan is closely interconnected to the Indian grid that is prone to frequent failures. Bhutan has experienced prolonged power outages in pockets of the country as well as at the national level. With India's increasing investment into renewables such as solar and wind without adequate provision for balancing power support from energy sources such as hydropower, it will only make India's grid more prone to major grid failures. As of now, Bhutan's mega hydropower projects with BHEL technology cannot operate in an isolated mode. Therefore, it has become imperative to plan for a backup power supply that is adequate to provide essential electricity supply services to each Dzongkhag in an isolated mode. More importantly, there is a need to plan for robust energy supply system as a preparedness measure for natural hazards and other exigencies. By virtue of its location, Bhutan is prone to natural disasters such as earthquake, glacial lake outburst flood (GLOF), flash flood, and extreme weather conditions. In the last few decades, Bhutan has experienced major earthquakes of magnitude over 7 on the Richter scale which had devastating impacts on the country's infrastructure and has claimed lives. During such events, as an essential service, availability of steady power supply is crucial for sustenance of livelihood of people as well as for recovery processes.

Recognizing the need for domestic energy security through facilitation of self-contained supply flexibility for each Dzongkhag to meet the demand of household, institutional consumers and essential service providers in times of exigencies (which at other times could be fed into the grid), DGPC is undertaking strategic planning of a backup power supply system by harnessing abundantly available renewable hydropower resources through implementation of small and medium sized hydropower projects. Further, in the wake of the economic downturn with the Covid-19 pandemic, development of small hydropower projects across the country will not only help to stimulate economic activities at the grass root levels but also help generate employment and engagement of the people in these difficult times.

As part of Phase I of the Small Hydropower Initiative, the feasibility study of three hydropower projects have been completed in December 2021 and are currently under different stages of construction.

With regard to Phase II of the undertaking, the techno-economic viability of projects was given priority compared to the 60:40 Technical: Social criteria of the Phase I selection process. Accordingly, the projects which have already been studied at either a Pre-Feasibility (PFS) or Feasibility (FSR) level and approved by the Department of Hydropower and Power Systems were considered techno-economically viable and proposed for selection. Subsequent to further field assessments, six projects have been considered under Phase II for FSR study or for updation of existing FSR/DPR.

This report entails the updation of the Detailed Project Report (DPR) of 8 MW Druk Bindu II Hydropower Project (BHP) located in Tendu Gewog under Samtse Dzongkhag.

### 1.2. Previous Studies

The Feasibility Study of Druk Bindu Small Hydropower Project was conducted by Bhutan Power Corporation Limited (BPC) in 2009-2010 (FSR-2011). As per the FSR-2011 of BPC, a second stage development of hydropower potential with an estimated head of 100 m up to the existing intake of Jaldhaka Hydel was envisaged.

Subsequently, Druk Green during the DPR study of Druk Bindu I has studied the total development of hydropower potential till Jaldhaka intake. Druk Bindu II was proposed as a tandem run-of-river hydropower scheme using the tail water of Druk Bindu I with an installed capacity of 8 MW and annual design energy of 34.34 GWh. The project envisages a construction of integration tank at the end of the tailrace channel of Stage I to regulate flows to Stage II; 1,352.00 m long headrace water conductor GRP pipe of 2.30 m Ø to convey design discharge of 9.36 m³/s water from integration tank to forebay tank; forebay tank of 80 m x 5.5 m x 9.0 m to accommodate varying load demands and to absorb surges during transient condition; steel penstock of 167 m long, 1.60 m Ø feeding water to two Pelton turbines in semi-underground powerhouse operating at design head of 99 m; and a tailrace channel of 155 m discharging water back to Druk Bindu river at an outfall level of El. 615.30 m.

# 1.3. Updation of Detailed Project Report of Druk Bindu I Hydropower Project

As part of phase II of the Small Hydropower Initiative, DGPC undertook the updation of the DPR in July 2022, with particular focus on the optimization of the layout and designs, updation of environmental and social impact assessment and updation of cost estimate. All major changes and optimizations in the designs, findings of additional investigations and studies, and the impact of cost updation on the financial viability of the project have been captured as part of the DPR updation.

This report shall serve as a supplemental report and shall be read in conjunction with the existing

DPR (hereafter referred to as DPR-2017). The project layout and salient features as finalized in the updated DPR is at **Annexure 1-1** and **Annexure 1-2** respectively.

# 1.3.1. Project Location and Accessibility

Druk Bindu HPP is located in Tendu Gewog which is about 73 km north-west of Samtse town. It is a small hamlet bordered by Namgaycholing Gewog in the east, Norgaygang Gewog in the northwest, Haa Dzongkhag in the north and Indian State of West Bengal in the southwest.

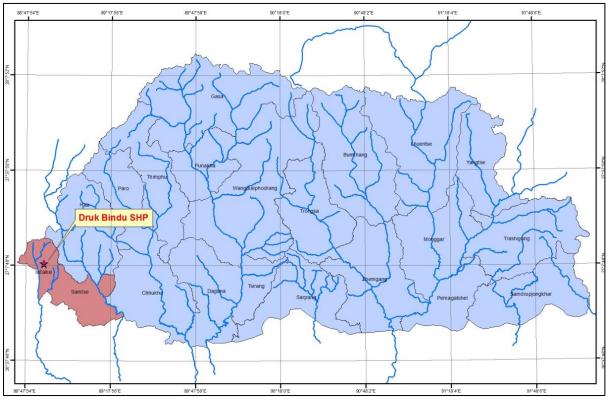


Figure 1-1: Druk Bindu project location

The project site is connected to Samtse town by secondary national highway of 73 km. This route can be used to transport construction materials, equipment, machineries and labour for the project. Samtse is well connected with Indian national highway NH 31C. The weir site is located about 300 m away from the existing Samtse-Tendu road while the powerhouse is below Tendu town.

# 1.3.2. Topographical Survey

No additional topographical survey was carried out during the period of DPR update since adequate survey maps are available prepared during DPR-2017. Maps from DPR-2017 were used for the studies.

In DPR-2017, 12 control stations was established within the project area and mainly placed within the vicinity of major project components. Based on satellite image and ground survey, the topographical map in a scale 1:5,000 with 5 m contour interval and 1:1,000 scale with 1 m contour interval was produced including the river cross sections and longitudinal profile.

## 1.3.3. Geological and Geotechnical Investigation

Since no substantial changes in project layout and design has been made, except for replacement of forebay with surge tube, the geological appraisals of the project will remain same as reflected in DPR-2017. The geological appraisals as per DPR-2017 are as given below:

# Regional Geology

Geologically, the project area falls within the higher Himalayan sequence namely Sure Formation under Thimphu Group.

## Geology of Project Area

The detailed geological mapping of the various project components were carried out on a scale of 1:1,000 with 1 m contour interval to explore the surface and subsurface geological conditions. The rock types encountered the project area are quartzite with bands of granite gneiss and mica schist of sure formation, Thimphu Group of rocks with alluvial and colluvial deposits.

# **Integration Tank**

About 10.0 m in length and 3.0 wide integration tank placed at an El. of 726.00 m over approximately 18 m thick cover alluvial deposit consisting of dark brown colored, loose silty sand with presence of sub-angular gravels, cobbles and boulders of gneiss, quartzite and mica schist. The safe bearing capacity (SBC) of the material falls within the range of 10.8 to 15.2 ton/m<sup>2</sup> with corresponding settlement value of 15.225 mm for 2 m foundation width. The permeability range from  $1.08 \times 10^{-3}$  cm/s to  $5.20 \times 10^{-3}$  cm/s showing moderate to high water conductivity.

### **Head Race Pipe and Penstock**

1,420 m long GRP headrace system of 2.3 m diameter and 147 m long steel penstock with 1.6 m diameter till powerhouse comprises 54% colluvium and alluvium with thickness ranging from 20 m to 40 m and 46% in rock (quartzite). The quartzite is of medium grained, high strength and good quality with three sets of discontinuities

# Surge Tube

The geology in the forebay area consists of over 30 m thick cover of colluvial deposit comprising of dark brown colored, loose silty sand with presence of sub-angular gravels, cobble and boulders of gneiss, quartzite and mica schist. The safe bearing capacity of the overburden obtained by plate load test is 28 ton/m² with corresponding settlement of 15.23 mm for a footing of 2 m foundation width and 27.2 ton/m² with corresponding settlement of 15.08 mm for a footing of 6 m foundation width. From the analysis of the soil samples, the soil is classified as, cohessionless sandy gravel having friction angle 35°.

### Powerhouse

The semi-underground powerhouse complex of 30 m x 13 m x 16.5 m with service bay level at El. 621.96 m will be placed over 30 m thick alluvial cover. The overburden primarily consists of gravelly sand with presence of sub-angular gravels, cobbles and boulders of gneiss, quartzite and mica schist. The powerhouse comprises two units of 4 MW each. The plate load tests revealed safe bearing capacity and settlement of footing in the alluvium ranging from 42-48 ton/m² and 15.23 mm for 2 m foundation width and 40.4-46.4 ton/m² and 15.08 mm for 6 m foundation width respectively. However, the soil density is expected to increase with depth and the higher value of SBC should be taken for design purposes.

Since the excavation is below the river bed level and the materials being relatively pervious, recharge from the river cannot be ruled out. Therefore, on top of the pumps, RCC cut off wall has been provisioned on the upstream side abutting on the in-situ rocks to prevent possible water ingress.

### Tail Race Channel

A tailrace system comprises main TRC of 3 m (W) x 2.5 m (H) including a 50 m, 2m dia., D shaped tunnel. The invert level of TRC outfall is provided at El. 615.30 m to carry tail water discharge from the powerhouse to Druk Bindu river.

The geology along the tailrace tunnel alignment falls in alluvium and quartzite. The alluvium comprises dark grey, loose and friable silty sand with clasts of quartzite, granite gneiss and mica schist. The rock mainly comprises quartzites and falls almost 100 % in class III indicating relatively good for tunneling purpose. The appropriate support measures for rock mass class III are being proposed.

### **Construction Materials**

The construction materials will be sourced (Jiti river) as identified in DPR-2017 (Druk Bindu II) and if not sufficient, it will be sourced from either from Diana/Damdum area (River-borne material)- it is found suitable for wearing surfaces with adequate reserves.

# 1.3.4. Hydrology and Power Potential Studies

Since the water directly from TRC of Druk Bindu I is directly fed into the HRP of Druk Bindu II through an integration tank, the hydrological analysis for Druk Bindu I remains valid for Druk Bindu II. The design discharge adopted for Druk Bindu II is same as that of Druk Bindu I at 9.36 cumecs.

In the DPR- 2017, the Manual on Development of Small Hydro Electric Project published by Central Board of Irrigation and Power (CBIP publication 305), 2009 was adopted for power potential studies. The PPS was further reviewed based on the Guidelines for Development of

Hydropower Projects, 2018 which uses Flow Duration Concept as against on dependable year concept. Adopting the FDC Concept, the Installed Capacity remains the same at 8 MW while the design energy reduces from 34.34 MU to 33.99 MU (less than 1%).

### 1.3.5. Project Alternatives, Civil and Hydro-Mechanical Designs

As per the DPR-2017, the hydropower project development at Druk Bindu river was proposed as integrated tandem scheme with two stages, where the tailrace water of Druk Bindu I is conveyed directly into the headrace system of Druk Bindu II. As part of the DPR update study, reassessment of the area beyond the Druk Bindu I forebay has been carried out with the view to develop the project as a single stage. The single stage development envisages construction of HRP passing through two geologically critical stretches. Based on the site assessment and investigations, the single stage scheme was not found feasible and it was decided to adopt the same project layout (two stage tandem development) that was finalized in the DPR-2017.

Except for some optimization in the alignment of HRP and replacement of forebay by surge tube with other associated changes, there is no major changes in project layout and designs of the Druk Bindu II. The design discharge of 9.36 cumecs from the TRC of Druk Bindu I is conveyed to an integration tank, from where the water is conveyed to the HRP via a 2.3 m dia. 1.4 km long Glass Reinforced Plastic (GRP) pipe. A surge tube of 2.4 m – 3.4 m diameter of 61 m inclined length at the end of the GRP pipe has been provided to accommodate transient in the Water Conducting System (WCS) which is connected to the powerhouse through a 147 m long, 1.6 m dia. steel penstock. A semi underground powerhouse of 30.00 m (L) x 13.00 m (B) x 16.5 m (H) located on the right bank of Druk Bindu accommodates two vertical shaft Pelton turbines generating 2 x 4 MW power, operating at 99 m net head and generating annual design energy of 33.99 GWh.

Except for the removal of valves for the forebay and inclusion of flap gates for the surge tube manhole, there is no change in the H&M components of the project.

The summary of the project components is as given below:

The Civil Engineering structure for the project comprises the following:

- 10 m long, 3 m wide rectangular-shaped integration tank for collecting water from tail race channel of Stage-I and diverting discharge to HRP of Stage-II and tail race channel for spillage of excess water.
- 1,420 m long headrace water conductor GRP pipe of 2.30 m conveys water from integration tank to forebay tank.
- Surge tube of 61 m long, 2.4-3.4 m dia is located at the end of headrace system to absorb surges during transient condition.
- Penstock: A 147 m long single main steel penstock of internal diameter 1.6 m will bifurcate into two-unit penstock of each 14 m long, 1.0 m internal diameter.
- Semi-Underground powerhouse of 30.00 m (L) x 13.00 m (B) x 16.5 m (H) has been provided on right bank of Druk Bindu river.

• Tailrace channel comprise a 50 m long, 3 m D shaped tunnel, and a main tail race channel of 155.00 m of 3 m x 2.5 m.

Following hydro-mechanical equipment has been provided for control/isolation of flow for maintenance works and sediment management:

- One number Fixed Wheel Vertical Lift Maintenance Gate of 3 m (W) x 2.7 m (H) with 5T Rope Drum Hoist at Escape Channel connected to TRC of Stage I and upstream of Integration Tank for maintenance of Service Gate.
- One number Fixed Wheel Vertical Lift Service Gate of 3 m (W) x 2.7 m (H) with 5T Rope Drum Hoist downstream of Maintenance Gate for releasing flow through Escape Channel when Stage II is non-operational.
- One number Fixed Wheel Vertical Lift Inlet Gate of 3 m (W) x 2.5 (H) at the inlet of Integration Tank to stop and allow flow from Stage I to Stage II.
- One number flap gates for the surge tube maintenance
- One common Vertical Lift Slide Gate of size 2.5 m (W) x 1.4 m (H) for two units with 3T Monorail Crane for isolation of any of the two units from the tailrace side.

# 1.3.6. Electro-Mechanical Equipment and Power Evacuation

Based on the review and update of the hydrological and power potential studies of the project including recent changes in the equipment designs and market condition, the E&M and power evacuation arrangements of the project has been reviewed and necessary changes have been made as detailed in the report.

Some of the major changes made in the DPR update includes removal of transformers, change of the communication system from PLCC to OPGW and removal of 66 kV system.

The powerhouse shall accommodate two vertical pelton type turbines having rated output of 4 MW under a weighted average net head of 99.0 m at 250 rpm synchronous speed. Each turbine shall be provided with butterfly type main inlet valve. The generators shall be synchronous and of the vertical shaft type of 4 MW rated power at 0.9 power factor and 50 Hz frequency. The generators shall have a speed of 250 rpm and generator voltage of 11 kV.

The following mechanical and electrical auxiliary equipment will be provided:

- One number 25T/5T EOT crane in the powerhouse for installation and maintenance of the heavy equipment
- Cooling water system for generators
- Drainage and dewatering systems
- Ventilation and air conditioning system
- Fire protection system
- Unit auxiliary and station auxiliary supply system
- D.C supply system
- Control and monitoring system

• Protection system, etc.

The power generated at 11 kV would be stepped-up to 66 kV through four numbers (one is spare) of single-phase transformer each of 11 MVA,  $11/66/\sqrt{3}$  kV capacity located at switch yard of Druk Bindu I HPP. The LV side of the generator transformers would be connected to Generator and the HV side to the 66 kV AIS through oil to SF<sub>6</sub> bushings.

## 1.3.7. Infrastructure, Construction Planning and Schedule

The infrastructure and construction facilities for the project has been reviewed and updated keeping in the view the existing infrastructures and development in the area. The major changes with respect to DPR-2017 are in the area of shifting of construction facilities and manpower planning.

The main infrastructure works includes the following:

- About 4.63 km of project roads to access various project components.
- One bailey bridge (43 m span, 18 R) to facilitate the construction of Kachin Intake.
- Construction facilities such as site offices, residential and non-residential buildings, workshops, warehouses/stores, aggregate processing plant (APP) and concrete batching plants, muck disposal area, explosive magazines, construction power, telecommunication, water supply system, security & safety arrangements etc.

The construction methodology has been reviewed and elaborated in detail in the updated DPR. The construction schedule has also been reviewed and retained as in the DPR-2017 with a total duration of 29 months including 5 months for preconstruction activities. However, with the implementation of both Druk Bindu I & II together, the construction schedule of Druk Bindu II needs to be aligned with Druk Bindu I as its construction duration is 36 months.

# 1.3.8. Environment and Social Impact Assessment

The Environmental and Social Impact Assessment undertaken as a part of the Detailed Project Report of Druk Bindu II in 2017 has been updated in line with the Terms of Reference endorsed by the National Environment Commission Secretariat.

Baseline information (physical, biological and socio-economic environment) was collected through field surveys in collaboration with relevant agencies. Based on terrestrial biodiversity survey conducted in association with Tashichholing Forest Range Office under Samtse Territorial Forests Division, Department of Forests and Park Services, Shannon-wiener diversity index ranges from 0.64 to 2.08. Aquatic biodiversity assessment (monsoon and post-monsoon seasons) recorded a total of 330 fishes belonging to 8 species under 3 families from 30 sampling stretches. *Schizothorax richardsonii* was the most dominant (*n*=330, *Relative Abundance* [*RA*]=84.85%) followed by *Schistura scaturigina* (*n*=15, *RA*=4.55%) and the least dominant was *Aborichthys garoensis* (*n*=2, *RA*=0.61%).

The overall species diversity of the project sites was H'=0.70, species evenness  $E_H$ =0.33 and species richness  $S_R$ =2.78. A total of 26 water quality parameters (7 physical, 16 chemical and 3 microbiological) were analyzed for the water samples collected from 8 sampling sites. Overall, the water quality was found to be within the ranges of the national (Ambient Water Quality Criteria 2020 and Bhutan Drinking Water Quality Standard 2016) and international standards (EPA and WHO) with few parameters in few sampling sites deviating from the permissible limits. The socioeconomic information is also updated through a socio-economic survey covering 105 households from 4 chiwogs under Tendu Gewog.

The total land requirement for the project is 26.232 acres of which 23.429 acres (6.178 acres temporary and 17.251 acres permanent) is State Reserve Forest (SRF) land and 2.803 acres (0.704 acre temporary and 2.099 acres permanent) is private land. Private land (2.260 acres kamzhing, 0.127 acre chhuzhing and 0.416 acre orange/orchard) belongs to 3 landowners.

The environmental and social impacts were assessed quantitatively in terms of their direction, magnitude, extend, duration and frequency to the extent possible. Accordingly, mitigation measures were formulated as a part of Environmental Management Plan (EMP). The cost to implement EMP is estimated as Nu. 9.98 million and cost for land substitute, compensation and lease is estimated as Nu. 5.69 million. Additional studies, Environmental Valuation and Greenhouse Gas Emission Reduction and Environmental Risk Assessment have also been updated.

### 1.3.9. Cost Estimate and Financial Evaluation

The cost estimate has been updated at the price level of December, 2022 based on latest available data, market condition and guidelines. The project estimate has been framed broadly on basis of "Guidelines for preparation of project estimates for River Valley Projects" dated March 1997 by Central Water Commission, Government of India and Standards/manuals/guidelines for small hydro development published by Ministry of New and Renewable Energy, Government of India in group effort with Alternate Hydro Energy Center, Indian Institute of Technology Roorkee.

The total hard cost of the project is estimated at Nu. 703.83 million at December 2022 price level comprising of Nu. 326.65 million for Civil & HM works and Nu. 239.91 million for E&M works.

The financial evaluation of Druk Bindu II HPP has been prepared in accordance with the "Terms and Conditions of Tariff Determination Guidelines 2016" issued by Bhutan Electricity Authority (BEA). Accordingly, with design energy of 33.99 Million Units, the first year and levelized tariff of the project works out to Nu. 4.01 per unit and Nu. 3.79 per unit respectively for upfront equity investment and Nu. 4.09 per unit and Nu. 3.85 per unit respectively for proportionate fund investment.

The financial evaluation of the integrated project of Druk Bindu I&II was also prepared considering the total costs of the two projects and in line with the "Terms and Conditions of Tariff Determination Guidelines 2016". Accordingly, with design energy of 109.82 Million Units, the

first year and levelized tariff of the project works out to Nu. 4.76 per unit and Nu. 4.52 per unit respectively for upfront equity investment and Nu. 4.85 per unit and Nu. 4.62 per unit respectively for proportionate fund investment.

### 1.3.10. Conclusion and Recommendation

The existing DPR was prepared by DGPC in 2017 in continuation to the DPR-2016 prepared for Druk Bindu I HPP. With the availability of additional data due to time lapse of about 5 years since its preparation, the DPR-2017 was further reviewed and updated in 2022. While review and updation of the DPR was carried out covering all aspects, the major changes and updation were made in hydrological analysis, optimisation of civil engineering structures, construction methodology, cost estimation, and financial analysis.

The revised cost estimation of the project has been prepared based on latest available data, market condition and guidelines. The estimated hard cost of the project at December 2022 Price Level is Nu. 703.83 million. Accordingly, with design energy of 33.99 Million Units, the first year and levelized tariff of the project works out to Nu. 4.01 per unit and Nu. 3.79 per unit respectively for upfront equity investment and Nu. 4.09 per unit and Nu. 3.85 per unit respectively for proportionate fund investment.

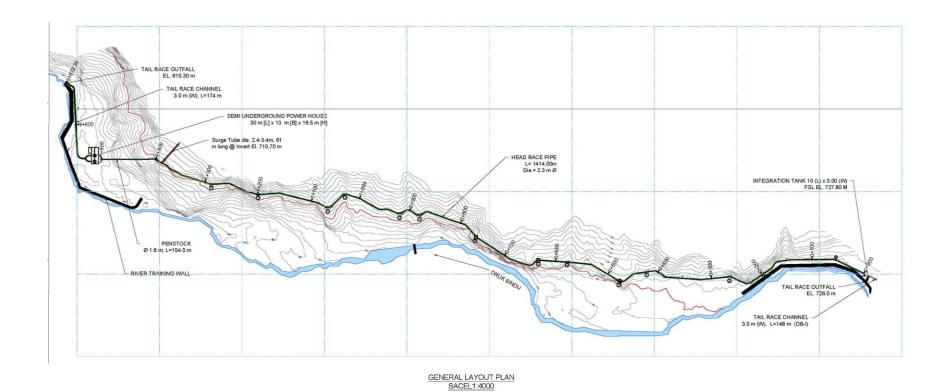
In view of the above assessment, the updated DPR study has concluded that the project is technoeconomically viable and socio-environmentally acceptable for development.

Druk Bindu II HPP

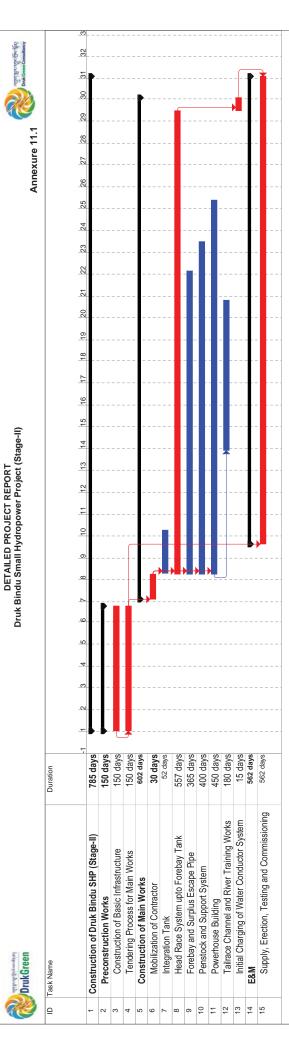
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# Annexure 1-1: Project Layout



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# **Annexure 1-2: Salient Features**

Parameter	Description
A. General	
Location	
Country	Bhutan
Dzongkhag	Samtse
River	Druk Bindu
Nearest Town in Bhutan	Tashichholing
Nearest City in India	Siliguri
Nearest Village (Weir Site)	Tendruk
Nearest Village (Power House Site)	Tendruk
Nearest International Airport	Bagdogra, India
Nearest Rail head (Broad gauge)	NJP, India
Location of Weir Site	27°8'9.15" N, 88°54'13.73" E
Location of Power House	27°6'31.93" N, 88°52'36.02" E
Seismic Zone	V
B. Hydrology	
Catchment Area (Kachin)	28 km²
Catchment Area (Druk Bindu)	53 km <sup>2</sup>
C. Civil and Hydro-Mechanical V	Works
Integration Tank	
Size & Shape	Rectangular (10 m (L) x 3 m (B))
Invert Level at 0.00 RD El.	726.00 m
Invert Level at HRP Inlet El.	724.17 m
Inlet Gate	3 m (W) x 2.5 m (H)
Escape Channel – Maintenance Gate (TRC Druk Bindu I)	3 m (W) x 2.7 m (H)
Escape Channel – Service Gate (TRC Druk Bindu I)	3 m (W) x 2.7 m (H)
Head Race Pipe (HRP)	
Number & Type	1 No., Glass Reinforced Plastic (GRP) Pipe
Size & Shape	2.3 m dia. Circular
Design Discharge	$9.36 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$
Length	1,420 m
Slope	1 in 105.42

Parameter	Description
Invert level at 0.00 m RD	El. 724.17 m
Invert level at HRP end (1420 m RD)	El. 710.70 m
Surge Tube	
Size & Shape	Circular (3.4 m dia. @ angle of 62.90°) RD 0-18 m Circular (2.4 m dia. @ angle of 26.90°) RD 18-61m
Length	61 m
Surge Tube Top	El. 752.00 m
Surge Tube Bottom	El. 714.30 m
Maximum Surge Level	El. 749.03 m
Minimum Surge Level	El. 716.55 m
Flap Gate (Manhole gate)	1.2 m @ HRP and Surge Tube junction
Penstock	
Type & Shape	ASTM 537 Class-II, Circular
Design Discharge	9.36 m <sup>3</sup> /s
Number	1 no. (bifurcating into two near power house)
Main Penstock (dia., length, thickness)	1.6 m dia., 147 m long, 8 mm to 10 mm
Unit Penstock	1.0 m dia., 14 m each, 10 mm
Powerhouse	
Туре	Semi Underground Powerhouse
Maximum Tail Water Level (Full load)	El. 617.49 m
Center Line of Turbine	El. 620.00 m
Turbine Floor Level	El. 621.96 m
Service Bay Level	El. 621.96 m
Generating Units (Installed Capacity)	2 x 4 MW (8 MW)
Size (Machine Hall)	30.0 m (L) x 13.0 m (B) x 16.5 m (H)
MIV Type & number	Butterfly, 2 Nos.
Tail Race Channel	
Туре	Cut & Cover
Number	1 no.
Shape & Size	Rectangular, 3.0 m (W) x 2.5 m (H) - Main Rectangular, 2.5 m (W) x 1.9 m (H) - Unit Tunnel 3 m D-Shaped, 50 m length
Length	155.0 m (including 50 m tunnel) - Main 19 m - Unit
Slope	1 in 1,000

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Parameter	Description
TRC Outfall	El. 615.3 m
Unit TRC Gate	1 Nos., 2.5 m (B) x 1.4 m (H)
D. Electro Mechanical Equipment	
Turbine	
Type of Turbine	Vertical Pelton
Number of Turbines	2 (Two)
Rated Net Head	99.00 m
Rated Output	2 x 4 MW
Rated Speed	250 rpm
Generator	
Type of Generator	Synchronous, Salient pole type
Rated Power	4 MW
Power Factor	0.9 lagging
Generation Voltage	11.0 kV
Number of Phases	3 (Three)
Frequency	50 Hz
Insulation	Class F
Type of Cooling	Air cooled (Air cooled by water)
EOT Crane	25 MT/5 MT
E. Power Evacuation	
Length of XLPE Cable	2 km
F. Power Generation	
Design Discharge	9.36 m <sup>3</sup> /s
Firm Flow	$1.38 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$
Gross Head	108.70 m
Head Loss	9.71 m
Design Head	99 m
Annual Design Energy	33.99 GWh
Firm Power	1.21 MW
Annual PLF	49%
Exceedance Probability	28 %
G. Construction Schedule	
Construction Period	29 months including 5 months of pre-construction activities.

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Parameter	Description
H. Project Cost	
Druk Bindu II	
Cost of Civil & HM Works	Nu. 419.31 Million
Cost of E&M Works	Nu. 239.91 million
Total Hard Cost at Dec 2022 PL	Nu. 703.83 million
Cost of Transmission Line	Cost of XLPE cables connecting to Druk Bindu I power evacuation system included in E&M cost
IDC (Upfront Equity)	Nu. 41.82 million
IDC (Proportionate Fund Investment)	Nu. 55.83 million
Capital Cost (Upfront Equity)	Nu. 763.83 million (With Cost to Completion)
Capital Cost (Proportionate Fund Investment)	Nu. 777.83 million (With Cost to Completion)
Tariffs for upfront equity	
First Year Tariff	Nu. 4.01/Unit
Levelized Tariff	Nu. 3.79/Unit
Tariffs for proportionate fund investment	
First Year Tariff	Nu. 4.09/Unit
Levelized Tariff	Nu. 3.85/Unit
Druk Bindu I & II integrated	
Total Hard Cost at Dec 2022 PL	Nu. 2,654.48 million
IDC (Upfront Equity)	Nu. 193.35 million
IDC (Proportionate Fund Investment)	Nu. 251.22 million
Capital Cost (Upfront Equity)	Nu. 2,922.41 million (With Cost to Completion)
Capital Cost (Proportionate Fund Investment)	Nu. 2,980.28 million (With Cost to Completion)
Tariffs for upfront equity	
First Year Tariff	Nu. 4.76/Unit
Levelized Tariff	Nu. 4.52/Unit
Tariffs for proportionate fund investment	
First Year Tariff	Nu. 4.85/Unit
Levelized Tariff	Nu. 4.61/Unit

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