PRESENT STATUS

Bidding Process:

- The selected bidder of Package 1 again requested for the extension of Performance Security (PS) submission deadline time by citing absence of Credit Committee Members of the Bank to issue PS. After no objection from the ADB and upon the approval from THL Board, the submission deadline of PS had been extended till 15 September 2018. Finally, the bidder has submitted the stated PS on 14 September 2018.
- The Contract Documents were issued to the successful bidder for their review before signing. Though the Bidder has already submitted the Performance Security, preparation is underway to sign the contracts of both packages together with consideration of the interface schedule between Package 1 and Package 2.
- The deadline for Bid Submission for Package 3 was extended till 18 September 2018. Five bidders out of eight Bidders, who purchased the Bid, submitted their bids within the submission deadline and the received bids were opened at 1 PM on the same date. The price bids of bidders are kept in custody of THL, whereas the Bid Evaluation Committee with the support of PSC initiated the evaluation of technical bids.

Safeguard activities:

Land Acquisition of Betini
After submission of the report by the Subcommittee for the land acquisition in Betini area, CDC consulted with Chairperson of District Coordination Committee, Mayor of Vyas Municipality and APs. Subsequently, CDC meeting held at District Administrative Office approved the compensation rate on 17 September 2018. The Compensation rates range from Rs. 2,40,000 to Rs. 20,00,000 per Ropani depending upon types of land. Applications from the APs for compensation of land are being received and the payment process will be initiated soon.

Consultation Meeting with Local Level Government
The Consultation Meeting with Local Level Government was held for various issues of the project in the
presence of
- Chairperson of District Coordination Committee (DCC);
- Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson of Myagde Rural Municipality;
- Representatives from Rising Rural Municipality;
- Mayor of Bhimad Municipality;
- Representative from Forest Office;
- Chief of District Technical Office;
- ESMU Team of THL.

Community Water Supply Project
The community water supply project to supply drinking water to Jhyaputar area including construction of two collection tanks pipe laying works was completed. The User’s Committee also submitted the final bill to THL for the payment.

Forest Management Plan
The draft forest management plan has been prepared by the Bridging Consultant-Environment with the supports from the Environmental Expert of PSC. The management plan, which includes integrated approach and methodology, implementation arrangements and schedule for forest clearance, nursery development, and afforestation program, will be finalized after review from the ADB.

Updated Resettlement and Indigenous Peoples Plan (RIPP)
ADB has issued the comments on the draft updated RIPP as of April 2018. The Social Safeguard Expert of PSC along with social safeguard team reviewed the comments and revised the updated RIPP accordingly. After incorporating comments from ADB the final draft of the updated RIPP was submitted to ADB on 19 September 2018.

Environment and Social Management Service Provider (ESMSP)
The Evaluation Committee has been evaluating the technical proposals of the shortlisted applicants and it is expected the technical evaluation report will be prepared by the end October, 2018.

Grievance Registration and Readdress
The project site office and LCFs have been registering grievances raised by affected as well as local people. The registered grievances so far focus mainly on following issues:

Trees Plantation inside THL Camp Facilities
### Summary of Grievance Registration

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<th>S.N.</th>
<th>Type of Grievance</th>
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<td>1.</td>
<td>Missing of tree counting /Compensation of trees planting in public land near their registered land/Crop</td>
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<td>13 grievances have been addressed, whereas 17 grievances are being processed.</td>
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<td>2.</td>
<td>Missing of item in property valuation/ Land remaining less than 1 ropani</td>
<td>20</td>
<td>13 grievances have been closed, whereas evaluation of 7 grievances is underway.</td>
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<td>3.</td>
<td>Low valuation of structure</td>
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<td>9 grievances have been addressed and remaining grievances are on further discussion.</td>
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<td>4.</td>
<td>Construction</td>
<td>12</td>
<td>9 complaints have been resolved whereas 3 is remaining</td>
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<td>5.</td>
<td>Insurance</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>The process will be initiated shortly.</td>
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<td>6.</td>
<td>Request to THL to provide Identity Card to all Affected Families</td>
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<td>256 numbers of Identity cards have been distributed to Affected Families and process is going on.</td>
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<td>7.</td>
<td>Electricity</td>
<td>6</td>
<td>4 grievances have been addressed and remaining grievances are on discussion.</td>
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<td>8.</td>
<td>Compensation</td>
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<td>3 grievances have been addressed.</td>
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<td>9.</td>
<td>Others and Livelihood supports</td>
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<td>Consultations are underway.</td>
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<td>Total</td>
<td>92</td>
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The LCFs in coordination with the project site office are working continuously for addressing the registered grievances.

### Project Preparatory Works

#### Access Roads

**Access Road from Chapaghat to Dam Site Area (3,234)**

The construction of access road from Chapagaht (0+000) to the entry of the Dam Site (1+900) has been completed. The land acquisition process has been concluded. Subsequently, track opening and construction work in the remaining section of the road towards the dam site will be initiated soon.

**Access Road from RCC Bridge to Powerhouse (3,314m)**

Access Road from RCC Bridge to Powerhouse has been completed.

#### Camp Facilities

All together 33 nos. of buildings (2 nos. of office buildings for employer and consultants, 2 nos. of residential building of type A, 12 nos. of residential building of type B, 10 nos. of residential building of type C, 2 Dormitories, 1 Guest house, 1 health post, 2 restaurants and 1 guard house) are to be constructed for camp facilities. Plastering, painting and other finishing works are being continued. The entire construction work including landscape is scheduled to complete by the second week of October 2018.

As of August 2018, about 95% physical works and 80% of financial progress have been achieved in construction of camp facilities.
Construction Power Sub-Station
The construction of power substation of 33/11 KV, 6 MVA nearby the camp site was completed in January 2018 and is in operation in normal condition.

Lower Seti Hydropower Project
The report on evaluation of Expression of Interest (EOI) applications along with supporting documents under Submission 1 was submitted to the ADB for concurrences on 4 September 2018. Thereafter, ADB has provided concurrences for Submission 1 on 20 September 2018. Upon the approval by the THL Board, RFP will be issued to the six shortlisted firms.

FUTURE COURSE OF ACTION:

PROCUREMENT ACTION

Engagement of ESMSP: Contract agreement with ESMSP will be signed by end of December 2018.

Award of Contracts for Main Packages: Contract Agreements with both Package-1 and Package-2 will be signed in the first week of October, 2018 upon finalization of the contract documents.

SAFEGUARD ACTION

Update of RIPP: The Updated RIPP - 2018 will be disclosed by the ADB in October, 2018 after their final review.

Compensation Distribution: About 93% of total affected families have already received the compensation payments and the remaining compensation payment of reservoir area is on-going. The mission of ADB Accountability Mechanism arrived on 30 September, 2018 for consultation with APs regarding case file by the Collective Rights Protection Committee to Directly Drown Affected People.

Community Consultation: Community consultation is planned for once in every two month at each LCF. Booklet and Leaflet of the project, which include salient features, FAQ and information on present status and safeguard activities of the project, are being distributed to all stakeholders. Local media are also being mobilized to disseminate project related information.

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