

# Minutes of Meeting

## SFD Mission Visit, Nepal

Period of Visit: 16 April 2016 to 21 April 2016

A Saudi Fund for Development (SFD) Mission was conducted from 16 April 2016 to 21 April 2016 regarding the progress of the Budhi Ganga Hydropower Project in Nepal by the mission members as mentioned below. During the mission visit, a site visit of Budhi Ganga Hydropower project was also carried out in addition to courtesy meeting with Deputy Prime Minister/ Minister, Ministry of Energy and with Secretary, Ministry of Energy.

SFD mission members were as follows:

1. Chief Engineer Abdullah M. Al-Shoaibi, Regional Manager, Operations Department
2. Engineer Nasser M. Al-Kasabi, Projects Manager, Operations Department
3. Mr. Saeed Al- Mashaiky, Loan Officer, Operations Department

A site visit of Budhi Ganga Hydropower Project was carried out by the two members Engineer Nasser M. Al-Kasabi and Mr. Saeed Al- Mashaiky of SFD mission with Project Manager Mr. Sanjeeb Baral and BHP team from 17 April 2016 to 20 April 2016. The team leader of the consultant SMEC- UDAY JV Mr. Mark Fox was also participated in the field visit. The team visited the headworks area, powerhouse area and other key areas of the project. The land acquired by the project is observed by the team. In addition to this, the progress of the project was also monitored by the project. One stakeholders interaction program was also carried out at site, in which different stakeholders were allowed to put their views and issues with the delegation members and with the project Manager. Engineer Nasser M. Al-Kasabi briefly addressed the meeting focusing the objective of SFD loan and also about the satisfaction about the progress of the project. The team concluded that, the field visit was very successful for achieving the first hand information regarding the progress and other issues.

The SFD delegation paid courtesy call to Honorable Deputy Prime Minister and Minister, Ministry of Energy Mr. Top Bahadur Rayamajhi on 20 April 2016 and discussed the bilateral cooperation between SFD and Government of Nepal and also about the status of Budhi Ganga Hydropower Project. The delegation member expressed their commitment for continual support in the energy sector development of Nepal. During meeting Honorable Minister thanked SFD for their support in Budhi Ganga Hydropower Project and also requested SFD for cooperation in large project in future. He also highlighted about the present long term plan prepared by the Government of Nepal, Ministry of Energy for sustainable development of Hydropower in Nepal.

The SFD delegation paid courtesy call to Mr. Suman Prasad Sharma, Secretary, Ministry of Energy, on 20 April 2016 and discussed the bilateral cooperation between SFD and Government of Nepal and also about the status of Budhi Ganga Hydropower Project. The delegation member expressed their satisfaction regarding the progress of the Budhi Ganga Hydropower Project.

Both the SFD delegation and Nepalese team members agreed to expedite the project and complete the project on time. SFD mission urged its commitment for full cooperation required for the project.



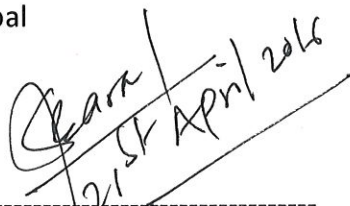
Head of SFD delegation Eng. Alshoaibi and other members congratulate the project team for the significant achievement in the land acquisition works and other preconstruction activities of the project as it is vital important for other project activities. SFD raised their concern about the stability of project management and urges the Ministry of Energy to select a qualified project manager to replace Mr. Sanjeeb Baral during his secondment in order not to loose the momentum of the progress until now. The progress of the project and coordination with the local stakeholders was found excellent during the field visit. The construction of the office building was found started and bid has been invited for the construction of bridge and access road. The coordination with the stakeholders has been found satisfactory at local level of the project. The preconstruction activities such as access road and bridge and office building and detailed design of the project are very important for main construction activities of the project so stressed to expedite. The SFD delegation assure project manager for the valuable feedbacks on the final inception report of detailed engineering design and environmental study submitted by the consultant. For this SFD requested the Project Manager to furnish SFD with the copy of the inception report along with expert comments on it.

BHP submitted the progress report of Budhi Ganga Hydropower for the period of January to March 2016. SFD urges project to submit the component wise progress and overall progress till now very soon. SFD suggested that, it will be easy for contract administer and for other approval process if single contract is financed by one donor agency. SFD also requested the project manager to work out the allocation (Contribution) of fund between SFD and KFAED in different contracts and send the proposal for review, comments and approval.

The Project Manager expressed his appreciation for the fruitful discussion, site visit and thanked the SFD for the generous cooperation.

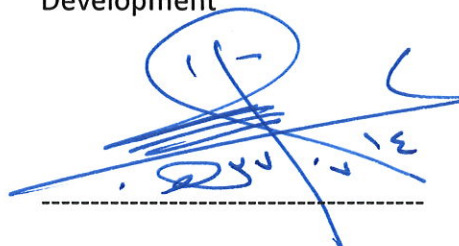
The mission express their appreciation to the Energy Ministry, DoED and BHP for their cooperation and assistance and hospitality extended to the members of the mission.

For and on behalf of Government of  
Nepal



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Budhi Ganga Hydropower Project

For and on behalf of Saudi Fund for  
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**21 April 2016, Kathmandu, Nepal**