

HUBCO COLLABORATES WITH KE TO EXPLORE THE OPPORTUNITY FOR CONVERSION OF HUBCO'S RFO-BASED HUB POWER PLANT TO THAR COAL

Committed to securing indigenous, reliable and affordable energy supply, CEO The Hub Power Company Limited (HUBCO) Mr. Kamran Kamal and CEO K-Electric Limited (KE) Mr. Moonis Abdullah Alvi signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to explore the opportunity for potential conversion of HUBCO's RFO-based Hub Power Plant to Thar coal post expiry of the term of its existing Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) with Central Power Purchasing Authority (CPPA). Hub Power plant is a 1292 MW (4 X 323 MW), residual fuel oil-based plant situated at the Hub River estuary, Balochistan was developed on a Build, Operate and Own Model and started its commercial operations in March 1997.

Both companies have demonstrated a strong commitment to fostering collaborative efforts, dedicated to efficiently executing the necessary steps for the timely conversion and seamless integration of the project. This strategic initiative is positioned to make substantial contribution to the national objective of achieving energy independence.

On the occasion, the CEO HUBCO, Mr. Kamran Kamal stated, "The proposed conversion of Hub power plant to Thar coal will play a crucial role in decreasing reliance on imported fuels. While offering a sustainable energy solution for the people of Karachi, this project will also serve the continued use of the country's legacy power generation assets. This initiative is in line with our commitment to securing indigenous, reliable, and affordable energy supply and contributing towards achieving energy security for the country. The envisaged project will be executed after conducting required feasibility studies and obtaining all necessary corporate and regulatory approvals."

CEO KE asserted, "Today's signing is another reflection of our intent to tackle the energy trilemma head-on, enabling access to affordable and reliable power to our growing customer base. I feel great honor to mention that KE has proven itself to be a preferred off-taker for the independent power producers in Pakistan. This is only due to our superior creditworthiness and our history of fulfilling the commitments made with our stakeholders. We are looking at a future where we substitute our reliance on imported fossil fuels with indigenous sources, creating a more resilient power value chain. This is also the driving force behind the Power Acquisition Program that we have submitted with our Regulator, which is balancing baseload requirements with renewable energy."

This strategic shift will pave the way for a new era of energy self-sufficiency, environmental stewardship and technological innovation. This collaborative effort positions both companies at the forefront of a dynamic energy landscape, contributing significantly to Pakistan's long-term goal of achieving a sustainable and reliable energy ecosystem.