

April 16, 2001 Electric Power Development Co., Ltd.

Capital Participation in Thailand's Thai Oil Power Company Limited (IPP Project)

EElectric Power Development Co., Ltd. (EPDC) has committed to a capital participation in Thai Oil Power Company Limited (IPP Project). This company is a subsidiary of the Thailand National Oil Corporation (PTT) with 74% of its shares owned by Thailand's largest oil refiner, Thai Oil Company Limited. Under the terms of an agreement executed on March 30, 2001, 19% of the shares of Thai Oil Power held by Thai Oil are to be sold for US \$28.4 million (approximate \$3.4 billion, at an exchange rate of \$1 to \$120). The payment will be made in a single installment sometime during the month of April.

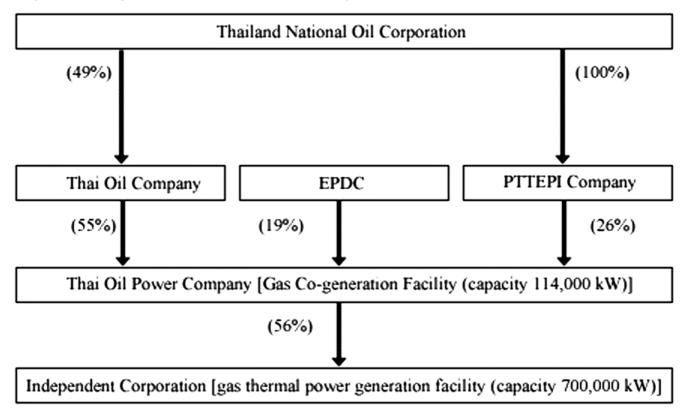
Thai Oil Power is a local IPP concern that has been operating gas co-generation facility located in the Suri Racha district of Chonburi Province since April 1998. The plant has a capacity output of 114,000 kW (141.5 steam tons/hour). Thai Oil Power also holds 56% of the shares of Independent Power Corporation, a concern that owns a gas thermal power generation facility with capacity of 700,000 kW that has been in commercial operation since August 2000.

EPDC's participation in this project is considered significant for the following reasons:

- (1) The project not only entails no construction risk, it is already in operation without problems. Dividend income can thus be expected in a relatively short period of time.
- (2) Thai Oil Power has plans to list its shares publicly in the near future. This carries with it the possibility of a capital gain.
- (3) The business tie-up with Thailand National Oil Corporation will likely lead to other overseas business opportunities for EPDC, particularly among ASEAN countries.

This will be the sixth time for the EPDC to participate in an IPP project located overseas. Two of these are currently in operation, two are under construction and two are in the planning phase. At ¥3.4 billion, this project also represents the largest amount to be invested to date among these six projects.

Diagram Showing Financial Relationships Resulting from the Capital Participation



2-1. Corporate Profile of Thai Oil Power Company

Name	Thai Oil Power Company Limited	
Head Office	Bangkok, Thailand	
Capital	Approximately 2.81 billion baht (approximately ¥8.1 billion at an exchange rate of 1 baht to 2.9 yen)	
Equity Positions	Thai Oil Company Limited 559	%
	PTTEP International Limited (3rd generation subsidiary of PTT) 269	%
	Electric Power Development Co., Ltd.	%
	Directors (11 with 2 outside directors appointed by EPDC)	
Outline of Business	(1) Ownership and operation of a gas co-generation facility (capacity of 114,000	
	kW); sale of electric power and steam.	
	(2) Investment into Independent Power Company Limited (56%).	

2-2. Corporate Profile of Independent Power Company

Name	Independent Power Company Limited
Head Office	Bangkok, Thailand

Capital	Approximately 1.77 billion baht (approximately ¥5.1 billion at an exchange rate of 1 baht to 2.9 yen)	
Equity Positions	Thai Oil Power Company Limited	55%
	Westinghouse Electric SA (Societe Anonyme)	26%
	Unocal Asia Pacific Ventures Company Limited	19%
	Directors (7 with 1 outside director appointed by EPCD)	
Outline of Business	Ownership and operation of a gas thermal power generation facility (capacity of 700,000 kW); sale of electric power.	

3-1. Outline of Gas Co-Generation Facility (Output 114,000 kW)

Location	Suri Racha district of Chonburi Province in the vicinity of Thai Oil Refinery (approximately 60km southeast of Bangkok)
Туре	Gas combined cycle power generator
Output	114,000 kW and steam 141.5 tons/hour
Fuel	Natural gas (procurement agreement executed with Thailand National Oil Company)
Scheme	BOO (Build, Own and Operate method)
Sales To	EGAT (Electricity Generating Authority of Thailand) 41,000 kW Business enterprises within the Thai Oil Refinery 73,000 kW and steam 141.5 tons/hour
Name of Business	Thai Oil Power Company Limited
Operation and Maintenance	Thai Oil Company Limited
Total Business Expense	Approximately 5.581 billion baht (approximately ¥15.6 billion) [Capital injection, 33%; Borrowing, 67%]
Schedule	Commercial operation started in April 1998 and currently operations are proceeding well

3-2. Outline of Gas Thermal Power Generation Facility (700,000 kW)

Location	Suri Racha district of Chonburi Province in the vicinity of Thai Oil Refinery (approximately 60km southeast of Bangkok))
Туре	Gas power generator
Output	700,000 kW
Fuel	Natural gas (procurement agreement executed with Thailand National Oil Company)

Scheme	BOO (Build, Own and Operate method)
Sales To	EGAT (Electricity Generating Authority of Thailand) 700,000 kW
Name of Business	Independent Power Company Limited
Operation and Maintenance	Independent Power Company Limited
Total Business Expense	Approximately 9.031 billion baht (approximately ¥25.2 billion) [Capital injection, 20%; Borrowing, 80%]
Schedule	Commercial operation started in August 2000 and currently operations are proceeding well

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