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Electric Power Development Co., Ltd.

## **Initiating Commercial Operation of Unit No. 1 at Tachibana Bay Thermal Power Station**

On July 27, 2000, commercial-based operation was initiated for Unit No. 1 at Tachibana Bay Thermal Power Station (Anan City, Tokushima Prefecture; 1.05 million kW output; dedicated operation on overseas coal).

The unit -- prepared by Electric Power Development Co., Ltd. (EPDC) since November 1996 -- was approved by the Japanese Ministry of International Trade and Industry (MITI) in the pre-commissioning inspection on this day.

With an output of 1.05 million kilowatts, the unit is the largest single coal-fired power generator in Japan.

The total output of the Station is scheduled to double to 2.10 million kilowatts in January 2001 with the commercial operation of Unit No. 2 (1.05 million kW output) now in its trial operation phase, making the facility the largest thermal power station to be maintained by EPDC.

The Station is positioned as a wide-area power source for the western regions of Japan, and the electricity generated is distributed to the four western power utilities: Kansai Electric Power Co., Inc., Chugoku Electric Power Co., Inc., Kyushu Electric Power Co., Inc., and Shikoku Electric Power Co., Inc.

With the commissioning of the Tachibana Bay Thermal Power Station, the power generation capabilities of EPDC increased to:

Hydroelectric output 58 locations	8,260,800 kW
Thermal output 8 locations	6,704,500 kW
Total output	14,965,300 kW

x<<Outline of Unit No. 1 at Tachibana Bay Thermal Power Station>>

Location	Tachibana-cho, Anan City, Tokushima Prefecture
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Output	1.05 kilowatts
Fuel	Overseas coal
Primary milestones	Submitted to the 125th Electric Power Development Coordination Council in December 1993 Construction commenced in November 1996 Initiated commercial operation in July 2000

End of announcement