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Electric Power Development Co., Ltd.

Initiating Commercial Operation of Unit No. 2 at Tachibana-wan Thermal Power Station

On December 15, 2000, commercial-based operation was initiated for the Tachibana-wan Thermal Power Station Unit No. 2 (Anan City, Tokushima Prefecture; 1.05 million kW output; dedicated operation on overseas coal). This unit began to be constructed in March 1997 by the Electric Power Development Co., Ltd. ("EPDC") and its trial operation processes were completed on December 14, 2000.

With an output of 1.05 million kilowatts, this unit becomes the largest single coal-fired power generator as well as the Unit No. 1 that is commercially operating in Japan. The total output of the Tachibana-wan Thermal Power Station, 2.10 million kilowatts, becomes the largest output in Japan as well as that of the Hekinan Thermal Power Station (700 thousand kilowatt x 3) of Chubu Electric Power Co., Ltd. as a coal-fired power station under commercial operation

The Station is positioned as a wide-area power source for the western regions of Japan, and the electricity generated is distributed to the following 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-wan Thermal Power Station Unit No. 2, the power generation capabilities of EPDC are as follows:

Hydroelectric output 58 locations:	8,260,800 kW
Thermal output 8 locations:	7,754,500 kW
Total output:	16,015,300 kW

<<Outline of Tachibana-wan Thermal Power Station>>

Location:	Tachibana-cho, Anan City, Tokushima Prefecture
Output:	2.1 million kilowatts

Fuel:	Overseas coal	
Primary milestones:	December 1993 -	Submitted to the 125th Electric Power Development Coordination Council.
	November 1996 -	Started construction on Unit No. 1.
	March 1997 -	Started construction on Unit No. 2.
	July 2000 -	Started commercial operation of Unit No. 1
	December 2000 -	Started commercial operation of Unit No. 2

End of announcement