

Torrent Power records decline in Net profits

Ahmedabad-based Torrent Power Limited, today announced its financial results for the first quarter ended on 30th June 2012. The Q1 2012-13 income from operations stood at Rs 2119.80 Crores, up by 2.07% from Rs 2076.78 Crores in the comparable quarter of previous year.

Consolidated EBDIT (including other income) declined to Rs 372.17 Crores showing a de-growth of 44.74% from Rs 673.54 Crores in the comparable quarter of the previous year. Net profits after tax for the quarter is at Rs 104.43 Crores, less by 69.60% as compared to Rs 343.57 Crores during the same period last year.

The decline in net profits before tax is attributed to the following major reasons:

- Gross proceeds from Certified Emission Reductions (CERs) which was Rs. 144.42 Crores in Q1 2011-12 is Rs. NIL in Q1 2012-13.
- The fall in domestic gas supply particularly from KG basin has impacted the PLF at the Company's SUGEN Mega Power Plant which has reduced from 89.73% in Q1 2011-12 to 59.16% in Q1 2012-13.
- Reduced supply of power from SUGEN Mega Power Plant to the Company's regulated distribution areas at Ahmedabad and Surat has necessitated purchase of short term power at higher price, resulting into an additional impact to the tune of approximately Rs. 150 Crores.

About Torrent Power:

Torrent Power, the Rs. 8063 cr power utility of the Torrent Group, is one of the largest private players in the country having integrated operations in the power sector. It generates 1697 MW power and distributes nearly 15 billion units to over 2.67 million customers in cities of Ahmedabad, Gandhinagar and Surat in Gujarat, Bhiwandi in Maharashtra and Agra in Uttar Pradesh. It is in the process of setting up new power projects at Surat, Dahej, Pipavav and Uttar Pradesh with a total capacity of approximately 5500 MW. Torrent Power has the distinction of having one of the lowest T&D losses in the country, high power availability index and also enjoys high levels of customer satisfaction. It was the first private sector power utility to be appointed as the distribution franchisee by a public sector utility when it was awarded the distribution franchise for Bhiwandi. Recently it was awarded the distribution franchise for Agra and Kanpur in Uttar Pradesh in Northern India.