

Honorable Prime Minister Mr. Mian Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif inaugurates HUBCO's 330MW – ThalNova Power Thar (Pvt.) Limited



The Honorable Prime Minister of Pakistan, Mr. Mian Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif, Chief Minister of Sindh, Mr. Murad Ali Shah and Foreign Minister Bilawal Bhutto Zardari reached Tharparkar on Wednesday 22nd March 2023, to inaugurate the Commercial Operations of HUBCO's another 330 MW, ThalNova Power Thar Limited, lignite fired power plant. The momentous occasion was also graced by numerous dignitaries from Federal and Provincial Governments and leading corporate executives.

ThalNova, which is a 330MW mine-mouth lignite-fired power plant at Thar Coal Block II Sindh is also a part of the China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC). The Project is a joint venture among Hub Power Company Limited (HUBCO), Thal Limited, Novatex Limited, China Machinery Engineering Corporation (CMEC), and Descon Engineering Limited. The plant will utilize the local resources of Thar Coal to generate indigenous and affordable energy for the Nation. This utilization of indigenous fuel is a development that will further aid in revolutionizing the Pakistani energy sector. Amidst the current economic scenario and soaring prices of fuel, cheaper energy production via the Thar coal would immensely impact Pakistan's development.

Chairman HUBCO, Mr. Habibullah Khan acknowledged the efforts of both federal and Sindh government in turning the Thar dream into a reality. CEO HUBCO, Mr. Kamran Kamal addressed the audience and shared key insights about the plant.

ThalNova is a European technology-based power plant with the Boiler, Turbine and Generator designed and manufactured by world renowned company General Electric (GE). This leads to higher reliability standards and controls emissions to even lower than recommended limits by SEPA.

With the vision of empowering the locals of Thar, in 2019, several locals from Thar were inducted and trained at HUBCO's Hub plant in Balochistan. These trainees are now working as engineers and technicians at ThalNova and Thar Energy Limited (TEL) which is another similar power plant that HUBCO has set up in the same vicinity. He further emphasized that TEL and TN are the first and only coal-fired power plants of

the country to be run entirely by Pakistani workforce and in the future, we endeavor to continue to create more such opportunities for local employment.

With the intend to evolve Thar into a prosperous and progressive community, Thar Energy Limited and ThalNova have also been contributing significantly to the regional development with the help of Thar Foundation. Donations by TEL and TN are being utilized to provide locals with access to quality education, health care, means of income, and an improved standard of living. Moving forward, our goal is to further accelerate the social and economic development of the region by bringing meaningful and considerable improvements in areas where they are most needed.