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BHEL commissions 500 MW Unit at Vindhyachal Super Thermal Power Project; Takes tally of thermal sets commissioned in current fiscal to 2,000 MW

Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited (**BHEL**) has achieved a major milestone in the execution of mega power projects with the commissioning of the eleventh 500 MW Unit at Vindhyachal Super Thermal Power Project (STPP) Stage-IV, in Madhya Pradesh. With this, 12 million units of electricity will be added to the grid every day. Significantly, the full load operations of the unit was achieved within one day of the unit getting synchronized with the grid. The Main Plant Package contract for Vindhyachal STPP Stage-IV was placed on **BHEL** by NTPC Ltd., reflecting the customer's confidence in **BHEL's** technological excellence and capabilities in the execution of power projects of this magnitude. This is the fifth 500 MW unit that **BHEL** has commissioned for NTPC during the past three months, the others being Vallur-1, Simhadri-4, Mauda-1 and Rihand-5. With the commissioning of the Vindhyachal unit, **BHEL** has added a total of 2,000 MW to the grid in the current financial year (2012-13) within a span of just 74 days. This includes three NTPC units of 500 MW each and two units of 250 MW for Uttar Pradesh Rajya Vidyut Utpadan Nigam Ltd. (UPRVUNL) at Harduaganj and Parichha power projects. **BHEL** has fully established state-of-the-art technology for manufacture of thermal sets up to 600 MW rating in the sub-critical range and has the capability to manufacture sets up to 1,000 MW rating. The company has also equipped itself to produce 660 MW / 700 MW / 800 MW thermal sets with supercritical parameters, and is shoring up its capability for higher rating Hydro sets and advanced class Gas Turbines to cater to upcoming market requirements. **BHEL** has been committed to the nation's power development programme and has reaffirmed its commitment to the Indian Power Sector by equipping itself by way of contemporary technology, state-of-the-art manufacturing facilities and skilled technical manpower. Significantly, the company has established the capability to deliver power plant equipment of 20,000 MW per annum.

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