

Overseas Market Information



Ethiopia

Hydro-power Projects Launch

Ethiopian Electric Power Corporation (EEPCO) will launch massive hydro-power projects in Tekeza (300 mw), Gibe II (1870 mw), Belese (460 mw), Gibe III (1870 mw) and Finch Amenti Neshe (1000 mw). Additionally, EEPCO will also construct a wind turbine farm which will generate 120mw of electricity near Mekalle Town and build geothermal plants for the new projects. EEPCO revealed that 124 billion Br (US\$ 13 billion) is required for the facilitation of the projects. Currently, a combination of a significant growth of the economy and the failure of Belg rain in the country are the causes of the existing power shortage in the country. EEPCO is responsible for generating, transmitting, distributing and selling electricity nation wide. According to EEPCO, Ethiopia has 15,000 – 30,000 megawatts of hydropower potential.

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Road Development Project

The Ethiopian Roads Authority (ERA) has requested the Government to allocate Birr 12 billion (US\$ 1.2 billion) budget for the 2008/2009 budget year. In a request ERA solicited the Government to allocate 10 billion birr from its budget while the balance would be covered by a loan and grant. For the current budget year (2007/08), ERA had requested Birr 8.8 billion (US\$ 900 million); Birr 6.5 billion (US\$ 700 million) from the government as well as Birr 1.5 billion (US\$ 16 million) and Birr 879.6 million (US\$ 97.7 million) from multilateral and bilateral loans and grants respectively. In the 2007/2008 budget year, ERA has embarked on 109 road construction projects; 83 are existing projects while the remaining are new. Design and feasibility studies of 47 other projects are also part of the Authority's plan for this budget year. New road construction projects include Addis Abeba-Nazareth, Gedo-Nekempte, Gondar-Debark, Alaba-Humbo and Humbo-Arbaminch.

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Gammon-Technofab Engineering: Gammon-Technofab Engineering has been awarded the electromechanical and hydraulic equipments procurement and installation tender floated by the Ethiopian Ministry of water Resources (MOWR) for the drilling of boreholes for the Harar portable water project worth 100 million Birr (US\$ 10 million) in April, 2008. The project is expected to be completed in 10 months. The project is intended for Harar and the nearby towns which suffer from water shortages. Included in the project are the installation of a 71 km, 600 meter cube water pipe and the construction of reservoirs with a 200-4000 meter cube storage capacity.

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