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KEC grows in village electrification space

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KEC International Ltd, a leading power transmission and distribution EPC company, has won three orders worth Rs 365 crore. While two orders, together worth Rs 322 crore, relate to rural electrification works, the third order of Rs 43 crore is for building a

power transmission line in Andhra Pradesh (see box).

The largest of the three orders is from West Bengal State Electricity Distribution Company Ltd for major rural electrification works under the Centrally-sponsored Rajiv Gandhi Grameen Vidyutikaran Yojana. Discussing the order, KEC officials said that the Rs 255-crore order would involve electrification of 3,340 villages in the districts of Birbhum, Malda and Hooghly. The order, featuring amongst KEC's largest village electrification orders on hand, is scheduled for completion by August 2010.

Central utility Power Grid Corporation of India Ltd has also awarded a Rs 67-crore project under RGGVY for rural electrification works in Vaishali district of Bihar, scheduled to complete by July next year.

Commenting on the growing presence in the village electrification segment, Ramesh Chandak, CEO & Managing Director, KEC International Ltd, said, "The con-

tinuous inflow of rural electrification orders reinforces our strong presence in the distribution EPC space and we are pleased to be a part of the RGGVY programme which brings the wonders of electricity into the lives of thousands of below poverty line families."

Following these orders, KEC International now has rural electrification orders of over Rs.800 crore in hand, company officials said. Analysts point out that the Rs 255-crore WBSEDCL order placed on KEC could be the single-largest rural electrification contract placed on any company so far. The new village electrification orders have also widened KEC's geographical spread.

According to statistics compiled by *Projectmonitor*, KEC's current rural electrification portfolio is mainly concentrated in Jharkhand and Orissa. In June last year, the company had won a Rs 160-crore order from NTPC Electricity Supply Company Ltd to electrify nearly 1,500 villages in Dumka district of Jharkhand. This was



The advent of electricity transforming a village household in Jharkhand.

Photo: KEC International Ltd

then the largest village electrification order in KEC's portfolio. For the same entity, KEC is executing large village electrification orders in Shahibganj district of Jharkhand and in Keonjhar district of Orissa. Both these orders are slated for completion by March next year.

As of December 31, 2008, KEC International's order book position was around Rs 5,000 crore with Rs 3,860 crore (around 77 per cent) in the transmission EPC space. Power distribution and substation projects accounted for Rs.1,080 crore.

Order from APTransco

KEC International Ltd has won a Rs 43-crore order from Transmission Corporation of Andhra Pradesh Ltd (APTransco) for supply, erection, testing and commissioning of a 400kV double-circuit line associated with the under-construction 500-mw Bhoopalpally thermal power project of Andhra Pradesh Power Generation Corporation Ltd. The 44-km line is scheduled to complete by October this year.

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