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KEC International has been awarded two separate contracts by Power Grid Corporation of India Ltd for supply and construction of 400 KV Double Circuit (QUAD) Edamon - Muvattupuzha transmission line (Part-I & II) in Kerala. The total value of the contracts is Rs 155.24 crore and the project is scheduled to be completed by March 2010.

Our apologies

for
irresponsible digging
by 'responsible' agencies

Since January there have been several underground cable faults in CESC area. Power interruptions, particularly when the mercury is rising, are a great source of inconvenience; we offer our sincere apologies to consumers.

Why cable faults?

The disturbing news is that since January, 210 underground cable faults were manmade – irresponsible digging by agencies that have access to city roads. Amongst the hackers are private sector telephone companies and other agencies.

Irresponsible digging – the biggest enemy

High-tension underground cables are the veins and arteries of a power utility. Our city has one of the most reliable underground cable systems. Once laid with skill, the high voltage cables are capable of providing reliable service for an indefinite time – their biggest enemy is spiking during irresponsible digging, which has created havoc in recent months.

Fighting against odds

Once an area suddenly plunges into darkness following a hacking it takes time to locate the fault. Rejointing a super-tension or a high-tension cable is a hazardous job.

CESC is proud of the teams that repair cables below the ground round the clock – they are amongst the best in the world. They not only fight against odds, but also against time. The average time taken to restore service after an underground high-tension fault has recently come down from 4 hours to 3 hours. But there is no reason to justify irresponsible digging by 'responsible' agencies.

Our initiatives

While we have taken steps to enhance co-ordination with different digging agencies, introduced surveillance patrolling, sought police intervention and co-ordinated with authorities, we once again offer to consumers our apologies and appeal to them to bear with us.



We apologise for your inconvenience