

## Press Release

### **Bhilwara Energy to raise Rs 230 crores by diluting ~10.8% stake to IFC, Washington and India Clean Energy Fund.**

- ✓ To divest stake to two foreign investors i.e IFC, Washington and India Clean Energy Fund for \$50 million
- ✓ Stake dilution through issuance of equity shares of Rs 10 each at premium
- ✓ Aims to fund equity for power projects in India and Nepal
- ✓ Current stake dilution takes total foreign interest in BEL to ~17.0 per cent

**New Delhi, July 12th, 2010:** Bhilwara Energy Limited (BEL), the flagship entity in the power sector business of the LNJ Bhilwara Group, on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> July announced that it will dilute ~10.8 per cent stake to two foreign investors as part of its plans to fund the company's power projects.

BEL has agreed to disinvest holdings to two foreign based investors IFC, Washington and India Clean Energy Fund for \$50 million (\$25 million each by both the parties).

After this stake dilution, the total foreign interest stands at ~17.0 per cent. Earlier, other private equity investors, namely New York Life Investment Management India Fund (FVCI) II LLC, WIH Holdings and Jacob Ballas Capital, had taken interest through investment in BEL in 2007.

Other LNJ Bhilwara Group companies HEG Ltd and RSWM Ltd hold 28.90 percent and 19.51 percent respectively in BEL before current round of dilution. The balance is held by the promoters directly.

*"The rationale behind the stake dilution is to fund our power projects under different stages of implementation. Current fund raising will help the company to attract other strategic investors and partners for its growth plans in the future. Funds will mainly be utilised for power projects in India and Nepal in the next few years," said by Mr. Ravi Jhunjunwala, Chairman, LNJ Bhilwara Group, here today.*

*"IFC is excited to be able to support a pipeline of hydro project planned by Bhilwara in continuation to our support to their AD Hydro power plant. Bhilwara is one of the leading hydro power companies in the country and its project will go a long way in harnessing hydro power to meet power scarcity, create employment opportunities and bring overall socio economic benefits to the communities close to the project sites," said Paolo M. Martelli, IFC Director for South Asia.*

*“India Clean Energy believes in the potential of Bhilwara Energy. We believe that BEL has one of the strongest management teams in the power business in India and has demonstrated track record of conceptualizing and implementing large hydro projects on a merchant power sale basis,” said Anand Prakash, Director India Clean.*

### **About BEL**

Encompassing its Power Vision, the LNJ Bhilwara group has consolidated its core strengths into the Power Sector, by incorporating Bhilwara Energy Limited (BEL) in the year 2006. BEL is the principal holding company for all the power ventures of the Bhilwara group. The formation of BEL reinforces the group’s incisive focus on the Power Sector and its firm determination to attain the expansion of its power generation capacity swiftly, which is aimed to reach ~2,500 MW by 2017 in renewable sector. The company currently has an 86 megawatt operating project and a 192 megawatt hydro power project is likely to be operational in the current month.

The company endeavors to develop or acquire new green-field power projects in India and Nepal.

BEL holds 51 percent equity stake in Malana Power Company Limited (Kullu), a joint venture with S N Power, Norway. It holds 44.9 percent holding of AD Hydro Power Limited (Manali) indirectly, since MPCL holds a 88 percent stake in AD Hydro Power Limited and remaining 12 percent equity is with IFC, Washington. BEL also holds 51 percent stake in power consultancy firm i.e. Indo Canadian Consultancy Services Limited a joint venture with RSW Inc. of Canada.

### **HIGHLIGHTS OF BEL**

- The group has the distinction of being India’s one of the first merchant power producer in the Hydro sector.
- The group has a proven record for cost-effective and fast track completion of its Hydro and Captive Thermal Power projects.
- The group provides superior global experience in power consultancy, through ICCS, a Joint Venture with RSW Canada, a world leader in power consultancy.
- The group’s collaborations with International Finance Corporation, Washington, SN Power, Norway (Hydro Power leader in North Europe), and RSW, Canada, are testimonials to its robust track record.
- The group has signed an MOU with Mannvit of Iceland for development of Geo-Thermal projects in India and Nepal.

- The group is exploring various opportunities in the Solar power aggressively.
- The group's exposure and comprehensive competence in development of Hydro and Thermal projects extends across different Indian States.
- MPCL with its 86 MW capacity is already delivering remarkable results since the last nine years.
- ADHPL with its 192 MW capacity is likely to be operational within the current month itself.

## THE GROUP

The esteemed journey of the **LNJ Bhilwara Group** commenced in 1961, when the Group's founder Shri L. N. Jhunjhunwala established a textile unit in Bhilwara, Rajasthan, characterizing the very beginning of the group's unfaltering success and prosperity.

Today, that single textile unit has thrivingly expanded into several textile units; the group has strategically diversified and stands proud as a multi-product and service conglomerate.

The industry pioneers in numerous contemporary fields. Consequently, it has resolutely placed itself among the top Indian business groups.

Today, the core business interests of the Rs 4,000 cr LNJ Bhilwara Group include Textiles, Graphite Electrodes and Power. Before current round of dilution, HEG Limited and RSWM Limited currently holds 28.90 percent and 19.51 percent respectively in Bhilwara Energy Limited.

### About IFC

IFC, a member of the World Bank Group, creates opportunity for people to escape poverty and improve their lives. We foster sustainable economic growth in developing countries by supporting private sector development, mobilizing private capital, and providing advisory and risk mitigation services to businesses and governments. Our new investments totaled \$14.5 billion in fiscal 2009, helping channel capital into developing countries during the financial crisis. For more information, visit [www.ifc.org](http://www.ifc.org).

### About India Clean

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