

# UPPER PILUWA KHOLA -3 HYDROELECTRIC PROJECT (4.95 MW)

Sankhuwasabha, Nepal

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## SALIENT FEATURES

### 1. Project Details

Project Name	:	Upper Piluwa Khola 3 Hydroelectric Project
Location	:	Madi & Chainpur Municipalities, Sankhuwasabha
Geographical Coordinates	:	Latitude: 27° 17' 42"N and 27° 18' 04"N Longitude: 87° 24' 22"E and 87° 25' 30"E
Type of Scheme	:	Run off River
Installed Capacity	:	4.95 MW
Gross Head	:	128 m
Rated Design Head	:	116.7 m

### 2. Hydrology

Catchment Area	:	83.70 km <sup>2</sup>
Mean Annual Precipitation	:	1500 mm
100 years Design Flood (HW)	:	259 m <sup>3</sup> /s
Design Discharge - Piluwa Khola	:	4.11 m <sup>3</sup> /s
- Sikhuwa Khola	:	0.91 m <sup>3</sup> /s
Mean Annual Discharge- Piluwa Khol	:	6.0 m <sup>3</sup> /s
- Sikhuwa Khola	:	1.34 m <sup>3</sup> /s
Riparian Release - Piluwa Khola	:	96 lps
- Sikhuwa Khola	:	21 lps

### 3. Headworks

Diversion Structure	:	Concrete overflow weir with undersluice
Length of Weir	:	25.0 m
Weir crest Elevation	:	EL 1162 masl
Height of Weir	:	7.0 m from bed level at weir
Undersluice	:	3 m x 1.75 m – 2 nos
Sill Level	:	1157 masl
Intake Type	:	Side Intake
Size of Opening (B x H)	:	3.0 m x 1.2 m - 2 nos
Sill Level	:	1160.40 masl

### 4. Gravel Trap

Type	:	Rectangular RCC
Particle Size to be settled	:	5 mm
Size of Gravel Trap	:	8.0 m x 3.3 m (L x B)

### 5. Approach Canal

Type	:	RCC Rectangular
Size	:	2.2 m x 2.2 m (B x H)

### 6. Desander

Type	:	Dufour, double bay
Particle Size to be settled	:	0.20 mm
Size of Desander	:	Each bay of 45 m x 6.4 m (L x B)

### 7. Sikhuwa Diversion Scheme

Type	:	Concrete overflow weir
Intake	:	Side intake of 1.5 m x 0.7 m, 2 nos
Gravel Trap	:	2 m deep, 5.0 m long and 1.5 m wide
Transfer Pipe	:	0.9 m diameter MS Pipe, 170 m long
<b>8. Headrace Pipe</b>		
Total Length	:	1398 m
Type	:	MS-Pipe Buried and exposed section
Diameter of Pipe	:	1.60 m dia with varied thickness 6 mm
<b>9. Surge tank</b>		
Type	:	Restricted orifice
Size	:	4 m diameter 23 m height
<b>10. Penstock Pipe</b>		
Total Length	:	395 m
Type	:	MS-Pipe Buried and exposed section
Diameter of Pipe	:	1.40 m dia with varied thickness 8 mm to 10 mm
<b>11. Powerhouse</b>		
Type	:	Surface
Dimension (l x b x h)	:	23 m x 8.5 m X 11.40 m
PH Floor Level	:	EL. 1033.10 m
Turbine centerline Level	:	EL. 1033.50 m
<b>12. Tailrace</b>		
Type	:	2.0 m wide, 1.6 m high and 25.0 m long, RCC Box canal
Tailrace Water Level	:	EL 1034.0 m
Minimum Tail water level	:	EL 1033.57 m
<b>13. Turbine</b>		
Type	:	2 Nos. Horizontal Francis
Rated Discharge for each Turbine	:	2.51 m <sup>3</sup> /s
Rated Output for each Unit	:	2.592 MW
Rated Efficiency	:	90%
<b>14. Generators</b>		
Type	:	2 Nos. Synchronous brushless, 3Ø AC
Rated Voltage	:	6.6 kV
Power Factor	:	0.85
Layout	:	Horizontal
Synchronous speed	:	1000 rpm
Rated Efficiency	:	96.0 %
Rated Output	:	2930 kVA
Rated Frequency	:	50 Hz
<b>15. Power Transformer</b>		
Type	:	1 No. 3 phase, 50 Hz Step up Transformer
Rated Efficiency	:	99%

Rate Capacity : 6000 kVA  
Voltage Ratio : 33kV/6.6kV

**16. Transmission & Interconnection**

Transmission line : Powerhouse Baneshwor substation, 14.0 km  
Type of Circuit : Single Circuit 33 kV  
Line Conductor : ACSR “dog”  
Pole Type : Steel Tubular (11 and 13 m height)

**17. Power and Energy**

Installed Capacity : 4.95 MW  
Contract Energy after Outage & Loss : 28.41 GWh  
Wet Saleable Energy : 23.51 GWh  
Dry Saleable Energy : 4.90 GWh

**18. Construction Period : 2.0 Years**

**19. Financial Indicators**

Total Project Cost : 893.37 MNRs. (With IDC)  
B/C : 1.27  
IRR : 15.23 %  
RoE : 18.16 %

## 1 GENERAL

The progress report has been prepared for updating about the construction and administrative progress of the Upper Piluwa Khola 3 Hydroelectric Project (UPK3HEP).

This report includes the tasks completed till the month of Falgun, 2078. This report mainly focuses on the head office status, site office, site visit, design & construction of Project components.

## 2 PROJECT OVERVIEW

Upper Piluwa Khola-3 Hydroelectric Project is located along the Piluwa Khola between confluence area with Sikhuwa Khola and confluence area with Lakuwa Khola. The project area lies in Madi and Chainpur Municipalities of Sankhuwasabha District, Province 1 in eastern Nepal, while waterway and powerhouse lies only on Madi Municipality. Chainpur is nearest market place from the project area. Project area is accessible by about 13 km road from Chainpur with a fair weather road. Present updated geographical boundary of project lies between latitude of 27° 17' 42"N and 27° 18' 04"N and longitude of 87° 24' 22"E and 87° 25' 30"E. The elevation at the proposed intake site is 1162 masl. The Project, optimized at an installed capacity of 4.95 MW, is a run-of-the-river type project with gross head of 128 m and design discharge of 5.02 m<sup>3</sup>/s. Net annual marketable energy to be generated from the Project is 28.41 GWh, out of which 4.90 GWh is dry season energy (Poush to Baisakah).

The Piluwa Khola is a tributary of Arun River. The basin lies in the eastern part of the Sankhuwasabha district. Elevation of the catchment ranges from 1160 m to 3525 m. The main stream flows from East to West direction. Catchment area at the intake site covers 83.70 km<sup>2</sup> out of which 15.18 km<sup>2</sup> is covered by Sikhuwa catchment and catchment at powerhouse is 98.50 km<sup>2</sup>. Design flood at the proposed headworks has been taken 259 m<sup>3</sup>/s (Q100-year). The riparian release for environmental requirement is considered as 0.096 m<sup>3</sup>/s for Piluwa Khola and 0.021 m<sup>3</sup>/s for Sikhuwa Khola which corresponds to 10% of the driest month's flow of the river.

Geologically, the project area lies in Himal Group of Higher Himalayan Crystalline. Present study only covers the rock type and structures found within project area. Bed rocks are partially exposed at steep slopes and cut bank and road cut sections. Most of the surface within project area is covered with soils.

A diversion weir on Sikhuwa diverts discharge of 0.91 m<sup>3</sup>/s from Sikhuwa Khola to approach canal from Piluwa Khola diversion works. A spilling weir at Piluwa Khola with two under sluices and two side intake openings will divert the design discharge of 5.02 m<sup>3</sup>/s to intake structure located at left bank of the river. The diversion structure is design for flood discharge of 259 m<sup>3</sup>/s. Headworks structure including side intake, gravel trap, approach canal and desander with fore

bay are located on left bank of Piluwa Khola. The Headrace pipe from forebay to surge tank is aligned along left bank of Piluwa Khola. After 1360 m length of headrace pipe surge tank is located at left bank hillslope. After surge tank penstock pipe is proposed to be aligned on left bank of Piluwa Khola and the penstock line is designed to cross Lakhuwa Khola to reach Powerhouse. Powerhouse is located at left bank of Piluwa Khola near the confluence Piluwa Khola with Lakhuwa Khola. Powerhouse is dimensioned to accommodate two Francis turbine of horizontal configuration. The switchyard is located just upstream of powerhouse on left bank of Piluwa Khola. About 14 km long 33 kV transmission line connected to Baneshwar substation evacuated the Power generated from UP3HP.

The construction period of the Project has been taken to be 24 months. The total financial cost of the Project on the basis of rates as of January 2020 is estimated to be 893.37 MNRs. with IDC. The Project shall be financed from debt and equity ratio of 70:30 from financing institutions. Financial analysis has been undertaken with 11.75% interest rate on the long term loan yielding 15.23% IRR, 18.16% RoE, and B/C ratio of 1.27.

### **3 COMPLETED TASK**

Some of the tasks that has been completed till this month are as follows:

- Access road to headworks area.
- Land purchase for all project components.
- Office shifted from Pulchowk to Kupandol.
- Bank shifting from Machhapuchhre bank to Civil bank as consortium partner.
- Site clearance work in headwork area.
- Site clearance and excavation work for office building in headwork area.
- Construction of the temporary labour camp and material storage camp at headwork area.
- Construction power, Transformer installation, communication system.
- First stage river diversion at headworks.
- Project road up to surge tank area.
- Agreement to Maodin and Baga community forest for using forest area for project components.
- Excavation for foundation of guide wall, divide wall and undersluice completed.
- Crusher Plant installation completed.

- Materials of nearly available crusher plant is tested.
- Compaction testing on desander filling work is done.
- Pole erection and duct wire stretching till headwork area for construction power is completed.

## **4 TASK IN PROGRESS**

The tasks that are progress are as follows:

- Extension of RCOD with Nepal Electricity Authority (NEA) is in final stage.
- Bay allocation process at Baneshwor substation.
- Site clearance & filling work at desander area.
- Tree cutting permission from forest department is on progress.

## **5 FURTHER WORK PLAN**

The future work plan are as follows:

- The construction of the access road connecting surge tank to power house.
- The construction of the headwork component is going to start soon.
- Foundation works in settling basin area.
- Contract agreement to HM supplier to supply, fabricate and install pipe, gate, and accessories.
- IEE and Construction license of transmission line.

## **6 CONSTRUCTION WORKS**

### **6.1 Civil Works**

#### **6.1.1 Head works**

- i. Design review and construction drawings is finalized.
- ii. Site Clearance is completed.
- iii. First stage river diversion completed.
- iv. Excavation work for undersluice, divide wall and upstream guide wall has completed.
- v. Excavation for intake is in the verge of completion.

#### **6.1.2 Gravel trap, Desander and fore bay**

- i. Site clearance completed.
- ii. Soil collection and mixing completed. Earthwork in filling in desander area is in

progress.

- iii. Excavation for gravel trap and approach canal is in final stage of completion.
- iv. Compaction test on filling area is performed.

### **6.1.3 Waterway Alignment**

- i. Project road from headworks to surge tank completed.
- ii. Road Widening from Surge tank back to 0+500m is completed.

### **6.1.4 Power House (Forebay, PH and Tail race)**

- i. Layout for powerhouse are has finalized.
- ii. Site clearance completed.
- iii. Excavation work for powerhouse foundation is in progress.

## **6.2 Hydro mechanical works**

- i. Design review is completed.
- ii. Contract document for fabrication, supply, installation of trashrack, gates, stoplogs and steel pipe is prepared.

## **6.3 Electromechanical Works**

- i. Contract agreement to design, fabrication, supply, installation and commissioning of electromechanical components is accomplished.
- ii. Layout of powerhouse and switchyard is finalized.

## **6.4 Transmission Line**

- i. ToR of IEE for transmission line is finalized and sent to DoED for further procedure.
- ii. Bay allocation for rare substation at baneshwor substation is in final stage.
- iii. Detailed design report (DPR) of transmission line completed.

## 7 PHOTOGRAPHS



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Figure 2:Excavation works in headworks area.



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