



# **LIBERIA ELECTRICITY CORPORATION**

## **Mt. Coffee Project Implementation Unit**



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### Press Release

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The Liberia Electricity Corporation (LEC) has on December 19, 2013, signed a contract with Dawnus International Ltd. (Dawnus), an international civil engineering and construction company based in the United Kingdom, to carry out the Enabling Works for the Mount Coffee Hydropower Rehabilitation Project.

The Enabling Works Contract includes the urgent civil works to be accomplished on the project in advance of the main construction works, which include the construction of two cofferdams, construction of the advanced camp, removal of vegetation from the project infrastructure, and cleaning of the powerhouse. The work will be carried out between late December 2013 and end April 2014 to ensure the project keeps to its ambitious time schedule of providing first commercial power to Monrovia by December 15, 2015.

The purpose of the enabling works is to allow access to and inspection of the submerged parts of the hydropower plant structures. It will also provide a safe working environment and temporary living conditions at the site for workers when construction starts. The work will also include carrying out standard penetration tests (SPT) to analyze soil conditions in the areas where the transmission line towers will be erected.

Dawnus was awarded the contract following an international competitive bidding process. The procurement process included an initial qualification of bidders, a process which selects the best potential contractors based on demonstrated technical experience, financial capacity, and qualified personnel. The qualified bidders are then invited to submit full technical and financial proposals. Following the evaluation of these documents, based on criteria included in the bidding documents, Dawnus's proposal was judged the most responsive and will provide best value to the project.

Liberia's considerable development challenges, combined with the fact that all of LEC's current generation capacity is sourced from costly diesel generators, underlines the urgency in getting the Mt. Coffee Hydropower Plant in operation in the shortest possible time. Work on the Mt. Coffee Hydropower Rehabilitation Project began in May 2012 with the establishment and development of the Mt. Coffee Project Implementation Unit at LEC. The project is anticipated to be completed by end of year 2016, with first commercial power from the plant in mid-December 2015.