

## Mt. Coffee Hydropower Rehabilitation Project

Brief Update: 20 December 2016



**Scope:** Rehabilitation of the hydropower plant (generating units, powerhouse, intake, dam and spillway) and reservoir, the construction of a 132/66 kilovolt (kV) substation at Mount Coffee, two 132/66 kV transmission lines between Mt Coffee and Monrovia, and the expansion of the two receiving substations in Monrovia.

FUNDERS: MILLENNIUM CHALLENGE CORPORATION (41%), EUROPEAN INVESTMENT BANK (18%), GOVERNMENT OF NORWAY (20%), GOVERNMENT OF GERMANY/KFW (19%), GOVERNMENT OF LIBERIA (2%)



## Key milestones for upcoming quarter (Jan – Mar 2017):

- Commencement of wet commissioning of Unit #2 – Jan. 2017
- Commencement of dry commissioning of unit #3 – February 2017
- Commissioning and handover of remaining spillway gates
- ◆ Commissioning of 2nd bay Mt. Coffee SS – Jan. 2017
- Completion of tower erection on the Mt.
  Coffee Paynesville transmission line

## **KEY MILESTONES ACHIEVED TO DATE:**

- ◆ Turbine #1: fully commissioned and operational
- Turbine #2: 100% assembled; installation nearly complete; #3 assembly in advanced stages
- ♦ Reservoir impounded to 28.5 meters above sea level
- Seven spillway gates rehabilitated (reinforced) and tested; of these, 2 pre-commissioned
- ♦ Intake gates 1, 2 and 3 installed and dry-commissioned
- Construction and rehabilitation of the dam (existing and new) completed
- Construction of the camp completed and fully inhabited
- Erection and energization of Mt. Coffee Bushrod Transmission Line completed
- ◆ Construction of Mt. Coffee Paynesville Transmission Line underway
- Construction of reservoir access infrastructure nearly 50% complete

## Status:

- Project began May 2012
- Construction began January 2014
- ◆ Stalled during Ebola (August 2014 February 2015)
- Construction resumed April 2015
- ♦ Currently >80% physically completed
- ♦ First power achieved: 15 December 2016
- Target for project construction completion: 31 August 2017



**Contractors:** MANITOBA HYDRO INTERNATIONAL: Project Implementation Unit, NORPLAN FICHTNER: Owner's Engineer, VOITH: Hydroelectric Generating Equipment, DAWNUS: Civil Works, ANDRITZ: Hydraulic Steelworks and Auxiliary Systems, NCC: Substations, ELTEL: Transmission Lines, PSM JV: Camp construction and services, HYDRO OPERATION INTERNATIONAL: Operation, Maintenance & Training