Advance Contracting Notice

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Country/Borrower: India

Title of Proposed Project: Assam Power Sector Enhancement Investment Program (Tranche 4)

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Brief Description of the Project:

The proposed Tranche 4 project has three major outputs:

(1) Output 1: Enhanced capacity of sub-transmission system includes:

   (a) installation of 6 transformers with total capacity of 22 MVA,
   (b) construction of 487 km of 33 kV lines (388 km for connecting new substations and 99 km for system strengthening), and
   (c) construction of 33 kV railway crossing and 33 kV terminal bays.

(2) Output 2: Enhanced capacity of distribution system includes:

   (a) construction of twenty (20) 33/11kV substations,
   (b) construction of 732 km of 11 kV lines and construction of 11 kV railway crossings,
   (c) 41 km 11kV aerial bunch conductors (ABC) installed in high revenue urban sections to reduce commercial losses and improve safety.

(3) Output 3: Modernization of operations and maintenance (O&M) including automated metering includes:

   (a) a quick response O&M system and
   (b) smart metering system.
The subprojects proposed under Tranche 4 are part of the Government of Assam’s road map and investment plan for the power sector, and meet the criteria outlined in Schedule 4 of the Framework Financing Agreement. Therefore, Tranche 4 subprojects are eligible for funding under the Multitranche Financing Facility.

**Brief Description of Goods and Related Services, Works, or Consulting Services to be Procured and Related Justification for Advance Action:**

ADB has approved the Government’s request for advance contracting to expedite project implementation. Advance contracting will include: (i) preparation of tender documents, and (ii) evaluation of bids. The advance contracting will be undertaken following ADB Procurement Guidelines.

**Date advance action approved:** 27 May 2009 (MRM Minutes)