



Nile Equatorial Lakes Subsidiary Action Program Coordination Unit

## **Regional Rusumo Falls Hydroelectric Project**

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### **PRESS BRIEF**

#### **Rusumo Project moves forward to construction stage for Civil, Hydro-Mechanical and Electro-Mechanical Works.**

**Kigali, November 9, 2016** – The Nile Equatorial Lakes Subsidiary Action Program Coordination Unit (NELSAP-CU), delegated and authorized on behalf of Rusumo Power Company Limited (RPCL), signed two contract packages for the construction of the Regional Rusumo Falls Hydroelectric Project (RRFHP) which include (i) CP1 -Civil Works / Supply and Installation of Hydro-Mechanical Equipment and (ii) CP2-the Supply and Installation of the Electro-Mechanical Equipment respectively.

The CP1 Contract was signed between Rusumo Power Company Limited (RPCL) and CGCOC Group Ltd – Jiangxi Water & Hydropower Construction Company Ltd Joint Venture (CGCOC – JWVC JV) of P.R. China as an agreement to execute the Civil Works which includes the dam, waterways, power station and other associated civil engineering works. The contract for Civil Works is 75 million USD and includes the Design, Supply & Installation of Hydro-Mechanical Equipment.

The CP2 Contract was signed between RPCL and the Consortium Rusumo Falls Andritz Hydro GmbH (Germany) and Andritz Hydro PVT Ltd (India) as an agreement to carry out Mechanical and Electrical Works for power generation. The CP2 Contract is at 47 million USD and includes the Design, Supply, Installation and Commissioning of the Electro-Mechanical Equipment.

The Contractor engaged for civil works will mobilize and formally start the construction works at Rusumo site in January 2017, for a period of three (3) years. The Regional Rusumo Falls Hydroelectric Project will provide job opportunities for skilled, non- skilled and casual workers from member countries.

The Ground Breaking Ceremony to celebrate the formal start of the construction works is scheduled during the last week of January 2017. This ceremony will take place at the Rusumo site and will be witnessed by Energy, Water and Finance Ministers and the RPCL Board Members from respective shareholder countries, different Project key stakeholders and media community.

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**Note to the Editor**

The Regional Rusumo Falls Hydroelectric Project is a Nile Basin Initiative key Project prepared through its investment arm the Nile Equatorial Lakes Subsidiary Action Program Coordination Unit (NELSAP-CU). Within this framework, the Governments of Burundi, Rwanda and Tanzania agreed to jointly develop the Project and manage the Hydroelectric Power plant through Rusumo Power Company Limited (RPCL) owned by the three countries. The generated hydroelectric power will be shared equitably among the three countries of Burundi, Rwanda and Tanzania.

The Rusumo Power Company Limited (RPCL) jointly owned by the three countries. The Company was created and registered in Rwanda and Tanzania to implement the Project, manage and operate the Power Generation Plant.

The Project has two main components; a) Power Generation Plant of 80MW, construction is financed by the World Bank at a cost of 340M USD) and b) the transmission lines that will connect the power plant to the national grids in the three countries are financed by the African Development Bank (AfDB) at a cost of 121Millions USD). NELSAP is the implementing agency for the construction Rusumo Generation Plant

The agreed Project implementation arrangements consist of a Council of Ministers in charge of electricity in the three countries, Project Implementation Committee (PIC) consisting of the Managing Director/Director General of the Electricity Utilities, Project Steering Committee (PSC) consisting of Director General/Commissioner/Director of Energy in each country and Project Manager under NELSAP-Coordination Unit.

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