**PRESS RELEASE**

**Signing of Share Holder Agreement for Kholongchhu HEP**

The Share Holders Agreement for construction of the Kholongchhu HEP was signed on 30 September 2014 by Sh. R.P.Singh, CMD, Satlaj Jal Vidyut Nigam Limited, an Indian PSU and Dasho Chhewang Rinzin, MD,Druk Green Power Corporation of Bhutan in the presence of Lyonpo Norbu Wangchuk, Hon,ble Minister for Economic Affairs and Sh Gautam Bambawale,Indian Ambassador to Bhutan. Sh. Mukesh Jain, Joint Secratary(Hydro), MOP, Govt of India was also present.

The 600 MW Kholongchhu HEP is being developed jointly by SJVN & DGPC in Trashiyangtse, Bhutan for which, the foundation stone was laid by Shri Narendra Modi , Hon’ble Prime Minister of India on 16.06.14 during his visit to Bhutan.

This is the first Hydro electric project being developed by a JV Company of PSUs of both Govts under the build , own, operate and transfer (BOOT) model for which the inter Governmental (IG) Agreement between Royal Govt of Bhutan and Govt of India was signed on 22.04.14.

Both the JV partners will have equal Share holding ( 50:50) in the JV company and the project will be executed with debt equity ratio of 70:30.

The project is expected to be commissioned in 77 months (including 18 months of Pre construction activities) at an estimated cost of Nu 38689 Million at June 2013 price level and would generate 2568.88 million Units annually in 90% dependable year.