

PRESS NOTE

ISO 9001 & 14001 CERTIFICATION FOR NEYVELI THERMAL POWER STATIONS

The three Thermal Power Stations of Neyveli Lignite Corporation Ltd., viz Thermal Power Station-I, Thermal Power Station -I Expansion and Thermal Power Station-II have obtained the ISO 9001:2000 and ISO 14001:1996 certificates for Quality and Environmental Management systems.

ISO 9001:2000 certification provides cost effectiveness, competitiveness and profitability in addition to the production of quality products to the satisfaction of the customers in the highly competitive scenario and with the economic globalization.

With respect to ISO 14001:1996 commitment to protect environment, conservation of depleting resources like water, lignite, oil etc., improved safety and health and compliance of environmental regulations are the major issues. This certification has also become a prerequisite for getting clearance for the new projects and demonstrates the organization's commitment to protect environment.

The process of preparing the Power Plants for certification were started during November 2003. The consultancy services were provided by M/s. Environment & Quality Management Services (EQMS), New Delhi and the certification assignment was carried out by M/s. Indian Register Quality Systems (IRQS), Mumbai.

ISO Awareness Training for about 6000 employees including Indcoserve and contract workmen was given. Certification audits were conducted by M/s. IRQS and the three Thermal Power Stations of NLC were recommended for ISO 9001 & ISO 14001.

In a function organized on 30-8-2004 at Neyveli Thermal Power Station Training Centre, the certificates were released by Shri. S. Jayaraman, CMD, NLC Ltd and were received by the officials of the respective Thermal Power Stations. In his address, Shri. S. Jayaraman declared that NLC is on the way to obtain ISO:18001, the Quality Certification for Safety and soon would become a Zero Accident Company. He also urged the other departments of NLC such as Mines, Finance, Personnel, Material Management and Hospital to get ISO certification at the earliest.

In his felicitation address, Shri. K.S. Anandan, Director (Mines) said that having obtained ISO certifications for quality and environmental management systems, NLC's performance would be watched by global community.

Shri. R. N. Singh, Director (Power) during his presidential address said that NLC would be soon attaining the Minirathna status.

Shri. A.K. Srivathsava, Principal Surveyor of IRQS, Senior Officials of NLC, executives of Thermal Power stations, along with engineering Association and Labour Union representatives attended the function.