

12 DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES IN NORTH EASTERN COALFIELDS

12.1 In the North Eastern Region, Coal India Limited, have its mining activities mainly in Makum Coalfields of Assam, at present six (6) nos. of mines are in operation. These are Tirap, Tikak, Ledo OCP, Tipong, Ledo and Baragolai. Out of these, Tirap, Tikak and Ledo OCP are Open cast Projects while Tipong, Baragolai & Ledo

are Under Ground Mines. Ledo Open Cast Project (Ledo OCP) was started in the Financial Year 2008-09. Production in NEC though depleted gradually from 10.00 lakh tonnes in 1987-88 to 5.72 Lakh tonnes in 1999-2000, it has again started improving from the year 2005-06 onwards as shown in the following table:

Year	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10 Provisional
Coal Production of NEC	11.00	10.50	11.01	10.09	10.50

In the current year till 31.12.2009, 6.93 Lakh tonnes of coal have been produced and it is expected that the production of 10.50 Lakh tonnes will be achieved by 31st March, 2010. Due to the occurrence of a fatal accident on 03.11.2008 (3rd shift) at Ledo Colliery, DGMS has temporarily seal-

off the Ledo U/G Mine and imposed Section 22 (3) of Mines Act- 1952 in other 2 (two) U/G Mines i.e. Tipong and Baragolai since 07.11.2008. Because of that, presently, there is no production of coal from these U/G Mines.

12.1 PERFORMANCE OF NEC DURING 2009-10 (TILL 31st DECEMBER, 2009) *(Provisional)*

1	Coal Production	Unit	Quantity
	i) Under Ground	Lakh Tonnes	0.00
	ii) Open Cast	"	6.93
	TOTAL ---	"	6.93
2	O.M.S.		
	i) Under Ground	Tonnes	0.00
	ii) Open Cast	"	6.64
	iii) Overall	"	1.65

(Provisional)

3	Coal despatch / Off take		
	i) Despatch Lakh Tonnes	7.60	
	ii) Domestic Consumption	"	0.00
	iii) Off take	"	7.60
4	Pit- head Coal Stock as on 31.12.2009	"	1.84
5	No. of Mines	Working	06

12.3 PROJECTED PERFORMANCE OF NEC DURING 2009-10 (JANUARY, 2010 TO MARCH, 2010)*(Provisional)*

1	Coal Production	Unit	Quantity
	i) Under Ground	Lakh Tonnes	00.00
	ii) Open Cast	"	03.57
	TOTAL ---	"	03.57
2	O.M.S.		
	i) Under Ground	Tonnes	00.00
	ii) Open Cast	"	10.27
	iii) Overall	"	02.55
3	Coal despatch / Off take		
	i) Despatch	Lakh Tonnes	03.60
	ii) Domestic Consumption	"	00.00
	iii) Off take	"	03.60
4	Pit- head Coal Stock as on 31.03.2010	"	01.81
5	No. of Mines	Working	06

12.4 PROFITABILITY OF NEC DURING LAST FOUR YEARS

Though NEC was incurring heavy losses barring a few years in the past, it has started earning overall profitability (U/G Collieries are still in losses) since 2005-06. The profitability for the Last four years has been shown in the table below:

(Fig. in Lakh Rupees)

MINES	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Tipong (U.G.)*	(-) 3393.99	(-) 3011.28	(-) 4022.65	(-) 6057.98
Ledo (U.G.)*	(-) 1553.35	(-) 1508.20	(-) 2124.26	(-) 3048.06
Baragolai (U.G.)*	(-) 3358.62	(-) 3004.00	(-) 4053.87	(-) 5522.19
Jeypore (U.G.)*	(-) 48.87	(-) 29.72	(-) 55.25	(-) 75.11
Tirap (OC)	(+) 8165.74	(+) 6438.33	(+) 7496.20	(+) 11230.30
Tikak (OC)	(+) 1344.91	(+) 2904.77	(+) 6609.66	(+) 7483.34
TOTAL NEC	(+) 1155.82	(+) 1789.91	(+) 3840.83	(+) 4010.30

* Though operation has been suspended, cost is incurred towards salary-wages and power cost for establishment maintenance.

12.5 NEC'S PRODUCTION PROGRAMME

NEC has identified five nos. of New Projects, which are at various stages of construction (Out of which Ledo OCP has started production of coal from the

Financial Year 2008-09]. The coal productions from other New Projects are likely to be started during XI Plan and the beginning of XII Plan. The schedules of production from these Mines are shown in the table below:

NEC's Production Programme from New Projects during XI Plan and XII Plan

(Fig. in MT)

Name of the Project Mine	XI Plan				XII Plan		
	2008-09 (Actual)	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
Ledo Mech. OCP	0.039	0.080	0.150	0.200	0.200	0.200	0.200
Lekhapani OCP		--	0.070	0.120	0.200	0.200	0.200
Lachitkhani OCP		--	--	0.070	0.150	0.500	1.000
Tipong OCP		--	--	0.080	0.200	0.400	0.500
PQ Block OCP		--	--	0.050	0.150	0.150	0.150