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EEP wishes all Ethiopians Happy New Year

I wish all Ethiopians a Happy New Year 2016 E.C. 2015 E.C. was a year in which new and favorable opportunities occurred for Ethiopian Electric Power (EEP).

The second unit of Ethiopian Great Renaissance Dam (GERD) started operation, the expensive Ethio-Kenya High Power Transmission Line was officially started transmitting power to Kenya, and the repair work of electricity infrastructures which were damaged by the Northern War was completed.

On the contrary, repeated tower thefts occurred in various parts of the country, and the negotiations of energy export with countries were also challenging issues in 2015 E.C. Therefore, when we think about the year, the memory of EEP is filled with many good and challenging occasions.

Of small to large economic sectors, electricity is important for the food we eat, the clothes we wear, and it is one of the human inventions that make our lives easier. It is the backbone of the environment, hence, it is one of the basic and essential needs of mankind today.



Ashebir Balcha (Eng), CEO, Ethiopian Electric Power

In the reign of Emperor Menelik in 1890, EEP, which started its operation with a small oil-powered generator, has been using different organizational structures and names at different times.

For example, in 1940 E.C, it was known as “Ye Showa Electric Power”, in 1948 E.C as “Ethiopian Electric Light and Power Authority”, and in 1989 E.C as “Ethiopian Electric Power Corporation”.

To sustainably meet the growing demand for energy and streamline the service, the government, in 2006 E.C., divided the

organization into two institutions with different roles namely Ethiopian Electric Power (EEP) and Ethiopian Electric Utility (EEU).

Accordingly, EEP is a public enterprise company established by the revised EFDR Council of Ministers Regulation No. 381/2008. Constructing power plants and distribution stations as well as transmission lines and providing reliable power, conducting feasibility studies for construction works, carrying out design and surveying tasks, and executing consultant works when it is necessary are among its missions. It also buys and sells electricity as a wholesale.

To effectively fulfill the mandate vested on it, EEP has a vision of “Becoming Africa’s Renewable Energy Hub” and is striving more than ever to ensure a reliable power supply by constructing power plants from various renewable energy sources and 132-500 KV power substations and transmission lines.

To meet the growing energy demand every year, EEP has prepared and put into action a 3-year, 10-year, and 25-year development plan that enable it to become a better electricity producer and supplier in terms of

quantity and quality.

Dear leaders and staff of EEP, I entrust you to work harder than ever in the field of the profession we are engaged in, with sincerity and honesty, caring and togetherness for the success of the plans that EEP has designed to implement in the long, medium and short term.

Finally, EEP benefits the entire people across the country by producing power and expanding the infrastructure. However, the efforts to expand electricity infrastructure equitably have been challenged by the theft of transmission line load-bearing metals.

Therefore, I urge the people, the government structures at every level, and the concerned bodies to closely follow and expose the thieves who cause damage to electrical infrastructure.

A new year is always new since it provides hope. I sincerely hope that the coming New Year will be a year in which the security threats in our country will be resolved and we will see peace, happiness, growth, and prosperity in our country.

HAPPY NEW YEAR

Ethiopia's Electric Power Startup Process