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# Song Da Corp. builds second hydropower plant in Laos

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HCMC – Song Da Corporation will start construction of Xekaman 1 hydropower plant in Laos on Sunday, the second hydropower project that the local company deploys in the neighboring country, said the Ministry of Industry and Trade.

Do Duc Quan, deputy director of the Energy Department under the ministry, said the Xekaman 1 hydropower project would be developed at a cost of some US\$440 million, and would have designed capacity of 322MW to produce 1.2 billion kWh a year.

He told the Daily on Thursday that the project construction is to be completed within four years. The power generated from Xekaman 1 plant will be transmitted back to the Electricity of Vietnam for feeding the national grid.

The project is located on the Xekaman River in Laos' southern province of Attapeu, about 75 kilometers from the Vietnamese province of Kon Tum.

In 2006, Song Da Corporation had started construction of Xekaman 3 hydropower plant in Laos with total investment of US\$310 million. The first oversea hydropower project of Song Da Corp. had a designed generating capacity of 250MW and is expected to operate its first generator by the end of this year.

The Government of Vietnam has so far approved Song Da Corporation to carry out three hydropower projects in Laos, comprised of Xekaman 1, Xekaman 3 and SeKong 3.

The project SeKong 3, that requires total investment of US\$275 million and has a designed capacity of 250MW, is expected commence construction this year-end for completion by 2015.

According to the Quan, beside the three hydropower projects by Song Da, Vietnam now has about ten other hydropower projects that will be constructed in Laos within the next few years by local economic groups.

Almost all the power generated from these hydropower power plants will be linked back to the national grid of Vietnam.

Regarding the development of hydropower in Vietnam, Quan of the ministry said the country now had 850 hydropower projects in total, but only some 100 projects having been commissioned and some 100 other projects are under construction. The remainder of 650 projects were still on the paper.

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