

**SIX MONTHLY PROGRESS REPORTS OF UMIAM STAGE –IV H.E.  
PROJECT (2 X 30 MW), RI-BHOI DISTRICT, MEGHALAYA ENDING 31<sup>ST</sup>  
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<b>SPECIFICATION CONDITIONS</b>	<b>STATUS OF COMPLIANCE</b>
i) Fuel depots should be opened by the Forest Department to provide fuel wood to the labour force free of cost during the construction period. Providing fuel wood should be charged to the Project and should include in the Project estimates.	i) As the Project area is within the vicinity of the Nongkhylllem Reserved Forest, Ri-Bhoi District, due care for the stipulation had already been taken during the construction stage. The Project had been completed since 1992 and only the O&M staffs are in the colony where electricity is used for cooking purposes.
ii) To minimize soil erosion and consequent silting of the reservoir cultivation/deforestation/grazing in the vicinity of the reservoir should not be permitted. Comprehensive Afforestation programme should be launched by the Department, in collaboration with the Soil Conservation and Agriculture Department, so that sedimentation flow can be reduced.	i i) Afforestation programmes have been taken up with the Range Officer, Social Forestry, Umiam and tree samplings were planted during the month of July 2008.
iii) Large reservoir created by this Project to be utilized as a tourist spot by providing facilities for water sports, angling and other tourist attractions.	iii) The reservoir is a small pondage with a live storage of 0.81 Mcum and is located inside the Nongkhylllem reserve forest land (prohibited area). Hence, development of the stated facilities may perhaps not be encouraged.
iv) Restoration of land in the construction may be ensured to prevent erosion.	iv) Restoration of land in the construction areas has been restored and green covers have developed around those sites as soon as construction was completed by the MeSEB. Hence the condition is complied with.
v) It should be ensured that the construction of colonies for the Project involves minimum possible deforestation; compensatory Afforestation and social forestry should be undertaken.	v) The project construction started around 1984 and was completed in 1992. Since, the project site is located in the Nongkhylllem Sanctuary, decisions on activities during and after the construction period, were taken in consultation with the State Forest Department due to the eco-sensitive nature of the project site. However, small colonies have been built for essential maintenance staff at Dam site and Power House with R.C.C. Buildings and also electricity has been used for cooking purposes. Moreover, there are green vegetation covers all around these colonies. Hence, the condition is complied with.
vi) A monitoring group should be formed by the State Government, in consultation with NCEPC, so that the suggested safeguards are implemented effectively and flow up action taken as and when necessary.	vi) The above stipulations are more or less complied with.