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NGCP breaks ground for the Southern Panay Backbone Transmission Project

The National Grid Corporation of the Philippines (NGCP) recently launched the substation component of its P1.4 million Southern Panay Backbone Transmission Project (SPBP) in Brgy. Igbonglo, San Jose de Buenavista, Antique.

The groundbreaking ceremony on May 27, 2011 was attended by Antique Governor Exequiel B. Javier and Vice Governor Rosie A. Dimamay; San Jose de Buenavista Mayor Roni L. Molina; Igbonglo Barangay Captain Farly dela Cruz; Yan Jia Yuan, Deputy Manager of Xian Electric; Jimmy Constantino of K Energy; and officials of the Antique Chamber of Commerce and NGCP.

The municipality of San Jose de Buenavista, Antique hosts the new substation which will be constructed along with the expansion of nearby Sta. Barbara substation.

Mayor Molina lauded NGCP for “bringing development closer to those who need it.” He added that the project will give reliable power supply to the province and facilitate the entry of investors in the municipality, particularly the business process outsourcing (BPO) or call centers.

Dominador S. Geonzon, officer-in-charge of NGCP’s Planning and Engineering, acknowledged the support and endorsement of local officials in Antique, who paved the way for the smooth implementation of the Southern Panay Backbone Transmission Project.

The transmission project is “the biggest private investment that came to Antique”, according to Governor Javier. Some investors, he said, are hesitant to come to Antique because power supply comes from the power barges in Iloilo and other sources outside the province.

In a speech during the groundbreaking ceremony, Governor Javier extended his gratitude to NGCP President and CEO Henry Sy Jr. for investing in the project in Antique. The reliable power supply from the project is expected to attract more businesses and create job opportunities in the province.

NGCP Board Director Shan Shewu said that the project will not only benefit Antique but the whole island of Panay as well. The completion of the Southern Panay Backbone Transmission Project will assure Panay island of a stronger and more reliable power transmission system.

The project, which is scheduled to be completed in June 2012, is part of the larger Panay Power Transmission Backbone which involves the construction of a total of 195 kilometers of 138 kV and 69 kV overhead transmission lines utilizing steel tower structures. Work on the 138-kiloVolt transmission line component of the project already started on April 8.

The project aims to (1) accommodate load growth in support of the Panay island’s socio-economic development; (2) improve voltage profile in Southern Panay as prescribed by the Philippine Grid Code; and (3) enhance system reliability and operational flexibility. ###



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Power transmission service provider National Grid Corporation of the Philippines (NGCP) launched the substation component of its P1.4 million Southern Panay Backbone Transmission Project in San Jose de Buenavista, Antique on May 27, 2011. Leading the groundbreaking rites were officials from NGCP, Antique Chamber of Commerce, Xian Electric, and the local government.

In photo (left side, L-R): Antique Provincial Police Director Supt. Ruperto Floro, Jr.; ANTECO President Mr. Vicente M. Painaga, Jr.; Antique Vice Governor Hon. Rosie A. Dimamay; San Jose de Buenavista Mayor Hon. Rony L. Molina; Antique Governor Hon. Exequiel B. Javier; and Mr. Carmelino L. De Leon, NGCP Eng'g. Construction Department Head

(right side, R-L): Mr. Yan Jia Yuan, Vice President of NGCP's main contractor Xian Electric Eng'g. Co.; Mr. Dominador S. Geonzon, OIC of the Office of the Assistant Chief Technical Officer for Planning and Eng'g. of NGCP; Mr. Shan Shewu, NGCP Board Director; and Mr. Oscar M. Camerino, NGCP Eng'g. Construction Department Deputy Head. ###

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