

**Torrent Power signs Joint Venture with POWERGRID:  
To lay dedicated lines to evacuate 1100 MW from  
SUGEN Project in Gujarat**

**Ahmedabad: 15<sup>th</sup> June, 2006:**

Torrent today signed a Joint Venture Agreement with Power Grid Corporation of India Ltd. (POWERGRID) at Delhi. The Joint Venture is for establishing dedicated transmission lines between the 1100 MW SUGEN gas based Mega Power Project, being set up by Torrent Power at Akhakhhol (Dist. Surat), and Dehgam, Gujarat. The 400 KV double circuit line would cover a distance of approx. 250 kms. The execution of the project will commence soon. This will take care of the power evacuation requirements of the new generation project to Ahmedabad / North Gujarat. Torrent Power is also connecting Akhakhhol and Surat for evacuating power for distribution in Surat city.

POWERGRID will hold 26% equity and Torrent Power will hold the balance 74% in this new Joint Venture.

Torrent Power is one of the leading private players in the power sector, having a generation capacity of 1600 MW (500 MW in Ahmedabad and 1100 MW under implementation at Akhakhhol) and distributes power in the cities of Ahmedabad, Gandhinagar and Surat.

POWERGRID, a forward looking Central Transmission Utility, is proactively encouraging enhancement of transmission network so as to create a robust infrastructure in the country. POWERGRID had signed five MOUs on 23<sup>rd</sup> March, 2006 to set up dedicated transmission systems of private utilities. Within such a short span of time, the MOU has culminated into Agreements. On the occasion, both the companies reiterated that they were confident that this Joint Venture would lead the way in bringing about more public / private partnerships, which is one of the most feasible routes to address the problems of power sector.