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PRESS NOTE

Carbon Credit revenue for the year 2007-08 is received by FaL-G brick Industry from the World Bank.

Exactly one year back, in the month of August, the carbon credit cheques were distributed to 13 FaL-G brick manufacturing units, aggregating to a revenue earning of over Rs. 52.00 lakhs. Eco Carbon Pvt. Ltd. (ECPL), the Project Entity has received this amount from the World Bank by transferring the carbon credits earned by these 13 entrepreneurs registered under Bundle 1. As early raise birds, they were lucky to get these credits for 3 years 2004-07.

This year for 2007-08, another lot of carbon credits were transferred to the World Bank and over Rs. 40.00 lakhs are going to be distributed to 24 FaL-G units; 13 units of Bundle 1 and 11 units of Bundle 2. These cheques are going to be distributed to these entrepreneurs on Sunday 10th August, at Vijayawada at a ceremonial function organized by INSWAREB along with CDM-Awareness workshop. Smt Daggubati Purandareswari, Hon'ble Union Minister of State for Human Resource Development, Govt. of India, consented to grace the function as Chief Guest and give away the cheques to recipients. Mr K Devanand, District Collector of Prakasam, Mr R Subrahmanyam, Mg. Director of AP State Housing Corporation and Mr Ajay Jain, Mg. Director of APGENCO would be the other dignitaries to address the event.

Small scale units, though positioned to earn carbon credits, can not afford to promote their projects as CDM due to high transaction costs and enormous documentation. Bundling is an opportunity created by UNFCCC to facilitate small scale units in getting the benefit of carbon revenue. Under 'Bundling' one aggregator, who is called as Project Entity, put together the small scale units of same nature and promote the Bundle as CDM Project. If number of small scale units is more, any number of Bundles can be registered.

In the case of FaL-G units, Eco Carbon Pvt. Ltd., Visakhapatnam, has come forward to play the role of Project Entity and signed with the World Bank committing to transfer 600,000 tons of carbon credits by 2015. For this purpose it is estimated to aggregate over 108 FaL-G units under different bundles. Already two bundles have come on to the stream and a few more bundles are going to be aggregated. ECPL's agreement with the World Bank is valid till 2015.

Each million of FaL-G bricks (equivalent to 1540 cu.m) accrue over 250 tons of carbon credits, earning over Rs. 55,000, net of all expenses and statutory charges. Each small scale unit manufactures 2 to 6 million bricks earning over one to three lakhs rupees every year till 2015. INSWAREB and ECPL are working together to promote more and more FaL-G activity at National level, including the large scale mechanised plants in corporate sector. This would enlarge the scope to abate large volumes of carbon emissions and, in turn, contributing to the universal mammoth task of 'Abatement of Global Warming'.

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