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SNAP-Benguet signs loan agreement with domestic & international financial institutions

SN Aboitiz Power-Benguet, Inc. (SNAP-Benguet) signed on August 8, 2008 a US\$375 million loan agreement with a consortium of international and domestic financial institutions which include the International Finance Corporation, Nordic Investment Bank, Banco de Oro Unibank, Inc., Bank of the Philippine Islands, BPI Asset Management and Trust Group, China Banking Corporation, Development Bank of the Philippines, Philippine National Bank and Security Bank Corporation.

The loan facility will partially finance the purchase price and the rehabilitation of the 175-megawatt (MW) Ambuklao-Binga Hydroelectric Power Plant Complex (Ambuklao-Binga HEPPC) under the Asset Purchase Agreement with Power Sector Assets and Liabilities Management Corporation (PSALM) and refinance SNAP-Benguet's existing advances from shareholders with respect to the acquisition of the Ambuklao-Binga HEPPC.

SNAP-Benguet, is a joint venture between Aboitiz Power Corporation, a listed subsidiary of Aboitiz Equity Ventures, Inc., and SN Power AS of Norway. SNAP-Benguet acquired the 175-MW Ambuklao-Binga HEPPC for US\$325 million through a competitive bidding conducted by PSALM in November 2007.

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