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Reliance Power achieves financial closure for Sasan project

Co raises debt from a consortium of banks and financial institutions

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Reliance Power Ltd has achieved financial closure for its Sasan Ultra Mega Power Project.

The project cost is Rs 19,400 crore and the company has raised Rs 14,550 crore as debt at an average interest cost of 12-12.5 per cent.

The debt, with maturity period ranging from 15 to 20 years, has been arranged from a consortium of banks and financial institutions led by SBI.

PROJECT IN SINGRAULI

The project is coming up in Singrauli district of Madhya Pradesh, which is home to a number of large power projects. The project would have six units of 660 MW, totalling 3,960 MW.

Mr J.P. Chalasani, CEO of



Mr J.P. Chalasani, CEO, Reliance Power Ltd, addressing a press conference in Mumbai on Tuesday. — Shashi Ashiwal

the company, addressing mediapersons on Tuesday said the uniqueness of the project is that it an integrated coal mine and power project.

The project would require 16 million tonnes of coal a year and it would be mined from three coal blocks with a total capacity of 700 million

tonnes, he said.

On contentious issues of land acquisition for the project, Mr Chalasani said the power plant would require about 2,000 acres, consisting of 900 acres of private land, 300 acres of Government land and 800 acres of forest land. The private and Government land required is mostly in the company's possession and it has got second stage clearance for the forest land, he said.

FIRST PHASE

The first phase of the Sasan project is scheduled to be completed by December 2011 and the second by March 2013.

Reliance Power's shares closed at Rs 119.90 on the BSE on Tuesday, a 1 per cent increase over the previous close.