

## PRESS RELEASE

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### CAMEROUN – HYDRO-ELECTRICITY

#### TEMPORARY BYPASS OF THE SANAGA RIVER SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED

NHPC, Nachtigal's project general contractor, announces that on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> September, the temporary bypass of the Sanaga River has been successfully completed. The construction consortium, lead by NGE and its partners BESIX and SGTM, has therefore reached a key milestone on this hydroelectric system flagship project in Cameroon.

Amazing feat on the Nachtigal hydroelectric project, with the successful completion of Cameroon's largest river (918 km) temporary bypass: the Sanaga.

It was vital to redirect the natural course of the Sanaga River through the final structures in the upstream part of the site before the start of the main rainy season. This secured the continuity of the work on this major project, serving the sustainable development of Cameroon.

Henceforth, the mainstream of the Sanaga River now flows on the left bank. On the one hand, through the two future "spillways of the dam" structures, and on the other hand through the four temporary sluice gates - hydraulic openings in the reinforced concrete structures – built in anticipation of this bypass phase.

This bypass enables another part of the site to remain unflooded to allow the main dike to progress towards the right bank.

With a capacity of 420 MW, the Nachtigal hydroelectric project will produce the equivalent of 30% of the country's energy production capacity when commissioned in 2024. The completion rate of the project to date is 70%.



*"We have just successfully completed a crucial stage thanks to the commitment of all the teams. This milestone confirms that the project is being managed in perfect coordination with our partners. It is both a human and technical achievement that demonstrates our commitment to delivering a safe, high-quality hydroelectric facility, on time and in the best conditions in terms of health and safety on the one hand, and in accordance with the best international environmental standards on the other hand."*

**Vincent LEROUX, NHPC CEO.**



*« It was a genuine race against time between our teams and the rainy season. This operation was a great success thanks to the dedication of our employees and partners, the trust placed in us by our client and the considerable resources made available to compensate for unforeseen events, such as the Covid-19 pandemic or the war in Ukraine, which affected our procurement. This was necessary for the success of this major project, which is consistent with our strategy of diversifying our business internationally. »*

**Orso VESPERINI, NGE International and Major Projects Managing Director.**

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**Key figures for the diversion work carried out on 26 September:**

1. 200 employees at peak, in the upstream part of the site out of the 3,000 employees of the project
2. Day and night shift work
3. 12 platforms
4. 3 excavators
5. 2 tower cranes
6. 2 mobile cranes
7. Several thermal water pumps from 150 to 500 m<sup>3</sup>/h

### À propos de NHPC (Nachtigal Hydro Power Company)

Established in July 2016, NHPC is responsible for the design, financing and construction of the Nachtigal hydropower scheme and the 50km transmission line between Nachtigal and Nyom 2. NHPC has also been entrusted by the State of Cameroon with the operation of the Nachtigal hydropower scheme for 35 years.

The Nachtigal project will provide decarbonised, competitive and year-round electricity. With an installed capacity of 42 OMW, it will produce an average of 2.9 TWh/year, corresponding to about one third of Cameroon's electricity consumption. From 2023, Nachtigal will produce electricity from its first turbine. Commercial operation is scheduled for 2024.

Together with its industrial partners and all stakeholders, NHPC is committed to implementing the best international standards for the success of Nachtigal and is thus at the heart of sustainable development in Cameroon.

NHPC's shareholders are the State of Cameroon (15%) as a key institutional partner, EDF (40%), an industrial partner and world leader in low-carbon energy, IFC (20%), the largest development institution in charge of the private sector, and two African and French investment funds AFRICA50 (15%) and STOA (10%).

Nachtigal is a major investment of over €1.2 billion, financed by 15 international and local donors. Nachtigal was awarded the Project of the Year 2018 in the category of Multilateral Financing by the institution Project Finance International.

To know more about project: [www.nhpc.cm](http://www.nhpc.cm)

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