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PREFACE

In response to a request from the Government of the Republic of El Salvador, the

Government of Japan decided to conduct the Feasibility Study on the Hydroelectric

Complex over the Torola River and entrusted the Study to Japan International Cooperation

Agency (JICA).

JICA sent a study team led by Mr. Nobuo HASHIMOTO of Electric Power Development

Co., Ltd. (J-POWER) to the Republic of El Salvador eight times from May 2001 to

December 2003.

The study team held discussions with the officials concerned of the Government of the

Republic of El Salvador and conducted related field surveys. After returning to Japan, the

study team carried out further studies and compiled the final results in this report.

I hope this report will contribute to the promotion of the project and to the enhancement of

friendly relations between our two countries.

I wish to express my sincere appreciation to the officials concerned of the Government of

the Republic of El Salvador for their close cooperation throughout the study.

March 2004

Tadashi IZAWA

Vice President

Japan International Cooperation Agency

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March 2004

Mr. Tadashi IZAWA
Vice President
Japan International Cooperation Agency
Tokyo, Japan

Dear Mr. Izawa,

Letter of Transmittal

We are pleased to submit to you the feasibility report on the Hydroelectric Complex over the Torola River in the Republic of El Salvador. This report contains the advice and suggestions of the authorities concerned of the Government of Japan and your Agency, as well as the formulation of the above mentioned project. Also included are comments made by the Comisión Ejecutiva Hidroeléctrica del Río Lempa of the Republic of El Salvador during technical discussions on the draft final report which were held in San Salvador.

This report presents a development of El Chaparral Hydropower Project with an installed capacity of 65.7 MW and annual energy generation of 233.2 GWh. After completion of the project, the domestic water resources can be effectively used to supply stable energy in order to cope with the increasing power demand as well as problem of global warming.

In view of the importance of power development and of the need for socio-economic development of the Republic of El Salvador, we recommend that the El Salvadorian Government implement this Project as a top priority.

We wish to take this opportunity to express our sincere gratitude to your Agency, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry. We also wish to express our deep gratitude to the Comisión Ejecutiva Hidroeléctrica del Río Lempa and other authorities concerned of the Government of El Salvador for their close cooperation and assistance extended to us during our study.

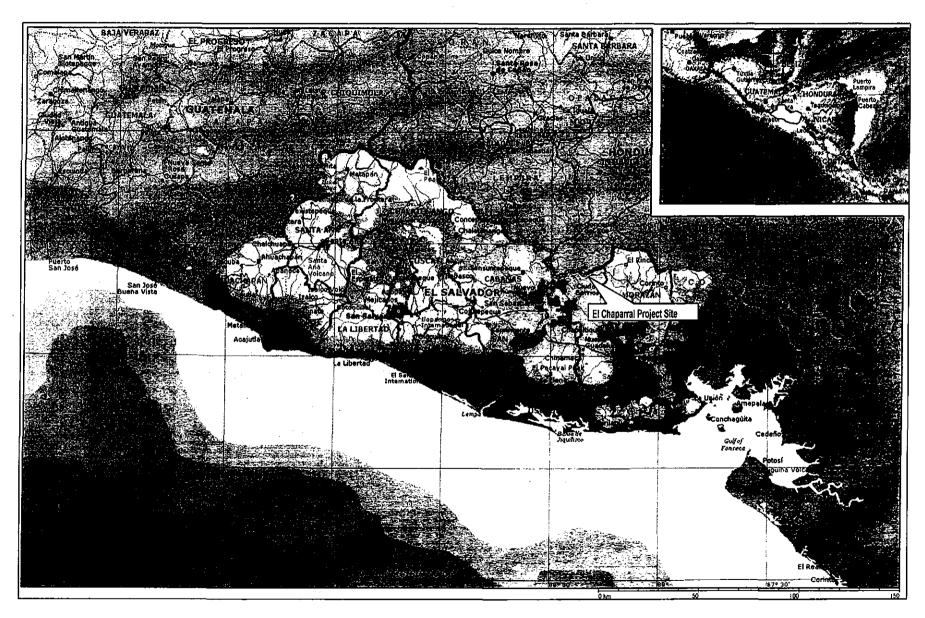
Very truly yours,

Nobuo HASHIMOTO

Team Leader

Hydropower Complex over the Torola River Project

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El Chaparral Dam Site (View from Downstream)



Road Condition (El Trinfo, Turning Point from Pan-American Highway)



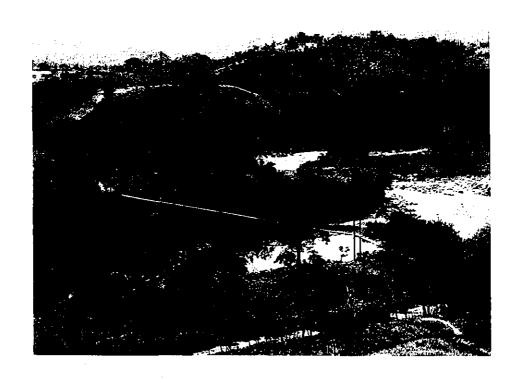
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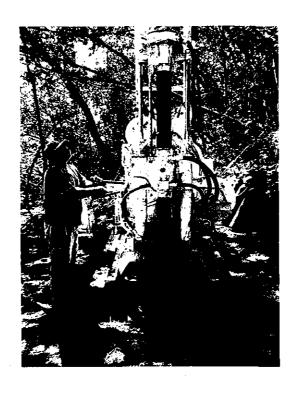
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Osicala Hydrological Gauging Station



Geological Investigation



Environmental Investigation

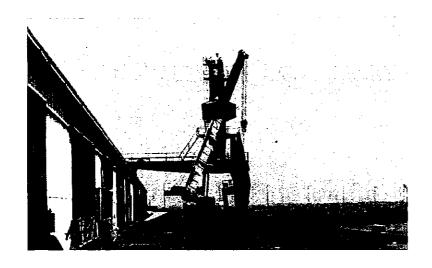
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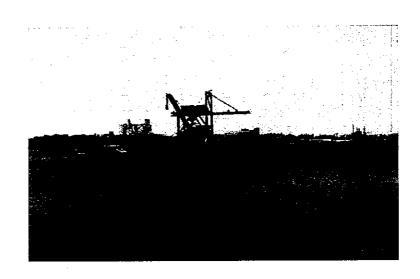
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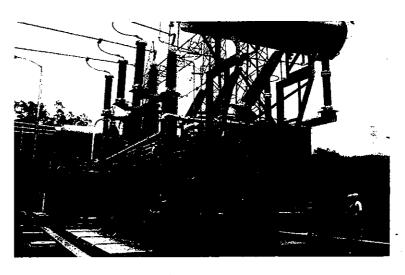
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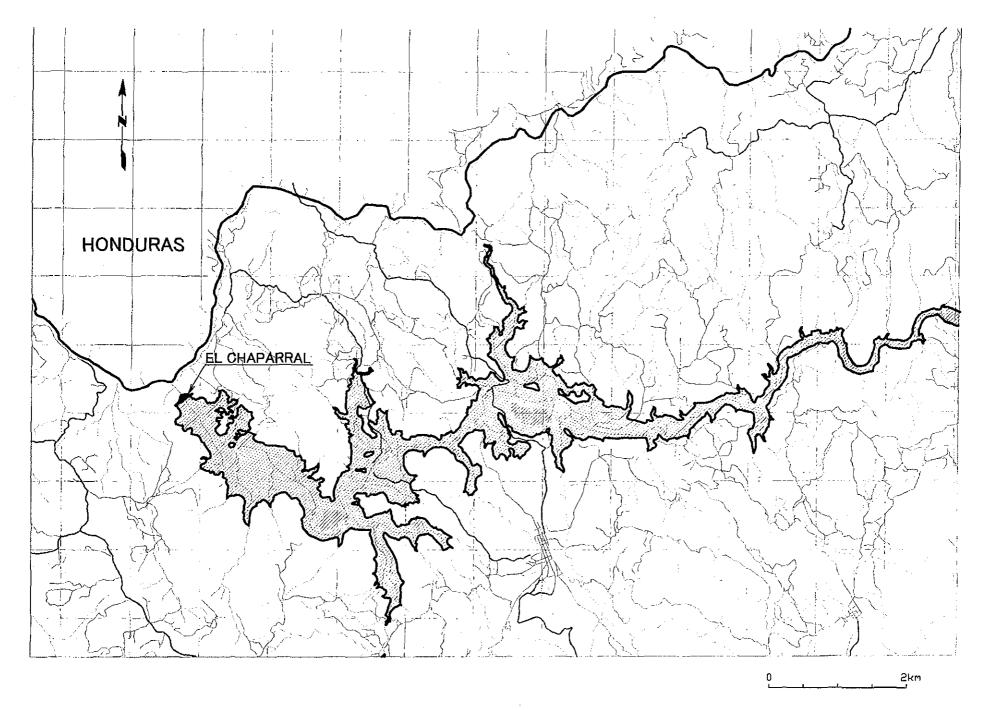
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ABBREVIATION

1. Domestic and Regional Organizations

CIG Centro de Invertigaciones Geotécicas

MARN Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources

COEN Comité de Emergencia Nacional

CONACYT Consejo Nacional para la Ciencia y la Tecnología CONCULTURA Consejo Nacional para la Culatura y el Arte

CEL Comisión Ejecutiva Hidroeléctrica del Río Lempa

SIEPAC Sistema de Interconexión Eléctrica para los Países de América Central

UT Unidad de Transacciones

SIGET Superintendencia General de Electricidad y Telecomunicaciones

GESAL Geotérmica Salvadoreña, S.A. de C.V. CESSA Cemento de El Salvador S.A de C.V.

CAESS Compañía de Alumbrado Eléctrico de San Salvador de S.A de C.V.
CLESA Compañía de Alumbrado Eléctrico de Santa Ana de S.A de C.V.

DELSUR Distribuidora Eléctrica del Sur, S.A. de C.V.

DEUSEM Distribuidora Eléctrica de Usulután, Sociedad de Economía Mixta ETESAL Empresa Transmisora de Energía Eléctrica Salvadoreña, S.A

EEO Empresa Eléctrica de Oriente S.A de C.V
CEAC Consejo de Electrificación de América Central
ITIC Instituto Tropical de Investigaciones Científicas
SNET Servicio Nacional de Estudios Territoriales

2. International and Foreign Organizations

JICA Japan International Cooperation Agency

BCIE Central American Bank for Economic Integration (CABEI)

NWS National Weather Service (USA)

NOAA National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (USA)

USGS United States Geological Survey

JSCE Japan Society of Civil Engineers

EPDC Electric Power Development Co., Ltd.(J-POWER) of Japan

ASTM American Society for Testing and Materials

ANSI American National Standards Institute

3. Technical Terms

CA Catchment area

PMF Probable maximum flood

PMP Probable maximum precipitation

HWL High water level LWL Low water level **NWL** Normal water level IWL Intake water level TWL Tail water level Hd Draw down depth SL Sedimentation level

EL.m Elevation (m) above sea level **HPP** Hydropower plant (or project)

GPP Geothermal power plant

PS or P/S Power station GS Gauging station

S/T or S/S Substation

T/G Turbine and generator L/T Transmission line D/L Distribution line AC Alternating current DC Direct current Power factor p.f PF Plant Factor cct Circuit

S/Y Switchyard

GIS SF6-Gas insulated switch gear O&M or O/M Operation and maintenance

E.H.S Extra high strength **RMS** Root mean square **ROW** Right of way

ACSR Aluminum cable steel reinforced

RCC Roller compacted concrete

CRF Capital recovery factor

4. **Environmental Terms**

EIA Environmental impact assessment

AAU Assigned amount unit ERU Emission reduction unit

ET Emission trading

EsIA Estudio de impacto ambiental

JI Joint implementation

Removal unit **RMU**

I.E.E Initial environmental examination CDM Clean development mechanism CER Certificate of emission reduction

PMA Environmental Management Program'

NMP/100 More probable number in 100ml

5. **Economic Terms**

GDP Gross domestic product

B/C Benefit cost ratio

B-C Net benefit (Net present value: NPV)

OCC Opportunity cost of capital

IRR Internal rate of return

EIRR Economic internal rate of return **FIRR** Financial internal rate of return

F/C Foreign currency L/C Local currency

CDM Clean development mechanism

ET**Emission trading**

CER Certified emission reduction

US\$ or \$ US dollar

MUS\$ Million US dollar

USC or c US cent

SDDP Stochastic dynamic dual program

6. **Others**

MC Contract market MM Wholesale market PM Power market

MRS System adjustment market

NGO Non governmental organization

ODA Official development aid

F/S Feasibility study DD Definite design S/W Scope of work M/M

Minutes of meeting

IPP Independent power producer

HDWiz Hydro design wizard

OFAF Forced oil, air cooled type JIS Japanese Industrial Standards

UNIT

No. Measurement

1 Length

mm Millimeter
cm Centimeter
m Meter
km Kilometer

2 Area

cm² Square centimeter
m² Square meter
ha Hectare
km² Square kilometer

km² Square kilometer
MCM Mil circular mil

3 Volume

cm³ Cubic centimeter

 $\begin{array}{ccc} I & & Liter \\ Kl & & Kiloliter \\ m^3 & & Cubic meter \end{array}$

MCM Million cubic meter

4 Weight

g Gram
kg Kilogram
ton or t Metric ton
tC Carbon ton
gC Carbon gram

CO₂.ton / t- CO₂. Carbon dioxide ton

5 Time

s / sec Second
ms Millisecond
min Minute
h / hr Hour
d Day

No. Measurement

mth Month yr Year

gal Acceleration value

6 Meteorology

°C Degree in centigrade (Celcius)

K Degree in Kelvin-grade

mb Milibar

7 Electrical Measures

V Volt
kV Kilovolt
A Ampere
kA Kiloampere
Hz Hertz (cycle)

W Watt kWKilowatt MWMegawatt GWGigawatt Kilowatt hour kWh MWh Megawatt hour GWh Gigawatt hour kVA Kilovolt ampere Megavolt ampere MVA

MVAR/MVar Megavar

m-kW Meter-kilowatt

8 Others

Btu British thermal unit
rpm / RPM Revolutions per minute
% Percentage (or Percent)

Lu Lugeon

 cm^3/s Cubic centimeter per second m^3/s Cubic meter per second

pH Hydrogen power

CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Conclusion and Recommendations

This feasibility study was implemented with respect to the Torola River Hydroelectric Project from March 2001, and the Project was judged feasible from technological, economical, financial and environmental points of view for the following reasons as a result of the study. The details of the conclusion will be discussed below.

Conclusion

(1) Necessity of Hydroelectric Development

This project conforms to the following basic policies on the hydroelectric development of the government of El Salvador:

- To meet the increased demand for electric power by using competitive and sustainable hydropower resources;
- 2) To contribute to a reduction in petroleum resources consumption; and,
- 3) To effectively utilize the underused hydroelectric resources of the Torola River.

While the new development of thermal power stations by private companies and an increase in imported electric power from other countries are also considered as alternatives for the introduction of new power source, in addition to new hydroelectric developments such as this project, it is considered necessary to place higher priority on the hydroelectric development from the following points of view:

- It is necessary to coordinate with national energy policies such as measures taken in response to global environmental problems and the development and promotion of alternative energy to oil; and,
- A power source with load adjustability features against fluctuations of the system such
 as frequency change is necessary, and quick response is required in the operation.

From the above, this hydroelectric project is positioned as a valuable power source development from the perspective of securing a power source that allows sustainable reliability amidst the need for non-oil power sources on the backdrop of rising concern over global environment problems relating to CO₂, the deregulation of electric utilities, and the widespread power exchanges through SIEPAC.

(2) Projection of electric power demand

The electric power demand in El Salvador has risen steadily as evidenced in the annual average increase rates in electric energy and in the maximum electric power for the last 10 years of approximately 4.9% and 4.7% respectively. With regard to the electric power demand and supply balance, the deregulation of electric utilities has allowed the electric power imported from Guatemala and Honduras and the power received from independent power producers (IPP) to be incorporated into the overall electricity. As a result, the electricity generated from domestic sources, which stood at about 3,981 GWh in 2002, accounted for approximately 91.2% of the total generation, while approximately 8.8% of the total generation came from imported sources, amounting to approximately 384 GWh.

Meanwhile, the current power source development plan projects that the reserve margin will fall below 10% both in terms of kWh and kW in 2008 and demand and supply are expected to be increasingly out of balance after 2009. Thus, the development of new power sources will become essential for 2008 and onward.

While the daily load curve of El Salvador reaches its peak during the night time from 18:00 to 22:00, this power station is planned as a hydroelectric power station which, along with the existing hydro-electric power stations, will be able to meet the electric power demand during the peak hours including the discharge for the river maintenance and to supply electric power targeting the three-to-four peak hours throughout the year (and also the power for the base hours during the rainy season).

(3) Study Processes and Development Scheme

In reference to the hydroelectric development project of the Torola River, various development schemes were examined on eight projects in total through a Pre-Feasibility study conducted from December 1997 to March 1999.

As a result, the La Honda Project and the El Chaparral Project in the downstream parts of the Torola River were selected as projects feasible for the development to be launched within the near future from the standpoints of economy and environment of the surrounding areas. Since results of the Pre-Feasibility study that began in March 2001 revealed questionable cost efficiency for the La Honda Project, the subsequent detailed study focused only on the El Chaparral Project.

During the detailed study stage, a follow-up field study (on topographic features, geological features, and environment) was commissioned and carried out, and a proposed plan for the sole development of the El Chaparral Project was prepared based on its results.

(4) Topography and Natural Conditions

The Torola River watershed is surrounded by relatively gentle mountains, with few flatlands. Since the river gradient is not very steep (approximately 1/100 - 1/200) and the river does not have many large sharp curves, securing of drops by water conveyance through water channels is not effective, and the topography is suited for the dam type power generation method.

The Torola River watershed is composed of volcanic rocks and volcanic detritus rocks formed by volcanic activities in the Tertiary Era to Quaternary Era and the soil of the El Chaparral project area is composed of tuff breccia and basalt. While the surface deposit is generally thin including the riverbed gravel part, the bedrock is highly permeable and the groundwater level is low.

The Torola River watershed has two distinct seasons: a dry season from November to April and a wet season from May to October. While it receives little rainfall during the driest period from December to February, it receives rainfall amounting to 300 m to 500 m in June and September. The annual rainfall varies from 1,200 m to 2,900 m in the watershed.

(5) Optimum Development Scale

In the study of power generation planning scale, cost efficiency was compared to the effective capacities at several high water levels (HWL) on the assumption that the peak hours required in terms of demand and supply is three to four hours.

In the study, it was planned that the water required to maintain a minimum ecological flow (2m ³/s) would be diverted from the dam at the end of the penstock and discharged to the area immediately downstream from the dam via small hydraulic turbines placed at the end.

Based on the above, several cases with different combinations of maximum discharges and high water levels were compared for the power generation scale. The comparison revealed that, because the topography of El Chaparral dam site is relatively steep, the upsizing of the dam height was found to little increase the total construction expense. Thus, the upsizing of the dam height was found to be economical for the purpose of securing of the effective capacity of the reservoir. The case with the highest water level (HWL 212 m Qmax=100 m³/s) showed the best result in terms of cost efficiency, and it was determined as the optimum scale.

(6) Overview of the Development Project

This project is a dam type power station project located in the downstream part of the Torola River and immediately upstream above the international border with Honduras. The dam will be a concrete gravity dam 87.5 m in height and approximately 370,000 m³ in volume, which will regulate an annual average inflow of $1,489 \times 10^6 \text{m}^3$ by the reservoir with an effective storage capacity of $106 \times 10^6 \text{m}^3$.

With regard to the water for power generation, a maximum discharge of 100 m³/s will be taken from the intake attached to the dam and will be conveyed to the power station located on the left bank immediately downstream from the dam through the penstock of approximately 145 m in extension. Electricity with an annual energy production of 220.6 GWh will be generated at the maximum output (one unit) of 64.4 MW and delivered to the existing 15 de Septiembre Substation on the 115 kV transmission line.

In the meantime, the total electric energy amounts to 233.2 GWh including the electric energy generated by the small hydraulic turbines (1.3 MW) attached to the dam which use the water released from the storage to maintain a minimum ecological flow, and the increase in the power generation in the downstream of the dam by the existing 15 de Septiembre Power Station through the operation of the reservoir.

(7) Feasibility Designing

The axis of the dam was placed in the location approximately 300 m upstream from the confluence of the Torola River and the border with Honduras. Both banks of the location are relatively narrow. The soil of the dam site is composed mainly of basalt and no large faults have been identified. The surface deposit is generally thin except the thick decomposed rocks on the right bank, and the bedrock of the riverbed is adequate for the construction of the concrete gravity dam with 80 – 90 m in height. The basic shape of the dam was decided by calculating the dam stability against the design seismic ground motion expected to occur at the dam site. The dam height as measured from the bedrock to the dam crest is 87.5 m at maximum and the volume of the dam body is approximately 370,000 m³. The gravel on the riverbed approximately 2 km upstream above the axis of the dam will be primarily used for the dam concrete aggregate.

Because the permeability of the dam bedrock is generally high, in the neighborhood of 20 Lu in some zones according to a bore hole permeability test conducted along the dam axis, while the groundwater level was extremely low, curtain grouting for the purpose of controlling the penetration of reservoir water through the bedrock and consolidation grouting for improving

the surface of the dam bedrock will included in the foundation treatment scheme of the dam.

The type of spillway will be the central overflow type with gates to release a design spillway flow of $6,484 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$ (PMF) at HWL.

The power station will be placed on the left bank for easier accessibility and because of the distribution of relatively favorable soil, and the outlet will be integrated with the power station. The type of the power station will be semi-underground type in consideration of less complicated construction and economic efficiency, and the main transformer will be installed outdoors adjacent to the mountain side of the power station. The switchyard will be placed in an area of a gently sloped land on the left bank downstream of the power station.

(8) Construction Costs and Construction Schedule

The amount of funds required for this project is approximately US\$135.3 million in total based on the price index of FY2003, including the direct construction cost for preparatory works, civil works, hydro-mechanical equipment, electronic and mechanical equipment, land and compensations, environmental expenditures, among others, as well as overhead such as construction administrative costs and contingency for quantity fluctuations. The transmission line expense included in the construction costs includes the costs for the installation of 43 km-long transmission line from this power station to the existing 15 de Septiembre substation.

The construction period from the start of preparatory works to the start of operation is approximately three years and four months, and this covers permanent works such as preparatory works, civil engineering works and electric work. The schedule through the start of construction is outlined below:

Feasibility Study by JICA (Mar. 2001 to Feb. 2004)
Clearance of EIA / Loan Procedure (2004)
Additional Topographical & Geological Investigation (Dec. 2004 to May. 2005)
Detailed Design Work (Dec. 2004 to May. 2006)
Tendering (2006 to 2007)
Construction Period (Apr. 2007 to July. 2010)
Start of Operation (Aug. 2010)

(9) Environmental Impacts

Although a small reservoir of approximately 8.6 km² will come into existence and the implementation of this project will submerge the terrestrial ecosystem and the aquatic

ecosystem, no environmental problem is expected to impair the feasibility of the project. Factors that will adversely affect the environment can be mitigated by appropriate compensation, measures to alleviate environmental impacts and implementation of monitoring/management during the construction and after the start of operation.

For the positive side, the socioeconomic level of the local inhabitants will be enhanced by the implementation of this project, as a result of an increase in public service offering and employment opportunity, as well as improved social infrastructure, including roads to the region, which is one of the most underdeveloped in the nation.

The vegetation indigenous to the project region has already been overexploited. Most of the land in the region is used for pasture and agriculture, while the terrestrial and aquatic ecosystems including wildlife and aquatic life such as fish are poor. The composition of the natural habitat of the species found in the project site is not confined to the surroundings of the reservoir only but the area is a reflection of the diversity of the natural habitat found throughout the watershed. Archeological research confirmed that there are no relics or fossil-containing strata to be affected by the reservoir.

According to the result of a household survey in the project region conducted in association with a social environmental research, 79 houses will be affected by the submersion caused by the reservoir and need to relocate. Of the 79 houses, 9 are uninhabited. Two churches and one school are also located in the area of inundation.

To mitigate and compensate the identified potential negative impacts, an Environmental Management Program (EMP) was prepared, which contains the measures that will have to be undertaken to avoid, reduce or compensate the effects of such impacts. A Monitoring Program to follow up the EMP development has been prepared, where it was determined which measures are to be supervised, the purpose and monitoring frequency, the observation method and results interpretation and the preparation of the corresponding reports.

(10) Economic and Financial Evaluations

Cost efficiency of this project was evaluated based on the cost of alternative thermal power (low-speed diesel) and the benefits of electricity sales income (at the unit price of the average electricity sales income for the past five years of US\$67.65/MWh). From this evaluation, the Economic Internal Rates of Return (EIRR) were derived to be 11.3 % and 10.2 % respectively. Both exceeded the opportunity cost of capital of 10 %. Thus it was evaluated to be economically feasible. In addition, a study with emission trade introduced as an additional benefit factor was conducted for three assumed unit prices: US\$3, US\$5 and US\$10. This

study revealed positive impact on economic efficiency when the unit price exceeds US\$10/CO₂-ton, resulted in nearly 11 % of EIRR even with the benefit of electricity sales income.

On the other hand, in the financial evaluation based on CEL's projected electric power generation and income (electric energy of 180.2 GWh, average unit price for electricity sales income of US\$ 58.08/MWh) as financial benefits, the financial internal rate of return (FIRR) is 6.4%, and thus, softer financial conditions will be required for the implementation of this project.

In addition, a cash flow analysis was conducted based on various financing terms (8 % for private fund, 6 % for international financial institution, 1.5 % for bilateral fund) including a sensibility analysis against fluctuations of the electricity sales price and the construction cost. As a result, the IRR for the project's cash flow is 2.9 % - 3.4 % for the base case condition.

Thus, developing this project using private funding was judged too difficult, and it will be necessary to seek funding with the softest terms and conditions as much as possible.

Recommendations

In light of the electric power conditions of El Salvador, where the reserve margin will fall short of 10% from 2008 and onward, the El Chaparral Hydroelectric Power Generation Project that provides response to peak hours should be promoted as a candidate for the next hydropower project.

This power generation project is feasible from technical, economic/financial and environmental viewpoints and can be developed as a power generation project which will also contribute to the advancement, through development, of underdeveloped regions. The operation can begin as early as around 2010, given the time required for tasks to take place subsequent to this Feasibility Study, including topographical/geological survey, detailed designing, fund raising and construction work, among others. The following will have to be completed before implementing this project:

- (1) In the detailed design, the results of additional surveys as shown in Chapter 15 "Future Research" of this report should be sufficiently incorporated to optimize the layout and structure of the power generating unit and at the same time to prepare documents and for contracting construction works with higher accuracy of construction cost estimation.
- (2) The preparation of construction fund, bidding for construction contracts, and the selection of contractors will have to be performed before the construction of this project. In addition, construction of new roads and repair work of existing roads leading to the dam and the power station will have to be completed before the construction launch of this project.
- (3) While the area contains no objects that may potentially raise environmental issues relating to the vegetation, aquatic/terrestrial animals, relics/cultural assets in the region affected by the implementation of this project, appropriate compensation such as relocation measures must be provided to those whose houses will be affected by the immersion for the reservoir, and at the same time sufficient mutual understanding must be secured through public hearings and other means.

EL CHAPARRAL HYDROPOWER PROJECT

River

Name of River Torola River
Catchment Area 1,233 km²

Annual Inflow $1,489.1 \times 10^6 \text{m}^3$

Reservoir

High Water Level 212 m

Low Water Level 196 m

Drawdown Depth 16 m

Normal Water Level 207 m

Sedimentation Level 185 m

Gross Storage Capacity $189 \times 10^6 \text{m}^3$ Effective Storage Capacity $106 \times 10^6 \text{m}^3$ Reservoir Area 8.6 km^2

Dam

Type Concrete Gravity Dam

Elevation of Dam Crest 214.5 m

Height of Dam 87.5 m

Length of Dam Crest 405 m

Volume of Dam $370 \times 10^3 \text{m}^3$

Diversion Tunnel

Design Flood 728 m³/s

Type Half Circle Half Rectangular, Pressure

Number One (1) Line

Inner Height 8.0 m

Length 383.5 m

Outlet Equipment

Type Service Jet Flow Gate

Auxiliary High Pressure Slide Gate

Spillway

Design Flood 6,484 m³/s

Type Shute with Gates

Elevation of Overflow Crest 198.5 m

Width of Overflow Crest 66 m (excluding pier width)

Energy Dissipator Bucket Type

Type of Gate Radial Gate

Number of Gate Five (5)

Size of Gate Width 13.2 m × Height 15.2 m

Intake

Type Incorporated in dam

Number One (1)
Elevation of Inlet Sill 185 m

Size Width $10.0 \text{ m} \times \text{Height } 10.0 \text{ m}$

Type of Gate Roller Gate

Number of Gate One (1)

Size of Gate Width 7.0 m × Height 7.0 m

Penstock

Type Steel Embedded

Number One (1) Line
Inner Diameter 4.2 m~5.0 m
Total length 144.5 m

Powerhouse

Type Semi-Under Ground

Size (Control Building) Width 26.0m × Height 16.0 m × Length 36.0 m

Development Plan

Intake Water Level 207 m
Tail Water Level 133 m
Gross Head 74 m
Effective Head 72.8 m

Maximum Discharge $100 \text{ m}^3/\text{s} + 2 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$

Number of Unit Two (2)

Installed Capacity $65.7 (64.4^{*1} + 1.3^{*2}) \text{ MW}$

Dependable Capacity 39.5 (38.4*1 + 1.1*2) MW

Turbine

Type Vertical Shaft, Francis Turbine

Number One (1)

Revolving Speed

Max. Discharge 100 m³/s per unit

Turbine Output 65,900 kW

200 rpm

Generator

Type Three phases

Alternating Current

Synchronous

Number One (1)

Rated Output 71,600 kVA

Revolving Speed 200 rpm

Frequency 60 Hz

Voltage 13.8 kV

Power Factor 0.9 lag

Sub Turbine

Type Horizontal Shaft, Francis Turbine

Number One (1)

Max. Discharge 2.0 m³/s per unit

Turbine Output 1,420 kW

Revolving Speed 900 rpm

Sub Generator

Type Three phases

Alternating Current

Synchronous

Number One (1)

Rated Output 1,510 kVA

Revolving Speed 900 rpm

Frequency 60 Hz

Voltage 480 V

Power Factor 0.9 lag

Main Transformer

Type Outdoor three phases, Forced-oil-forced-air

Cooled type

Number One (1)

Capacity 73,000 kVA

Voltage (Primary) 13.8 kV

(Secondary) 115 kV

Switchyard

Bus System One and Half Circuit Breaker Buses

Bus Conductor Type ACSR

Number of Lines Connected One (1) cct Transmission Line

Voltage 115 kV

Conductor Type ACSR

Transmission Line

Length 43 km

Type of Transmission Tower Steel lattice tower

Number of Circuit One (1), Voltage 115kV

Conductor Type 477 MCM ACSR (Flicker)

Information Transmission System

Transmission System Microwave Multiplex Radio

(and / or Power Line Carrier (PLC))

Length Less than 43 km,

Annual Energy Production

Average Energy $233.2 (220.6^{*1} + 10.6^{*2} + 2.0^{*3})$ GWh

Construction Period 3 years and 4 months

Project Cost $135.3 \times 10^6 \text{ US}$

Unit Construction Cost

Per kW 2,073 US\$/kW (with sub turbine-generator)

Economic/Financial Evaluation

Benefit	Power Sale	Alternative thermal
Benefit-Cost Ratio (Financial)	1.01	1.10
EIRR	10.2 %	11.3 %
FIRR	6.4 %	

Note:

^{*1:} main turbine *2: sub turbine *3: incremental energy at 15 de Septiembre Power Station

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1. PREFACE

1.1 Antecedents

A Feasibility Study (hereinafter referred to as "FS") on the Hydroelectric Complex over the Torola River is to be carried out under the Scope of Work (S/W) and the Minutes of Meeting (M/M) concluded in December 2000 between Japan International Cooperation Agency (hereinafter referred to as "JICA") and Comisión Ejecutiva Hidroeléctrica del Río Lempa (hereinafter referred to as "CEL") and Ministerio de Relaciónes Exteriores.

The Government of El Salvador and CEL accomplished pre-FS of a hydropower potential study over the Torola River in March 1999. It called for a FS to be performed on the implementation of hydropower development plans at the most promising sites of El Chaparral and La Honda through the technical assistance of the Government of Japan. For the said purpose, both governments concluded the S/W for the execution of FS in December 2000.

JICA, the executing organization of technical assistance for the Government of Japan, decided to entrust the implementation of the said FS to Electric Power Development Co., Ltd. (hereinafter referred to as "J-POWER"), which started the study in March, 2001. Fig.1.1 shows the flow chart of the study. During the stage of the preliminary investigation, a preliminary study of the development scheme was prepared and summarized in Progress Report 1. From this study, the La Honda site was found to be uneconomical, and it was decided that the detailed investigation would be made only for the El Chaparral site.

During the stage of detailed investigations, site survey works (topography/geology/environment) started in October 2001 by subcontractors, but the works were interrupted halfway in December 2001 because some local people did not grant the workers access to the area needed for the site surveys. As a result, the survey works were aborted and subsequently canceled in March 2002 without completing the remaining works. In September 2002, the local people agreed to permit the implementation of the site survey works, and the contract for the remaining works was signed again. The works restarted in November 2002 and completed in March 2003.

Based on the investigation results so far, the reviews development plan such as the optimization of scale examination for the Chaparral site have been conducted since April 2003, with the start of the FS-grade design stage. This interim report is the summary of the investigation results and the study results so far.

1.2 Study Items

The study schedule is roughly divided into 3 stages (preliminary investigation, detailed investigation and FS-grade design). The study items are summarized below.

1.2.1 Preliminary Investigation Stage

- (1) Preparatory Works in Japan (No.1)
 - 1) Collection and Review of Existing Data, Information and Documents
 - 2) Preparation of an Inception Report
- (2) Preparatory Works in Japan (No.2)
 - 1) Preparation of Specifications for Works to be Subcontracted Locally (Topographical, Geological and Environmental Surveys) and Domestically (Aerial Photograph Mapping)
- (3) The First Round of Site Works in El Salvador
 - 1) Explanation and Discussion of Inception Report
 - 2) Topographical Survey (Subcontracted locally)
 - 3) Site Reconnaissance
 - 4) Power Sector Survey
 - 5) Collection of Cost Estimate Data
 - 6) Initial Environmental Examination (I.E.E.)
 - 7) Preparation for Subcontracting (Specifications and Others)
 - 8) Procurement of Equipment (Telephone, Fax and others)
- (4) The First Round of Works in Japan
 - 1) Review and Study on the Results of the First Round of Site Works
 - 2) Topographic Mapping (Subcontracted in Japan)
 - 3) Hydrological Analysis
 - 4) Flood Analysis
 - 5) Study on the Development Plan

- Planning for Subcontracted Works on Site to be Performed during Detailed Investigation Stage
- Preparation of Progress Report 1

1.2.2 Detailed Investigation Stage

- (5) The Second Round of Site Works in El Salvador
 - 1) Explanation and Discussion of Progress Report 1
 - 2) Contract to be Concluded for Locally Subcontracted Works, including:
 - · Ground Survey and Topographic Mapping,
 - · Geological Survey and Material Test, and
 - · Environmental Survey
- (6) The Second Round of Works in Japan
 - 1) Preparation of Progress Report 2
- (7) The Third Round of Site Works in El Salvador
 - 1) Supervision and Certification of Subcontracted Works, including:
 - · Ground Survey and Topographic Mapping,
 - · Geological Survey and Material Test, and
 - · Environmental Survey
 - 2) Explanation and Discussion of Progress Report 2
- (8) The Third Round of Works in Japan
 - Review of Contracts and Specifications for Subcontracting for the Remaining Portion of the Works Subcontracted Locally
- (9) The Fourth Round of Site Works in El Salvador
 - Contract for the Remaining Portion of Works Subcontracted Locally (Topographical, Geological and Environmental Surveys)

- (10) The Fourth Round of Works in Japan
 - 1) Preparation of Progress Report 3
 - 2) Preparation for the First Public Consultation
- (11) The Fifth round of Site Works in El Salvador
 - 1) Supervision and Certification of Subcontracted Works, including:
 - · Topographic Mapping,
 - · Geological Survey and Material Test, and
 - Environmental Survey
 - 2) Additional Data Collection for the FS-grade Design
 - 3) Explanation and Discussion of Progress Report 3

1.2.3 FS-grade Design Stage

- (12) The Sixth Round of Site Works in El Salvador
 - 1) Assistance for the First Public Consultation
- (13) The Fifth Round of Work in Japan
 - 1) Analysis on the Collected Data and the Results of Investigation
 - 2) Optimization Study on the Development Plan and Design of the Layout
 - 3) FS-grade Design for the Main Structure and Cost Estimate
 - 4) Power Demand Forecasts, and Review of Demand and Supply Balance
 - 5) Environmental Impact Assessment (E.I.A.)
 - 6) Preparation of Interim Report
- (14) The Seventh Round of Site Works in El Salvador
 - 1) Explanation and Discussion of Interim Report
 - 2) Review and Study of the collected Data and Information
 - 3) Optimization of Financing Plan

(15) The Sixth Round of Works in Japan

- 1) FS-grade Design for Civil Structures and Electrical Equipment
- 2) Construction Planning and Construction Schedule
- 3) Estimate for Project Cost
- 4) Preparation of E.I.A Report
- 5) Economic and Financial Estimation
- 6) Conclusions and Recommendations
- 7) Preparation of Draft Final Report
- 8) Preparation for the Second Public Consultation
- (16) The 8th Site Work in El Salvador
 - 1) Submission of Draft Final Report
 - 2) Participation in the Second Public Consultation
- (17) Submission of Final Report
 - 1) Submission of Final Report

1.3 Outline of Site Works Subcontracted Locally

An outline of completed works by local subcontractors is as follows.

1.3.1 Topographical Survey

Detailed investigations were performed at sites selected near the locations of the major civil structures such as the dam and powerhouse of El Chaparral, where topographical survey works were made to prepare a 1/1,000 topographical map and river cross sections.

The subcontracted topographical survey works are summarized below. Fig. 1.2 shows the investigation results so far.

- Preparation of a 1/1,000 topographical map of the major civil structure sites
- · River cross-section survey works at the dam and powerhouse site
- · Setting of survey control points at dam abutments

1.3.2 Geological Survey

At the locations of the major civil structures such as the dam and powerhouse of the El Chaparral site and of planned rock quarry site for concrete aggregate, a geological survey and a laboratory test of the collected samples were carried out.

The subcontracted geological survey works are as follows. Fig.1.3, 1.4 shows the investigation results so far.

- · Core drilling and permeability test
- Seismic prospecting
- Laboratory test of materials (Construction material test, Physical and dynamic test of rock)
- · Field geological reconnaissance

1.3.3 Environmental Survey

The distribution and activity of the terrestrial fauna, flora and aquatic life in the river basin around the reservoir of El Chaparral dam as well as its upstream and downstream zones were surveyed. Impact on the ecosystem and other natural environments as well as the existence of scarce species was also studied.

Additionally, issues relating to the resettlement of inhabitants who now live in the areas to be submerged at the completion of the dam and the relocation of cultural and historical heritages to be affected were investigated.

Measures for the reduction and/or mitigation of negative impacts on natural and social environment as well as environmental management and/or the monitoring system were studied.

The subcontracted environmental survey works are as follows.

- Survey of living conditions of the people
- · Survey of ecological systems of flora and fauna
- · Survey of cultural heritage etc
- · Survey of water quality

1.4 The Record of Dispatched Mission

In March 2001, JICA began its work based on the S/W and dispatched the following survey missions for site surveys concerning the project.

-	First site survey mission	May 27, 2001	~ Jun. 25, 2001
-	Second site survey mission	Sep. 9, 2001	~ Oct. 4, 2001
-	Third site survey mission	Jan. 18, 2002	~ Mar. 21, 2002
-	Fourth site survey mission	Oct. 27, 2002	~ Nov. 10, 2002
-	Fifth site survey mission	Feb. 13, 2003	~ Mar. 10, 2003
-	Sixth site survey mission	May 26, 2003	~ Jun. 8, 2003
-	Seventh site survey mission	Sep. 4, 2003	~ Sep. 28, 2003
-	Eighth site survey mission	Dec. 1, 2003	~ Dec. 22, 2003

In this period, the survey mission teams submitted the following reports to CEL.

-	Inception Report	May 2001
-	Progress Report 1	September 2001
~	Progress Report 2	February 2002
-	Progress Report 3	February 2003
-	Interim Report	September 2003
-	Draft Final Report	December 2003

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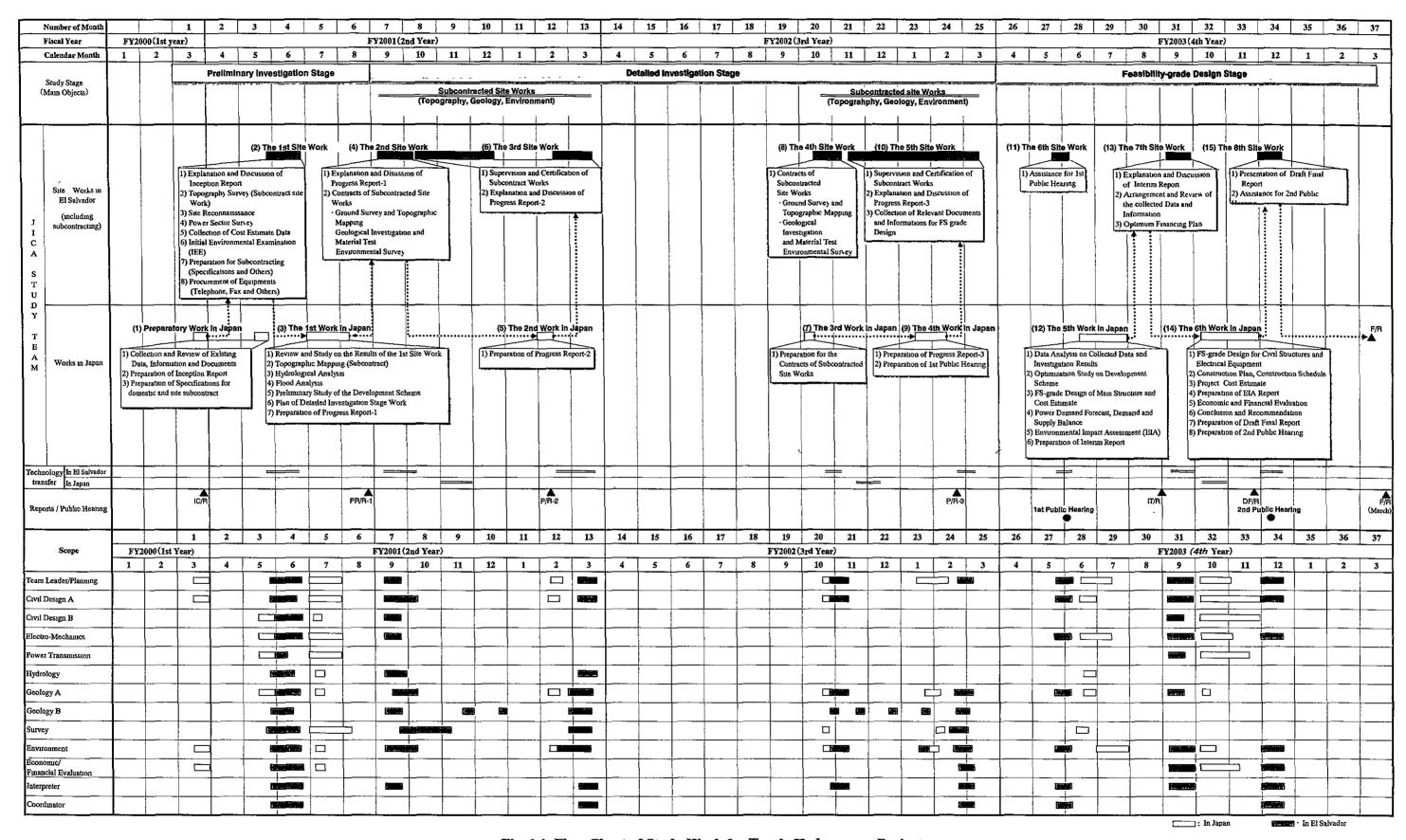
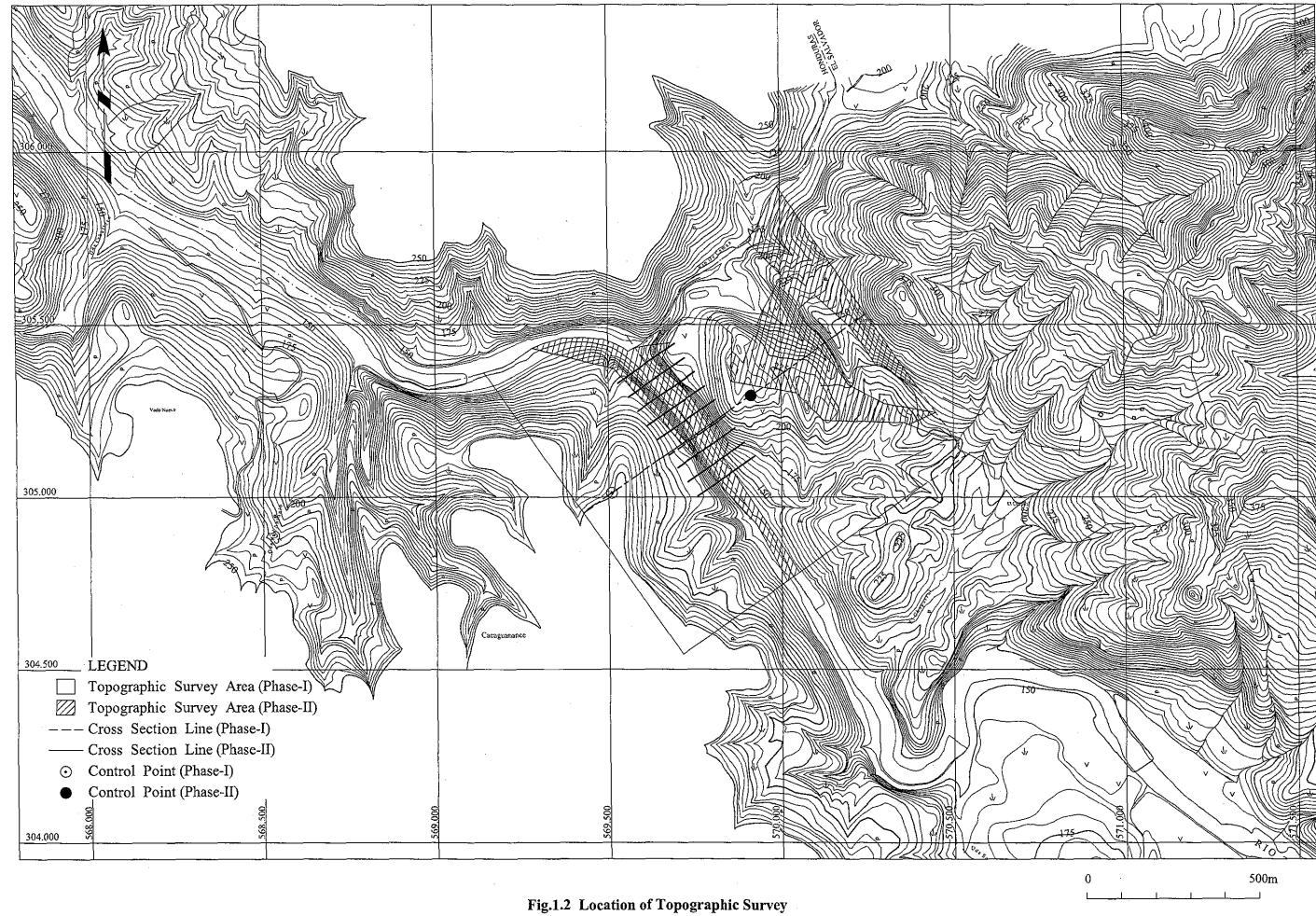
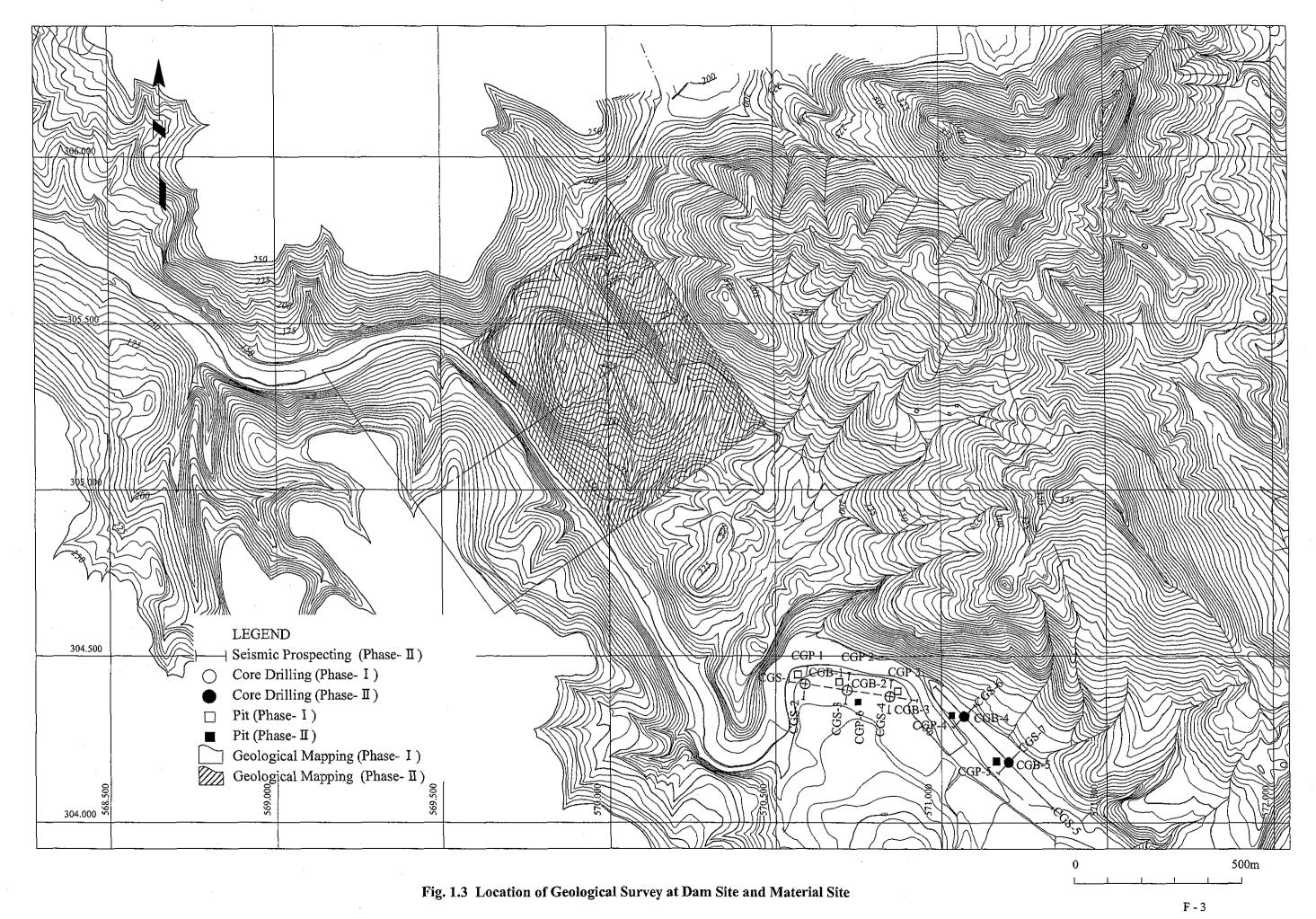
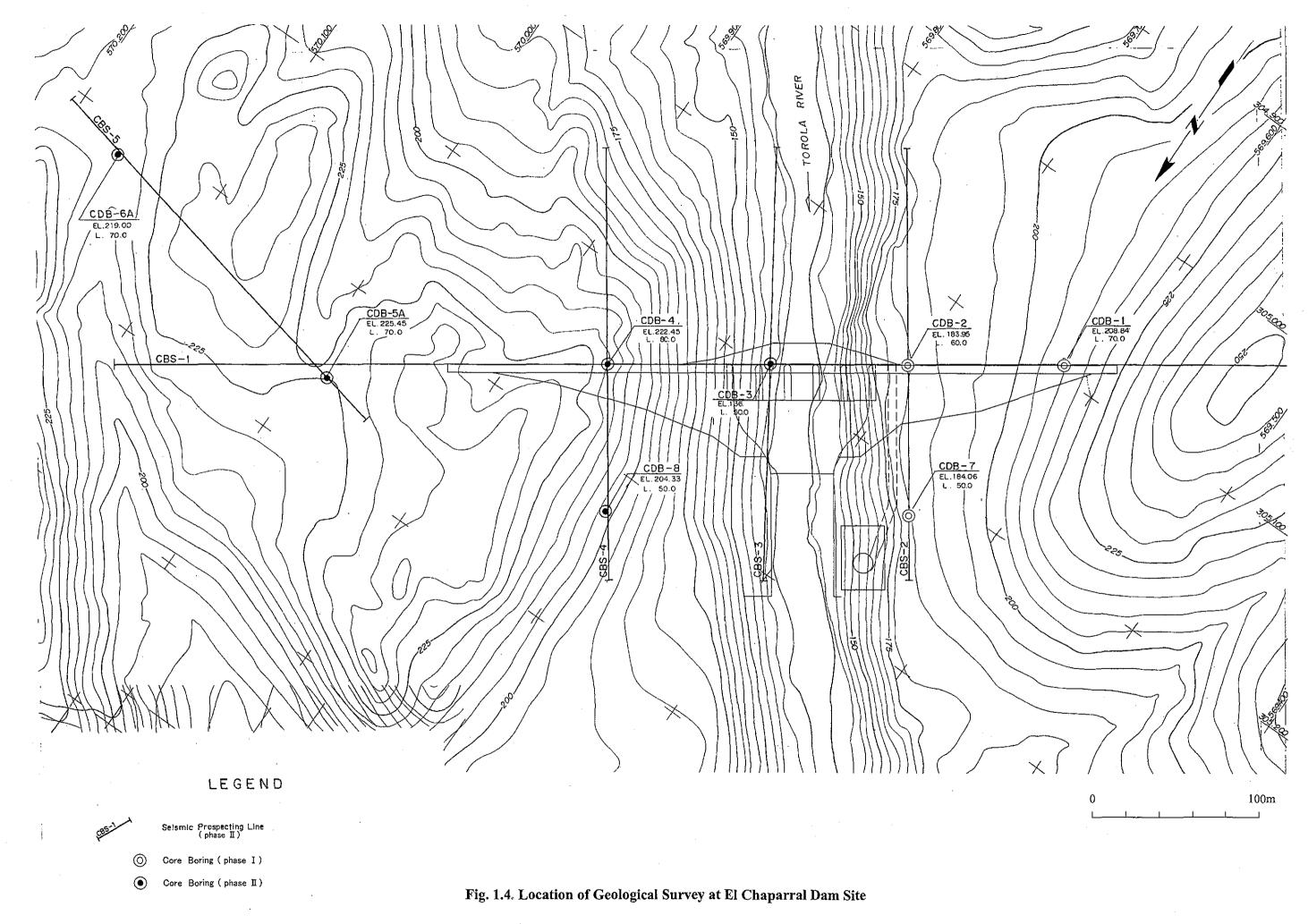


Fig. 1.1 Flow Chart of Study Work for Torola Hydropower Project







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2. GENERAL CONDITIONS OF EL SALVADOR

2.1 Geography

The Republic of El Salvador is located at Longitude 87°39'~90°8'W, Latitude 13°24'~14°24'N, in Central America, bordering Honduras on the northeast, Guatemala on the northwest and the Pacific Ocean on the south. The country area of about 21,000 km² is comparable to the size of Shikoku in Japan and is the smallest among the countries of Central America.

The nation's land contains massive topographical ups and downs and a mountain range that stretches east to west across the Honduras border of the Pacific ocean and along the coastal zone. Its tourist attractions include the Izalco Volcano (1,985 m), which was active until recent years.

Most of its volcanoes are classified as the Conide (a composite volcano) type, and they include San Vicente (2,181 m), Santa Ana (2,365 m), Chaparasteike (2,130 m), and San Salvador (1,959 m), and more. The basin of the coastal central area is an agricultural region consisting of flat and fertile lands. More than 150 rivers mostly run through the nation to the Pacific Ocean, but none of them is suited for sailing due to the rapid flows of the current.

About 101km in length, the River Lempa is the largest river in El Salvador and runssouth to north connecting the northwest and central parts. The river basins contain many lakes, including such famous ones as, the Apasutepeke Lake, the Guipa Lake, and the Suchitlan lake, to name a few..

2.2 Climate

2.2.1 Temperature

El Salvador boasts a warm climate despite its low latitude, as most of its land is situated in the areas high above the sea levels. Climate zones are divided broadly into three (3) levels according to the elevation. The zone with the altitude of $0\sim600$ meters is called the tropics, with average temperatures of $23\sim28$ °C. The plateau area with the altitude of $600\sim1,800$ meters is called the warm zone, with average temperatures of $17\sim20$ °C, while the highland zone with the altitude of more than 1,800 meters is called the cold area with average temperatures of $10\sim17$ °C.

2.2.2 Precipitation

The annual average precipitation level of El Salvador is 1,850 millimeters, with the maximum rain zone receiving 2,292 mm of rains and the minimum rainfall zone getting only 1,419 millimeters..

Although, the capital city of San Salvador experiences a rainfall of about 1,800 mm, the amounts fluctuate widely in recent years as a result of abnormal weather. Seasons are divided into a May-to-October wet season and a November-to-April dry season. The precipitation during the dry season is extremely low, while a daily squall, which does not last long, hits the area almost everyday during the wet season.

The following table shows the average annual precipitation (mm) and temperatures (⁰C) between during 1961 and 1985 in San Salvador, Santa Ana and San Miguel.

Observation Point: San Salvador (ITIC)

(Longitude 89°12.4'W, Latitude 13°43.3'N, El.710m)

Month	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	Jun.	Jul.	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Ave./ Total
mm	5	4	12	63	161	292	347	328	334	214	32	9	1,801
${\mathcal C}$	22.2	22,6	23.8	24.6	24.0	23.5	23.1	23.1	22.6	22.6	22.4	22.0	23.0

Observation Point: Santa Ana (El Palmar)

(Longitude 89°34.2'W, Latitude 13°58.6'N, El.725m)

Month	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	Jun.	Jul.	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Ave./ Total
mm	4	4	13	67	203	332	300	299	327	188	34	8	1,779
	21.6	22,2	23.6	24.4	23.9	23.0	23.1	23.0	22.6	23.0	22.2	21.6	22.8

Observation Point: San Miguel

(Longitude 88°7.4W, Latitude 13°26.6'N, Elevation.140m)

Month	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	Jun.	Jul.	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Ave./ Total
mm	2	3	5	28	194	329	235	264	350	238	39	6	1,693
℃	26.3	27.0	28.3	29.0	28.2	26.9	26.8	26.7	25.9	25.8	25.8	25.8	26.9

2.3 Population

According to the General Directorate of Statistics and Census of the Ministry of Economy, El Salvador's population stands at 6.517 million and is growing at the rate of 1.9 % annually.

Given the size of the land, El Salvador's population is large. The population density of 310 people per square kilos is considered high. The following is the population summary of major cities as of 2001: San Salvador: 486,000

Santa Ana: 253,000 San Miguel: 245,00.

Ethnically, El Salvador is 84% mixed race (i.e., half-white (of Spanish descents), half-indigenous), 5.6% aborigines, 10% white, and 0.4% others. The mixed race (Mestizoes), which accounts for the largest ethnic group, has completely lost the language and lifestyle traditions of the Indios. In contrast, the Indios form their own communities and live in such areas as Panchimalco, Izalco, and Nahuizalco.

2.4 Economy

GDP of El Salvador in 2002 was US\$ 14,284 million, or the per capita GDP of US\$2,192.

In 2002 23.5% of the country's GDP was contributed by its manufacturing sector, while the contributions by the distribution and service sector and the agriculture and fishing sector stood at 19.2% and 8.7% respectively. Therefore, the figures imply El Salvador's fundamental reliance on the manufacturing and service sectors. Table 2.1 shows GDP of each industrial sector.

The monetary values of production by the manufacturing sector and the distribution and the service industry stand at US\$3,351.8 million and US\$2,727.8 million respectively.

Major export items are limited, to a large extent, to coffee and apparel, and it is their urgent task to develop new industries. Its trade deficits is financed mainly by the remittance of funds to families in El Salvador from individuals living in the United States, which amounts annually to over USD1.9 billion in total. Thus, reforms in its industrial structure are called for to correct the trade financing mechanism. The following Table shows changes in GDP over years.

Macroeconomic Statistics

Year	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002
CPI Inflation (%)	1.90	4.20	4.25	4.30	1.40	2.80
Nominal GDP (MUS\$)	11,192	12,008	12,465	13,134	13,803.7	14,283.9
Real GDP Growth (%)	4.00	3.70	3.40	2.20	1.70	2.50
Deflector (2002 base) (%)	78.4	84.1	87.3	92.0	96.6	100.0

2.5 Energy Resource

El Salvador, which is not an oil-producing county, depends on imported oil, which accounts for 44% of the country's primary energy consumption (2002 figure). Table 2.2 shows the energy consumption by electricity tariff. According to the table, the nation's power consumption is equivalent to 0.16 million tons of oil and accounts for a significant proportion in the energy

consumption. Therefore, the utilization of domestic energy resources, energy saving and a more efficient utilization of energy resources are crucial policy issues for El Salvador.

The hydropower potential in 1998 was estimated to be about 2,165 MW, and since then, about 19%(or about 410.8MW) of the potential has been realized up to this moment (2002). Looking ahead, the development of alternative energies for oil, such as geothermal, wind power, solar energies is expected. Additional plans calling for an international connection of power transmission lines are also under progress.

2.6 Road Infrastructure

The major means of transportation in El Salvador is via road. The total length of the national roads is about 1,200 km, of which about 700 km runs east to south and 500 km runs north to south.

Two routes serve as the major roads. They are the Pan American High Way running across the central section and another route running closer to the coastal line. Both roads serve Acajutla, an international port, the capital city of San Salvador, and the local city of San Miguel in that order. The two roads meet at two points along the way (i.e., the San Salvador-Comalapa corridor and the Sanvicante-Zacatecoluca corridor) for improved efficiency of transportation routes. Upgrades have been performed on these mainstay roads annually including road widening work, better curves and road paving.

Table 2.1 Real Indicators Quarterly Gross Domestic Product

(Unit: Million of US\$)

Na	Main Divisions		- 2	2001	2/		2002 2/				
No.	Main Divisions	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Annual	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Annual
1	Agriculture, Cattle, Forestry and Fishing	326	331	327	318	1,301	315	316	306	304	1,242
2	Manufacturingndustry and Mining	807	805	810	826	3,248	843	854	860	858	3,414
3	Construction		159	168	171	647	170	166	168	171	675
4	Total Service	2,030	2,053	2,063	2,085	8,231	2,118	2,147	2,153	2,144	8,562
4.1	Service excluding government services	1,785	1,807	1,817	1,839	7,248	1,873	1,903	1,911	1,906	7,594
4.2	Government Services	245	246	246	246	983	245	244	241	238	968
5	Less: Imputed banking services		145	144	144	577	147	148	147	146	588
6	Plus: Other GDP Items 1/	231	236	141	245	953	242	242	245	251	980
	Total Gross Domestic Product	3,399	3,439	3,365	3,501	13,804	3,541	3,577	3,584	3,581	14,284

^{1/} Include Value Add Tax and Customs Duties

2/ Preliminary figures for 2001 and 2002

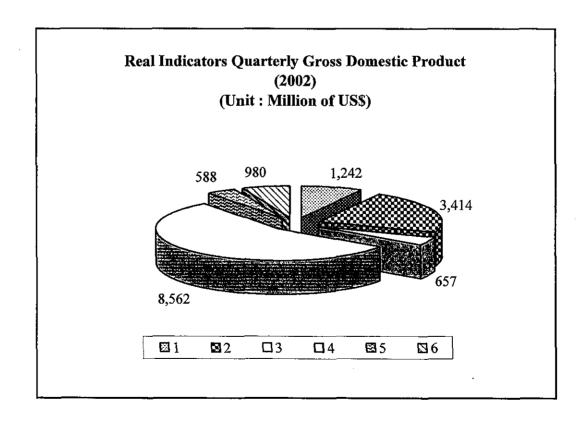


Table 2.2 Consumption of Energy (2002)

No.		CATEGORY	•	GWh	%
1		SMALL DEMAND (0 < kW		1,776.4	50.0
2	Low Voltage	MIDDLE DEMAND	(10 < kW < 50)	100.7	2.8
3		LARGE DEMAND	(>50 kW)	8.1	0.3
4	High	SMALL DEMAND	(10 < kW < 50)	167.9	4.7
5	Voltage	LARGE DEMNS	(>50 kW)	1,499.2	42.2
		3,552.3	100.0		

