



# **ASEAN FORUM ON COAL TO ENHANCE ENERGY COOPERATION IN SOUTH EAST ASIA**

## **ASEAN-EU Energy Cooperation Networking for Private Sector**

**Kick-off meeting, Brussels July 12-13, 2006**

**Le Tri Hung**

**Vietnam National Coal – Mineral Industries Group  
(VINACOMIN GROUP)**



## **Establishment**

- **As recommended by the ASEAN Ministers on Energy Meeting (AMEM), the need to focus and prioritize energy cooperation within ASEAN was fully endorsed by the ASEAN Heads of State/Government in Bangkok Summit of 1995**
- **This was reinforced by the ASEAN Vision 2020, adopted by the ASEAN Heads of State/Government in December 1997, resolving to establish interconnecting arrangements in the field of energy.**



## **Establishment (Cont')**

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- **The ASEAN Senior Officials Meeting on Energy (SOME) pursued this goal and suggested that an entity be formed to carry out activities for the development and promotion of environmentally sound utilization of coal.**
- **The "ASEAN Forum on Coal" (or AFOC) was set up by transformation of the Coal Sub-Sector Network previously established under the ASEAN Energy Cooperation Program.**



## **Objectives**

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- **1. To enhance ASEAN Energy Cooperation in the coal sector;**
- **2. To promote the share-holding entities and the process of privatization in the coal industry in compliance with the laws and regulations of the respective member countries;**
- **3. To promote intra-ASEAN business opportunities on coal; and**
- **4. To conduct fora for dialogues among coal sector players in the region.**



## Tasks

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- **Assess the region's coal supply and demand situation;**
- **Analyze the economic, technical, institutional and environmental factors that impact on coal development in ASEAN region;**
- **Encourage private sector participation in coal mining and utilization;**
- **Encourage environmentally sustainable coal mining and utilization;**
- **Promote transfer of Clean Coal Technology and exchange of information and experiences among member countries;**



## Tasks (Cont')

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- **Co-operate in human resources development in coal mining and utilization;**
- **Provide services to the coal sector (organizing technical visits, collecting relevant information,...)**
- **Monitor AFOC projects and enhance co-ordination and evaluation of project activities;**
- **Evaluate, recommend and source out funds for new project proposals;**
- **Establish institutional linkages and networking with ASEAN Energy Agencies; and**
- **Provide assistance to ASEAN government on various issues concerning coal development and co-operation activities.**



## Target Groups

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- **1. Companies or institutions in ASEAN involved in the coal business (producers, consumers, traders);**
- **2. ASEAN government agencies responsible for and involved in the coal sector;**
- **3. Other companies or institutions as may be determined by the AFOC Council**



## Structure

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- **Each ASEAN member country sets up an AFOC National Committee;**
- **Head of National Committee is member of AFOC Council that is chaired by a Chairperson;**
- **AFOC Council shall approve annual work program, evaluate performance of the Secretariat;**
- **The Chairperson holds office for two years during which period he reports the status, performance, plans and programs of AFOC to the Senior Officials Meeting on Energy;**



## **Structure (Cont')**

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- **Chairpersonship rotates among the council members;**
- **The National Committee shall implement the policies and decisions approved and adopted by the Council;**
- **The National Committee shall conduct activities in line with the plans and programs of AFOC;**
- **The National Committee shall submit annual country report to AFOC Council;**



## **Structure (Cont')**

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- **AFOC have a Secretariat, the headquarters of which will be based in the same country as the AFOC Chairperson;**
- **The Secretariat shall co-ordinate the administrative activities of AFOC's National Committees, represent the interest of AFOC in dealing with other institutions;**
- **The Secretariat shall collect and disseminate relevant coal information and publications, submit annual report to AFOC Council.**



## **Finances and Economics of AFOC**

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- **No membership fee is collected from the general membership. Expenses for the council meeting shall be borne by the delegations and the host country;**
- **AFOC Council have the authority to:**
  - **implement fund raising strategies,**
  - **solicit contributions and donations from partners,**
  - **conduct consultancy services, conferences, fora, and exhibitions to cover administrative and operational cost.**



## **Conferences/Events**

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- **AFOC holds conferences/events at least once every two years, or at any time and frequency as may be deemed necessary by the AFOC Council;**
- **AFOC shall rotate the hosting of the conferences/events among the member countries.**



## The 4<sup>th</sup> AFOC Council Meeting

- Held on November 16 - 17, 2005, in Makati City, Philippines;
- Theme: "COAL - THE LOGICAL ALTERNATIVE"
- Chairman: Council Member from the Philippines was elected
- Country reports: Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Thailand, Vietnam



## ASEAN Plan of Action for Energy Cooperation (APAEC) 2004-2009

- **Program Area No.3: COAL**
- **Objective:** To cooperate and promote sustainable development and utilization of coal while addressing environmental issues and facilitating intra-ASEAN coal related issues.
- **Strategy:**
  - Strengthen institutional and policy framework;
  - Promote clean coal technology (CCT);
  - Promote private sector investment;
  - Promote intra-ASEAN coal trade;
  - Promote environmental assessment of coal projects.



**Thank you for attention !**

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