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TTCL in joint venture for Myanmar power plant

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TTCL Plc, a SET-listed construction firm, has signed a joint venture and land leasing agreements with the Myanmar government to develop a coal-fired power plant in Kayin state worth US\$2.8 billion (93 billion baht).

The agreements were signed last week between TTCL and Myanmar's Ministry of Electricity and Industry (MoEI), the company said in the statement informing the Stock Exchange of Thailand.

According to TTCL, the coal-fired power plant will apply clean technology, or ultra-supercritical coal-fired thermal power plant, with a power-generating capacity of 1,280 megawatts.

TTCL vice-president and chief financial officer Gobchai Tanasugarn said the company holds a 95% stake in the power plant and Kayin state the remaining 5% under a build-operate-transfer concession business.

The agreement followed a memorandum

of understanding with the MoEI in April to develop the coal-fired power project.

Mr Gobchai said the land leasing agreement covers an area of 815 acres, or around 2,000 rai, and the power plant would consume around 4 million tonnes of coal a year.

He said although the company has several big projects on hand, it expects smaller revenue this year because of construction delays. The company expects total revenue to miss its target of 20.3 billion baht.

TTCL posted a net profit of 62 million baht in the first half this year, well below the 235 million it made in the same period last year.

As of end of June this year, TTCL has a backlog of projects totalling 15 billion baht, half of the value of which would be booked on its balance sheet in the second half of this year.

TTCL shares closed on the Stock Exchange of Thailand yesterday at 19.50 baht, down 50 satang, in heavy trade worth 2.21 billion baht.