

Message by Chairman

Thar Coal & Energy Board



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It gives me great pleasure to see that the coal extracted from Thar Coalfields is generating more than 2640 MW of electricity, and this is just the beginning. A vision that spans three decades is finally bearing fruit. Only ten years back, the process of extracting coal from the Thar Desert began, signifying substantial financial, and execution risks. Extraction of coal, and its conversion into electricity signifies the success of the public-private partnership that resulted in development of two coal mines having capacity of more than 16 million tons per annum, and power plants generating more than 2500 MW of electricity. The Government of Sindh has demonstrated that through effective public-private partnerships, it is possible to generate economic, and welfare returns for stakeholders across the board.

The first phase of Thar Coalfield was about exploration and exploitation of coal from two mines. We are now heralding the second phase, wherein production of coal needs to be scaled up such that it can serve interests of industries other than power. It is now time to think about rapidly scaling up production of indigenous energy to save precious foreign exchange reserves for Pakistan, and ensuring energy security. It is essential to consider that energy security effectively translates into economic, and national security. The Government of Sindh understands the importance of indigenous energy, and through the Thar Coal Energy Board is now embarking on accelerating utilization of indigenous resources for industrial development, that not only benefits the country at large, but also the local inhabitants of the area. Catalyzing industrial development through indigenous resources remains a high priority for the Government of Sindh, and we will continue to work on converting indigenous resources into high value output through strategic public-private partnerships, and tactical policy actions. We look forward to a decade of ensuring energy security through effective utilization of indigenous resources.