

Union Ministers visit highest hydropower construction site in Switzerland



Vieux Emosson Dam, the most spectacular hydropower construction sites in Swiss Alps in Switzerland.

YANGON, 8 Sept –In the framework of the State visit of the Myanmar President Delegation to Switzerland, Union Ministers U Khin Maung Soe, U Ohn Myint and U Nyan Tun Aung had the opportunity to visit the most spectacular hydropower construction sites in the Swiss Alps, the Vieux Emosson Dam heightening project on 5 September. The delegation was accompanied by the directors of STUCKY, the highly re-

puted Swiss Hydropower Engineering company, entrusted with this project and also active on the Upper Yeywa, Putao and several other hydropower development projects in Myanmar.

Dr Muetzenberg, STUCKY's CEO, pointed out that "Our first dams were built over a hundred years ago and are still in operation. On this project, our task first focused on providing the most efficient and safest design to increase

the dam capacity, and now concentrates on construction management. Stucky is also involved in dam monitoring to guarantee top level security and reliability for power production." He also mentioned that his engineers were permanently present in site in order to advise the contractors and the owners of the scheme, and to make sure the project is on schedule and within the budget.

Myanmar Minister of

Electric Power emphasized that Myanmar has huge hydropower resources to develop and that it was essential to use the best technology to guarantee safety, reliability, efficiency, and a minimal social and environmental impact.

Dr Muetzenberg replied that Myanmar could use much more hydropower in a very sustainable way. In conclusion all Ministers explained their willingness to engage in quality projects in Myanmar in the near future and invited Swiss Engineering Companies to further reinforce their collaboration with Myanmar Ministries and promote knowledge transfer with Myanmar Engineers.—MNA