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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

ADB/N	-	Asian Development Bank/Nepal
CBA	-	Cost Benefit Analysis
CBS	-	Central Bureau of Statistic
DFID	-	Department for International Development
EIA	-	Environmental Impact Assessment
ICIMOD	-	International Centre for Integrated Mountain Development
IRR	-	International Rate of Return
FY	-	Fiscal Year
GIS	-	Geographical Information System
KW	-	Kilo Watt
ITDG	-	International Technological Development Group
LDCs	-	Less Developed Countries
LPG	-	Liquid Petroleum Gas
AEPC	-	Alternative Energy Promotion Centre
NEA	-	Nepal Electricity Authority
NPC	-	National Planning Commission
PRA	-	Participatory Rural Appraisal
MW	-	Mega Watt
MHP	-	Mini-Hydro Project
PPA	-	Power Purchase Agreement
TU	-	Tribhuvan University
SHP	-	Small-Hydro Project
UK	-	United Kingdom
Ltr	-	Litter
HHs	-	Households
MOF	-	Ministry of Finance
PAFs	-	Project Affected Families
VDC	-	Village Development Committee
AE	-	Alternative Energy
BOP	-	Balance of Payment
EC	-	Earth Consult
NGOs	-	Non-Governmental Organizations
INGOs	-	International Non-Governmental Organizations
UNDP-GES	-	United Nation Development Programme- Global Environment Facilities
MPU	-	Multipurpose Power Unit
ITDG	-	Information Technology Development Group
TV	-	Television
MHs	-	Mega Hearse
MDGs	-	Mid-term Development Goals
PRS	-	Poverty Reduction Strategy
IPPS	-	Independent Power Producers System
WECS	-	Water and Energy Commission Secretariat