

**PCA PRESS RELEASE****INDUS WATERS KISHENGANGA ARBITRATION  
(PAKISTAN V. INDIA)****Court of Arbitration Conducts Visit of the Neelum River Valley****THE HAGUE, February 15, 2012**

A delegation of the Court of Arbitration constituted pursuant to the Indus Waters Treaty 1960 has completed a site visit of the Neelum River Valley.

Arriving in Islamabad on February 3, 2012 the Court's delegation, together with representatives from India and Pakistan, traveled to Muzaffarabad. On February 4, the Court's delegation proceeded by road into the Neelum Valley and visited the Gauge-Discharge observation site at Dudhnial. The Court's delegation also visited a water pumping installation in the vicinity of Athmuqam and was briefed on lift irrigation practices in the Neelum Valley. The Court's delegation then returned to Islamabad on February 5, and departed Pakistan on February 6, 2012.

On May 17, 2010, Pakistan had instituted arbitral proceedings against India under Article IX and Annexure G of the Indus Waters Treaty, an international agreement signed by India and Pakistan in 1960 that allocates the use of the Indus river system between the two countries. Pakistan and India differ over the interpretation and application of provisions of the Indus Waters Treaty bearing upon the Kishenganga Hydroelectric Project. The full Court of Arbitration conducted an earlier site visit to the Neelum-Jhelum and Kishenganga hydro-electric projects and surrounding areas in June 2011.

The notes and photographs taken during the two site visits will be used in the internal deliberations of the Court. Additionally, the Court will consider the written and oral pleadings that have been and will be submitted by Pakistan and India. The Court is set to issue its Award in early 2013.

The seven-member Court of Arbitration is chaired by Judge Stephen M. Schwebel (United States), former President of the International Court of Justice. The other members of the Court are Sir Franklin Berman KCMG QC (United Kingdom), Professor Howard S. Wheeler FREng (United Kingdom), Professor Lucius Caflisch (Switzerland), Professor Jan Paulsson (Sweden), Judge Bruno Simma (Germany), and H.E. Judge Peter Tomka (Slovakia). The Permanent Court of Arbitration in The Hague acts as Secretariat to the Court by agreement of the Parties.

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Encl.: Photos of Members of the Court of Arbitration and Party Representatives inspecting the Neelum River at the Dudhnial River Gauge-Discharge Observation Site  
Photo of Members of the Court of Arbitration and Party Representatives listening to a briefing on the flow of the Neelum River at Dudhnial