

## Ministry of Enterprise Development & Investment Promotion

### Environment Friendly Solutions Fund II (E-Friends II)

#### Introduction

This is one of the major foreign funded projects implementing under the Project Management Unit of the Ministry. The project was started in 2004 with the aid of Rs 4770 Mn by the Japanese government.

The role of this project is to assist industries to comply with the regulations and standards stipulated by the National Environment Act. The Project Management Unit is entrusted to manage this loan facility and make it available to the participating credit institutions for lending to eligible borrowers.

#### Objective

To provide technical assistance and low cost loans to assist industrial enterprises in finding solutions to the environmental problems such as industrial pollution, waste minimisation, resource recovery, energy savings, pollution control and abatement.

#### Operational Performance (as at Dec.2007)

The cumulative approvals as at end of December 2007 amounts to a project cost of Rs 5487.18 Mn for 318 projects approved.

As indicated in the table below, most number of loans are approved for waste water treatment plants and resource saving projects which accounts for around 66% of the total project approvals.

Purpose	No. Approved	Project Cost (Rs Mn)
Dust control	06	140.10
Emission control	21	648.10
Liquid & solid waste disposal	02	133.56
Noise control	07	43.56
Recycling of waste	25	593.27
Resource saving	112	2110.90
Relocation	01	58.30
Solid waste disposal	06	141.37
Waste heat recovery	08	76.11
Waste water treatment plant	129	1540.03
Waste reduction	01	1.98
<b>Total</b>	<b>318</b>	<b>5487.18</b>

#### Other Development Projects

Two major development programmes which are proposed under the Mahinda Chinthana manifesto have been assigned to the Ministry.

1. 300 Enterprise programme
2. 12 Special Economic Zones

These development programmes are being implemented successfully by the Board of Investment of Sri Lanka giving emphasis to the rural sector of the country and generating employment opportunities and infrastructure development in areas that are in need of development and growth.

**Objective**

To reduce the economic and social imbalance between town and rural areas resulting in poverty alleviation in the country.

**Performance (as at end December 2007)**

47 enterprises are successfully operating under the 300 enterprises programme giving emphasis to the most difficult areas of the country.

Activities have been already started in Trincomalee, Puttalam, Henegama and Malambe transforming small townships in close proximity to such zones into large cities under the 12 Special Economic Zones programme. Actions are taken to identify location to set up similar zones in other areas.