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Dear Sir,

Please find enclosed a copy of Press Release regarding “Hon’ble Minister, P&NG Shri Dharmendra Pradhan launches commencement of PNG supply in Bhubaneswar”.

- **Piped Natural Gas supply to be commenced in 255 houses in NALCO Nagar**
- **Supply to start almost six months before deadline of March 2018**
- **Four CNG stations also under construction**

The above is for your information and record please.

Thanking you,
Yours faithfully,

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Bhubaneswar, October 20, 2017: On the auspicious occasion of Deepawali, Shri Dharmendra Pradhan, Hon'ble Minister for Petroleum & Natural Gas and Skill Development & Entrepreneurship today launched the commencement of Piped Natural Gas (PNG) supply to residents of Bhubaneswar.

The Hon'ble Minister launched the supply of environment-friendly PNG by GAIL (India) Limited in NALCO Nagar at a function in the presence of Shri B C.Tripathi, Chairman & Managing Director, GAIL, Dr T K Chand, CMD, NALCO, Dr Ashutosh Karnatak, Director (Projects), GAIL, Shri B K Thakur, Director (HR), NALCO and other dignitaries.

Expressing happiness at the fast pace of work, Shri Pradhan praised GAIL for the early commencement of the 1st phase of supply of PNG in 255 houses which was earlier expected to be completed by March 2018. He said GAIL took up the project on a war-footing and commenced supply of natural gas almost six months before the deadline.

The commencement of supply of natural gas is an important step towards the fulfillment of Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi's dream of developing a gas-based economy and linking Eastern India to the country's Natural Gas Grid through the '*Pradhan Mantri Urja Ganga*', which will pass through five states, i.e. Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Jharkhand, Odisha and West Bengal. The longest stretch of the project – 769 kms – will be built in Odisha. This pipeline will lead to industrial development of eastern India.

City Gas Distribution (CGD) projects in Bhubaneswar and Cuttack are being taken up in parallel with the Jagdishpur – Haldia & Bokaro – Dhamra Natural Gas Pipeline (JHBDPL), popularly known as '*Pradhan Mantri Urja Ganga*'. In Odisha, the Natural Gas Pipeline will be constructed at an estimated investment of Rs 4,000 crores and have a length of about 769 km covering 13 districts, i.e., Bhadrak, Jajpur, Dhenkanal, Angul, Sundergarh, Sambalpur, Jharsuguda, Debagarh, Jagatsinghpur, Cuttack, Khordha, Puri and Kendrapara & will connect major industrial clusters of Khurdha, Jharsuguda, Rourkela, Sambalpur, Bhubaneswar, Cuttack, Angul, Dhenkanal, Kalinganagar, Jajpur and Paradip.

GAIL also plans to provide PNG connections in the near future to adjacent Jeevan Bima Colony

and Maitri Vihar Colony covering a total of 1,000 houses. Assessment is also being carried out for PNG supply to leading hotels, hospitals and industrial units of the city.

Initially, natural gas will reach Bhubaneswar in special containers called “cascades” which will be transported by road from Vijaywada in Andhra Pradesh. Later, natural gas will be supplied through the Jagdishpur – Haldia & Bokaro – Dhamra Natural Gas Pipeline (JHBDPL). The pipeline is presently under construction and likely to be completed by 2019.

In Bhubaneswar & Cuttack, the number of PNG connections will be gradually ramped up in the next three to five years. Moreover, 25 CNG stations will be commissioned in the twin cities to supply compressed natural gas (CNG) fuel to vehicles.

PNG is not just eco-friendly, but is one of the most convenient and safe fuels. There are no hassles of booking and storing cylinders as gas is continuously supplied through pipes and payment is done after usage on the basis of meter reading. Moreover, in the unlikely incident of leakage, the gas quickly rises and disperses in the atmosphere without causing damage,

In Bhubaneswar, construction activities of CNG stations have already been taken up at Chandrasekharpur, Patia, Khandagiri and Tamando, and supply will be commenced at the earliest.

The overall capital expenditure for the Bhubaneswar and Cuttack CGD projects will be Rs. 1,700 crores, of which Rs 400 crores will be spent in the next three to five years.

GAIL (India) Limited is India's No. 1 Integrated Natural Gas company with a market share of over 75% in Natural Gas transmission. With over 11,000 Kms of Natural gas network, GAIL supplies India's fuel requirements across sectors like Power, Fertilizer, Industrial, automotive and even household consumers. Apart from natural gas transmission, distribution and processing, the Company has diversified business interests in Petrochemicals, LPG transmission, City gas projects and Exploration and Production activities. The company is committed to expand its current network to 18,000 km within 5 years.