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Global HSE 2017- Hyderabad The 5th International Conference & Exhibition on Health, Safety & Environment

The 5th edition of Global HSE Conference and Exhibition on Health, Safety & Environment, hosted by Oil India Limited (OIL), under the Chairmanship of Sri Utpal Bora, the CMD of OIL, is being held at the Hyderabad International Convention Centre (HICC), on 21st - 22nd September, 2017. The theme of the Conference is "HSE Excellence: A Foundation for Sustainable Growth".

The two day Conference cum Exhibition was inaugurated today by Sri K.T. Rama Rao, Hon'ble Cabinet Minister, Ministry of Industries, IT & Commerce, Govt. of Telangana, Sri Naini Narshima Reddy, Hon'ble Minister, Ministry of Home Affairs, Govt. of Telangana, Sri Jithender Reddy, Hon'ble Member of Parliament, Govt. of India, H.E. Dr. Sheikh Mohamed Al Khalifa, CEO, Bahrain National Gas Company (BANAGAS), in presence of Sri Utpal Bora, Chairman, Global HSE 2017 and CMD, Oil India Ltd., and Sri Arvind Bodhankar, Convenor, Global HSE 2017 and Corporate Head- HSE & Sustainability, TATA Motors.

While giving his Opening Address at the Inaugural session, **Sri Utpal Bora, Chairman of the Conference and CMD, Oil India Limited**, extended a warm welcome to all the dignitaries and the delegates present, and gave a background of the Conference. Mr. Bora highlighted the importance of HSE in the industry and laid special focus on the HSE preparedness and training for regular as well as contractual employees. He also highlighted the key HSE initiatives undertaken by OIL and mentioned that these best practices may be referred to by other players in the industry, as well. He said the industry is duty bound to ensure Smooth & Safe round the clock Operations as well as keep the Environment Green, thereby benefiting the stakeholders at large.

The Chief Guest for the event, Sri K.T. Rama Rao, Hon'ble Cabinet Minister, Ministry of Industries, IT & Commerce, Govt. of Telangana, in his address, welcomed all the delegates to the state of Telangana. Sri Rao said that Hyderabad is becoming a hub for international and national conferences, seminars, and exhibitions in the country. He also mentioned that Telangana has been named the best state in India, in terms of "Ease of doing Business, as per indices such as the World Bank's. While laying strong emphasis on moving from "Best Practices" to "Next Practices", he invited companies and entrepreneurs to invest in Telangana. He said that in addition to being highly investor and business friendly, the youngest state in the country is also carrying out a massive tree plantation program, and remains committed to preservation of the environment.

Sri Naini Narshima Reddy, Hon'ble Minister, Ministry of Home Affairs, Govt. of Telangana and Sri Jithender Reddy, Hon'ble Member of Parliament, Govt. of India, in their dresses, welcomed all the delegates to the state of Telangana and mentioned that the state is laying great emphasis on Skill Development, to ready adequately trained and competent manpower, keeping the future of the state and its growing industrialisation in mind. They also laid emphasis on importance of strong HSE Management practices in the industry, especially from the point of view of workers' safety.

The Global HSE Conference, which was started in 2013, is celebrating its 3rd Indian chapter after the last event, which was held in 2016 at New Delhi. The 5th edition of the Conference, presently ongoing in Hyderabad, is being hosted under the aegis of the central Ministries of Petroleum & Natural Gas, Labour & Employment and MSME. This Conference is also being endorsed and supported by more than 25 global associations and societies like DGMS, DGFASLI, OISD, NSIC, National Safety Council, ASSE, Energy institute, British Safety Council, RoSPA, IOSH and others. The Conference is expected to witness presence of over 1000 delegates from over 23 countries, including over 60 exhibitors displaying their HSE prowess. A total of 70 companies/ statutory bodies/ institutions and 90 speakers from various industries are participating in the Conference, including there being 80 paper presentations.

The Conference is to witness various high level keynote speeches from eminent national and international speakers, Executive Plenary Panels, many Panel Discussions, etc. The major topics in focus during the conference would be related to Process Safety Management, Human Factors in HSE, Contractor Safety Management, Disaster Management, Competency Assurance, Fire Safety Management, HSE best practices, Environmental Management, Enterprise Risk Management, Occupational Health & Wellness, Road Safety, etc.

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