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MoU Signing for construction of K.D Malaviya National Oil Museum at Guwahati

An Agreement was signed on 8th August, 2017 at Oil India Limited, Noida between K.D.Malaviya National Oil Museum (KDMNOM) Trust and M/s Creative Museum Designers for construction of K.D Malaviya National Oil Museum at Guwahati. Shri Utpal Bora, Chairman & Managing Director, OIL & President, KDMNOM Trust and Shri Subrata Sen, Managing Director, M/s Creative Museum Designers signed the Agreement in presence of Ms Rupshikha Bora, Director(Finance), OIL & Treasurer, KDMNOM Trust, Shri P.K.Sharma, Director(Operations), OIL & Secretary, KDMNOM Trust as well as other Trustees/representatives. Shri Biswajit Roy, Director(HR&BD), OIL and Dr. P. Chandrasekaran, Director(E&D), OIL also graced the occasion.

K.D. Malaviya National Oil Museum project was conceived by the Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas, in an effort to preserve the history of the petroleum industry in India as well as to create awareness among the people about the richness of the industry's heritage. The KDMNOM Trust consists of members from Oil Sector PSUs, Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas, Oil Industry Development Board and Govt. of Assam. OIDB. The Museum is to be established in a plot of land near Jawahar Nagar, Guwahati provided by Govt. of Assam. The cost of the Museum project will be borne by Oil PSU members and OI DB. Oil India Limited is entrusted the responsibility for co-ordinating the project. In the past, number of activities were carried out, however, the Museum did not materialize due to various reasons. In September, 2014, the Board of Trustees of KDMNOM Trust signed an MoU with National Council of Science Museums for preparation of Detailed Project Report for construction of the museum. NCSM submitted final DPR in November, 2015 and in May, 2016, Board of Trustees accorded approval on the DPR, project cost as well as engagement of NCSM or its subsidiary company for construction of the Museum on Design-Build basis. Thereafter, MoPNG's approval was obtained for cost sharing amongst Oil PSUs, Board of Trustees' approval obtained in March, 2017 for the Agreement to be executed between KDMNOM Trust & M/s Creative Museum Designers. LOI was issued to M/s CMD in May, 2017 for construction of the Museum on Turn-key basis.

National Council of Science Museums (NCSM) is an autonomous society under the Ministry of Culture, Government of India. It administers more than 25 Science Centres/Museums/Planetariums spread all over India. In addition, NCSM develops Science Centres/museums/galleries for different States/Union Territories as well as Govt. Organizations/PSUs etc. NCSM collaborated internationally for development of Museum/Science Centres in other countries also. Today, NCSM forms the largest network of science centres and museums in the world. In 2011, NCSM formed a fully owned non-profit company (under Section 25 of Companies Act) named 'Creative Museum Designers' (CMD) for development of other types of museums and centres than Science museums.

A few important features of the Agreement are as under:

(a) The Museum will be constructed on "Design-Build" basis i.e. entire work of design, development, construction, installation & commissioning of the Museum will be done by M/s Creative Museum Designers on turnkey basis at the estimated cost of Rs 88.96 Crores + Applicable Taxes

(b) The project will be completed in all respect in 66 Months' (Five & half years) time in phases. The major building and other infrastructures to be completed and the Museum can be made open to public with a few Galleries, 3D Theatres, Auditoriums etc. in 48 months' time. The outdoor Science Park can be made opened in 36 months' time.

The proposed Museum will have different galleries showcasing Oil Industries through ages, covering Upstream, Midstream, downstream- the complete hydrocarbon value chain. It will have state of art 3 D theatre, Outdoor science parks, Student activity corner etc. It is envisaged to create this Museum as a World Class Museum.

Glimpses of the Event:

