Report On

3rd All-India Global Methane Initiative Oil & Gas Sector Meet

(March 11, 2016)

At
GAIL Jubilee Tower, Noida

Corporate HSE Department
Noida
The 3rd All-India Global Methane Initiative Oil & Gas Sector Meet was hosted by Corporate HSE Department, GAIL with United States Environmental Protection Agency being the co-host. The meet was organized on March 11, 2016 at GAIL Jubilee Tower, Noida. The workshop was attended by delegates from United Nations Environment Program, United States Embassy in New Delhi and Indian Oil & Gas Companies ONGC, CAIRN, Petronet, IGL etc. The workshop was inaugurated by Shri M Ravindran, Director (HR) through Video Conferencing from Corporate Office. Dr. Ashutosh Karnatak, Director (Projects) was present during the Inaugural Session.

Shri Arvind Namdeo, Dy. General Manager (HSE) anchored the inaugural session of the program with safety briefing. All the distinguished guests were welcomed with potted plants, a deviation from the standard bouquet signifying more life. Shri S P Garg, General Manager (HSE) delivered the Welcome Address. He welcomed all the distinguished guests and participants from various oil & gas companies. The objectives of the meet were clearly spelled out to the audiences followed by a brief on GAIL’s initiatives in this area.
Address by Director (HR)

Shri M. Ravindran, Director (HR) addressed the participating delegates through videoconferencing from Corporate Office. Director (HR) emphasized on the need for sensitizing self as well as all the employees to take all possible actions in their capacity for reduction in fugitive emissions. He accorded special attention on speeding up methane mitigation measures and also advised Operation & Maintenance team to initiate quantifiable actions and improve the achievements. He also asked Team Pata to gear up on this front of methane emission reduction.

Address by Director (Projects)

Dr. Ashutosh Karnatak, Director (Projects) welcomed the dignitaries from US EPA, UNEP, US Embassy and participants from Indian Oil & Gas sector companies. Dr. Karnatak emphasized that environment protection is required not only for today but for generations to come and hence desired all to have proper thoughts for environment protection. He advised that we must move ahead from environmental compliance to commitment for the environment and should work with the mission that there should be no greenhouse gas emission from our operations. Finally, He appealed all the participating industries to collaborate for introduction of new technologies as companies can exist only if the environment is in place.
Dr. Ashutosh Karnatak, Director (Projects) at the Inaugural Session

Special Address by U S Embassy

Mr. Ray Sudweeks from United States Embassy in New Delhi delivered a special address on the occasion of this event. He lauded Indian Prime Minister’s ambitious goals in the areas of clean energy for the country. He discussed about the US Department of Energy working closely with Ministry of New & Renewable Energy for conception and implementation of clean energy projects. He emphasized on the importance of the meet and requested all the oil & gas industries to sincerely work in co-ordination for reduction of methane emissions.
GMI Overview by US EPA

Mr. Scott Bartos, GMI International Program Manager from United States Environmental Protection Agency gave an overview of Global Methane Initiative Program. He emphasized on the importance of focused and collaborative approach for moving ahead in the mission of methane emission reduction. He briefly touched upon the extent and various initiatives being taken up by oil & gas industries across the globe.

Special Address by UNEP

Ms Giulia Ferrini, Advisor, United Nations Environment Program gave an introduction to Climate and Clean Air Coalition Oil & Gas Methane Partnership. She briefly described how the CCAC Oil & Gas Methane Partnership provides companies with a credible mechanism to systematically and responsibly address their methane emissions and to demonstrate this systematic approach and results to stakeholders. She also urged the Indian Oil & Gas industries to become a partner in United Nation’s CCAC Oil & Gas methane partnership for the sake of structural and focused reduction in methane emissions.
Panel Discussion

The Inaugural Session was followed by a Panel Discussion on ‘Contributing to India’s Climate Action Plan through GMI’ in which representatives from US EPA, UNEP, DGH and GMI partner companies ONGC, GAIL, CAIRN & Petronet participated. The discussion was moderated by Mr. Scott Bartos from US EPA. All the participants put forth their views on how the Global Methane Initiative could be helpful in protecting the environment.

Glimpses of Inaugural Session
Experience Sharing Session

GMI Partner companies ONGC, CAIRN India, Petronet and GAIL (India) Limited shared their experiences on GMI with the participants. Representatives from all these industries discussed about the initiatives being taken by them for methane emission reduction. Representative from M/s FLIR also shared the benefits of the IR Cameras to the participants. The IR Camera was also on display for a first hand feel to the audiences.
The experience sharing session was wrapped up by Mr. Scott Bartos and Shri S P Garg. Mr. Bartos applauded the focused approach of the Indian oil & gas companies towards methane emission reduction and for their enthusiastic participation in the program.

Finally the workshop concluded with Vote of Thanks by Shri Rama Shankar Prasad, Dy. Manager (HSE). On behalf of GAIL and US EPA, he thanked all the representatives from participating organizations for their active participation, sharing of experiences and making 3rd All-India GMI Meet a success.