PRESS NOTE

The Petroleum & Natural Gas Regulatory Board has invited the bids for development of natural gas pipelines from Mehsana (Gujarat) to Bhatinda (Punjab) and Bhatinda (Punjab) to Jammu & Srinagar (Jammu & Kashmir).In all six application-cum-bid documents have been purchased by the potential bidders for Mehsana-Bhatinda section namely GAIL(India) Limited, L&T, EIL, GSPL, Essar Projects Limited & Nagarjuna Construction Limited and three application-cum-bid documents for Bhatinda to Jammu & Srinagar section namely GAIL(India) Limited, L&T and GSPL.

A pre-bid meeting was held on 09.11.2009 which was attended by all prospective bidders who have purchased the application-cum-bid document. The pre-bid meeting was organized to clarify the issues on the application-cum-bid documents to facilitate the bidders for applying correctly in a competitive bidding process.

During the pre-bid meeting necessary clarifications pertaining to the capacity of the pipeline, diversion of route of the pipeline, time for preparation of DFR, sourcing of gas, design of pipeline system, provisions for connection to city gas projects, withdrawal of bid etc. were provided to all the bidders.

As per the application-cum-bid document, the last date for submission the bid for the above mentioned pipeline is 16.12.2009 (11.00 hrs).

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