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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**PNGRB launches initiative to Web-Host Third-Party Inspection Reports: Advancing Transparency, Accountability, and Public Confidence.**

As per **Section 11(i) of the Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board (PNGRB) Act 2006**, the Board is mandated to lay down, by Regulations, the Technical Standards and Specifications including Safety Standards for activities relating to petroleum, petroleum products, and natural gas, including construction, operation of pipeline and infrastructure projects. In pursuance of this mandate, PNRB has notified comprehensive framework of Regulations encompassing Technical Standards and Specifications including Safety Standards (T4S), Integrity Management System (IMS) and Emergency Response & Disaster Management Plan (ERDMP) etc., across various verticals of the downstream oil and gas sector, i.e. City Gas Distribution (CGD) networks, Natural Gas Pipeline (NGPL) networks, Petroleum and Petroleum Products pipelines (PPPL) networks, Refineries & GPU, LPG Bottling Plants, LNG Terminals, Retail outlet dispensing Automotive Fuels and Petroleum Installations.

2. Compliance with the notified regulations is monitored through independent **Third-Party Inspection Agencies (TPIAs) empanelled by PNRB**. These agencies conduct audits and inspections of entities and submit detailed reports to both to PNRB and the concerned entity, highlighting the observations related to any non-compliance with the provisions of applicable PNRB Regulations. In such cases, the respective entities are required to undertake corrective actions within a defined timeframe, ensuring adherence to prescribed safety and technical standards. Adequate opportunity is given to the entities to comply with the audit exceptions.

3. Further, the **Section 52(6) of the PNRB Act 2006**, empowers the Board to share information or records provided by entities where such disclosure serves the larger public interest. Upholding this statutory responsibility, PNRB remains committed to its core mandate of safeguarding consumer interests, ensuring adequate and uninterrupted supply and promoting fair competition while maintaining the highest levels of technical integrity and safety across the downstream Oil & Gas sector.

4. In view of the above, PNRB has taken the initiative to **web-host Third-Party Inspection reports of downstream oil and gas installations along with their respective compliance status**. This proactive measure is aimed at reinforcing transparency,

accountability, and public confidence in the downstream petroleum and natural gas sector. Through this initiative PNGRB seeks to address:

- a. **Transparency and Good Governance** – Webhosting of TPIA audit reports along with their compliance status, on the public platform will enable open, verifiable and traceable disclosure of compliance outcomes. This initiative promotes the principles of good governance by ensuring that any non-conformities are attributable to the respective entities, thereby enhancing deterrence, accountability, and both legal and ethical responsibility across the sector. It also meets the transparency objective of the regulatory function of PNGRB.
- b. **Public Awareness of Compliance Status** – Making TPIA reports publicly accessible allows consumers, nearby communities, Investors, and other stakeholders to stay informed about the compliance status of entities and the corrective actions implemented. Such transparency fosters informed decision-making, strengthens regulatory credibility, and builds trust among all stakeholders.
- c. **Public Safety Awareness** – Disclosure of TPIA audit outcomes reassures residents living near operational facilities that prescribed technical and safety standards are being adhered to. This enhances public awareness of safety measures and reinforces confidence in the safe and environmentally responsible operation of downstream oil and gas installations.
- d. **Knowledge Sharing and Speedy Compliance** – Webhosting of audit reports and compliance status promotes sector-wide knowledge sharing of best practices, while simultaneously encouraging entities to address non-conformities promptly. The visibility of corrective actions accelerates compliance and motivates adherence to higher standards of diligence, safety, and service delivery across the sector.

The audit reports conducted by Third Party Inspection Agencies (TPIAs) on behalf of PNGRB, along with the corresponding compliance status, are now accessible on the PNGRB website: PNGRB Website Homepage → Technical & Safety → Audit Reports.

This initiative is expected to enhance transparency, accountability, and public awareness in the downstream oil and gas sector, thereby strengthening the safety of public, critical assets and the environment.

**Secretary**