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A Memorandum of Understanding was signed today (4.1.2011) at Fort St. George between the Government of Tamil Nadu and M/s. Great Eastern Energy Corporation Limited in the presence of Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister Thiru. M.K. Stalin.

M/s. Great Eastern Energy Corporation Limited (GEECL) is the first Indian Company to commercialise Coal Bed Methane (CBM) in India. The Company produces CBM from a block in Raniganj, West Bengal and supplies to various industrial consumers in and around Assansol/Durgapur, West Bengal. It also supplies Compressed Natural Gas to vehicles through the outlets of Indian Oil Corporation Limited. Govt. of India has awarded CBM Block in Mannargudi area covering Tiruvarur and Thanjavur districts to GEECL for exploration and production of CBM. GEECL has proposed to invest Rs.100 crores initially for the exploration activity and once the commercial viability and feasibility is established, will further invest Rs.3500 crores on production of CBM. The project will generate direct and indirect employment to about 1500 persons besides making available CNG to Tamil Nadu. It will also generate revenue to the State Government by way of royalty, Value Added Tax etc. The State Government has issued Petroleum Exploration licence to the Company and also agreed to facilitate the company in getting necessary approvals and clearances for the successful implementation of the project.

The MoU was signed by Thiru Rajeev Ranjan, I.A.S., Principal Secretary to Government, Industries Department on behalf of the Government of Tamil Nadu and Thiru. Yogendra Kumar Modi, Chairman & Chief Executive Officer on behalf of M/s. GEECL in the presence of Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister Thiru. M.K. Stalin.

On the Company side, Thiru. Prasanth Modi, President and Chief Operating Officer and Thiru. S. Ramamurthy, General Manager, Projects were present. Thiru. Thanga Kaliaperumal, I.A.S., Commissioner of Geology and Mining and other senior officers were present during the signing of MoU.

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