10th Annual Conference on

CITY GAS DISTRIBUTION IN INDIA
Trends and Outlook; Issues and Opportunities
February 23-24, 2015, Le Meridien, New Delhi

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The conference is targeted at:

- The outlook for city gas distribution (CGD) sector in India is beginning to brighten with the recent central government policy measures and also promise of action by the Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board (PNGRB). The priority given to the CNG and PNG segments for domestic gas allocation will also help, with increased domestic supply and lower costs.

- This will not only improve the margins for the existing players but also generate more interest among new players to enter the sector. CNG continues to remain competitive with alternative fuels even at a higher domestic gas price of $5.61 per mmBtu.

- PNGRB is doing its bit by expediting the process of granting authorisation. Licences have been issued for Bhavnagar, Jamnagar and Hazira districts in the past few months. It is also promising to soon award licences under the fourth round of bidding, which had been delayed due to lack of bidding in five of the 14 GAs being offered. PNGRB has also identified 41 GAs for the fifth and the sixth bidding rounds.

- Meanwhile, the market size of the CGD sector continues to grow. The pipeline network has grown at a CAGR of 32 per cent between 2009 and 2014 while the number of CNG stations has increased at a CAGR of 19 per cent. However, the overall sales for the sector have declined in 2013-14 and some experts believe that this is expected to remain the case in 2014-15 as well.

- Going forward, however, with the assurance of gas supply, CGD sales are expected to pick up from 2015-16. The industry can also expect a faster roll-out of networks in the years to come.

- This will mean greater opportunities for technology providers and EPC contractors. Most CGD operators are testing world-class technologies and best practices to ensure more effective operations. At the same time, the sector faces many operational challenges. The issues that need particular attention are asset management, improving trunkline connectivity, ensuring network safety, leakage detection and inefficient metering.

- The mission of this conference is to examine the recent policy, regulatory and market developments. It will also discuss the opportunities and challenges. It will showcase successful projects, technologies and best practices.

Target Audience

The conference is targeted at:

- Gas distributors
- Gas marketers/suppliers
- Policymakers and regulators
- Infrastructure builders
- Consulting and legal firms
- Engineering and design firms
- Leak detection solution providers
- Technology providers
- Meter manufacturers
- State development agencies
- Natural gas producers
- Pipeline operators
- Industrial consumers
- IT solution providers (SCADA, GIS, ERP, etc.)
- Financial institutions

Previous participants

AGENDA/STRUCTURE

KEY TRENDS AND OUTLOOK
- What have been the key trends and developments in the past few months?
- What are the opportunities and outlook for the sector?
- What are the key challenges?

POLICY/EQUIMENT PERSPECTIVE
- What is the government’s view on the gas sector as a whole and CGD in particular?
- What have been the key initiatives on the policy front (new gas price, priority allocation, CNG stations, etc.)?
- What is the likely impact of the new gas price on the CGD sector?
- What are the priorities and targets for the CGD sector?

OPERATORS’ VIEWPOINT
- How do the operators perceive the CGD sector currently?
- How attractive is the business with the expectation of falling costs?
- What are the business opportunities?
- What is their view on the policy amendments (priority allocations, new gas price, etc.)?
- What are the key challenges?

REGULATORY PERSPECTIVE
- What is the progress on the third and fourth bidding rounds?
- What have been the key initiatives for the development of the CGD sector?
- What can the industry expect from PNGRB in the next few years?
- What are the targets for the fifth and sixth rounds?

GAS SUPPLY OUTLOOK
- What is the current status of gas supply?
- What are the sourcing options? How are these expected to change in the future?
- What is the overall outlook for gas supply?

PIPELINE INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT
- What is the status of the pipeline infrastructure?
- What is the progress on pipelines under construction?
- What are the plans for the next few years?

CGD ECONOMICS
- How attractive is the CGD economics? Will it continue to remain so?
- What are the costs associated with the CGD business?
- How do the prices of alternatives compare?
- What are the key risks and returns?

FOCUS ON CNG NETWORKS
- What are the specific requirements of setting up CNG networks?
- What are the different technology options?
- What has been the experience so far?

FOCUS ON PNG NETWORKS
- What are the specific requirements for setting up PNG networks?
- What are the different technology options?
- What has been the experience so far?

METERING AND BILLING
- What are the current challenges being faced in metering and billing?
- Which technologies are the most suited to India?
- What are the global best practices?

NETWORK AND ASSET INTEGRITY MANAGEMENT
- What are the latest technologies for quantifying network performance?
- What strategies are being adopted to ensure safer networks?
- Which ones are the most suited to India?
- What are the key challenges in deploying such technologies?

FOCUS ON IT APPLICATIONS
- What is the role of IT in CGD operations?
- What are the key technologies available (GIS, SCADA, ERP, etc.)?
- What has been the experience so far in India?
- What are the global best practices?

INNOVATIONS IN MATERIALS/EQUIPMENT
- What are the new materials/equipment being used to prolong the life of assets?
- What has been the experience so far in India?
- What are the key challenges?

PROJECT AND TECHNOLOGY SHOWCASE
- Which are some of the noteworthy projects (operational and upcoming)?
- What are their key features (network size, design, milestones, etc.)?
- What lessons can be learnt from the experience of these projects?
- What are the most promising technologies?

Each session will have two parts. The first part will feature presentations by speakers. The second part will be devoted to Q&A and floor discussions. The conference will feature the points-of-view of all key stakeholders – existing distributors, potential new players, gas producers/marketers, policymakers, financiers and investors, technology providers and infrastructure builders.

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