

## **Press Release**

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## Oil India Limited (OIL) led Indian consortium successfully completes two landmark acquisitions in Russia

The Indian consortium led by Oil India Limited (OIL), including Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOCL) and Bharat PetroResources Limited (BPRL), a 100% subsidiary of Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL), have successfully completed two landmark acquisitions of producing upstream assets in Russia. The consortium acquired 29.9% stake in LLC Taas-Yuryakh Neftegazodobycha (Taas Yuryakh) and 23.9% stake in JSC Vankorneft (Vankorneft) from Rosneft Oil Company, the National Oil Company of Russia (Rosneft).

The transactions received approvals from relevant government authorities of India and Russia in late September and completed simultaneously on 5<sup>th</sup> October 2016 in Moscow, Russia. The definitive agreements for the Taas Yuryakh and Vankorneft deals were signed on 16<sup>th</sup> March 2016 and 17<sup>th</sup> June 2016 respectively.

Taas Yurakh is a producing asset and one of the largest green field developments in Eastern Siberia Region. Post this transaction, Rosneft now holds 50.1% stake in the field. BP is the other partner with 20% stake.

Vankor is a producing giant oilfield, also located in Eastern Siberia. It is the second largest field in Russia by production and contributes to about 10% of Rosneft's entire oil production. Post this transaction Rosneft now holds 61.1% in the field. ONGC Videsh Limited currently holds 15% stake.

The current combined production from both fields is around 440,000 bopd or ~22MMTPA and OIL's share of current oil production is 1.7 MMTPA. The fields are also producing about 5.6 BCM of sales gas per annum. The remaining oil and gas reserve of the two fields together are approximately 3.86 billion barrel oil equivalent.

Indian Consortium was advised by Rothschild & Co as financial adviser, CGG Vostok as Technical adviser, Latham & Watkins as Legal adviser and Ernst and Young as accounting and tax adviser on both the transactions.

## **About Oil India Limited:**

Oil India Limited (OIL), a Navratna PSU, is a fully integrated E&P company in the upstream sector and is the second largest national oil and gas company in India as measured by total

proved plus probable oil and natural gas reserves and production. OIL is engaged in the business of exploration, development and production of crude oil and natural gas, transportation of crude oil and production of LPG. It has vast experience in reservoir management and expertise in IOR/EOR operations. OIL also provides various E&P related services to make it a fully integrated E&P Company. Besides having a Pan-India presence, OIL has Participating Interest in blocks in over ten countries overseas viz Libya, Gabon, Nigeria, Yemen, Venezuela, USA, Mozambique, Russia, Myanmar, and Bangladesh besides a product pipeline in Sudan. The Company also has a stake in Numaligarh Refinery Limited and Brahmaputra Cracker and Polymer Limited. This completes Oil India's presence in the entire hydrocarbon value chain.

## Rosneft

Rosneft is the leader of Russia's petroleum industry and the world's largest publicly traded petroleum company. Rosneft activities include hydrocarbon exploration and production, upstream offshore projects, hydrocarbon refining, and crude oil, gas and product marketing in Russia and abroad.

The Company is included in the list of strategic companies and organizations of Russia. The main Company shareholder (69.50%) is OJSC ROSNEFTEGAZ, a 100% state-owned company. BP owns 19.75%, and the remaining 10.75% of shares are publicly traded. Rosneft conducts its exploration and production activities in all key hydrocarbon provinces of Russia, including West Siberia, Southern and Central Russia, Timan-Pechora, East Siberia, Far East, and Russian continental shelf, including the Arctic region. The Company is also embarking on and implementing a number of projects in Venezuela, Brazil, USA, Canada, UAE, Algeria, Norway, Kazakhstan, Vietnam and Abkhazia.

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