

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS OF
THE REPUBLIC OF INDIA AND MINISTRY OF ENERGY OF THE
RUSSIAN FEDERATION ON THE USE OF NATURAL GAS FOR
TRANSPORTATION**

The Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas of the Republic of India and the Ministry of Energy of the Russian Federation, hereinafter referred to as the Parties,

Recognizing the substantial interest in promoting the use of alternative fuels for transportation, such as natural gas;

Considering potential for mutual benefits from cooperation on the use of natural gas for the transportation sector;

Desiring to seek common solutions to address the Parties' interests in developing, cooperating and promoting the use of natural gas as a motor fuel in their respective countries;

Have reached the following understanding:

1. The purpose of this MoU is to facilitate the cooperation between the interested economic entities of the States of the Parties in the energy sphere on the use of natural gas for transportation, based on the principles of equality and mutual benefit and popularization using natural gas for vehicles.
2. The Parties will cooperate in the following forms:
 - (a) holding the meetings during the Russian Energy Week with the purpose of demonstrating advanced technologies relating to motor vehicles, and the use of natural gas as a motor fuel, with participation of international experts, both Parties' regulators and representatives.
 - (b) mutual consultations with the purpose of information exchange aimed at facilitating the development of cooperation between companies of their respective countries in the extension of natural gas use as a motor fuel;
 - (c) preparation of prognosis evaluations on vehicles;
 - (d) promoting use of compressed natural gas and liquefied natural gas as Transportation fuel
 - (e) mutual consultation with the purpose of information exchange of best practices in developing City Gas Distribution systems in Russia
 - (f) any other forms of cooperation, agreed upon by the Parties, falling within the scope of this MoU.
3. The Parties can, as appropriate, designate bodies to lead, or participate in, the specific actions. Accordingly, Ministry of Energy of the Russian Federation is being nominated as nodal institution from Russian side to coordinate, lead and participate in the cooperation on use of natural gas for transportation. Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas, Government of India, is being nominated as nodal institution from Indian side to coordinate, lead and participate in the cooperation on use of natural

gas for transportation.

4. For the purpose of implementation of the cooperation in the forms, referred to in Paragraph 2 and Paragraph 3 of this MoU, the Parties will exchange of knowledge in the field of using natural gas as a motor fuel in the following areas:

- technical standards;
- national acts, laws, rules and regulation;
- incentives;
- technical personnel training;
- Implementing relevant infrastructure projects.

5. The Parties aim to monitor and review progress of cooperation carried out under this MoU at least once a year through meetings, video conferences or written correspondence.

6. Any disputes or disagreements between the Parties arising from the interpretation or implementation of this MoU shall be settled through consultations and negotiations.

7. This MoU may be amended by mutual written consent of the Parties.

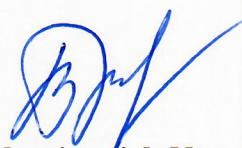
8. This MoU is not an international treaty and does not create any rights and obligations for the Parties, governed by the international law.

9. This MoU will be implemented from the date of its signing by authorized representatives of the Parties for a period of 3 years and may be extended by the Parties for the same period of time. Either Party may notify the other in writing about its intention to terminate this MoU, by the diplomatic channel, six (6) months in advance. The MoU in case of such a notice shall stand terminated on completion of such notice period of six months.

Signed at Vladivostok on 4 September 2019 in two copies, in English.



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