



## Press Release

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### **Prime Minister dedicates Guru Gobind Singh Refinery to the Nation**

The Honourable Prime Minister of India, Dr. Manmohan Singh, dedicated the Guru Gobind Singh Refinery at Bathinda in Punjab to the nation today. Present on the occasion were His Excellency, Governor of Punjab, Shri Shivraj Patil, Honourable Chief Minister of Punjab, Shri Parkash Singh Badal, Honourable Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas, Shri Jaipal Reddy, Honourable Minister of State for Petroleum & Natural Gas & Corporate Affairs, Shri R.P.N.Singh, Honourable Deputy Chief Minister of Punjab, Shri Sukhbhir Singh Badal, Honourable Minister of State for Planning, Science & Technology & Earth Sciences, Dr. Ashwani Kumar, Honourable Minister, Local Government, Medical Education & Research, Punjab, Shri Chuni Lal Bhagat, Honourable Member of Parliament, Punjab, Smt. Harsimrat Kaur Badal, Member of Legislative Assembly, Punjab, Shri. Jeetmohinder Singh Sidhu, a host of other political, district administrative officials and corporate delegates.

The Hon'ble Prime Minister and other distinguished guests were welcomed by Mr. Subir Roy Choudhury, Chairman, HPCL-Mittal Energy Limited (HMEL), Mr. Lakshmi N. Mittal, Chairman and CEO, Arcelor Mittal, Mr. Sudhir Maheswari, Director HMEL, Mr. Prabh Das, MD & CEO, HMEL and other officials of the company.

The 9 Million Metric Tons per annum Guru Gobind Singh Refinery (GGSR) at Phullokari, Bathinda built at a cost of about USD 4 billion was recently commissioned. The state-of-the-art refinery is an energy efficient, environmental friendly, high distillate yielding complex, comprising of the following:-

- Single Point Mooring seven kilometres in the sea at Mundra, Gujarat
- Crude Oil Terminal at Mundra
- Cross country pipeline of about 1017 km from Mundra to Bathinda connecting various intermediate pumping stations
- Captive Power Plant of gross capacity 165 MW capacity and
- Petrochemical unit producing Polypropylene



The Government had approved the Joint Venture in July 2007. Work on construction of refinery started thereafter in early 2008. The refinery began refining crude oil in August 2011 and recently achieved commissioning of the entire project. HMEL achieved the first liquid sales in December 2011 with dispatch of kerosene and the first solid sales in February 2012 with sale of petroleum coke.

The Prime Minister, Shri Manmohan Singh dedicated the refinery to the nation by unveiling a plaque on the occasion that was attended by a large gathering of local people from the surrounding villages.

The project has been constructed largely on conventional basis. Engineers India Limited was the Project Management Consultant. The project was financed by a consortium of Indian banks led by State Bank of India.

HMEL's Bhatinda refinery will be the 24<sup>th</sup> refinery in the country. This refinery will enhance India's refining capacity, taking it close to 202 million tonnes per annum or more than 4 million barrels a day. GGSR will help meet fuel demand in the northern region of India.

### ***About HPCL-Mittal Energy Limited (HMEL)***

*HMEL is a joint venture between Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited (HPCL) and Mittal Energy Investments Pte Ltd, Singapore – a Lakshmi N Mittal Company. Both the joint venture partners hold a stake of 49% each in the company, the balance 2% is held by Indian financial institutions.*

*HMEL has built a world-class state of the art refinery, GGSR, incorporating the latest technologies. The refinery has high Nelson Complexity Index which will enable maximizing value added products even from heavy / sour crudes. The SPM, COT and the 1020 km (approx.) pipeline were constructed and laid through Gujarat, Rajasthan, and Haryana reaching Punjab in record time. The import facility Single Buoy Mooring, is capable of berthing Very Large Crude Carriers (VLCCs) reducing transportation cost of crude to bare minimum. The world class Crude Oil Terminal is capable of blending different crude which will enable procurement of a variety of crudes.*



*GGSR set up in the heartland of the country will meet the growing requirements of the Northern domestic market. The refinery is an energy efficient, environmental friendly and high distillate yielding complex. Diverse environmental protection*

*measures have been incorporated in the designs of all the Project facilities which include Sulphur Recovery Units, Hydro-treaters, Desulphurisation Units, State-of-the-art Effluent Treatment Plants, Vapour Recovery Systems and Low NOx Burners in the furnaces.*

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