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MESSAGE

I am happy to know that **Oil Spill India** is organizing the 4th edition of **Oil Spill India Conference** on 11-12 August, 2016 at Mumbai.

The world has faced several accidental oil spills and we have noticed the disastrous consequences of oil spill on the environment. Such incidents remind us from time to time about the huge remediation cost involved to contain and minimize the impacts of spills. It therefore becomes very important that we all take utmost care, to prevent any accidental discharge of oil in our areas of operation, which may cause damage to land environment, flora and fauna, marine and aquatic environment especially near the shorelines. It is very essential for the Oil and Gas Industry to have a robust oil spill prevention system in place in compliance with the local regulatory framework and commensurate with the oil spill risks of an organization or facility.

ONGC has been taking extreme care in ensuring that there is no spillage during the oil and gas operational activities in various parts of the country. But we are also mindful that despite rigorous processes, there is likelihood of oil spills and has therefore, established effective mitigation measures to handle such oil spill emergencies. The ONGC has adopted the system of tiered response to Oil Spill Management such as Tier-1 response through its own resources, Tier-2 response by pooling of national resources and Tier-3 response by mobilizing global resources.

Considering the disastrous impact of oil spills, I firmly believe that this conference, would provide an opportunity to various stakeholders of the industry to discuss different aspects of Oil Spill Management and emerging trends in Oil Spill Response & Restoration strategies for the benefit of the entire oil and gas industry.

I convey my best wishes to the organizers of the conference and wish the conference a great success.

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