Memorandum of Understanding between The Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas of the Republic of India and The Ministry of Energy and Mineral Resources of the Republic of Indonesia on Cooperation in the field of Oil and Gas

The Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas of the Republic of India and the Ministry of Energy and Mineral Resources of the Republic of Indonesia (hereinafter referred to as "the Parties");

ACKNOWLEDGING the desire on part of both countries to raise bilateral relationship to a higher level and establish a New Strategic Partnership between them;

NOTING the opportunities for enhanced economic and commercial cooperation between both countries, particularly in the oil and gas;

RECOGNIZING the importance and benefits from long-term cooperative relationship and joint economic projects for the mutual benefit of their people;

DESIRING to broaden and deepen further the friendly relations and mutually beneficial links between the two countries:

REFERRING to the Agreement between the Government of the Republic of India and the Government of the Republic of Indonesia concerning Technical and Scientific Cooperation, signed in Jakarta on 10 February 1982;

PURSUANT to the prevailing laws and regulations of their respective countries;

HAVE REACHED the following understandings:

Article 1 Objective

The objective of this Memorandum of Understanding is to establish a cooperative institutional framework to facilitate and to enhance bilateral cooperation in the oil and gas sector, on the basis of equality and mutual benefit.

Article 2 Areas of Cooperation

- The Parties will cooperate with an objective to enhance and build enduring fies in the oil and gas sector including Coal Bed Methane, in conformity with their damestic laws, and regulations. The areas of cooperation between the Parties may include, but not limited to the following areas:
 - a) Cooperation in the areas of upstream and downstream activities and Infrastructure:
 - b) Encourage and promote investment and cooperation directly between the Parties or through their affiliated companies;
 - c) Promote dialogue and consultations among all concerned parties with regard to sharing of information;
 - d) Enhance capacity-building cooperation including lorging closer cooperation between research and training centers and intensifying mutual visits among officials;
 - e) Technology transfer through conduct of applied research and development activities and installation of demonstration facilities; and
 - f) Other areas as may be agreed upon by the Parties.
- Implementation of the above areas shall be discussed further by the Parties.

Article 3 Executing Agency

Executing Agencies for this cooperation will be:

- For the Ministry of Petroteum and Natural Gas of the Republic of India: Secretary of the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas.
- For the Ministry of Energy and Mineral Resources of the Republic of Indonesia: Directorate General of Oil and Gas.

Article 4 Intellectual Property Rights

 Each Party shall protect, within its territory, Intellectual Property Rights of the other Party in accordance with the domestic law in force in their respective country. In case a specific arrangement, program or project may result in intellectual property, the Parties shall include separate arrangement in accordance with their respective regulations.

Article 5 Joint Working Group

- For the purpose of discussions and implementation of various issues pertaining to this Memorandum of Understanding, the Parties may set up a Joint Working Group.
- The Joint Working Group, consisting of the representatives of the Parties, may meet periodically on mutually determined dates by the Parties alternately in India and Indonesia. Each Party will cover its expenses relating to its participation in the meetings of the Joint Working Group.

Article 6 Amendment

This Memorandum of Understanding may be amended by mutual written consent of the Parlies, specifying the date of entry into force of such amendment.

Article 7 Settlement of Differences

Any differences arising in relation to the interpretation of implementation of this Memorandum of Understanding shall be settled amicably by consultation or negotiation on the basis of mutual understanding and goodwill between the Parties.

Article 8 Entry Into Force, Duration, and Termination

- This Memorandum of Understanding shall enter into force on the day of its signing and shall remain in force for 5 (five) years unless either Party gives notice, in writing, to the other Party of its intention to terminate this Memorandum of Understanding, with 90 days prior notice.
- The termination of this Memorandum of Understanding shall not affect the completion of cooperation activities initiated, while this Memorandum of Understanding is in effect, unless otherwise mutually determined in writing by the Parties.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned, have signed Memorandum of Understanding.

DONE at New Delhi on this twenty fifth day of January in the year two thousand and eleven in two originals each in Hindi, Indonesian and English languages, all text being equally authentic. In case of any divergence of interpretation, the English text shall prevail.

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Minister of Floreign Affairs of the
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