



**Press Release for MoU Signing of MoU between the
Oil Industry Safety Directorate & American Petroleum Institute**

Press Release: 15th May, 2014: The “Oil Industry Safety Directorate (OISD)” a Technical Directorate under the Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas took a giant step towards enhancing Process Safety in the entire Oil & Gas Industry in India by signing a Memorandum of Understanding with the ‘American Petroleum Institute (API)”, the largest U.S. national trade association for the oil and natural gas industry on 15th May, 2014.

The MoU was signed by Shri Hirak Dutta, on behalf of OISD and Mr. Chip Evans on behalf of API in presence of Shri RK Singh, Joint Secretary (Refineries), Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas, India. In addition, representatives from Oil & Gas Industry in India, other officials from Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas, GOI and senior members of OISD were present during the signing ceremony of the MoU at Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi.



[Mr. Hirak Dutta, ED-OISD & Chip Evans, Global Manager, API signing MoU in presence of Mr. RK Singh, JS-R, MoP&NG](#)

Shri Hirak Dutta, ED-OISD mentioned that the MoU broadly aims at development of bilateral cooperation between OISD and API in the field of standardization, certification and training. Through this MoU, technical experts from OISD will be able to participate in the API standardization process by being part of various API standards subcommittees. Similarly, the MoU also envisages support of API technical experts in the standardization process of OISD. This bilateral exchange of technical experts in the standardization process of API and OISD would immensely help the Oil & Gas Industry at large.



[Discussion between OISD & API at Shastri Bhawan](#)

To disseminate safety knowledge in the industry, the MoU would also provide a common platform to OISD and API for jointly organizing the training programs for the Oil & Gas Industry personnel. Dissemination of knowledge and experience sharing through these joint training programs shall be immensely useful for the Industry as a whole.

Earlier, in its quest for enhancing process safety management across the entire spectrum of the Oil & Gas Industry, OISD had also entered into an MOU with Centre for Chemical Process Safety (CCPS) under the aegis of AIChE, USA for knowledge sharing in the area of Process Safety Management of Chemical Process Plant on 14.05.2013. The landmark event of signing of MoU with CCPS was hailed

through an editorial mention of the same in the highly acclaimed and prestigious "Hydrocarbon Processing" journal.

OISD has been designated as the competent authority to oversee implementation of the Petroleum & Natural Gas (Safety in Offshore Operations) Rules, 2008, notified by the Government of India in 2008. To facilitate proper implementation of these offshore safety rules, OISD also has an MOU with Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement (BSEE) of the Department of the Interior, Govt. of USA. The MoU covers for knowledge sharing and capacity building in the area of offshore safety. This MoU is for upstream (offshore) sector of the Hydrocarbon business and primarily covers areas like joint safety audits of the offshore facilities, development of standards and imparting trainings to OISD executives.

The signing of this historical and landmark MoU with the American Petroleum Institute (API) would not only be beneficial to both the Organizations i.e. OISD and API, but it would go a long way in enhancing the Safety of the entire Oil & Gas Industry as a whole.

Wishing a great success for this endeavor to both the MoU partners, Shri RK Singh, Joint Secretary (R), P&NG, termed the MoU a timely step in the right direction and congratulated OISD for its' outward looking approach. He went on to add that considering the shape of things to come in future, wherein, OISD is likely to be entrusted with further more responsibilities with regard to the management of process safety in the entire Indian Oil & Gas Industry, such kind of proactive initiatives on the part of OISD are worth appreciating.