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Manager(Listing),
National Stock Exchange of India,
Exchange Plaza, 5th Floor,
Plot No. C/1, G Block,
Bandra-Kurla Complex, Bandra(E),
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Dear Sir,

Pursuant to Clause 36 of the Listing Agreement, the following is notified for the information of the Stock Exchange :-

IOC and OIL jointly acquire 30% stake in Carrizo's Niobrara Shale Oil/Condensate asset in the State of Colorado, USA

Indian Oil Corporation Ltd. (IOC) and Oil India Ltd. (OIL) have jointly acquired 30% participating interest (PI) in Carrizo's liquid rich Niobrara shale asset located in the State of Colorado, USA through their wholly owned US subsidiaries.

Carrizo Oil & Gas Inc. is a NASDAQ listed energy company actively engaged in the exploration, development, exploitation, and production of oil and natural gas primarily in the US. Carrizo also has Joint Ventures with other Indian players such as GAIL and RIL in its Eagle Ford Shale and Marcellus Shale assets respectively. Carrizo has around 61,500 net acres in its Niobrara shale asset, out of which IOC-OIL consortium will have around 18,450 net acres, spread across three counties in Colorado, USA. The average production (net to Carrizo) during the month of August 2012 was around 1,520 barrels of oil-equivalent per day (boe/d) from the asset.

This is the first ever upstream acquisition for both the companies in USA. In this context, the definitive agreements have been executed with Carrizo (a company based in Houston, Texas, USA) on 4.10.2012 at New Delhi.

Under the terms of the deal, IOC and OIL acquired 30% PI (IOC: 10% & OIL: 20%) in the Niobrara asset via their respective US subsidiaries. The total acquisition cost for the two companies would be around US$82.5 million (IOC's share being US$27.5 million), comprising upfront cash payment of US$41.25 million (IOC's share being US$13.75 million) and a carry amount of US$41.25 million (IOC's share being US$13.75 million) linked to Carrizo's future drilling and development costs.

This investment provides an entry into an early stage unconventional shale play in a well known producing basin. The transaction will also provide a platform to IOC and OIL for future upstream acquisitions in North America. It is yet another step in IOC's journey to emerge as an integrated energy company.

The above is for information and record please.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,
For INDIAN OIL CORPORATION LTD.,

(Raju Ranganathan)
Company Secretary

05/10/12