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Sub: Press Release

Dear Sirs,

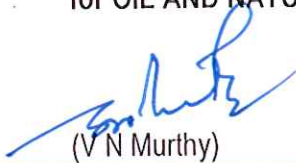
Pursuant to Regulation 30 of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015, please find enclosed a copy of Press Release issued by ONGC on the following subject:

- **ONGC Videsh to acquire 11% additional interest in Vankor Field located in East Siberia of the Russian Federation**

This is for your kind information and record please.

Thanking you

Yours faithfully,
for OIL AND NATURAL GAS CORPORATION LTD.



(V N Murthy)

Company Secretary

Encl : As above

Press release

ONGC Videsh to acquire 11% additional interest in Vankor Field located in East Siberia of the Russian Federation

Press Release – 14 September, 2016

New Delhi, 14 September, 2016: ONGC Videsh (and its wholly owned subsidiary ONGC Videsh Vankorneft Pte. Ltd., Singapore - **OVVL**) jointly signed definitive agreements with Rosneft, the national oil company of Russia for acquiring additional 11% shares in JSC Vankorneft, a company organized under the law of Russian Federation which is the owner of Vankor Field and North Vankor license. Earlier, ONGC Videsh had successfully closed the acquisition of 15% shareholding interest on 31st May, 2016. After the closing of the present transaction, ONGC Videsh will raise its participation share in Vankorneft to 26%. The acquisition is subject to relevant Board, Government and Indian and Russian regulatory approvals and is expected to close by end of 2016.

The agreement was signed by Mr. Narendra K. Verma, CEO & Managing Director, on behalf of ONGC Videsh and Mr. Igor Sechin, Chairman Board of Directors, Rosneft in Moscow on 14th September, 2016.

Vankor is Rosneft's (and Russia's) second largest field by production and accounts for 4% of Russian production. The daily production from the field is around 421,000 bpd of crude oil on an average and together with earlier acquisition of 15%, ONGC Videsh's share of daily oil production from Vankor will be about 110,000 bpd. The acquisition of additional 11 % bears significant strategic importance and would add about 30% to the existing ONGC Videsh's production at the current rate and approximately 2.2 MMt of oil and 1.0 BCM of gas annually.

The present transaction provides an opportunity to ONGC Videsh to enhance its presence in Russia and is consistent with its stated strategic objective of adding high quality international assets to its existing E&P portfolio. This acquisition also has significant strategic importance to India, both in terms of augmentation of India's Energy Security as well as enhancing India's stature in the global political and economic arenas.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, likely of the CEO & Managing Director, Mr. Narendra K. Verma.

About ONGC Videsh

ONGC Videsh is a wholly owned subsidiary of Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Limited (ONGC), the National Oil Company of India, and is India's largest international oil and gas E&P Company. At present, ONGC Videsh has 37 projects in 17 countries including Azerbaijan, Bangladesh, Brazil, Colombia, Kazakhstan, Mozambique, Myanmar, Russia, South Sudan, Sudan, Venezuela, Vietnam and New Zealand. ONGC Videsh is currently producing about 215,000 barrels of oil and oil equivalent gas per day and has total oil and gas reserves of about 596 MMTOE as on 31st March, 2016. For more information visit: <http://www.ongcvidesh.com>

About ONGC

ONGC's market capitalization as on 14th September 2016, was INR 2123 billion (US\$ 31.7 billion). During the financial year ended 31st March, 2016, ONGC Group had produced 57.38 MMT of oil and oil equivalent gas (MMTOE) (approx. 1.2 MMboe per day); the Consolidated Gross Turnover was INR 1,429 billion (US\$ 21.83 billion) during FY'16 and total oil and gas reserves were 2,022 MMTOE as on 31st March 2016. For more information visit: <http://www.ongcindia.com>

