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Dear Sir,

Please find enclosed a copy of Press Release regarding **"Contract awarded for purchase of 108 km of line pipes (Barauni - Guwahati Natural Gas pipeline)"**

The above is for your information and record please.

Thanking you,
Yours faithfully,

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Press Release

Barauni -Guwahati Natural Gas pipeline work gathers pace

Contract awarded for purchase of 108 km of line pipes

New Delhi, August 16, 2018: In an important development, GAIL (India) Limited has awarded the first contract for purchase of 108 km 24 inch diameter line pipes under the Barauni – Guwahati segment of the Jagdishpur-Haldia & Bokaro-Dhamra Natural Gas Pipeline (JHBDPL) project.

The contract for purchase of line pipes of 108 km was awarded to M/s Ratnamani at a total cost of Rs 125 crore. Line pipe procurement activities for the rest of the 600 km trunkline upto Guwahati is at an advanced stage of tender process.

The Barauni – Guwahati pipeline section executed at a capital outlay of Rs 3,300 crore is an integral part of the prestigious 3,405 km-long JHBDPL project, popularly known as *'Pradhan Mantri Urja Ganga'*, executed by GAIL, and envisages to connect eastern and north-eastern India to the existing natural gas grid. This project is planned to cover eastern Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Jharkhand, West Bengal, Odisha and Assam.

JHBDPL project is progressing in full swing and the first phase is scheduled for completion by December 2018. The project will usher Industrial development in eastern part of India by supplying environmentally clean natural gas to fertilizer units, power plants, refineries, steel processing plants and other industries.

It will also provide clean energy to households and transportation through the city gas distribution networks enroute the pipeline. City Gas distribution projects have been commissioned at Varanasi, Bhubaneswar and Cuttack while project activities are under progress at other cities of eastern India.