# Memorandum of Understanding
# Between
# The Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas of the Republic of India
# And
# The Ministry of Energy and Industry of the State of Qatar
# 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 Industry of the State Qatar (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; and

**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 (MoU) is to establish a cooperative 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 ties in the oil and gas sector in conformity with their domestic 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 oil & gas activities and related activities;

b) Encourage and promote investment and cooperation directly between the parties and through their affiliated companies;

c) Promote dialogue and consultations among all concerned parties with regard to sharing of information subject to Article 4 of this MoU;

d) Enhance capacity building cooperation including forging closer cooperation between research and training centres 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 agreed upon by the Parties.

Implementation of the above areas shall be discussed further by the Parties.

## Article 3
## Executive Agency

Executive Agencies for this cooperation shall be:

1. for the Government of the Republic of India: Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas.
2. for the Government of the State of Qatar: Ministry of Energy and Industry.

## Article 4
## Confidentiality of Information

Each Party shall maintain the confidentiality of all the information and data obtained by virtue of implementing the provisions of this MoU and shall not disclose such information to any third party without the written consent of the party that has provided the information.

## Article 5
## Amendment

This MoU may be amended by mutual written consent of the Parties, specifying the date of entry into force of such amendments.

## Article 6
## Settlement of Differences

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

## Article 7
## Entry into Force, Duration and Termination

This MoU shall come into force on the day of its signing and shall remain in force for 5 (five) years unless either party gives 6 months prior notice, in writing, to the other Party of its intention to terminate this MoU. It will automatically renewed for subsequent period of the same length unless one of the Parties notifies the other of its intention not to renew it by giving prior written notice through the diplomatic channels at least 6 months prior to the date of renewal.

The termination of this MoU 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 this MoU in New Delhi on April 9, 2012 in two originals in the Arabic, Hindi and English languages, all texts being equally authentic. In the event of a dispute in the interpretation of this MoU then the English version shall prevail.

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