



## A Synopsis of the National Conference on the Theme

### “Synergy for Energy in North East with Focus on Oil Exploration in Mizoram”

(Organized by SECONE Society at ATI Conference Hall of Govt of Mizoram on 8<sup>th</sup> May, 2013)



#### **Background of SECONE:**

In order to improve the Energy scene in North East India which has otherwise lot of potentiality to develop, a Society in the name of SECONE was formed in 2009 by the Energy sector organizations operating in North East at the behest of then Governor of Assam Late, S.C. Mathur. The acronym of SECONE is Synergy for Energy- Challenges and opportunities in North East. The member organizations of SECONE Society are OIL, ONGCL, IOCL, NRL, HPCL, GAIL (BCPL), APGCL & AIDC.

#### **Earlier Conferences organized by SECONE in 2009 & 2012:**

The conference on the theme “Synergy for Energy-Challenges and Opportunities in North East” was held in ITA complex at Machkhowa in Guwahati on 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> November, 2009. The conference was inaugurated by Hon’ble Chief Minister of Assam Shri Tarun Gogoi and the Guest of Honor were Dr. Farooq Abdullah Hon’ble Union Minister of MNRE and Hon’ble Minister of Power and Industry of Assam, Shri Pradyut Bordoloi which was attended by senior officials from Govt. and industry.

Another conference on the theme “Energy Scene in North East with Emphasis on Renewable Energy” was held in NEDFI building in Dispur, Guwahati on 28<sup>th</sup> April, 2012. This was inaugurated by Chief Secretary of Assam Shri N.K.Das and Guests of Honor were Prof (Dr) O.K.Medhi, VC of Guwahati University and Prof (Dr) A.Chowdhury Pro-VC of Tezpur University which was also attended by personnel from Govt., Industry and Academia.

#### **Present Conference:**

**Theme:** “Synergy for Energy in North East with Focus on Oil Exploration in Mizoram”

**Date:** 8<sup>th</sup> May, 2013

**Venue:** Administrative Training Institute of Mizoram Govt., Aizawl

#### **Objectives of this Conference:**

Mizoram which falls in Assam-Arakan basin holds good promise for exploitation of hydrocarbon. Under the New



Exploration Licensing Policy (NELP), the Govt. of India has awarded two different blocks in Mizoram – one each to Oil India Ltd. and ONGC. Both these organizations have started early exploration works for hunting oil and gas there. There may be more such blocks in Mizoram to be offered under next rounds of NELP bidding. In this backdrop SECONE Society felt it prudent to hold a conference in Aizawl to bring State Govt. and Industry under one common platform with an aim to bring Mizoram under the oil map of India soon.

**Deliverables from this conference:**

- An overview of hydrocarbon prospect in Assam-Arakan basin with focus on Mizoram.
- Review on exploration activities in Mizoram.
- Understand difficult terrain conditions and sub-surface problems and ways to overcome.



**Target Audience**

- Participants from member organizations of SECONE

- Government Functionaries
- Regulatory Body
- Academic Institutions
- Think Tanks
- Special Invitees

**The Program lay out has been as follows:**

- Inaugural session
- Theme session
- Technical sessions I & II
- Interactive session
- Concluding session

#### **Inaugural Session:**

The Chairman of the SECONE Society Dr. P.K.Chaudhuri welcomed the Hon'ble Ministers and other dignitaries of Govt of Mizoram and also delegates coming from different corners of the country and the student delegates of Aizawl to the conference and Mr. P.K.Sharma, Advisor SECONE gave a brief account how the Society was formed in 2009 at Guwahati at the behest of then Governor of Assam. The acronym of SECONE-Synergy for Energy-Challenges and Opportunities in North East itself signifies its objective. This is the third such conference organized by SECONE. Earlier two were held in Guwahati, one on the theme of conventional energy and the other on renewable energy.

The Chief Guest of the conference in Aizawl was the Hon'ble Finance Minister of Mizoram who inaugurated the conference. Parliamentary Secretary for Industries was the Guest of Honour. In their speeches both of them mentioned that energy is the first and foremost thing for the development of Mizoram state. The exploration for oil and gas in Mizoram is a very welcome sign. They thanked SECONE Society for organizing such a conference in Aizawl which has imbibed interest and helped the people of Mizoram to know more about the oil exploration.

While welcoming OIL and ONGC for their hydrocarbon exploration venture in Mizoram they requested them to make speedy efforts and in turn they also promised to offer all necessary helps from State Govt side. Three Key Note Speakers, namely the Principal Secretary of Industries of Govt of Mizoram, the Group General Manager (Production) of OIL, Duliajan and the General Manager (Production) of ONGC, Jorhat in their respective addresses brought out many important issues on energy and the need of the synergetic approach amongst them for finding oil and gas in Mizoram. There were also presentations of several technical papers relating to the theme of the conference. The screening of two corporate films of OIL and ONGC showing their activities and corporate social responsibilities went well with the conference. The conference came to an end with vote of thanks by Shri A.K.Saikia, Secretary of SECONE.

### **Technical Session:**

There were two Technical Sessions. Technical Session I was chaired by Shri S.N.Singh, General Manager (Geo Services) of Oil India Ltd. in which three presentations were made:

1. “Exploration Opportunities & Challenges in North East India with Special References to Mizoram” presented by Shri Sekhar Srivastava of Directorate General of Hydrocarbons (DGH)
2. “Integrated Exploration Approach by OIL in Mizoram with Special Emphasis on NELP Block MZ-ONN-2004/1” presented by Dr.Rahul Dasgupta, General Manager (North East Project) of Oil India Ltd.

3. “Hydrocarbon Exploration in Assam Arakan Fold Belt with Emphasis on Mizoram” by Shri S.Gupta, General Manager A&AA Basin of ONGC.

Technical Session II was chaired by Shri S.Gupta, General Manager A&AA Basin, ONGC in which one presentation was made by S/Shri S.Ganda & J.Ambati of Schlumberger on “NEOSCOPE-Sourceless Formation Evaluation While Drilling”. Other presentation was supposed to be made by an Russian but due to some problem he could not come to the conference.

#### **Interactive Session:**

Mr.H.Lallenmawia of Directorate of Geology & Mining of Mizoram Govt, visiting delegates from HPCL, Cairn Energy, and faculty members of Geology Deptt of Mizoram University & NIT Mizoram gave their views and thanked SECONE for organizing this conference.

#### **Concluding Session:**

Vote of thanks was again offered by Secretary, SECONE and the daylong conference has come to an end.