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**PRESS RELEASE**

**Conference on “*Presence of Indian EPC Companies in Kuwait and their role in the developmental process of Kuwait*”**

The Embassy organized a Conference on “Presence of Indian EPC Companies in Kuwait and their role in the developmental process of Kuwait” in Crowne Plaza Hotel on 9 December 2015. The representatives of Indian EPC companies gave presentation on the projects being executed by them in Kuwait and highlighted their areas of specialization to execute future projects in Kuwait. Indian companies’ expertise in EPC could help in doing cost-effective projects in Kuwait. About 100 representatives from Kuwaiti EPC companies, senior Kuwaiti officials and businesspersons attended the Conference and appreciated the role played by the Indian EPC companies in the developmental process of Kuwait. Indian EPC companies are executing various projects in the areas of oil & Gas sector, housing, hospitals, universities, power transmission etc. (A brief write-up about their business activities is enclosed).

2. This event was also used for promoting the Government of India’s initiative for ‘Make in India’ as well as the ‘Make in India Week’ being organized from 13-18 February 2016 in Mumbai, India. The achievements of the Indian economy in the past one and a half years were also highlighted during the Conference. Publicity material on promotion of ‘India Tourism’ was displayed during the Conference. The event provided an excellent opportunity to the Indian EPC companies to interact with the senior Kuwaiti Government officials and businesspersons in further enhancing their business prospects in Kuwait.

**9 December 2015**

**BRIEF INFORMATION ABOUT INDIAN EPC COMPANIES**

**TERI**

The activities of The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI) comprise research, documentation, project execution, policy analysis and information dissemination in the fields of energy, climate change, oil & gas sector etc. TERI has 18 divisions dealing with biotechnology, environment, sustainable development, water resources etc. With a staff strength of over 1200, drawn from multidisciplinary and highly specialized fields, offices and regional centres equipped with state-of-the-art facilities, and a diverse range of activities, TERI is the largest developing-country institution working to move human society towards a sustainable future. TERI has presence in Europe, Africa, America and the Middle East. TERI is presently executing a project for soil remediation of contaminated features in South and East Kuwait Fields. Apart from bioremediation some part of the work is also being executed by employing thermal desorption machines. TERI is also looking forward to working on similar projects in future in Kuwait.

**Larsen & Toubro**

Larsen & Toubro (L&T) is a major technology, engineering, construction, manufacturing and financial services conglomerate, with global operations. It is an Indian multinational engaged in Technology, Engineering, Construction, Manufacturing and Financial services with over USD 16 billion in revenue. L&T addresses critical needs in key sectors - Hydrocarbon, Infrastructure, Power, Process Industries and Defense - for customers in over 30 countries around the world. L&T Hydrocarbon Engineering delivers design-to-build world-class solutions for oil & gas processing, petroleum refining, chemicals & petrochemicals and fertilizer sectors. L&T Construction, India's largest construction organization and ranked among the world's top 30 contractors. The company's services extend to all infrastructure projects & core sector industries. L&T’s EPC projects in Kuwait include Ministry of Electricity & Water’s construction of 7 nos. 132/11/ KV substation and KOC’s Gas Gathering Centre GC-30.

**Essar Projects Limited**

Essar Projects Limited (EPL) is a global EPC company, which is headquartered in Dubai and offers a unique collaborative end-to-end project delivery model that is backward integrated into the supply chain and forward integrated into the operator’s mindset through its sister company links. Essar Projects Limited, in a joint venture with Italy’s Saipem S.p.A has won a contract worth USD 1.57 billion from Kuwait National Petroleum Company (KNPC) for setting up Al-Zour Refinery Project (ZOR), Package-4, in Kuwait.

EPL has four decades of experience in executing mega projects in Hydrocarbons (Refinery, Petrochemical & Fertiliser Plants); Tankages and Terminals; Pipelines (Oil & Gas, Water, Slurry and Subsea); Offshore (Platforms, SPM & PLEM); Infrastructure (Ports, Jetties, Airports, Railway, Buildings & Townships); Minerals & Metals (Steel Plants, Sinter Feed, Beneficiation & Pelletisation Plants, Material Handling Systems); and Power Plants (Coal, Gas, Multi-fuel and Hydel). EPL has an ‘in-house’ multidisciplinary skilled and experienced Engineering & Project Management Division geared to provide end-to-end solutions on a nut & bolt concept. It also has a Procurement division with strong vendor networks. The company owns a state-of-the-art fabrication facility and a large bank of construction equipment.

**Simplex Projects Limtied**

Simplex Projects Head/Corporate office is situated in Kolkata, India with branch offices and project sites all over India and Overseas. The Company has successfully completed over 300 projects-ranging from high rise to housing complexes with all utilities, flyovers to jetties and industrial structures. SPL is a technology driven EPC Company with many ‘First Time’ credits in its fold, a sound technical expertise and possessing the latest equipments. The company focuses on construction of Flyovers, Bridges for Railways, Housing, Industrial Projects and Urban Infrastructures & Automated Parking with specialization in Piling Works/other foundation works, treatment plant and have presence in all sectors i.e. Power, Steel, Petrochemical ,Cement, Sugar, Housing & Infrastructure. Simplex Projects’ current projects in Kuwait include construction of service centres in Sabah Al-Ahmad City.

**Kalpataru Power Transmission Ltd**

Kalpataru Power Transmission Ltd (KPTL), is a leading EPC player in Power Transmission and Oil & Gas Infrastructure Sector. With an experience of over 3 decades and footprints across 38 countries is currently executing Projects in 18 countries. KPTL is the Kalpataru Group’s listed company. With the Groups turnover of over USD 2 billion, it continues to look for development projects in various infrastructure sectors. The Ministry of Electricity and Water (MEW) of Kuwait has awarded KPTL the Supply and Installation of Extra Voltage Lines at different areas in the state of Kuwait worth USD 35 Million (approx). The project includes the design, supply, construction, testing and commissioning of power transmission lines spanning 62 km in all. The previous project successfully executed by KPTL was for Supply and Installation of 400KV Extra Voltage Line worth USD 208 million.

**Shapoorji Pallonji**

Shapoorji Pallonji has 150 years of rich legacy as Engineering & Construction Company since 1865 with 15 major companies serving over 22 industries and established presence in over 25 countries. Shapoorji Pallonji has started its international operations in 2005 and since been working in Gulf & Middle East and African countries apart from Indian operations. At present it is operating in Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Dubai, Abu Dhabi, Sri Lanka, Oman, Malta, Kuwait and other North African countries. At present Shapoorji Pallonji is involved in construction of two major projects in Kuwait worth over US$ 1.3 billion viz. Design and Build Al-Sabah Hospital Project with 617 beds, complete with operations and maintenance; and Construction of College of Social Science, Sharia & Law for Sabah Al Salem University at Sharadia.

**Punj Lloyd Group**

Punj Lloyd Group is a global US $ 1.12 billion EPC conglomerate providing services in Energy, Infrastructure and Defence sectors and has presence across Middle East & Africa, Asia Pacific, South Asia, the Caspian, UK, China and Europe having international offices in 23 countries. Punj Lloyd Group has international clients from top Oil & Gas majors and Government. It follows high standards of health, safety, environment and quality. Its present project in Kuwait include KNPC’s revamping the Ahamadi Fuel Depot. Punj Lloyd Group’s equipment assets are worth over US$ 263 million. Punj Lloyd was declared ‘Infrastructure Company of the Year’ at Essar Steel Infrastructure Awards 2010 in association with CNBC TV 18.

**Afcons Infrastructure Ltd**

**Afcons Infrastructure Ltd**is amongst the pioneers in India’s Infrastructure Development, with over five decades of strong commitment and an undeterred focus towards excellence. The project gallery showcases prestigious large scale civil & mechanical /EPC projects across India and overseas. Its world class construction capabilities are reflected in the various marine works, road infrastructure, metro rail projects, oil and gas, refineries and several industrial structures. Presently in Kuwait AFCONS is working for a Marine Offshore Works-Jetty project for KNPC and declared as Lowest Bidder for Major Roads and Bridges (RA 256) in the International Category.

**Dodsal Group**

The Dodsal Group, founded in Mumbai, is a diversified multinational conglomerate which operates in the areas of Trading and Distribution; Engineering, Procurement and Construction; Exploration and Production. Dodsal Group is one of the leading EPC players in the Energy, Industrial and Infrastructure sectors and has successfully implemented projects in over 22 countries in the Middle East, Europe, Africa, the Indian Subcontinent and South-East Asia. Its current projects in Kuwait include construction of KOC’s Gas Gathering Centre GC-31 and execution of KOC’s effluent water project.