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PRESS RELEASE

Spinning Mill Extension Project Inaugurated in Sarh, Chad

A Spinning Mill Extension project, funded from a concessional Line of Credit of USD 15.9 million by the Government of India, was inaugurated today at Sarh, Chad, by Marshal of Chad His Excellency Idriss Déby Itno, President of the Republic, Head of State and Head of Government. Ambassador of India H.E. Mr. Abhay Thakur, Minister of Industrial Development, Commercial and Private Sector Promotion of Chad H. E. Mr. Lamine Moustapha, and several other dignitaries attended the event. More than 1000 local Chadians were present on the occasion.

2. The project was built with India's assistance through an EXIM Bank Line of Credit of US\$ 15.9 million, and was constructed by M/s. Angelique International Ltd. This project is an extension of the Cotton Yarn Plant built under an earlier Government of India's Line of Credit during 2007-2010, which produces yarn from raw cotton. The Spinning Mill Extension project will convert yarn into finished fabric. The project has the capacity of producing 12,500 meters of finished fabric per day. The project provides direct employment to at least 600 persons, and indirect employment to 1000 others from the region. So far training to operate and maintain the spinning mill has been imparted to 200 workers, and more will be trained over the next 6 months, whereafter the project will be handed over to Nouvelle Societe Textile du Tchad (NSTT).

3. Speaking on the occasion, Ambassador Abhay Thakur said that developmental cooperation is at the heart of India's cooperation with Africa. He emphasized that GOI project assistance has always been guided by Africa's priorities, and said that the Spinning Mill Extension project will, in particular, enhance local capacity and increase self-reliance in cotton-rich Chad.

4. Marshal of Chad His Excellency Idriss Déby Itno, President of the Republic of Chad, Head of State, Head of Government, expressed his deep appreciation for the developmental assistance and capacity building cooperation extended by India. He said that the Spinning Mill project reflects the close ties of friendship and cooperation between the two countries. Marshal of Chad His Excellency Idriss Deby Itno, President of the Republic, was delighted to see finished garments, produced in the Spinning Mill, with the label 'Made in Chad', which will promote and benefit the country.

5. The Spinning Mill Extension project symbolizes strong bilateral relations, win-win collaboration and deep mutual goodwill between India and Chad. Its commissioning underscores the success of India's developmental cooperation program in Central & West Africa.

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