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MARGINAL DIP

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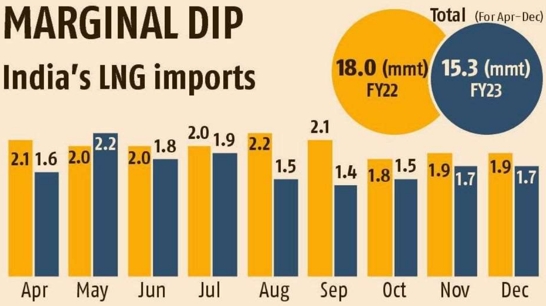

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AGREEMENT – GAIL

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GAIL EXPLORES BUYING STAKE IN U.S. LNG FACILITY

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Gail is also interested in sourcing one million tonnes a year of LNG from the facility for 15 years from 2026, the document said. The company already has long-term contracts for supply from two US LNG export plants.

The move comes as competition for the fuel is expected to remain fierce for years. Meanwhile, New Delhi is trying to boost its LNG import capacity to increase the share of natural gas in its mix to 15 per cent by 2030 from about six per cent now, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said earlier this month. — *Bloomberg*

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At that time, Petronet's promoters questioned the rationale of making an equity investment and locking in such large volumes from one supplier for a 40-year period.

To satisfy promoters as well as test if LNG from Tellurian would be competitive, Petronet invited bids to buy 1 million tonnes per annum of LNG for 10 years. Tellurian was among the 13 suppliers that quoted in the tender but did not meet price expectations.

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GAIL moves to secure supply, seeks LNG project stake in US

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STATE-OWNED GAIL (India) Ltd wants to pick up a stake in an existing or upcoming liquefied natural gas (LNG) liquefaction and export facility in the United States as part of its effort to secure supplies amid supply disruptions in a competitive global market.

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Apart from a stake, GAIL also wants to import 1 million tonnes per annum (MTPA) of LNG from the facility for 15 years, starting the last quarter of calendar year 2026. GAIL is open to extending the supply contract by another five to 10 years. The deadline for submitting the expression of interest is March 10.

The company already has term deals for 5.8 MTPA of LNG from US projects, but it does not hold any equity in any US-based LNG unit.

GAIL faced disruption in LNG supplies from a former unit of Russia's Gazprom due to Western sanctions on Russia in the aftermath of its invasion of Ukraine. GAIL had inked a 20-year deal with Gazprom Marketing & Trading Singapore (GMTS) in 2012 for 2.5 MTPA of LNG. GMTS was part of Gazprom's Germany arm Gazprom Germania. Following Western sanctions, Gazprom cut ties with Gazprom Germania and the latter came under the control of Germany's energy regulator in June last year. GAIL bore the brunt of all this as most of its contracted LNG cargo was not delivered by GMTS, which led to weak earnings performances in the previous two quarters.

Apart from making up for the lost LNG volumes of the GMTS contract, for which GAIL is scouting for deals with other global LNG exporters as well, the Indian gas major is also looking to expand its LNG portfolio given that gas consumption in India is expected to rise significantly over the next few years.

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GAIL Seeks Stake in US LNG Export Terminal

Also eyes 1 MTPA LNG from US plant for 15 years

Our Bureau

New Delhi: Gail is seeking a stake in a liquefied natural gas (LNG) export terminal in the US, along with a long-term supply of 1 million tonnes per annum of LNG, according to an expression of interest document issued by the company.

The state-run company is exploring the opportunity to acquire up to a 26% stake in an existing LNG liquefaction plant or a project that will be commissioned latest by 2027.

It is also seeking to source 1 million tonnes per annum of LNG from the US plant on a free-on-board basis for 15 years, starting tentatively in the last quarter of 2026. The purchase contract can be extended by another five or 10 years. US LNG terminal operators or project developers can submit their expressions of interest by March 10.

GAIL already has long-term agreements with US suppliers for 5.8 million tonnes of LNG per annum. It is seeking to enhance its portfolio to cater to the domestic gas demand that is expected to rise through the decade.

GAIL had run into supply disruptions last year after Russia-owned Gazprom Marketing and Trading (GMTS) failed to deliver some LNG cargoes, following western sanctions on Moscow over its invasion of Ukraine.

GAIL is looking for long-term gas import deals to make up for its disrupted supplies and is in talks with Abu Dhabi National Oil Co (ADNOC) and other parties to source gas to meet local demand, GAIL's head of finance said in January.

GAIL had signed a 20-year deal with GMTS in 2012 for annual purchases of an average of 2.5 million tonnes of LNG.

GMTS was a unit of Gazprom Germania, now called Sefe, but the parent abandoned the business last April after the western sanctions. ***(with inputs from Reuters)***

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INBRIEF

Gas firm GAIL looking to buy 26% stake in U.S. LNG project

India's biggest gas firm GAIL is looking to buy up to 26% stake in a LNG project in the U.S. to shore up supply sources to meet rising demand. GAIL (India) Ltd. had run into supply disruptions last year after Russia's Gazprom Marketing and Trading failed to deliver contracted LNG due to western sanctions on Moscow over its invasion of Ukraine. GAIL is also looking to buy one million tonnes a year of LNG from the facility for 15 years, starting last quarter of calendar year 2026, according to the tender document. PTI

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TO MEET RISING DEMAND

In bid to shore up supply, Gail looks to buy 26% stake in US LNG project

OUR CORRESPONDENT

NEW DELHI: India's biggest gas firm GAIL is looking to buy up to 26 per cent stake in a LNG project in the United States in an attempt to shore up supply sources to meet rising demand.

GAIL (India) Ltd, had run into supply disruptions last year after Russia-owned Gazprom Marketing and Trading (GMTS) failed to deliver contracted LNG due to western sanctions on Moscow over its invasion of Ukraine.

The company has issued a tender seeking expression of interest (EoI) from operators of existing liquefied natural gas (LNG) liquefaction plants or proposed projects in the US that will be commissioned by 2027. Liquefaction plants convert natural gas into the liquid form, enabling its seaborne transportation.

The company is also looking to buy 1 million tonnes a year of LNG from the facility for 15 years, starting the last quarter of calendar year 2026, according to the tender document.

GAIL is open to extending the supply contract by another 5 to 10 years.

GAIL (India) Ltd, had run into supply disruptions last year after Russia-owned Gazprom Marketing and Trading failed to deliver contracted LNG due to western sanctions on Moscow over its invasion of Ukraine

The deadline to submit EoI is March 10.

GAIL already has contracts to buy 5.8 million tonnes a year of LNG from the US and is looking for more supplies to make up for the Russian shortfall as well as rising demand of a growing economy.

Prior to this, Petronet LNG Ltd - a firm in which GAIL is one of the promoter with 12.5 per cent stake - had in September 2019 signed a non-binding agreement to invest USD 2.5 billion in the US energy upstart Tellurian's LNG project in Louisiana in return for gas supplies for 40 years. That pact lapsed at the end 2020 without a firm deal being signed.

Petronet was to buy up to 5 million tonnes per annum of LNG from Tellurian Inc's proposed Driftwood LNG terminal for 40 years. The deal was concurrent with Petronet making an equity investment of USD 2.5 billion for an 18 per cent stake in Driftwood.

At that time, Petronet's promoters questioned the rationale of making an equity investment and locking in such large volumes from one supplier for a 40-year period.

To satisfy promoters as well as test if LNG from Tellurian would be competitive, Petronet invited bids to buy 1 million tonnes per annum of LNG for 10 years. Tellurian was among the 13 suppliers that quoted in the tender but did not meet price expectations.

"GAIL, directly or through any of its affiliates, is exploring the opportunity to acquire upto 26 per cent equity at par from existing LNG liquefaction plant/project in USA" or ones that will be commissioned latest by calendar year 2026/27, the tender document said.

In addition, GAIL "is interested to source 1 million tonnes per annum LNG from the LNG liquefaction plant / project on FOB basis for a period of 15 years on mutually acceptable terms and conditions," it said.

Separately, GAIL is in discussions with Abu Dhabi National Oil Co and Russia's Novatek PJSC for long-term LNG deals, chairman Sandeep Kumar Gupta said at a conference last week. Its current 5.8 million tonnes LNG import deals from US projects do not involve any equity holding.

GAIL had signed a 20-year deal with GMTS in 2012 to buy 2.5 million tonnes of LNG annually. GMTS was a unit of Gazprom Germania, now called Sefe, but the parent abandoned the business last April after the western sanctions.

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अमेरिकी एलएनजी परियोजना में 26 प्रतिशत हिस्सेदारी खरीदेगी गेल

नई दिल्ली (भाषा)।

भारत की सबसे बड़ी गैस कंपनी गेल अमेरिकी एलएनजी परियोजना में 26 प्रतिशत तक हिस्सेदारी खरीदने पर विचार कर रही है। कंपनी ने बढ़ती मांग को पूरा करने के लिए आपूर्ति के स्रोत बढ़ाने के मद्देनजर यह फैसला किया। यूक्रेन पर आक्रमण के कारण मास्को पर पश्चिमी प्रतिबंधों के चलते गेल (इंडिया) लिमिटेड पिछले साल रूस के स्वामित्व वाली गाजप्रोम मार्केटिंग एंड ट्रेडिंग से अनुबंधित एलएनजी नहीं पा सकी थी। जिसके बाद उनकी आपूर्ति बाधित हुई।

कंपनी ने अमेरिका स्थित एलएनजी द्रवीकरण संयंत्रों से अभिरुचि पत्र (ईओआई) मांगने के लिए एक निविदा जारी की है। मौजूदा संयंत्र या 2027 तक चालू होने वाले संयंत्र ईओआई जमा कर सकते हैं। द्रवीकरण संयंत्र प्राकृतिक गैस को तरल रूप में परिवर्तित करते हैं, ताकि इसे समुद्र के रास्ते लाया जा सके। निविदा दस्तावेज के अनुसार कंपनी 2026 की अंतिम तिमाही से 15 वर्षों तक संयंत्र से प्रति वर्ष 10 लाख टन एलएनजी खरीदना चाह रही है। गेल आपूर्ति अनुबंध को और पांच से 10 वर्षों तक बढ़ाने के लिए तैयार है। ईओआई जमा करने की अंतिम तारीख 10 मार्च है। गेल के पास पहले ही अमेरिका से 58 लाख टन एलएनजी खरीदने का अनुबंध है और रूस से आपूर्ति घटने के साथ अर्थव्यवस्था की बढ़ती मांग को पूरा करने के लिए कंपनी और अधिक आपूर्ति की तलाश में है।

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अमेरिकी एलएनजी प्रोजेक्ट में 26% हिस्सेदारी खरीदेगी गेल

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गेल अमेरिकी एलएनजी परियोजना में 26 प्रतिशत हिस्सेदारी खरीदेगी

नई दिल्ली, (भाषा)। भारत की सबसे बड़ी गैस कंपनी गेल अमेरिकी एलएनजी परियोजना में 26 प्रतिशत तक हिस्सेदारी खरीदने पर विचार कर रही है। कंपनी ने बढ़ती मांग को पूरा करने के लिए आपूर्ति के स्रोत बढ़ाने के मद्देनजर यह फैसला किया।

यूक्रेन पर आक्रमण के कारण मास्को पर पश्चिमी प्रतिबंधों के चलते गेल (इंडिया) लिमिटेड पिछले साल रूस के स्वामित्व वाली गाजप्रोम मार्केटिंग एंड ट्रेडिंग (जीएमटीएस) से अनुबंधित एलएनजी नहीं पा सकी थी। जिसके बाद उनकी आपूर्ति बाधित हुई।

कंपनी ने अमेरिका स्थित तरलीकृत प्राकृतिक गैस (एलएनजी) द्रवीकरण संयंत्रों से अभिरुचि पत्र (ईओआई) मांगने के लिए एक निविदा जारी की है। मौजूदा संयंत्र या 2027 तक चालू होने वाले संयंत्र ईओआई जमा कर सकते हैं।

द्रवीकरण संयंत्र प्राकृतिक गैस को तरल रूप में परिवर्तित करते हैं, ताकि इसे समुद्र के रास्ते लाया जा सके।

निविदा दस्तावेज के अनुसार कंपनी 2026 की अंतिम तिमाही से 15 वर्षों तक संयंत्र से प्रति वर्ष 10 लाख टन एलएनजी खरीदना चाह रही है। गेल आपूर्ति अनुबंध को और पांच से 10 वर्षों तक बढ़ाने के लिए तैयार है।

ईओआई जमा करने की अंतिम तारीख 10 मार्च है। गेल के पास पहले ही अमेरिका से 58 लाख टन एलएनजी खरीदने का अनुबंध है और रूस से आपूर्ति घटने के साथ अर्थव्यवस्था की बढ़ती मांग को पूरा करने के लिए कंपनी और अधिक आपूर्ति की तलाश में है।

BUSINESS STANDARD HINDI, Delhi, 18.2.2023
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गेल की नजर अमेरिकी गैस पर

अमेरिकी एलएनजी परियोजना में 26 प्रतिशत हिस्सेदारी खरीदने पर कर रही विचार

शुभायन चक्रवर्ती
नई दिल्ली, 17 फरवरी

पहला कदम

- भारत का सार्वजनिक क्षेत्र का कोई उपक्रम पहली बार उठा रहा यह कदम
- अमेरिका से और अधिक एलएनजी हासिल करने की रणनीति पर ध्यान
- जारी किया गया अभिरुचि पत्र
- गेल किसी मौजूदा संयंत्र या वर्ष 2026-27 तक चालू होने वाले संयंत्र में हिस्सेदारी हासिल करने के लिए तैयार

सरकारी स्वामित्व वाली गेल (इंडिया) ने अमेरिका के तरलीकृत प्राकृतिक गैस (एलएनजी) के द्रवीकरण संयंत्र या परियोजना में 26 प्रतिशत तक की हिस्सेदारी हासिल करने के लिए अभिरुचि पत्र (ईओआई) जारी किया है। यह कदम भारतीय सार्वजनिक क्षेत्र के किसी उपक्रम द्वारा अमेरिका में ऊर्जा क्षेत्र की किसी परिसंपत्ति को हासिल करने का पहला प्रयास है, जो देश में एलएनजी का तीसरा सबसे बड़ा स्रोत है।

गुरुवार को कंपनी की वेबसाइट पर पोस्ट किए गए दस्तावेजों के अनुसार गेल या तो किसी मौजूदा संयंत्र में या फिर वर्ष 2026-27 तक चालू होने वाले संयंत्र में हिस्सेदारी हासिल करने के लिए तैयार है। उस वर्ष की अंतिम तिमाही में गेल अस्थायी रूप से एलएनजी की आपूर्ति शुरू करना चाहती है।

कंपनी ने इस अभिरुचि पत्र में कहा है 'इसके अलावा, गेल सीधे या अपने किसी सहयोगी के जरिये एलएनजी द्रवीकरण संयंत्र/परियोजना से 15 साल की अवधि के लिए पारस्परिक रूप से स्वीकार्य नियमों और शर्तों पर एफओबी आधार पर 10 लाख टन प्रति वर्ष एलएनजी हासिल करना चाहती है।'

कंपनी ने पारस्परिक आधार पर एलएनजी आपूर्ति के लिए अनुबंध की अवधि को 5 या 10 साल और बढ़ाने का विकल्प भी खुला रखा हुआ है। अभिरुचि पत्र जमा करने की आखिरी तारीख 10 मार्च है।

गेल (इंडिया) एलएनजी कार्गो की स्थायी आपूर्ति सुनिश्चित करने के लिए अमेरिका पर निर्भर है। वर्तमान में कंपनी के पास अमेरिका से संयुक्त रूप से 58 लाख टन एलएनजी खरीदने के लिए दो अनुबंध हैं। इनमें मानक आकार के लगभग 90 कार्गो शामिल हैं।

गेल, गैजप्रोम की एक पूर्व व्यापारिक शाखा से होने वाली आपूर्ति को बदलने के लिए जूझ रही थी, जिसने मई, 2022 के बाद से निर्धारित खेपों की डिलिवरी नहीं की है।

वर्ष 2012 में गैजप्रोम की पूर्व सहायक कंपी गैजप्रोम मार्केटिंग ऐंड ट्रेडिंग सिंगापुर (जीएमटीएस) ने गेल को प्रति वर्ष 28.5 लाख टन एलएनजी की आपूर्ति करने के लिए 20 साल का अनुबंध किया था। इस सौदे के तहत आपूर्ति वर्ष 2018 में शुरू हुई थी और वर्ष 2023 में पूरी मात्रा तक पहुंचने की उम्मीद थी।

लेकिन रूस द्वारा यूक्रेन पर आक्रमण करने के बाद जर्मनी ने अप्रैल में गैजप्रोम जर्मनिया का नियंत्रण जब्त कर लिया। इसके परिणामस्वरूप गैजप्रोम ने बिना किसी स्पष्टीकरण के कंपनी का अपना स्वामित्व छोड़ दिया और प्रतिबंध लगा दिए। भारत की स्थानीय गैस मांग का 55 प्रतिशत तक हिस्सा आयात के जरिये पूरा किया जाता है। दूसरी तरफ, हालांकि गैस से भारत की ऊर्जा जरूरतों का केवल 6.2 प्रतिशत हिस्सा ही पूरा होता है, लेकिन केंद्र सरकार पेट्रोलियम पर निर्भरता कम करने के लिए इस आंकड़े को काफी हद तक बढ़ाने की योजना बना रही है।