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GAIL has signed a long-term charter with the ship-owning company starting from 2027. The LNG vessel is currently under construction in a Korean Shipyard. GAIL's investment in the ship owning company, subject to approval of DIPAM, is planned through its wholly-owned subsidiary company, GAIL Global IFSC Ltd, which is registered in GIFT City, Gujarat.

Speaking on the occasion, Sandeep Kumar Gupta, Chairman & Managing Director, GAIL, said, "Taking equity in a shipping company while also serving as a charterer is a strategic alignment of interests. With this equity investment, GAIL will have ownership in two LNG ships in partnership with reputed Japanese Companies. Increasing ownership of ships by Indian Companies is a move towards achieving Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision

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## गेल ने LNG शिप स्वामित्व का किया सौदा

**गोवा में चल रहे इंडिया एनर्जी वीक** के दौरान देश की अग्रणी प्राकृतिक गैस कंपनी गेल (इंडिया) लिमिटेड, कावासाकी किसेन कैशा लिमिटेड और जेएम बक्सी मेरीन सर्विसेज ने सिंगापुर में स्थापित शिप-ओनिंग कंपनी में इकिवटी भागीदारी के लिए एक टर्म शीट पर हस्ताक्षर किए। इस दौरान पेट्रोलियम मंत्री पुरी भी उपस्थिति थे। गेल ने 2027 से शिप-ओनिंग कंपनी के साथ एक दीर्घकालिक चार्टर पर हस्ताक्षर किए हैं। एलएनजी वेजल वर्तमान में कोरियाई शिपयार्ड में निर्माणाधीन है। शिप-ओनिंग कंपनी में

गेल का निवेश, दीपम के अनुमोदन के अधीन, इसकी पूर्ण स्वामित्व वाली सहायक कंपनी - गेल ग्लोबल आईएफएससी लिमिटेड के माध्यम से नियोजित है। जो गिपट सिटी, गुजरात में पंजीकृत है। इस अवसर पर गेल के अध्यक्ष एवं प्रबंध निदेशक संदीप कुमार गुप्ता ने कहा कि एक चार्टरर के रूप में भी काम करते हुए एक शिपिंग कंपनी में इकिवटी लेना हितों का एक रणनीतिक कदम है। इस इकिवटी निवेश के साथ, गेल के पास प्रतिष्ठित जापानी कंपनियों के साथ साझेदारी में दो एलएनजी शिप में स्वामित्व होगा।