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“Jubilant Energy” awarded license to explore petroleum from two oil Blocks in Manipur

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Imphal, 24 April: After the Geological Survey of India reported the presence of rich deposit of petroleum in two oil blocks of Manipur, the Commerce and Industry department of the Government of Manipur has granted petroleum exploration license to “Jubilant Oil and Gas Private Limited, Noida”. The company is based at Netherlands.

The Jubilant Oil and Gas Private Limited have further awarded contracts to M/S AlphaGeo Private Limited based in Hyderabad, India for relevant 2-D Seismic survey works. The Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas has awarded Petroleum exploration license (PEL) to Jubilant Oil and Gas Private Limited for exploration and drilling of petroleum under the VIII (Eight) phase of the National Exploration and Licensing Policy (NELP) in the two oil blocks in Manipur, coded as Manipur -I: AA – ONN – 2009/1 and Manipur – II: AA – ONN – 2009/2. The Government of Manipur also reaffirmed the license in September 2010 and the exploration in the two oil blocks will cover Tamenglong District, Jiribam in Imphal East District and Churachandpur District of Manipur.

The M/S AlphaGeo Private Limited, Hyderabad India has started necessary preparations to commence 2-D Seismic survey works and has started survey works in Tamenglong district of Manipur. A circular of the government of Manipur from the Commerce and Industry department on 30 March 2011 has instructed the Deputy Commissioners of Imphal East district, Churachandpur District, Senapati and Tamenglong District to take necessary steps to ensure smooth and unhindered flow of equipments and vehicles of M/S AlphaGeo Private Limited for necessary Seismic surveys.

A media sources also confirmed that two Production sharing Contracts for the two oil blocks in Manipur had been signed on 30 June 2010 and 19 July 2010 respectively. The Jubilant Oil and Gas Private Limited have exploration works in several parts of India’s North East, including Kharshang oil field and Golaghat, Assam, Golaghat and also in Tripura State.

The Petroleum deposits and system in Manipur is an extension of the oil blocks in Bangladesh, Tripura and Assam in India and also in Arakan in Myanmar. The surface oil and natural gas seepage in several parts of Manipur are telltale evidence of oil deposits in Manipur and is very convenient for exploration for Jubilant Oil and Gas private limited, sources revealed. The Bhaskandi oil field and Badarpur oil field in Assam is located just 45 kilometres and 70 Kilometres from Manipur.

An official of the commerce and Industry department of Manipur, during a discussion with this reporter confided that “petroleum is national resource, the Government of India directly handles this resource and the exploration and drilling process is very confidential”.