

# Press Release

## **Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL) Awards Asset Integrity Management (AIM) Contract to TechCorr to Support Refinery Safety And Efficiency In India**

**April 9, 2009 (Houston, Texas & Mumbai, India)** – Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL) has awarded a contract to TechCorr USA, LLC (TechCorr), an advanced inspection and engineering company to introduce and implement an Asset Integrity Management (AIM) program for BPCL.

The AIM Project will introduce BPCL to a wide range of advanced Non Destructive Testing (NDT) technologies and inspection methodologies to minimize the risks and vulnerabilities of petroleum refining operations. The AIM program and contract includes:

- RBA, RBI & AIM Training
- API 510, 570, 579, 580 and 653 training & inspections
- In-Service Above Ground Storage Tank cleaning & inspections
- In-Service Long Range Guided Wave Ultrasonic Inspection & Testing
- Acoustic Emissions Testing
- Eddy Current Tubular Inspection & Testing
- Guided Wave Ultrasonic Testing
- Automated Corrosion Mapping
- Automated Time of Flight Diffraction
- Phased Array Ultrasonic Testing
- Remote Field "Array" Technique
- Externally Referenced Remote Field (XRFT)

Joe Summa, Chairman of TechCorr USA, LLC stated, "This USTDA grant and contract with BPCL will enable TechCorr to expand into the rapidly growing India market and establish our local offices (Mumbai & New Delhi) to service the region with our advanced inspection and engineering technology from the US".

### **About Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited (HPCL):**

BPCL is a major public sector company under India's Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas. It is a petroleum refining and oil products marketing company which also has equity in upstream petroleum ventures. It is a Fortune Global 500 company (ranks 325) and accounts for roughly 15 percent of India's domestic petroleum refining capacity. The Government of India holds majority ownership (54.93 percent), and the remainder is held by other companies, banks, mutual funds, and foreign investors. BPCL operates major refineries producing a wide variety of petroleum fuels & specialties. The BPCL refinery in Mumbai has a throughput capacity of 12.0 MMTPA capacity; the refinery at Kochi (Kerala) has a capacity of 7.5 MMTPA, and a third refinery in which BPCL is the majority owner (Numaligarh Refinery Limited in Assam) has a capacity of 3 MMTPA. .BPCL is engaged in a major

refinery expansion project at the Kochi refinery that will increase capacity to 9.5 MMTPA in September 2009.

**About TechCorr USA, LLC:**

TechCorr is a complete one-stop service provider of inspection services to the energy, processing & power industries worldwide. Our customers rely on TechCorr for all their inspection needs – on stream (resident), turnaround, quality assurance, and capital projects. TechCorr's field-proven, field- tested technology, proven implementation process, non-destructive testing methods and strategies have been developed to detect and prevent the compromise of critical company assets. TechCorr's inspection services involve material testing and examination of structures to ensure that the materials, components, and fabricated installations meet required specifications. Nondestructive evaluation provides information on the integrity and homogeneity of materials. Mobile inspection facilities enable these services to be undertaken at any location worldwide. TechCorr's focus is on applying advanced inspection techniques to increase our clients' confidence and the reliability of results to reduce their overall project costs.

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