

## **RELIANCE COMMENCES COMMERCIAL PRODUCTION OF COAL BED METHANE IN SOHAGPUR**

**Mumbai, 21<sup>st</sup> April 2017:** Reliance Industries Limited (RIL) commenced commercial production from its Coal Bed Methane (CBM) block SP(West)–CBM–2001/1 from 24<sup>th</sup> March 2017 and is currently supplying CBM for commissioning the Shahdol Phulpur Pipeline (SHPPL). The production from RIL’s Sohagpur CBM fields will gradually ramp-up in the next 15-18 months making RIL among the largest unconventional natural gas producers in India.

CBM is an environmental friendly natural gas extracted from coal-bed and has become an important source of unconventional gas in many parts of the world.

RIL was awarded the licence to explore two adjacent CBM blocks SP(West) and SP(East) with an area of 995 sq.km in the Round 1 of CBM block bidding by the Government of India in 2001.

RIL has drilled more than 200 wells connected to two Gas Gathering Stations in the first phase of development. RIL expects to drill 600-800 wells further and develop associated infrastructure over the next phases of development.

Reliance Gas Pipelines Limited (RGPL) a wholly owned subsidiary of RIL, laid a 302 km Shahdol Phulpur Gas Pipeline that connects Sohagpur CBM fields from Shahdol to Hazira-Vijaipur-Jagdishpur (HBJ) pipeline Network of GAIL at Phulpur. With this new pipeline network these CBM Gas fields are now connected with the Indian Gas Grid.

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## **About Reliance Industries Limited (RIL)**

Reliance Industries Limited (RIL) is India's largest private sector company, with a consolidated turnover of INR 2,96,091 crore (\$44.7 billion), cash profit of INR 40,737 crore (\$6.1 billion), and net profit of INR 27,630 crore (\$4.2 billion) for the year ended March 31, 2016.

RIL is the first private sector company from India to feature in Fortune's Global 500 list of 'World's Largest Corporations' – currently ranking 215th in terms of revenues, and 126th in terms of profits. RIL ranks 238th in the Financial Times' FT Global 500 list (2015) of world's largest companies. RIL ranks 121st on the Forbes Global 2000 list (2016), continuing to be the top-ranked Indian company. RIL's activities span hydrocarbon exploration and production, petroleum refining and marketing, petrochemicals, retail and 4G digital services.

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