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India to Host Next International Renewable Energy Conference at New Delhi/  
NCR from October 27-29, 2010 (DIREC, 2010)

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**10 August 2009, New Delhi:** India has the unique opportunity to host the next International Renewable Energy Conference during October 27-29, 2010 at New Delhi/NCR titled: DIREC, 2010. Speaking to the Press and Media, after inaugurating the 3<sup>rd</sup> India Renewable Energy Expo, organised by Exhibitions India Pvt. Ltd. at Pragati Maidan, New Delhi on 10<sup>th</sup> August, 2009, Shri Deepak Gupta, Secretary, Government of India, Ministry of New and Renewable Energy said that the Conference at Delhi is a part of initiative taken at the 2002 World Summit on Sustainable Development in Johannesburg acknowledging the significance of renewable energies for sustainable development – especially for combating poverty and for environmental and climate protection.

The Delhi Conference is the fourth in the series, following events at Washington in 2008, Beijing in 2005 and Bonn in 2004 and is expected to be the premier all-Renewables gathering in India ever, with an attendance of over 7,000-9,000 delegates/ participants, over 250 industry leading speakers, experts, academicians, Government leaders, financial institutions and around 500 exhibitors from all over the globe, which will make it the largest event of its kind.

The DIREC 2010 will build on the success of the previous conferences with the support of National and International Sponsors. REN21 — the Renewable Energy Network — will be a key partner in the DIREC, 2010. Cabinet-level government functionaries from a number of countries will join civil society partners and private sector leaders to discuss the opportunities and challenges of a global, rapid deployment of renewable energy. The conference will bring together ministers, high-level decision makers and policy level thinkers from a number of participating countries. DIREC, 2010 offers industry leaders the ability to share their insights, strategies, technologies, new products and staff capabilities with their audiences.

The main Theme of the Conference is: “Upscaling and Mainstreaming Renewables for Energy Security and Climate Change”. The Conference would consist of two components: a Conference with associated Side Events and Trade Show:

- a) The Conference Programme consists of Plenary Sessions and Business conferences. It would spread over to various sessions and would have variety of formats, ranging from opening and closing plenary sessions, industry leading speakers on each of the technologies, plus sessions on markets, industry, financing and Government policies. It would have workshops, discussions, keynote speeches, multimedia presentations, public lectures, debates, hands-on experiences etc.
- b) The Exhibition would be in a central part of the conference venue to provide an opportunity for a variety of organizations and companies to showcase their achievements. It would feature renewable energy technology suppliers, system integrators, financiers, professional services firms, end users, utility companies, educational institutions, non-profit organizations, associations, government agencies, foreign governments and economic missions and other exhibitors.
- c) Participants will address key drivers of renewable energy production and use, including: Upscaling global effort for joint research and development and technology transfer models; (ii) Innovative financing and funding for mainstreaming renewables; (iii) Addressing trade and investment barriers for Upscaling renewables; and (iv) Sustainable renewable energy business models for grid / decentralized applications; etc. Each theme will examine policy initiatives that can facilitate rapid scale-up of renewable energy.

While Opening Plenary, followed by opening reception, is proposed to be held at New Delhi, the Side Events and Exhibition shall be held at India Expo Centre & Mart, Greater Noida, U.P.

During her recent visit to India, the US Secretary of State, Ms Hillary Clinton, expressed concern on India's vulnerability to climate change adding "but it is also a country most likely to benefit from clean energy policies that are key to economic sustainability in the 21<sup>st</sup> century". Ms Clinton further said "India already has the innovative and entrepreneurial spirit, the knowledge base to figure out how to deal with climate change while continuing to lift people out of poverty and develop at a rapid rate. India is already demonstrating a commitment to renewable energy in wind energy and in plans for scaling up solar manufacturing and power production. And the economy is benefiting, as Indian solar industry respond.

The Conference aims to showcase India as an investment destination for renewable energy; to provide a platform for technology displays, new applications and innovations; to display global research & development with respect to climate

change and green environment; to demonstrate the sectoral strength of the global renewable energy industry; and to facilitate: (i) buyers and sellers matching (ii) one to one meetings for setting up of joint ventures in the Renewable Energy Sector and (iii) to provide an opportunity to Indian Renewables Manufacturers to benchmark their products against the best in the world and enhance their competitiveness. The Conference will ultimately lead to renewed commitment, with concrete proposals in support of activities at the country level.

The Ministry of New and Renewable Energy will host the event, assisted by other concerned agencies and looks forward to cooperating with REN-21 and relevant national and international stakeholders.

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