

SEMINAR IN INDIA:

Bright future for the Indian market

Gas-based energy is becoming one of the major energy sources in Asia-Pacific and in India, it is no exception. Various parts of India have been blessed with natural gas reserves as well as huge reserves of Coal Bed Methane (CBM). This newly invented energy source in the coal field of Asansol-Ranigunge-Jharia Sectors has raised hopes of gas availability in the eastern region.

Indian gas industries are scattered throughout the country and gas engineers and professionals in gas industries do not have a common platform where they can share their experiences and achievements and discuss their problems. This has prevented a close collaboration in guiding applications of appropriate

technology in the fields of exploration, transportation, distribution and storage of different gases. To overcome this shortcoming, gas professionals in India decided to set up a nationwide institute, the Indian Institute of Gas Engineers (IIGE), which was established in September, 2000. The IIGE council promised

during the inauguration that the Institute was to plan various technical activities including the holding of international seminars on gas technology.



Good partnership between IIGE and ELSTER-AMCO



High interest among Indian Gas Professionals

In November 2002, ELSTER-AMCO co-sponsored and participated, together with their Indian Distributors, Oil & Gas Plant Engineers (I) Pvt. Ltd., in a two-day workshop organized by the Indian Institute of Gas Engineers (IIGE) under the heading "Utilization of Gas in the Transport and Industrial Sector".

While the focus was on natural gas and liquefied petroleum gas as the major source of eco-friendly energy in the present day context, presentations were also included on coal bed methane as well as other manufactured and some industrial gases.

A mini exhibition on the sidelines of this workshop was also held with the participation of the Gas Authority of India (GAIL), Jain Irrigation, ELSTER-AMCO and other major gas industry participants.

This event provided an excellent opportunity for ELSTER-AMCO to showcase its capabilities to the Indian gas industry by means of a presentation of Technical Papers and a simultaneous display of its products as part of a well thought-up marketing strategy. The presentation included "Regulator Response Time" by ELSTER-JEAVONS, "Multiple control strategy for flexible type valves (AFV and RFV)" by American Meter Company and "Gas measurement with systems and Energy Data management" from ELSTER Germany.

The Indian gas companies provided in-depth information on the present production, sales and demand of natural gas and its utilization in the transport and industrial sector. Interestingly, several new offshore gas finds have suddenly brought India onto the international gas scene. Its road-map of gas demand is 150, 231, 331 and 391 MMSCMD (Million Standard Cubic Meter per Day) in the years 2001-02, 2006-07, 2011-12 and 2024-25 respectively as against current production levels of 81.3 and supply levels of 66.3 MMSCMD. New offshore gas found at 40MM SCMD (reserves of 98 BCM) from K.G. basin down south and more such gas found off the eastern coast of India was upbeat news in terms of future business prospects.

Encouraged by its success, IIGE is looking forward to interacting with various local as well as internationally recognized organizations closely related to the natural gas and liquefied petroleum gas industries – be it gas supply companies or manufacturers of equipment to serve the gas industry – and to bringing them together on a common platform to determine mutual needs.

We at ELSTER-AMCO feel we have benefited from participating in the event and look forward to participating again in the future.

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