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### **Cairn India pledges support for flood relief to the people of Bihar**

The recent floods in northern Bihar have caused severe damage to the life and property in the area. Cairn India has been closely monitoring the flood situation in the area.

This year's monsoon has taken a heavy toll and resulted in severe flooding in Bihar. Many people have been forced to abandon their homes and take refuge in embankments and public buildings. Food stocks have been swept away and losses of both livestock and crops have been reported. It has also damaged the water and sanitation systems, leading to shortage of clean drinking water and increased threat of water borne diseases.

Cairn India has made a commitment of USD 100,000 for relief work to meet the growing needs in the flood-hit parts of northern Bihar. A letter to this effect from the Chief Financial Officer, Cairn India, Mr. Indrajit Banerjee was handed over to the Honourable Chief Minister of Bihar, Shri Nitish Kumar earlier in the day.

As an immediate relief, Cairn India is distributing 1000 units of tarpaulin tents, 1000 units of family hygiene units, 1000 units of family water filtration units and 500,000 units of water purification chlorine units to the flood affected people in the rural areas of north Bihar through Oxfam, an international NGO, which is already active in flood relief operations.

It is Cairn India's endeavour to augment the ongoing flood relief efforts undertaken by the Central and state governments by making this positive contribution to the overall mitigation and re-construction initiatives.

Cairn India Ltd. is currently active in some of the districts of north Bihar (particularly Madhubani, Darbhanga and Samastipur), pursuing its hydrocarbon exploration efforts which is at an early stage.

#### **Mr. Indrajit Banerjee, Chief Financial Officer of Cairn India Limited said:**

*"While we realise that the central and state governments are already actively engaged in providing flood relief and other assistance to affected people and villages, Cairn India as part of its commitment to the region, will support the flood relief efforts and make a positive contribution to the overall mitigation and re-construction initiatives. We shall continue working very closely with the Bihar State Government and NGOs on this issue."*

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- Cairn India is headquartered in Gurgaon on the outskirts of Delhi, with operational offices in Chennai, Gujarat, Andhra Pradesh and Rajasthan.
- On 9 January 2007, Cairn successfully concluded the flotation of its Indian business with the commencement of trading of Cairn India Limited on the Bombay Stock Exchange and the National Stock Exchange of India. Cairn Energy PLC currently holds a majority shareholding in Cairn India Limited.
- Cairn India is currently focused on exploration and production in India w here it has a w orking interest in

15 blocks, two of which are producing hydrocarbons. The company holds material exploration and production positions in west India, east India along with new exploration rights elsewhere in India.

- This focus on India has already resulted in a significant number of oil and gas discoveries. In particular, Cairn India made a major oil discovery (Mangala) in Rajasthan in the north west of India at the beginning of 2004. Cairn India has now made more than 20 discoveries in Rajasthan block RJ-ON-90/1.
- In Rajasthan, Cairn India operates Block RJ-ON-90/1 under a Production Sharing Contract (PSC) signed on 15 May 1995. The main Development Area (1,858 km<sup>2</sup>), which includes Mangala, Aishwariya, Saraswati and Raageshwari; is shared between Cairn India and ONGC, with Cairn India holding 70% and ONGC having exercised their back in right for 30%. A further Development Area (430 km<sup>2</sup>), including the Bhagyam and Shakti fields, is also shared between Cairn India and ONGC in the same proportion.
- India currently imports approximately 2,000,000 barrels of oil per day (bopd). It produces approximately 700,000 bopd itself of which approximately 50,000 bopd comes from the Cairn India operated Ravva field on the east coast of India
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