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## Global HSE Conference focuses on importance of Sustainable Growth and harnessing Human Factors in Health, Safety and Environment (HSE)

- Thought leaders and industry captains acknowledge the need for engaging workforce and adopting a people-centric model for better HSE management

The opening day of the global HSE Conference in New Delhi brought the spotlight on sustainable growth and the importance of human actions in loss prevention. The two day conference organized by Cairn India along with the Indian oil and gas Industry, aims at promoting HSE culture in South Asian countries with a focus on India. With the theme 'Collaborate, Lead and Transform', the Global HSE Conference 2013 brought forth some of the best practices in the areas of Health, Safety and Environment.

Distinguished speakers such as Mr. Anil Sinha, Regional Head, Advisory Services - South Asia, International Finance Corporation; Dr. Yogendra Saxena, CSO, Tata Power Company Ltd., India; Mr. Mahendra Singhi, Executive Director, Shree Cements; Mr. Mark Eadie, CSO, Vedanta Resources plc, spoke at length on sustainability best practices in the extractive industry.

The panel stressed on the need for better engagement with local communities and sustainable development for enhanced HSE practices.

In another session, thought leaders in the field of HSE, such as David G Broadbent, Safety Psychologist, TransformationalSafety.Com, Australia; Neil Clark Human Factors Specialist, Nexen UK; Mr. Phil Murray, CEO, Petrotechnics Limited, UK and John Forrest, Member of Technical Advisory Board, Cairn India, discussed the role of human reliability and workforce engagement in minimizing incidents.

Studies indicate that up to 98% of all accidents are attributable to some degree to human failures. In the energy industry, human factors are considered to be the most frequent cause of high potential incidents and the second highest cause of fatalities.

Commenting on the importance of Workforce Engagement to ensure safe operations, **Les Linklater, Team Leader, Step Change in Safety, UK**, said, "*There is clear evidence that a fully engaged workforce will drive a safer workplace and will also result in improved overall business performance.*"

Earlier in the day, the Hon'ble Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas, Government of India, Dr. Veerappa Moily, inaugurated the global conference. Dr. Moily noted the need for such conferences to address the critical issues of Health, Safety and Environment practices and urged the leadership to integrate HSE into business operations and respective organizational culture.

Speaking at the conference, **P. Elango, CEO, Cairn India**, said, "*We are thrust with a challenging but critical responsibility of balancing growth with safety and sustainability. It is vital for any 21st century enterprise to engrain HSE excellence as a key component of its organizational DNA. Cairn India believes this conference is a crucial initiative to address health, safety and environment issues as the basic pillars for the growth of any organization which is a leader in its category.*"



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**About Global HSE Conference:**

The Global HSE Conference, the first of its kind in South Asia, with the theme of Collaborate | Lead | Transform aims to provide a platform to bring best practices across industries to the forefront. Cairn India along with the Indian oil and gas Industry and the Government of India presents this unique platform where industry captains can share thoughts on how leadership is possibly the biggest enabler to bring about transformational change in HSE practices of organizations. More than 50 global speakers and experts, over 20 CEOs and Managing Directors along with 400 industry leaders and HSE champions across the globe sharing best practices will be part of this conference. This will also serve as a meeting ground for regulators, corporates, policymakers and academia to collaborate, and help chart the roadmap for HSE in the 21st century. Global HSE Conference aims to create sustainable businesses for the new millennium. For further information visit [www.globalhseconference.com](http://www.globalhseconference.com)

