



India- Mongolia on Webinar of Coal

held on 10th February 2021

Gist of Deliberations

A webinar "**Mongolia**, **India Cooperation in the Coal Sector**" was held on 10th February 2021, jointly organised by the Mongolia Coal Association, Coal Preparation Society of India and the Embassy of Mongolia in India. The webinar was inaugurated by the Mongolian Ambassador to India H E Mr. Gonchig Ganbold.

Over 70 participants attended the Webinar held on virtual platform. Twelve subject experts, from both sides made technical presentations covering, inter alia, coal industry scenarios, coal trade, coal preparation status, coal testing, coal to chemicals, fertilisers etc.

From the Mongolian side, besides the CEO and other senior functionaries of Mongolian Coal Association, Mongolian, Mineral Processing Association, Tavan Tolgoi Tulsh LLC, Head of Coal Processing Plant, Secretary General of the Mongolian Academy of Sciences and other industry representatives participated.

From the Indian side, besides Chairman, CPSI, President, CPSI, subject experts many Indian industry leaders, researchers, as well as representatives of CIMFR, Talcher Fertilisers Ltd, Tata Steel Ltd, and Cotecna India, took part in the webinar, sharing valuable experience and ideas of promoting bilateral cooperation.

In his opening speech, the Mongolian Ambassador expressed satisfaction over growing tendency towards promoting cooperation between Mongolian and Indian businesses, and the interest of India in promoting investment in the mining, energy, infrastructure development and other sectors of Mongolia. 'The Government of Mongolia and the Embassy of Mongolia in India attached enormous significance to this trend. Every support will be given to promoting Indian investment in Mongolia's mining, energy and infrastructure development sectors, and to forming bilateral business,' said the Ambassador.

In his opening remarks, while thanking the Mongolian Ambassador, Mr. Alok Perti, Former Secretary (Coal) and Chairman, CPSI mentioned that an MOU between Coal Preparation Society of India and the Mongolia Coal Association was signed during the visit of Mongolian Delegation that participated in the 19th International Coal Preparation Congress & Expo (ICPC) held in New Delhi in November 2019. This was the beginning of cooperation covering exchange of technical information, bilateral visits of technical teams from both sides etc. Mr. Perti further observed that Indian iron & steel and other users have expressed interest in buying mineral products, including coking coal from Mongolia. He appreciated the steps taken by the Mongolian side in supporting this initiative by taking concrete actions in sending samples of Mongolia's coking coal to India, which would set in motion a series of meetings among experts to discuss collaboration in this sector.

M. Perti concluded his remarks by thanking the Ambassador HE Mr. Ganbold for his support for todays' webinar, which is the first step in the bilateral exchange of technical information between Mongolia Coal Association and Coal Preparation Society of India.

Following presentations were made by Mongolian experts:

- 1. Coal Industry of Mongolia: Reserve, Coal mark, Coal trade, Coal quality
- 2. Coal Preparation Status of Mongolia: Dry and Wet processing plant list, technology
- 3. Current Status: Coke making plant and projects in Mongolia
- 4. Coal Chemical & Energy: Coal chemical studies and projects in Mongolia
- 5. A brief overview of heavy Industries in Mongolia.

Indian subject experts made the following presentations:

- 1. Coal industry of India: Import, trade, quality, import from Mongolia and etc.
- 2 Coal Preparation status of India: Plant list, technology and other aspects.
- 3. Coal testing, quality checks:
- 4. Coke making and steel making: Impact of raw material quality in coke making and iron making.
- 5. Steel Making: Technology and related areas.
- 6. Coal to Chemicals, Fertilisers etc.: Technology, Projects, Investment.

While making the concluding remarks, Mr. R K Sachdev, President, Coal Preparation Society of India expressed his sincere thanks to the Ambassador H E Mr. Ganbold for having spared time out of his busy schedule and for his very positive opening address. He also thanked the Ambassador for having sat through the entire duration of the Webinar, as this indicted the commitment of both sides to carry forward this initiative further by participating in physical meetings once the pandemic situation comes to an end.

Mr. Sachdev also expressed thanks to Mr. Zolo Jargalsaikhan, CEO of Mongolia Coal Association, Mr. Enkhold Liguu, Counselor for Mongolia in Mongolian Embassy, Mr. M Bazarragchaa, Board Member of Mongolian, Mineral Processing Association and all technical experts from sides who made excellent technical presentations at the Webinar.