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## Kitsault Energy Project Positioned to Address India's Energy Demand and Environmental Goals

NEW DELHI — The Kitsault Energy (KE) project, a proposed large-scale energy infrastructure initiative that is 13 years in the making, aims to support India's growing energy demand while contributing to long-term environmental and economic objectives.

The project is centered on the development of dual pipeline systems to transport a range of resources — natural gas, crude oil, propane, butane, potash, uranium, and agricultural commodities — from Canada to India via Kitsault, a privately owned port and logistics hub in northwest British Columbia. The integrated infrastructure model is intended to address and provide solutions for some of India's energy demands and environmental challenges.

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Over the past decade, the KE project has been presented to several major Indian energy companies, including ONGC, GAIL, Petronet LNG, and Indian Oil. While discussions have taken place, no formal partnerships have been established to date.

India's continued economic growth and industrial expansion are driving increased demand for reliable energy sources. Recent shortages of LPG, propane, and butane across India have impacted manufacturing and small businesses, forcing many to scale back operations or shut down entirely, disrupting daily life for citizens. Yet India has had multiple opportunities to avert this disaster, which is now compounded by the continued devaluation of the Indian rupee against major global currencies, including the US dollar.

The KE project addresses these gaps by providing a stable, long-term supply of key energy resources. In 2016, KE's president, Krishnan Suthanthiran, met with government officials and Indian Oil's CEO to address this issue and advocate for the KE project, meeting with little success. He also cautioned that the Petronas LNG project — in which Indian Oil held a 10% equity stake — would fail. This prediction proved accurate when Petronas canceled its LNG project and Indian Oil lost nearly \$500 million.

International interest in the KE project has grown, with discussions extending beyond India to other global stakeholders. However, engagement within India remains limited despite the project's alignment with national priorities around energy security and sustainability.

The project continues to be independently funded and advanced, with a focus on establishing strategic partnerships to enable execution. Stakeholders across government, industry, and infrastructure sectors are encouraged to evaluate the KE project's potential as part of a comprehensive approach to meeting India's future energy needs.

For additional information about Kitsault Energy and Dr. Suthanthiran, visit: [http://graphics.teambest.com/KE\\_Project\\_20\\_details.pdf](http://graphics.teambest.com/KE_Project_20_details.pdf).

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