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Dr Srikumar Banerjee, Chairman Atomic Energy Commission & Secretary Department of Atomic Energy, Government of India, commissioned Uranium Ore Mine & Processing Plant of Uranium Corporation of India Ltd. (UCIL) at Tummalapalle, YSR District, Kadapa in Andhra Pradesh on 20th April, 2012. UCIL operates six underground mines, one opencast mine and two processing plants located in Jharkhand. Tummalapalle is the first Project commissioned by the company outside Jharkhand.

Tummalapalle deposit has 60,000 tons of uranium and continuing explorations has shown promise of further reserves, which has the potential of making it one of the most significant uranium reserves in the world. The Project will produce 3000 tons of ore per day in the most modern underground mine of the country. The mine deploys Load Haul Dump Units (LHD’s), Low Profile Dump Trucks (LPDT’s) and the ore will be brought out through decline by conveyor belt.

A process plant has been constructed next to the Mine and will use alkali pressure leaching process to produce Sodium di-uranate from the ore. Plant has high level of automation, which will enable precise control of process parameters, ensuring high degree of efficiency.

In keeping with its five decades long tradition, UCIL has ensured highest level of safety and environmental management in its Tummalapalle Project. UCIL thankfully acknowledges support given by Late Dr YS Rajasekhara Reddy, Ex Chief Minister and his successors, as well as Government and people of Andhra Pradesh, without whose whole hearted support, this important milestone could not have been achieved. UCIL is conscious of and committed to the development of people living in the neighborhood of the Project.

UCIL is committed to meet its mandate of supplying adequate fuel to country’s Nuclear Power Programme. Today marks a proud moment in country’s efforts towards energy security.

You are requested to give it a wide publicity in your esteemed Newspaper/Channel for the benefit of your readers/viewers.

Thanking you and with warm regards,

Yours sincerely,

(S.K. Malhotra)