

Overseas Market Information



The Netherlands

Policy announcements

Offshore Wind Park : The Dutch transport ministry has given Irish company Airtricity exclusive rights to build a wind turbine park in the North Sea off the coast of Hoek van Holland. The licence is for the 'West Rhine' location, 40 kilometres off the coast at Hoek van Holland. Although the firm did not say how many wind turbines there will be, the park is to have capacity for 284 megawatts. This would make the envisaged park bigger than the two existing North Sea wind parks of Shell/Nuon (about 100 megawatts) off the coast at Egmond and Eneco (120 megawatts) off the coast at IJmuiden.

(Source : Embassy of India, Hague)

Canada

Government announces C\$ 345-million bio-fuel plan

The Canadian Government announced a C\$ 345-million funding and regulatory package to promote renewable fuels such as bio-diesel and ethanol as part of its clean air plan. The focus on bio-fuels will create new economic opportunities for farmers. The Government will allocate C\$ 200 million to subsidise new factories to produce ethanol, bio-diesel and other bio-fuels to create incentives for renewable fuels production and C\$ 145 million for research and development.

TransCanada Corp. buys US Pipeline for US\$ 3.39 billion

TransCanada Corp., Canada's largest shipper of natural gas and biggest pipeline company, has acquired some of Houston-based El Paso Corp's pipelines and storage facilities for US\$ 3.39 billion. The acquisition will contribute 17,000 kilometres of pipeline and 230 billion cubic feet of natural gas storage capacity in Michigan. It will extend the company's gas pipeline network that transports most of Western Canada's natural gas output to Canada and the US.

India and Canada sign MOU on bio-technology

India and Canada have signed two Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to strengthen cooperation in science and technology, particularly in the areas of plant biotechnology and food. The MOU - signed between the Indian Department of Biotechnology (DBT), represented by Dr. M. K. Bhan, Secretary, Department of Biotechnology, and the Department of Agriculture and Agri-food of Canada (AAFC), represented by Mr. Leonard J. Edwards, Deputy Minister of Agriculture & Agri-food - is on cooperation in agriculture, food processing and storage, bio-pesticides and bio-fertilisers, functional and nutraceutical food, agricultural biotechnology, biomass utilisation, sustainable alternative energy and environmental technologies and water quality management. The other MOU has been signed between National Research Council of Canada and DBT for collaboration between the two institutions for harnessing plants for improving human and animal health and for understanding and exploiting genomics of plants of common interests to both the countries.

(Source : Consulate General of India, Toronto)