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Subject: CAXperts completes the SmartPlant® Materials implementation for ESSAR Oil Ltd. in Mumbai, India

We are very pleased to announce that CAXperts have successfully implemented the SmartPlant® Materials system for **Essar Oil Ltd**'s estimated \$6 Billion USD refinery expansion project at Vadinar, Gujarat, India. This implementation is the first of its kind in India and Essar is now live on the system.

In February 2008, Essar Oil Ltd made the decision to upgrade their materials management capability in order to be able to successfully manage large projects such as their Refinery Expansion project. To achieve this, they purchased the latest release of SmartPlant® Materials (formerly MARIAN) and then commissioned the CAXperts group, to help them fast track the implementation of their system.

Vijay Mehra, CIO, Essar Group, Shyam Bagrodia, President Refinery Expansion & Bharat Gala, President Engineering Business, feel that SPM implementation will give Essar the ability to proactively manage and optimize material planning across multiple project sites spanning several geographies, thereby enabling Essar Group to cut material supply costs in these times of global recession. **Mohan Phatak – CIO and VP Corporate Planning – Essar Project Management Consultants, and Prakash Dharmani – CIO - Essar Engineering Services Ltd**, feel that the full integration of Engineering Procurement with Construction Material Data vastly improves the overall accuracy of the data which is achieved through the tight integration of all modules of SmartPlant® Materials. Furthermore, seamless data Integration of Engineering & Supply Chain data with the Site will support more efficient fabrication/construction forecasting and will provide significant reduction on surplus material. In summary they believe that this implementation and integration with their SAP ERP system will give them a competitive edge in the market.

Anton Schreibmueller, CAXperts Managing partner in Asia Pacific, feels that the successful implementation of such a fast track project of this magnitude will give CAXperts some valuable credibility and visibility in both the Indian and worldwide markets. "CAXperts has a lot of experience in the implementation of large Material Management systems all over the world and our highly qualified personnel can make the difference for the success of such complex implementations" says Anton Schreibmueller.