PROJECT TITLE  INDIA OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH MODERNIZATION PROJECT

ILAB PROGRAM  MOU between the USDOL Secretary of Labor and the Indian Minister of Labour and Employment

REGION/COUNTRY  India

PROJECT DURATION  August 2012 - August 2015

FUNDING LEVEL  $250,000 with the option to add up to $625,000 based on availability of funding in future fiscal years.

PROBLEM TO BE ADDRESSED  India’s rapidly expanding industrial, mining and construction sectors have created a situation where a largely untrained and vulnerable workforce is being exposed to new occupational hazards.

PROJECT OBJECTIVES  To modernize occupational, mine, chemical and occupational medicine training for the Indian Government. The objectives include:

1. Training a group of Indian trainers in the techniques of adult learning, development of training aids and occupational safety and health training methods.

2. Improve hazard recognition and abatement training techniques, in the most hazardous sectors, for Indian trainers.

3. Improve occupational medicine diagnostic capability for detecting and treating illnesses due to toxic overexposures in the most hazardous industries.

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES  Developed and delivered six 3-hour webinars on the globally harmonized system of classification and labeling of chemicals with the goal of protecting human and environmental health. Developed and delivered three eighty-hour occupational safety and health trainer academies to teach best safety and health practices and training techniques. Developed and delivered a 32-hour occupational toxicology seminar to improve diagnostic and treatment capability due to workplace overexposures. In year 2 the focus will be on safety inspection best practices training in ports and docks and oil and gas facilities.

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