

GAIL in talks with Iran to revive deal

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State-run gas utility GAIL India Ltd has begun talks with Iran to revive a decade-old \$22 billion LNG supply contract. Indian state firms had on June 13, 2005, signed a Sale and Purchase Agreement with National Iranian Gas Export Company for buying 5 million tonnes a year of LNG on a long-term contract at very attractive price of \$3.215 per million British thermal unit. But Tehran never honoured the deal. With prospects of sanctions against Iran being lifted after a historic nuclear accord it stuck with the US and other world powers, India has reopened dialogue on buying LNG from the Persian Gulf nation. PTI