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Message from Chairman, NACE International Gateway India Section

Dear Valued Member / Partner / Associate,

At the outset, NIGIS sincerely hopes that you and your family are doing fine.

We have no doubt that all of us will tide over this unexpected difficult situation of novel Corona virus and its n-Covid disease and emerge stronger (both physically & spiritually) for the future.

The Government has advised us to 'Stay at Home & Be Safe', and we believe that fighting together we can stop the spread of virus and eradicate this disease. We also believe that things are going to get better very soon and through this mail, we would like to inform you that as an organization, we at NIGIS want to express our gratitude to all the Professional who are tirelessly & selflessly working round the clock to ensure that **# India Flattens The Curve !**

We from Corrosion fraternity are well aware of the fact that stagnant situations lead to more corrosion than normal operating conditions for many environment-material combinations. At this time of lockdown, when many industries are under lockdown without any production, not only the conventional support systems like cooling water plants, but also the main plant components with different environment-material combinations will undergo significant corrosion.

After lockdown, we the corrosion community will have multiple responsibilities to explain our management about corrosion under stagnant conditions, testing and monitoring the plant systems and also provide solutions, both quick and long term, for restarting and making production from the plants. Thus it is going to be a tough task for us and let us refresh ourselves on various aspects of corrosion control and prevention strategies.

I am very proud to convey that NACE International, USA has announced series of training courses and programmes through online platforms for the benefit of members, in addition to providing access to valuable literature and standards. We, from NIGIS India, are entering into an agreement with Confederation of Indian Industry (CII), the largest industrial organisation in India, to jointly provide courses of interest via online platforms. To begin with *Courses on "Pipeline Corrosion" and "Fundamentals of Coatings and Linings"* are going to-be offered soon, followed by many other courses which will be taught by the most experienced and certified professionals in the respective field. I am sure most of you will enroll for these courses and also encourage your colleagues and friends as well.

In the meantime, we have rescheduled our class room and regular NACE certified courses due to the prevailing lockdown situation with restrictions on movement and assembly, but closely working with all stake holders to reschedule them at later dates and shall keep you posted on the revised dates. You will soon get a mail on these development from NIGIS office.

Though NIGIS staff and committee members are working from home, it shall be our earnest effort to provide you with all information in the least possible time keeping in mind limited resources that we are working with. Please feel free to communicate with our Executive Director, Shri P.K. Taneja at pktaneja@naceindia.org, for any support and information.

In the interest of all our valued members, patrons and associates, and India at large,
Stay Home, Be Safe, and fight n-Covid-19 !

On behalf of NACE International Gateway India Section,

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