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Sources said he was selected by a search-cum-selection committee of the PLL board.

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Petronet is a joint venture of IOC, GAIL, Oil and Natural Gas Corp (ONGC) and BPCL. The four state-owned firms hold 12.5 per cent stake each in the company whose chairman is the Oil Secretary.

Among those on the interview panel were IOC Chairman S M Vaidya, ONGC chairman Shashi Shanker, GAIL chairman Manoj Jain, BPCL director marketing Arun Kumar and former OIL chairman S K Srivastava, an independent director at Petronet-LNG.

Sources said the new CEO was selected after Petronet board modified terms that made just retired executives of PSUs ineligible.

"The candidate should be aged minimum of 48 years and maximum of 60 years on the date of vacancy i.e. September 14, 2020," the notice inviting application issued in August had said. PTI



पेट्रोनेट एलएनजी की अगुवाई करेंगे आईओसी के निदेशक एके सिंह

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इंडियन ऑयल कॉर्पोरेशन (आईओसी) के पाइपलाइन व्यवसाय के अक्षय कुमार सिंह देश के सबसे बड़े गैस आयातक पेट्रोनेट एलएनजी लिमिटेड के नए प्रबंध निदेशक (एमडी) एवं मुख्य कार्यकारी (सीईओ) होंगे। पेट्रोनेट एलएनजी लिमिटेड ने अपनी वेबसाइट पर एक संक्षिप्त नोटिस में बताया कि प्रभात सिंह का पांच साल का कार्यकाल 13 सितंबर को पूरा हो गया। एके सिंह उनकी की जगह लेंगे। कंपनी ने कहा, पेट्रोनेट एलएनजी लिमिटेड (पीएलएल) के निदेशक मंडल ने चार नवंबर 2020 को हुई बैठक में

अक्षय कुमार सिंह को एमडी एवं सीईओ पद के लिए चुना है। इस चयन के साथ ही एके सिंह पुनः गैस के व्यवसाय में लौट गए हैं। वह 2018 में आईओसी के निदेशक मंडल में शामिल होने से पहले सरकारी गैस कंपनी गेल इंडिया लिमिटेड के कार्यकारी निदेशक थे। उन्होंने एमआईटी मुजफ्फरपुर (बिहार) से मैकेनिकल इंजीनियरिंग और दक्षिण गुजरात विश्वविद्यालय से स्नातकोत्तर की पढ़ाई की है। उनके पास तेल एवं गैस उद्योग में लगभग 34 वर्षों का अनुभव है। सूत्रों ने कहा कि उन्हें पीएलएल बोर्ड की एक खोज-सह-चयन समिति द्वारा चुना गया है।