



## **Diligent Power Private Limited announces Private Equity investment by Warburg Pincus**

**Mumbai, May 11, 2011:** Diligent Power Private Limited, today announced that Warburg Pincus, a leading global private equity firm, has acquired Private Equity investment in the company.

Warburg Pincus' investment will enable Diligent Power to accelerate its growth plans. Diligent Power, through its subsidiaries, is in the process of setting up power projects aggregating to 6,400 megawatts (MW). These power projects include a 1,200 MW coal-based thermal power plant in the state of Chhattisgarh and a 1,320 MW super critical thermal power plant in the state of Madhya Pradesh.

**Commenting on the development, Mr. R K Gupta, CEO, Diligent Power said,** *"The Indian power sector is experiencing a significant growth phase –with high GDP growth resulting in an increased demand for electricity. Significant capacity additions will be required in generation, transmission and distribution to fulfill this demand and fulfill the Government of India's ambitious target of providing 'Power for All'. Diligent Power has planned significant long term initiatives to capitalize on the huge potential presented by the sector. We are delighted by Warburg Pincus' decision to invest in the company and welcome them as a partner on our exciting journey. We will benefit from the rich experience Warburg Pincus brings to the table."*

**Mr. Niten Malhan, Managing Director, Warburg Pincus India Private Limited said,** *"Warburg Pincus has been investing in the energy sector for over 30 years, and we see great opportunities here in India. Led by a group with strong execution capabilities, Diligent Power is well-positioned to capitalize on the growth opportunities that exist in the Indian power sector. We look forward to continuing our relationship with the group as they work to build a leading domestic power generation company, and help the country reach its power production goals."*

Avendus Capital acted as the sole financial advisor to Diligent Power for this transaction. Amarchand & Mangaldas & Suresh A Shroff acted as legal advisors to Diligent Power, AZB & Partners acted as legal advisors to Warburg Pincus and KPMG conducted financial and accounting diligence for the transaction.

#### **About Diligent Power Private Limited**

Diligent Power Private Limited is an emerging company in the power sector in India and is in various stages of developing coal based thermal power projects aggregating to 6400 MW.

#### **About Warburg Pincus**

Warburg Pincus has been a leading private equity investor since its foundation in 1966. The firm currently has more than \$30 billion in assets under management. Its active portfolio of more than 110 companies is highly diversified by stage, sector and geography. Warburg Pincus is a growth investor and an experienced partner to management teams seeking to build durable companies with sustainable value. The Firm has raised 13 private equity funds which have invested more than \$35 billion in over 600 companies in more than 30 countries.

Over the past decade, affiliates of private equity funds raised by Warburg Pincus have invested almost \$2.5 billion in Indian companies. The firm's past and current investments in India include Ambuja Cements, Bharti Airtel, DB Corp, Gangavaram Port, Havells, HDFC, ICICI Bank, IMC, Kotak Mahindra Bank, Lemontree Hotels, NDR Group, Max India, Metropolis Healthcare, Piramal Healthcare, Quest Global, Punj Lloyd, Sintex, and WNS Global Services.

The firm is headquartered in New York with offices in Amsterdam, Beijing, Frankfurt, Hong Kong, London, Luxembourg, Mauritius, Mumbai, San Francisco, São Paulo and Shanghai.

For more information, please visit [www.warburgpincus.com](http://www.warburgpincus.com)

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