

**Coal and Energy Development Department gave recommendations in  
Pakistan Energy Conference held on April 10-12, 2011 at Hotel Serena, Islamabad**

**Thar Coal as game-changer for Pakistan**

- Thar Coal fields should fully exploited as an energy source because it can reduce the energy import bill by **USD 600 M** and direct saving of **USD 280 M** to electricity consumers
- A comprehensive study should be done to explore the methane deposits potential in and around Thar coal.
- A study for water deposits should be done at the fields
- Should act proactively to create the enabling environment for dev local coal for long term energy solution
- Government should initiate public sector projects to produce at least 5000mw from local coal
- Government should make efforts to seek international financing for Thar coal based projects
- Essential infrastructure should be provided to promote large scale investment in local coal at affordable rates