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The following are the activities of the partnership for the month of March 2005.

- Prof. Tamim continued teaching the Energy Value Chain Economics, Policy and Regulation as a graduate course offered through PMRE.
- The partnership, with the help of the USAID Mission in Dhaka, completed travel arrangements for Prof. Hossain and Dr. Rahman.
- Per communications with Prof. Hossain, UH IELE did some background research on alternative transportation technologies, with a special focus on natural gas based approaches such as CNG and GTL. Prof. Hossain will use this information in his research in Houston and has a student working on different aspects of this topic at BUET.
- Prof. Tamim and his two graduate students continued to work on the analysis of a natural gas pipeline project and the development of the energy value chain spreadsheet model for Bangladesh, both based on models from UH IELE’s New Era program.

**Next steps**

Actions expected in the next few months include:

- Work with Prof. Hossain on research projects.
- Arrange visits for Prof. Hossain with natural gas companies and regulators for discussing pipeline economics, expansion, regulation and other related issues. He will attend GCPA conference on Texas electricity market and OTC conference among other activities.