

New Delhi, August 16, 2011: IFCI Ltd (IFCI) and Sycamore Ventures (Sycamore) to launch the IFCI – Sycamore Infrastructure Fund (Fund)

India's premier financial institution IFCI Ltd. is partnering with global investment firm Sycamore Ventures to establish a \$500 million infrastructure fund, which will be jointly managed by IFCI & Sycamore. This partnership brings together unique and wide ranging local and international investment expertise as well as long-standing and deep understanding of the infrastructure space. As the principal sponsor to the fund, IFCI has committed to invest 10% of the total capital of the fund with a minimum commitment of \$50 million.

The Fund intends to consummate investments in equity and/or equity related instruments of infrastructure projects or holding companies, with demonstrable, sustainable cash flow models and potential for significant long term capital appreciation. The Fund's focus includes all forms of power generation, transmission and distribution, gas distribution, coal mines, roads, bridges, railways, ports, airports, warehouses & logistics businesses.

IFCI & Sycamore have a robust existing investment pipeline and anticipate continuing strong demand for investment capital in the infrastructure sector over the foreseeable future.

The Fund will raise capital from domestic and overseas investors and will be registered with SEBI as a Venture Capital Fund (VCF). Foreign subscribers will invest in the VCF through a Mauritius fund with domestic subscribers investing directly in the VCF.

India's annual GDP growth of 7% - 9% has led to enormous opportunities for private participation in alleviating wide ranging infrastructural deficits. Favorable policy environment combined with targeted investment of US\$ 1 trillion in infrastructure in the Government's twelfth Five Year Plan has created unparalleled potential for mobilizing private capital in infrastructure. IFCI and Sycamore believe that their joint venture will create a unique platform to enable global capital to harness vast opportunities for investment and development of Indian infrastructure.

About IFCI Ltd:

IFCI was established in 1948, through an Act of Parliament as India's first Development Financial Institution and was subsequently converted into a Public Limited Company in 1993. With a nationwide presence and over 6 decades of experience in project evaluation and finance, IFCI has evaluated over 5000 projects. As one of India's major financial institutions, IFCI Group activities include project financing, infrastructure development, debt and equity underwriting & syndication, venture capital, stock broking & merchant banking, factoring, asset reconstruction, tourism finance, micro finance, corporate and infrastructure advisory, technical consultancy and management education. Over the last few years, IFCI has been a dominant player in financing infrastructure projects, at all levels of the capital structures, viz., debt, equity, structured products, and mezzanine instruments, etc.

About Sycamore Ventures:

Sycamore was established in 1995 as a result of a spin-off from Citicorp Venture Capital Ltd, the proprietary investment arm of Citigroup Inc. Sycamore is a global investment firm with seven offices across the USA, Asia and Europe. Since inception Sycamore has raised and managed eight investment funds, has invested in over 100 companies, taken over 40 companies public and has sold or merged over 40 companies. Its principals have over 200 years of collective investment management experience and have served on the Boards of over 75 companies globally. Sycamore's portfolio includes investments in five Indian infrastructure companies engaged in power generation, railway infrastructure, logistics and oil & gas.