L&T launches IT initiatives in Bangalore & Chennai

New Software Development Centers and e-engineering office

Mumbai, August 19, 2004: Larsen & Toubro Limited (L&T) today added further thrust to its IT and related businesses with a slew of initiatives including the laying of the foundation for a 'Software Park' in Bangalore, a 'Technology Centre' in Chennai, followed by the inauguration of a state-of-the-art e-Engineering Center in the capital of Tamil Nadu.

Speaking on the occasion, Mr. A.M. Naik, Chairman & Managing Director of L&T said: "The proposed Software Park and Technology Centre would mark up our capability to offer high-value services to our expanding customer base and will reinforce our presence in two of India's IT hubs - Bangalore and Chennai." L&T Infotech would leverage the parent company's strengths in information technology, manufacturing and construction, embedded systems as well as e-Engineering expertise in providing focused solutions to clients. Mr. Naik said that with international companies looking towards India for expertise in CAD/CAM/CAE, the Company would be in a position to deliver benchmark quality products at low cost by using the latest software tools. The strong international marketing network of L&T Infotech will provide the marketing and sales front-end support.

Highlighting L&T's e-engineering capabilities, Mr. Naik said the newly inaugurated office in Chennai will focus on the aerospace segment in India and on overseas markets in North America, Europe and the Asia-Pacific. "Our e-Engineering Solutions SBU already provides a range of engineering solutions and design services (CAD/CAM/CAE) to global automotive, aerospace, earthmoving and construction machinery, industrial products and equipment manufacturers. The new office in Chennai would further capitalize on the potential of global outsourcing to India in the areas of Design and Engineering," Mr. Naik said.

Mr U.V. Rao, former CEO of L&T, laid the foundation stone for the 'Sofware Park' in Whitefield, Bangalore. Mr C.R. Ramakrishna, former Joint Managing Director of L&T, laid the foundation stone for 'Technology Centre II' in Chennai, followed later in the day by Mr. S. R. Subramaniam, former President and Managing Director, inaugurating the e-Engineering office.

Background:

L&T Infotech
L&T Infotech offers end-to-end software solutions across the globe to a client base that includes several Fortune 500 companies. Leveraging the heritage and domain expertise of the parent company, its services encompass a broad technology spectrum.

The proposed Software Park in Bangalore will cover a 4.87 hectare plot, with a built-up area of 19238 sq. metres in the first phase. To be designed with a 'campus ambience', it is expected to provide a stimulating work environment for over 2000 IT professionals. The Software Park will be constructed by ECC, L&T's Engineering Construction and Contracts Division, and is scheduled to be ready by May 2005.

The proposed building will come up in the campus which houses among other facilities, the Headquarters of ECC, L&T's Engineering Construction and Contracts Division, as also a Software Development Centre of L&T Infotech. The proposed structure will have four floors with a total built-up area of 10674 Sq. m. (1,14,895 Sq. ft.) and is designed for a seating capacity of 1000.

e-Engineering Office

L&T's e-engineering services is a Strategic Business Unit that provides end-to-end solutions; complete product design, modelling, engineering analysis, CAD application development, plant asset management, static and dynamic simulation. Through these services, L&T-eES enables its clients to fully exploit technology for business transformation. Clients leverage L&T-eES' global delivery model to reduce the design cycle time through collaborative engineering and cost-effective solutions.

L&T-eES is the first BS-7799 certified engineering services company and is also ISO 9001-2000 certified.

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