

DRDO hands over the Licensing Agreement for Transfer of Technology (LATO T) to Godrej & Boyce for the production of Mechanical Mine Layer – Self Propelled (MML SP), at Aero India 2021

- The LAToT will help in providing impetus to the government's *Atmanirbhar Bharat* drive
- Set to help in boosting the defence manufacturing sector with an emphasis on self-reliance and enhancing the capabilities of Armed Forces

Mumbai, 22nd February, 2021: [Godrej & Boyce](#), the flagship company of the Godrej Group announced that its business, [Godrej Precision Engineering](#) received the coveted Licensing Agreement for Transfer of Technology (LATO T) for the Mechanical Mine Layer, Self Propelled (MML – SP) from the Ministry of Defence's DRDO Laboratories at the '*Bandhan*' ceremony at Aero India 2021. Raksha Mantri Shri Rajnath Singh, Chief of Defence Staff General Bipin Rawat, three Services Chiefs, Secretary Department of Defence R&D and Chairman DRDO Dr G Sathesh Reddy and Secretary (Defence Production) Shri Raj Kumar along with other senior officials from Ministry of Defence and Karnataka Government and industrialists from the entire country were present.

The MML-SP has been designed for laying Anti-tank Bar Mines in varying soil conditions, camouflaging and recording their position accurately. It would play a crucial role in the defence and protection of India's borders. Godrej Precision Engineering's state of the art production facilities, stringent quality control and testing systems, coupled with decades of experience in building several 'first-in-India' products for defence applications will enable quicker roll out and induction of this product.

Raksha Mantri Shri Rajnath Singh in his address to the public said that *Bandhan* exemplifies the spirit of 'public-private partnership'. He added that the fountain head of any capability emerges from its foundation and the foundation of our vision rests on three pillars namely, research and development, public and private defence production and defence export. He mentioned that with an aim of encouraging the manufacture of defence related items in India, our endeavour will remain to bring down the defence imports by at least two billion dollars by 2022. He highlighted that the negative list of items for import is also meant to provide opportunity to the domestic manufacturing sector to strengthen their base and contribute to *Atmanirbhar Bharat*.

Dr. Mayank Dwivedi, Scientist G and Director DIITM, DRDO HQrs added, "Godrej has been an important industry partner in various programs/projects of DRDO. DRDO values its contribution in various projects/programs. DRDO is confident that this LAToT will not only greatly strengthen the home-grown defense manufacturing capability of our country, but also will strengthen this partnership spanning a few decades."

Kaustubh Shukla, Chief Operating Officer, Industrial Products Group, Godrej & Boyce, said, “We are proud to have partnered with the DRDO for more than three decades, and are deeply honoured by their confidence in us for manufacturing such a critical system. We have always considered it our foremost and sacred duty to contribute towards the defence of our Nation using our state-of-the-art technology coupled with our decades of expertise in this area. This LAToT for the Mechanical Mine Layer – Self Propelled will further strengthen our partnership with them, and we remain committed to achieving an *Atmanirbhar Bharat*.”

Over the years, Godrej & Boyce has successfully partnered with DRDO for various projects. Godrej Precision Engineering has successfully executed orders for defence land systems like Brahmos Missile Launchers, Missile carriers and Naval systems like Diving and Surfacing Mechanism, Hull Equipment, Life Raft Container Ejection Systems, Steering Gear and so forth.

Godrej Aerospace, another business of Godrej & Boyce works closely with DRDO for developing mission critical systems. The business has the rare honour of having received the Defence Technology Absorption Award twice, first for developing Brahmos Airframes and the second time for Power Take Off (PTO) shafts for LCA.

The association with DRDO is beyond just defence equipment. During the pandemic, Godrej developed and delivered Proportional Solenoid Valves -- a critical component for making ventilators.

About Godrej Precision Engineering

[Godrej Precision Engineering \(GPE\)](#), a business of Godrej & Boyce Mfg Co. Ltd., a Godrej Group Company, builds custom equipment with an integrated capability in design, manufacturing & testing of complex and sophisticated systems for several mission-critical applications in nuclear power generation, land & naval systems, steel industries etc. Each high precision, custom-built equipment order is manufactured to stringent quality requirements of its customers.