

Nelco bags contract from ONGC to enhance its communication infrastructure at offshore sites

As a part of the INR 40+ Cr deal, Nelco will supply, commission, and maintain ONGC's captive VSAT based network

National, 5th January 2022: Nelco, India's leading satellite communication service provider, today announced about their contract for turnkey project from Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) worth more than Rs. 40 Cr. The scope of the project entails supply, commission, and maintenance of ONGC's captive very small aperture terminal (VSAT) based network. This network will be used to enhance the communication infrastructure of ONGC's Western India offshore sites.

Nelco will revamp the existing Ku band captive network of ONGC as per their requirement, which will enable voice, and data communication between ONGC's offshore installations, and onshore locations. The scope of the project includes upgradation of existing Ku band satellite communication infrastructure, as well as upgrading the RF and antenna systems and other necessary electronic systems at all locations. This system will enable connectivity for offshore platforms, drilling rigs, specialized vessels and onshore locations.

The key benefits that ONGC will get from this project will be in terms of more efficient, resilient and reliable network, as well as the capabilities to have differentiated services based on application requirements. Nelco is using state of the art satellite technologies to ensure that the network offers the best quality of services to ONGC for their day-to-day operations and crew life.

Commenting on the development, **Mr. P J Nath, MD & CEO of Nelco said**, *"Nelco's vast experience in building and running operations and maintenance of large communication networks will help us in successfully delivering this project. We will be leveraging best-in-class technologies to fully meet the world class communication needs of ONGC, which is critical to their operations. We are proud to be associated with ONGC for this important project"*.

The solution provides integrated satellite-based end to end IP connectivity solution, which will address requirements for existing and upcoming voice and data applications, as well as provide a back-up network for the existing C band satellite network of ONGC.

About Nelco:

Nelco Ltd, a part of the \$106 bn Tata Group, is a leading Satellite Communication (SatCom or VSAT) Service Provider in India, providing highly reliable data connectivity solutions across the country mainly for the Enterprise sector. The purpose of the Company is to bring the benefits of the digital revolution to unserved and under-served customers using satellite communication.

Nelco currently holds licenses for commercial VSAT Communication Services, Category A ISP services license on commercial basis issued by the Department of Telecommunications (DOT), the In-flight & Maritime Communication (IFMC) authorization from DOT and the license for the National Long Distance (NLD) services.

Nelco has been playing an important role in the development and growth of important industry segments like Banking & Financial Services, Renewable Energy, Mining, offshore Oil & Gas exploration, cellular backhaul, rural Education etc., by providing VSAT services for business-critical applications in the remotest parts of the country. The Company has also established itself as a leading In-Flight and Maritime Communication (IFMC) service provider, catering to both Aero IFC and Maritime communication requirements in India. The Company also offers turnkey solutions for Satellite Communication involving setting up of dedicated and private networks for large organizations, particularly in the Govt & PSU sector.

Nelco has been providing Satellite Communication services for more than two decades on Ex-C and Ku band Geostationary FSS satellites. It is likely to start its operations using multiple HTS satellites in next few months. It has also entered into a cooperation agreement with Telesat of Canada to offer LEO satellite services in India.

Nelco is listed in BSE and NSE. Website: www.nelco.in