

BEML Inaugurates Manufacturing Complex at Palakkad, Kerala

BEML LIMITED, is a leading multi-technology and multi-location Mini-Ratna Category-I diversified Company under the Ministry of Defence offering high quality products for the diverse sectors of economy such as Defence, Rail, Construction and mining, Power and Aviation.

BEML has restructured its operations under 3 distinct Business Groups- Mining & Construction, Defence and Rail & Metro. It has formed SBUs and Product Groups, following the concept of 'Business within Business'. New Business Divisions viz. Technology, trading and International Business, Aerospace business have also been formed.

To conquer opportunities and to emerge as a global brand, the company has Global Warehousing Facility at Malaysia and in China for outsourcing as well as for promoting its products in these markets. 'BEML Brasil Industrial Ltda' was set up for sales of mining and construction equipment in Latin American countries with a phased local manufacturing program. The Company has opened its sales and service centre in Indonesia in Aug 2009.

The company has exports to more than 55 countries around the world with goods and services valued around Rs.1200 crs .In recognition of its performance BEML has been awarded the Raksha Mantri's Award for the Best performance in Export and SCOPE award for Excellence and outstanding contribution to Public Sector management.

BEML is one of the Jewels of Ministry of Defence. The Company has been performing well right from its beginning in 1964 and making profits year after year. In the last 5 years, BEML has improved its performance tremendously with sales jumping from Rs. 2206 Crores to Rs. 3545 Crores.

The Company's has around 12500 dedicated work force. The company is the largest manufacturer of Mining and Construction equipment such as Bull Dozers, Excavators, Dump Trucks, Wheel-Loaders, Mining Shovels and Walking Drag Lines and is known for its product range and quality. The company manufactures and supplies critical items to the Armed Forces – Armoured Recovery Vehicles, Heavy Recovery Vehicles, Tank Transportation Trailers, Heavy Duty Tatra Trucks, Missile Launch Vehicles, Floating Bridge System, all types of Military Wagons, Military Coaches, critical components to strategic products of OFB. It also supplies Equipment for Border Roads Organization for laying roads in forward areas.

BEML's Railway products include Rail coaches, Tower Wagons, Railbus and DC & AC EMUs, for Indian Railways. The Company has acquired technology for manufacture of state-of-the-art stainless steel Metro Coaches and supplied to Delhi Metro Rail Corporation (DMRC). The Company has also bagged order for supplying Metro Coaches to Bangalore Metro project, which is under execution. The company has also recently developed several new products such as Stainless Steel EMU, Aluminum & Stainless Steel Wagons, affordable Metro Cars etc.

ON PALAKKAD PROJECT:

BEML LIMITED, has setup its 4th Manufacturing Complex at Kanjikode KINFRA Integrated Industrial Area in Palakkad, Kerala, as part of its expansion and diversification plan, with investment of around Rs 260 crores. The land for the purpose is being given by the Kerala state government to the extent of 1000 acres. In the first phase Kerala state government has already handed around 375 acres of land at Kanjikode, Palakkad. The foundation stone laying ceremony of the project was held on 18th January 2009. The project has come up in record time

The project site has the locational & economical advantages being strategically located in the state with proximity to sea port, Rail connectivity and airport.

The new Complex of BEML at Palakkad will be a dedicated Centre for the manufacture of Defence equipments including BEML TATRA Vehicles 6 X 6 and 8 X 8, high mobility off road military vehicles, Mil Wagons, Floating PMS Bridges, Sarvatra Vehicles and super structure of Mil-wagon besides parts and aggregates for Rail & Metro Cars. Rail coach assemblies such as Bogie frames, Side walls, End walls, Rail coach Bogie frames, LHB Aggregates, other Rail parts and spares will also be manufactured here.

The State government has agreed to provide corridor land for Rail connectivity to BEML for its rail manufacturing facility which is coming up in the 2nd phase with state Government support for underpass across national high way upon which complete products such as ACEMU, LHB coaches, Mil-Wagons and Aluminum and Stainless Steel Goods-Wagons will be taken up for production.

The company is ready for production from the inauguration day. It has provided direct employment for 200 people now, which will increase after the completion of the second phase of expansion to 500 people and indirect employment to over 1,000 people eventually.

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