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L&T bags largest-ever export order for Reactors

Mumbai, January 21, 2008: Larsen & Toubro Limited's (L&T) Heavy Engineering Division has been awarded an order to manufacture and supply 22 Hydrocracker and Atmospheric Residue Desulphurisation (ARDS) Reactors for Kuwait National Petroleum Company's prestigious "Clean Fuel Project 2020".

The total value of the order is KWD 117.89 mn, equivalent to USD 421 mn (Rs. 16,950 million or Rs. 1,695 crore). This is the largest ever order placed with any single manufacturer in the world for such critical reactors. The order has been won against stiff international competition from Japanese and Italian reactor manufacturers.

These reactors will be manufactured from advanced technology steels containing chromium, molybdenum and vanadium, with thickness up to 300 mm and weights up to 1450 MT.

The reactors for the Clean Fuel Project 2020 have to conform to Chevron process design and specifications. L&T's Heavy Engineering Division is amongst a select group of companies qualified for manufacture of such critical equipment.

L&T will manufacture these critical reactors in its state-of-the-art facilities at Hazira Works which is one of the biggest integrated manufacturing complexes situated on a water front with easy access to the sea. These reactors are required to be delivered to the refinery in Kuwait by the third quarter of financial year 2010-11.

Background:

L&T is a USD 5 billion technology, engineering and construction company, with global operations. It is one of the largest and most respected companies in India's private sector.

A strong, customer-focussed approach and the constant quest for top-class quality have enabled L&T to attain and sustain leadership in its major lines of business over seven decades.