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L&T Defence conferred Green Channel Status by Ministry of Defence

Mumbai, December 21, 2020: L&T Defence, the defence arm of Larsen & Toubro, India's leading engineering, procurement and construction projects, manufacturing, defence and services conglomerate, has been awarded the coveted 'Green Channel Status' for major Naval weapon delivery systems from the Directorate General Quality Assurance (DGQA), Ministry of Defence (MoD), Government of India.

The grant of Green Channel Certificate to a firm provides deemed registration status, waiver of pre-dispatch inspection and acceptance of stores under supplying firm's guarantee or warranty against the contracts concluded by various procurement agencies under MoD. L&T Defence was accorded the status after stringent audits of its production facilities, quality systems, and products, carried out by the DGQA.

Rear Admiral Atul Khanna, **Additional Director General, and Head of Naval Quality Assurance**, today formally awarded the 'Green Channel Status' to L&T Defence team in the presence **Mr. JD Patil, Whole Time Director (Defence & Smart Technologies) & Member of the Board**. Dignitaries present on the occasion included **Dr. Sudhir Mishra, CEO & MD, BrahMos Aerospace Private Limited**, Senior officers from Naval Head Quarters, and from the Quality Assurance establishments.

On the occasion, R. Adm. Khanna said that the grant of Green Channel Certificate reposed their trust in L&T Defence and applauded its journey of 25 years of indigenising the platform specific systems for naval vessels. He encouraged L&T to continue enhancing quality standards and to elevate dialog with naval QA agencies.

Mr. J D Patil, Whole Time Director (Defence & Smart Technologies) & Member of the Board, L&T said: "We are proud to receive the Green Channel Certification, especially on the 50th Vijay Divas. L&T has been associated with the armed forces for over the last three and a half decades, in providing cutting edge technology and high-quality systems. Team L&T will live up to this trust bestowed upon us, and our defence QA will endeavor towards delivering flawless systems in a timely manner."

The Green Channel Policy was introduced in March 2017 by the MoD, as part of the 'Make in India' initiative. L&T holds the distinction of being the first private sector defence company to be granted this status for delivery of major systems. L&T Valves, another group company of Larsen & Toubro, secured the coveted Green Channel Certification from Ministry of Defence in November 2019.

L&T Defence has built in-house capabilities and capacities over three and a half decades, by offering indigenous defence solutions. It has developed competencies in conceptualization, design, analysis, engineering, embedded software, manufacturing, assembly, integration, testing and through life support to the armed forces over the life cycle of the equipment, systems and platforms.

Background:

Larsen & Toubro is an Indian multinational engaged in engineering, procurement and construction projects, manufacturing, defence and services with over USD 21 billion in revenue. It operates in over 30 countries worldwide. A strong, customer-focused approach and the constant quest for top-class quality have enabled L&T to attain and sustain leadership in its major lines of business for eight decades.

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