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L&T-Paul Wurth Consortium Commissions India's Largest Blast Furnace at Jamshedpur

Mumbai, June 02, 2008: The L&T-Paul Wurth consortium commissioned the largest blast furnace in India at Tata Steel Limited, Jamshedpur on May 31, 2008. This state-of-the-art Blast Furnace "H" has a volume of 3,814 Cum. with a rated capacity to produce 2.5 million tonnes per annum (MTPA) of hot metal. The project – the first of its kind in the country – was completed in a record 25 months from the 'ground-breaking' ceremony, emphasising L&T's rapid pace of operations

The Blast Furnace 'H' project was awarded to L&T and Paul Wurth, Italy, for design, manufacture, supply, erection, commissioning of the furnace, with auxiliary facilities on a turnkey basis.

Paul Wurth's scope covered basic engineering, supply of proprietary and special equipment as well as technical supervisory services while L&T's scope spanned detail engineering, supply/manufacture of indigenous mechanical, electrical, instrumentation and automation works including complete site services involving civil, structural and erection works.

The L&T-Paul Wurth consortium is currently executing two more 2.5 MTPA blast furnaces on a turnkey basis at Visakhapatnam Steel Plant and Bhushan Steel Plant, Meeramandali (Orissa), scheduled for commissioning in 2009 and 2010 respectively.

The commissioning of Blast Furnace-H marks L&T's resolve to be a significant player in the steel industry in its quest to become 100 MT by 2011.

Background:

Larsen & Toubro Limited is a USD 7 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-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 across seven decades.
