

PRESS RELEASE

Issued by Corporate Communications Department **LARSEN & TOUBRO LIMITED**L&T House, Ballard Estate, Mumbai 400 001

Tel: 22685786 (Direct), 22685656 Ext: 772/851 Fax: 91-22-22685607/8 E-mail: jkp-ccd@lth.ltindia.com

L&T Rolls Out 1000th Excavator

Mumbai, February 4, 2004: Larsen & Toubro Limited (L&T) – India's largest engineering and construction organization – rolled out its 1000th hydraulic excavator, the L&T-Komatsu Model PC 200-6 at its factory in Bangalore. Introduced in 1999, this state-of-art machine revolutionized the industry with its power and range of innovative features. It is widely used in construction and earthmoving applications and has established a track-record of high productivity, quality, reliability and high returns.

Background:

L&T offers a wide range a wide range of construction, earthmoving, road building and mining equipment. L&T-Komatsu hydraulic excavators are part of the range manufactured at Bangalore by a joint venture of Larsen & Toubro Limited and Komatsu Asia & Pacific Pte Limited. The manufacturing facility in Bangalore has ISO 9001 accreditation for design, manufacture and service, and ISO 14001 certification for Environment Management System.

L&T also offers marketing and after-sales support in India for Komatsu machines manufactured around the world.

Product highlights:

L&T-Komatsu PC200-6 is equipped with a revolutionary system – the HydrauMind. This is a technologically sophisticated yet mechanically simple system, which controls the operations of the excavator. Essentially hydraulic, this system brings higher power, better manoeuvrability and controllability to the operators' fingertips. For example, when the ground condition changes in digging, HydrauMind automatically adjusts the hydraulic oil pressure to accommodate the change. All the components in the machine work in synergy with the optimum combination of speed and power.

The spacious operator's cabin has an ergonomically-designed seat that can be tilted, and slid forward and backward together with the work equipment and control levers to ensure the best working position to the operator at all times.

The swing holding brake of the machine automatically prevents any hydraulic drift after the swing is stopped. It enables comfortable swing operation on uneven terrain and slopes.

The other field-proven features in the machine are: centralised lubrication for work equipment; double lock electric connectors for increased reliability; and a fuel-efficient 128 HP Komatsu engine.

FN: 1000th Excv.doc