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L&T signs MoU with Westinghouse for Modular Nuclear Power Reactors

Mumbai, Jan 16: The recent agreement between India & USA regarding cooperation in the field of civilian nuclear power has opened up new opportunities for both countries. Larsen & Toubro (L&T) and US-based Westinghouse Electric Company (WEC) have signed a Memorandum of Understanding for cooperation to effectively address the projected need in India for Pressurized Water Nuclear Reactors with Modular construction technology. Westinghouse technology is in use in over forty per cent of the operating nuclear power plants in the world.

Whereas L&T has been playing a lead role in equipment manufacture, construction and project management for Pressurized Heavy Water Reactors in India's domestic program, this MoU with Westinghouse represents a major step forward for L&T in Pressurized Water Reactors of modular design. It will enable L&T as well as WEC to utilize indigenous capabilities for the Turnkey Construction of nuclear power plants including supply of reactor equipment and systems, valves, electrical & instrumentation products and fabrication of structural, piping and equipment modules for the Westinghouse AP 1000 plants.

Both L&T and Westinghouse are optimistic about the growing opportunities in India and around the world. L&T intends to play a key role in this scenario by building strong partnerships with leading companies in the field.

Background:

L&T is a technology, manufacturing, engineering and construction company with global operations. It is characterized by strong customer orientation, professionalism, transparency and the demonstrated ability to meet global benchmarks. L&T has strong international linkages through technology partnerships and ongoing relationships with global suppliers, consultants and customers.

Westinghouse Electric Company, a group company of Toshiba Corporation, is the world's pioneering nuclear power company and is a leading supplier of nuclear plant products and technologies to utilities throughout the world. Westinghouse supplied the world's first Pressurized Water Reactor in 1957 in Shippingport, USA.