

## Press Release

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# Rails for Hyderabad Metro Rail Project arrive from France

**Hyderabad, 20<sup>th</sup> March 2013: L&T Metro Rail (Hyderabad) Limited (LTMRHL)** is extremely delighted to announce to the citizens of Hyderabad the arrival of first lot of 5000 Mt rails from France. These rails will be laid down as tracks in the Uppal depot soon.

These rails were shipped to India (Mumbai) and were transported by road on 60 feet special trailers to the Hyderabad Metro Rail Uppal depot at Hyderabad.

Rails for the Hyderabad Metro Rail project are being procured from **M/s. TATA Steel, France**. They have a proven record of supplying rails to major railway projects in the world and also to the Indian market.

*Speaking on this important occasion, **Mr. V B Gadgil**, Chief Executive & Managing Director, LTMRHL stated “This is another important milestone for the Hyderabad Metro Rail Project and indicates that project is progressing in a desirable manner. With the arrival of rails from France, track laying work shall commence in the Uppal Depot soon. This development marks the beginning of the utilization of international expertise on ground for the prestigious Hyderabad Metro Rail project.”*

### Details:

- A total of about 22500 metric tons of rails are required for Hyderabad Metro Project to be procured in 6 lots as per the project schedule.
- Accordingly the first lot of 5000 Mt rails have been shipped to Mumbai and from there are transported by road on 60 feet special trailers to the site at Hyderabad.
- The rails being procured are 18 m long and weigh about 1100 kg each. To cater for the sharp curves and steep gradients in the project, it is decided to provide Wear resistant Head Hardened rails for the complete main line and normal rails for the depots.
- The Head Hardened rails are more durable and have a life more than twice that of normal rails.
- Due to very sharp curves in this project, check rails are being provided on all curves of less than 190m radius, which prevent the trains from derailing while negotiating such sharp curves. These rails are also 18 m long and weigh about 600 kg each.
- The logistics of rails from the European port to the site in Hyderabad is handled by L&T Logistics.

## Chronology of Events:



**Mr. Anil Kumar Saini, Head, Railway Systems, LTMRHL along with Tata Steel, France team after inspecting the Rails**



**Rails lined up in Tata Steel Plant, France**



**Inspection of Rails in France**





**Rails being loaded into the Ship in Antwerp**



**Arrival and unloading of Rails at Mumbai Port**



**Storage of Rails at Mumbai Port**



**Rails being loaded on to a trailer to be transported to Hyderabad**



**Trailer enroute from Mumbai to Hyderabad**



**Arrival & storage of Rails in Uppal Depot, Hyderabad**



**About LTMRHL:**

L&T Metro Rail (Hyderabad) Limited is a subsidiary of L&T IDPL, promoted by L&T Group, which is a USD 13.5 billion technology, engineering, construction, manufacturing and financial services conglomerate, with global operations. It is ranked 4th in the global list of Green Companies in the industrial sector by the reputed international magazine Newsweek, and ranked the world's 9th Most Innovative Company by Forbes International. L&T 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 over seven decades.

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