

Tata Power's Strategic Electronics Division bags prestigious Missile Launcher Order from Bharat Electronics Ltd.

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The Tata Power Company Limited today announced that its Strategic Electronics Division (SED) has bagged a prestigious Order to manufacture '16 Akash Launchers' to be delivered in next 33 months. The Rs 182.46 Crore Order assumes importance for the company, as through this Order Tata Power SED is now recognized as the Premier Launcher Company in India.

Since 1991, Tata Power SED has been engaged with the Akash Missile Program. In 2005, the division delivered the Air Force version of the Akash launcher as their first integrated design-to-manufacturing project, test firing a missile in 18 months from the date of Order placement.

On receipt of the Order, Rahul Chaudhry, Chief Executive Officer of Tata Power Strategic Electronics Division, said "For last four decades Tata Power SED is closely working with MoD and DRDO to provide products / solutions for the defence requirements of the country. The Akash Launcher Order further reiterates our multi-disciplinary capabilities in the defence equipment manufacturing. With increased private sector participation in Defence, Tata Power SED is gaining credibility as a long term reliable partner for the Indian Defence Forces."

Tata Power SED, a leading domestic player in the Defence Systems & Engineering space, is fast emerging as a Prime Contractor to MoD for Indigenous Defence Products. Earlier in 2006, Tata Power SED secured Orders for Pinaka Multi Barrel Rocket Launcher System from the Indian Army and Integrated Automatic Data Handling System for Air Defence from the Indian Air Force.

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Tata Power is India's largest private sector power utility with an installed generation capacity of over 2300 MW and a presence in all the segments of the power sector viz Generation (thermal, hydro, solar and wind), Transmission, Distribution and Trading. The Company has successful public-private partnerships in Generation, Transmission and Distribution - "North Delhi Power Limited" with Delhi Vidyut Board for distribution in North Delhi, 'Powerlinks Transmission Ltd.' with Power Grid Corporation of India Ltd. for evacuation of Power from Tala hydro plant in Bhutan to Delhi and 'Maithon Power Ltd.' with Damodar Valley Corporation for a 1050 MW Mega Power Project at Jharkhand.

It has acquired 30% stake in Coal Companies at Indonesia and is developing the first 4000 MW Ultra Mega Power Project at Mundra (Gujarat) based on super-critical technology. With its track record of technology leadership, customer care and redefining contours of the Indian power sector, Tata Power is poised for a five-fold growth and committed to 'lighting up lives' for generations to come.