

Press Release

MoD selects BEL-Rolta consortium as a Development Agency for the Battlefield Management System Project

Bangalore/Mumbai, February 26, 2015: Navaratna PSU Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL), India's leading Defence electronics company, and Rolta India Limited, a leading provider of innovative IT solutions for many vertical segments, today announced that the Ministry of Defence (MoD) has selected the exclusive consortium of BEL and Rolta India Limited as a Development Agency for the Battlefield Management System (BMS) project worth over Rs 50,000 crore. The BMS project, categorised as a "Make" programme under the DPP, will be one of the largest solutions to be indigenously manufactured for the Indian Defence.

This prestigious project is meant to deliver Command and Control capabilities to the fighting echelons, operating at the forward edge of the Tactical Battle Area at the Battalion and Combat Group levels. BMS is a situational awareness and visualisation system that aims to optimise the operational effectiveness of tactical units.

BEL has been proactively working on battlefield management systems. The Company has established the test bed of BMS for continuous evaluation and implementation of user requirements. Having worked on several Tactical Command, Control, Communications & Intelligence (Tac C3I) systems of the Indian Army, in association with DRDO, BEL has the unique capability of developing and integrating Tac C3I systems and will lead the consortium.

Rolta has also invested significantly in BMS technologies indigenously and has over the years delivered cutting edge Command, Control, Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance (C2ISR) systems, to the Indian Military. Deployed across the country, military commanders use Rolta Technology as a force-multiplier. As a part of the consortium, Rolta will execute its role and responsibility in areas of BMS application software development and applicable licensing, GIS software and GIS data services. Rolta will also jointly work with BEL for manufacturing subsystems for the soldier system, the overall system design, integration, installation, commissioning and maintenance of the BMS solution.

Mr P C Jain, Director (Marketing), BEL, said: "We are pleased that the time and effort which we have proactively invested in working on this project is finally paying dividends. The consortium of BEL and Rolta is fully geared up to take on the challenge of development of the Battlefield Management System for our Defence forces. We also aim to maximize the indigenous content through in-house development of various sub-systems."

"It is indeed a privilege for us to be part of this prestigious "Make India" programme for the Indian Defence," said Mr K K Singh, Chairman and Managing Director, Rolta India Limited. "We are also very excited to be associated with BEL, a leader in Defence electronics. The selection of Rolta is a strong vindication of our strategy to upfront invest in and build world-class IP indigenously. This IP has been indigenously developed by leveraging our deep domain knowledge of C2ISR (Command, Control, Intelligence, Surveillance & Reconnaissance) and is already in wide use across various formations of the Indian Army," he added.

About BEL: BEL is a multi-product, multi-technology, multi-Unit conglomerate with over 350 products and systems in the areas of Command, Control, Communication & Computer Intelligence (C4I) systems, Military Communication, Radars, Naval Systems, Telecom & Broadcast, Electronic Warfare & Avionics, Tank Electronics, Electro Optics, Weapon Systems, Shelters, Professional Electronic Components, Solar Photovoltaic Systems and Batteries.

BEL's customers include the Army, Navy, Air Force, Paramilitary, Coast Guard, Police, Doordarshan, All India Radio, Department of Telecommunications and consumers of professional electronic components. With annual revenues exceeding Rs. 6,000 crores, BEL spends about Rs. 500 crores every year on Research & Development.

About Rolta: Rolta is a leading provider of innovative solutions for many vertical segments, including Federal and State Governments, Defense/Home Land Security, Utilities, Process, Power, Financial Services, Manufacturing, Retail, and Healthcare. Rolta is recognised for its extensive portfolio of indigenous solutions based on field-proven Rolta IP tailored for Indian Defense/Home Land Security. By uniquely combining its expertise in the IT, Engineering and Geospatial domains, Rolta develops exceptional IP-based Cloud-ready solutions to enable its customers globally to readily exploit the power of BI, Big Data Analytics, and IT-OT Fusion. Rolta is a multinational organisation headquartered in India. The Company operates from over 40 locations worldwide and has executed projects in more than 45 countries. Rolta equity shares are listed on BSE and NSE in India, its GDRs are listed on the Main Board of London Stock Exchange and its 'Senior Notes' are listed on Singapore Stock Exchange.

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