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Shriram EPC bags GRP piping contract from Hinduja

Chennai, July 29: Shriram EPC Limited (SEPC) has been awarded an order amounting to Rs. 23 crore from Hinduja National Power Corporation Limited (HNPCL). The order entails Supply and Erection of a GRP (Glass Reinforced Plastic) piping system for HNPCL's upcoming power plant (2x520 MW) at Vizag. The manufacturing and installation of 3.6 mtrs (3,600 mm) diameter GRP pipes, the largest to be made in India so far, will be carried out by Shriram SEPL Composites Pvt. Ltd. (SSC), a subsidiary of SEPC. SSC is currently one of the country's largest manufacturers of GRP pipes and is renowned for having established one of the longest pipeline projects in India. SSC also provides a di-

verse range of services including piping system engineering, material selection, installation support and training to its customers. Pipes of the size to be constructed in Vizag require specialized equipment as well as machinery for manufacturing, testing, handling, and transportation, both of which SSC already possesses. It is also experienced in the construction of pipes of various shapes, including circular, non-circular, oval, and horse-shoe shaped pipes and is one of the few Companies in India that is capable of constructing and handling pressure pipes of such large diameters. Shriram SEPL Composites was formed jointly by SEPC and Strategic Engineering Pvt. Ltd., a leader in the development and usage of

standard engineered products made from composite materials. Commenting on the contract, Mr. T. Shivaraman, Managing Director & CEO of Shriram EPC Limited, said, "We are pleased to announce that the Company has been awarded a contract by Hinduja National Power Corporation for the supply and erection of GRP piping system at their upcoming power plant in Vizag. This is the first time in the country that a project requires GRP piping of this magnitude. There are only a select few Companies in India who are capable of undertaking both the construction and handling of large diameter piping, and we are delighted that our subsidiary SSC has established itself as one of those Companies."