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Leitner Shriram's Rs 200 cr WTG facility commissioned

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CHENNAI: Leitner Shriram Manufacturing, a joint venture of Shriram EPC and Leitner Technologies, Italy has commissioned its wind turbine generator (WTG) manufacturing facility at Gummidipoondi near Chennai.

Located on 20 acres, it entailed an investment of Rs.200 crore. It will have an initial capacity to produce 120 units of MW class turbines per annum. The plant employs around 300 people and would provide indirect employment for about 1000 people more.

The facility was inaugurated on Friday by Union Minister of State for Power, Bharatsinh Solanki in the presence of Shriram Group chairman, R. Thyagarajan, Leitner group President, Michael Seeber, its director, Anton Seeber Director Leitner Group and other top officials.

Shriram EPC MD & CEO, T Shivaraman said, "Our strong presence in wind and biomass sectors give us the opportunity to capitalise on industries vital to economic growth and contributing to a sustainable and green future. Our joining hands with Leitner provided us access to a world-class gearless wind turbine and further strengthens our capabilities in this domain."

Mr. Michael Seeber said, "We choose to partner with Shriram EPC as they are one of India's most trusted and reliable brands operating in the wind industry. This partnership is aimed at meeting the needs of the Indian and international customers by offering globally competitive products. This will help our customers produce quality wind power with high efficiency and low long term costs."

He also added, "Chennai has proved an ideal location for our factory. It took a very short time to get the factory ready and start our production which is very efficient."

Mr. P Ashok, Managing Director, Leitner Shriram Manufacturing Ltd, said with the international strengths of Leitner and Shriram EPC's local presence, it was able to set up a global manufacturing hub for wind turbines. The JV will produce world class gearless wind turbines for the domestic market and the World.

In a release, the company said Leitwind is a unique 1.5 MW class turbine offering tremendous advantages and long-term benefits. Its simple, compact, modular design ensures easy installation and serviceability, low maintenance and optimum performance. It is also said to be the only wind turbine with fewer rotating parts. This will lead to better efficiency in generation, economy in operation and longer life.

With its capability to manufacture various other parts associated with wind turbines including the rotors in the facility, Leitwind's turnaround time to deliver is faster.

In addition to the MW class machines, the JV Leitner Shriram manufactures Shriram 250T, the 250 kilo watt wind turbines. With a proven track record of more than a decade, over 400 Shriram 250T wind turbines have been installed for various clients across the country, the release said.

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