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L&T opens new production line for TLC for BrahMos

L&T Defence, one of the leading industry partners of BrahMos Aerospace, opened a new production line for Transport Launch Canister (TLC) on July 7 at Ranoli, near Vododra, to cater to the serial production requirements of BrahMos supersonic cruise missile system. Inaugurated by Dr. Sudhir K Mishra, Director General (BrahMos) and CEO & MD, BrahMos Aerospace, the production line will manufacture the indigenous canisters which are used for storage, transportation and launch of the BrahMos Weapon System. The canister for the missile serves the dual purpose of a container and that of a launching tube.

Speaking on the occasion, Mishra said that the highly successful BrahMos missile programme has taken a remarkable lead under the flagship 'Make In India' initiative of the Government. "Today, BrahMos has created a robust ecosystem of indigenous defence manufacturing and integration, thus reinforcing and realising the long-cherished dream of self-reliance in this critical sector. And the immense contribution of each of our defence industry partner in this direction is highly commendable," he further said.

Jayant Patil, Director and Sr. Executive Vice-President, Defence Business, L&T said, "We have been associated with the development of BrahMos missile programme for close to two decades. Our journey started under the guidance of DRDO to develop indigenous capabilities and facilities for realization of composite airframes, canisters and allied sub-systems for BrahMos missile. Our products have successfully passed applicable qualification tests, and L&T has already started delivering these articles under serial production mode." The versatile, multi-role, multi-platform BrahMos has been integrated with L&T-manufactured Composite Airframes and two different versions of Transport Launch Canister (TLC). L&T Defence has successfully completed the realisation of Composite Airframes for the tactical missile.

L&T Defence's Advanced Composites Manufacturing Facility at Ranoli, Vadodara, will now take up the serial production of BrahMos TLC. The unit has the accreditation of National Aerospace and Defence Contractors Accreditation Program (NADCAP) towards manufacturing of Aerospace Products. The Advanced Composites Laboratory at Ranoli, in its efforts towards quality compliance for the ongoing BrahMos programme, has received the Accreditation Certification from National Accreditation Board for Testing and Calibration Laboratories (NABL). As a leading Industry partner of BrahMos Aerospace, L&T Defence is augmenting the infrastructure at its Precision Manufacturing & Systems Complex, Coimbatore by adding a Composites Facility which will also cater to the serial production requirements.

L&T Defence has also been closely involved in the design, development and production of Launchers and Fire Control Systems (FCS) for the formidable BrahMos missiles for naval platforms.