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Navy buys enhanced **BrahMos missiles**

Can shore targets 400 km away; deal value ₹1,700 crore

AJAI SHUKLA New Delhi, 22 September

roviding impetus to "Aatmanirbharta" (self-reliance) in defence production, the Ministry of Defence (MoD) signed a contract on Thursday with the Indo-Russian joint venture (JV) - BrahMos Aerospace Private Limited (BAPL) – for buying the latest version of the BrahMos missile for its newest warships.

So far, BrahMos missiles have had a range of 295 kilometres, to adhere to the parameters of the Missile Technology Control Regime (MTCR), which restricts missile sales involving a non-MTCR country to a maximum range of 300 km. However, with India's admission into the MTCR, a new generation of BrahMos missiles, with ranges of 400 km and more, can legitimately be built by the Indo-Russian JV. The surface-to-surface BrahMos missiles were bought for "an overall approximate cost of ₹1,700 crore under the Buy-Indian category," stated the MoD on Thursday. These new BrahMos missiles will be "dual-role capable", announced the Navy, which means that its warships can fire them at targets on land, as well as at enemy warships.

"It is notable that BAPL [is] making a crucial contribution to augment the new generation surface-to-surface missiles with enhanced range and dual role capability for land as well as anti-ship attacks," stated the MoD after signing the contract.

"These missiles are going to significantly



A BrahMos missile being launched from the destroyer, INS Ranvir

enhance the operational capability of Indian Navy (IN) fleet assets," it said. BrahMos Aerospace JV was established through an Indo-Russian Inter-Government Agreement (IGA) in February 1998 for designing, developing, producing and marketing the BrahMos supersonic cruise missile. The JV's share capital of \$250 million was contributed by India and Russia in the ratio of 50.5 per cent and 49.5 per cent, respectively. The share capital was enhanced by \$50 million to pay for developing the aircraft version of the missile, which is fired from the Sukhoi-30MKI fighter.

Additionally, the Defence R&D Organisation also contributed ₹370 crore towards the infrastructure, technologies and production facilities for building the missile system.

one-post policy before Cong prez poll PRESS TRUST OF INDIA Kochi, 22 September

for one-man,

Rahul calls

As the Congress prepares for a likely contest to the party's post after decades, Rahul Gandhi on Thursday batted for the "one-man, one-post" concept in lines with the Chintan Shivir reforms and indicated he may not run for the party president's post.

Gandhi's statement comes amid speculations that Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot and Thiruvananthapuram MP Shashi Tharoor might throw their hats into the ring and on a day the party issued notification for the AICC presidential polls.

Gandhi, also the MP from Wayanad in Kerala, declined to answer queries on whether he would contest in the presidential polls.

Gandhi's remarks were seen by many in the party as an indication that he may stick to his earlier stance of not taking up the party chief's post.

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	Corporate office: Lodha Excelus, L 2, Apollo Mills Compound, N M Joshi Marg, Mahalaxmi, Mumbai 400 011 Tel : +91 22 67737373; Website: www.lodhagroup.in; E-mail: investor.relations@lodhagroup.com			(Insolvency Resolution Process for Corporate Persons) Regulations, 2016)			
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	a) Shareholders holding shares in physical mode and who have not updated their email addresses with the Company are requested to update the same by writing to the Company at investor.relations@iotdmarcup.com along with a copy of the signed request letter mentioning the name and address of the Shareholder, self-attested copy of the PAN card, and self-attested copy of any document (eg: Driving License, Election Identity Card, Passport) in support of the address of the Shareholder.					Foreign Investment Institutions (FII) / Mutual Funds / Private Equity / Venture Capital Funds / Domestic or Foreign Investmer Institutions / Non-Banking Finance Companies (NBFC), Asset Reconstruction Companies, Darke and Einfluer atticture. Miximum Acast	
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Place : Mumbai Date : September 22, 2022

Hold talks to extend TRIPS waiver to Covid diagnostics: Goyal to G20

SHREYA NANDI New Delhi, 22 September

Commerce and Industry Minister Pivush Goyal on Thursday urged G20 member nations to commit to "timely" discussions on "important" decisions mandated at the World Trade Organization's (WTO) 12th ministerial conference.

These decisions included matters related to WTO reforms, including strengthening of the dispute settlement mechanism, as well extension of TRIPS waiver to cover the production and supply of Covid-19 diagnostics and therapeutics within the agreed timeframe of

At the 12th ministerial meeting in June, WTO member nations agreed upon the Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights (TRIPS) agreement that gives greater scope to diversify production of Covid-19 vaccines and to override the exclusive effect of patents through a targeted waiver over the next five years. It was also decided that within a timeframe of six months. starting June 17. member nations will have to decide on the inclusion of production and supply of Covid-19 diagnostics and therapeutics, which was proposed by India.

The minister also asked G20 nations to be conscious that the fisheries negotiations and a permanent solution to public stockholding and e-commerce moratorium, amongst other agendas at the WTO required their urgent attention and decisions.

The minister was delivering his opening statement at the G20 Trade, Investment and Industry Ministerial meeting, underway in Bali, Indonesia, since Wednesday.

Goyal said if multilateralism was imperilled, the world will not be left with many fora to promote dialogue and diplomacy. Therefore, free trade will suffer.

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RAJASTHAN Investments taking shape

This Offer Opening Advertisement is to be read together with:

- The public announcement, made in accordance with the Buyback Regulations, dated August 10, 2022 and published on August 11, 2022 in all editions of the a. Business Standard (English national daily), Business Standard (Hindi national daily) and Hyderabad edition of Nava Telangana, a Telugu daily newspaper (Telugu being the regional language at the place where the registered office of the Company is situated), each with wide circulation; and
- The Letter of Offer dated September 16, 2022 in connection with the Buyback ("Letter of Offer")

In terms of Regulation 8(i) of the Buyback Regulations, the Draft Letter of Offer was submitted to SEBI on August 20, 2022. SEBI, vide its letter bearing reference no. SEBI/HO/CFD/DCR2/VT/OW/48594/1 dated September 15, 2022 ("SEBI Observation Letter"), issued its comments on the Draft Letter of Offer in terms of Regulation 8(ii) of the Buyback Regulations. These comments have been suitably incorporated in the Letter of Offer.

The dispatch of the Letter of Offer to the Eligible Shareholders of the Company holding Equity Shares on the Record Date i.e. August 23, 2022 has been completed by September 20, 2022 through electronic mode to the shareholders whose e-mail ids are available with the Company and through speed post / registered post at the address registered in India for all the remaining shareholders.

The Letter of Offer and the Tender Forms are available on the website of the Company at (https://granulesindia.com/investors/investor-resources/buyback-2022/); SEBI (www.sebi.gov.in), the Registrar to the Buyback at (https://kosmic.kfintech.com/karisma/buybackofferv2.aspx) and the Stock Exchanges i.e., NSE (www.nseindia.com) and BSE (www.bseindia.com). In case of non-receipt of the Letter of Offer, the Eligible Shareholders, if they so desire, may download the Letter of Offer or the Tender Forms from the websites indicated above.

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Last date of extinguishment of Equity Shares bought back

BENEFICIAL OWNERS OF THE EQUITY SHARES OF GRANULES INDIA LIMITED. GRANULES

For Neptune Developers Limited

FORM G INVITATION FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR

Granules India Limited

Place: Mumbai

egistered & Corporate Office: Second Floor, Block III, My Home Hub, Madhapur, Cyberabad, Hyderabad - 500 081, Telangana. CIN: L24110TG1991PLC012471 Tel. No.: +91 40 69043500; Facsimile: +91 40-23115145; Website: www.granulesindia.com; Email: investorrelations@granulesindia.com;

OFFER OPENING ADVERTISEMENT FOR THE BUY BACK OF EQUITY SHARES THROUGH TENDER OFFER UNDER THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE BOARD

OF INDIA (BUYBACK OF SECURITIES) REGULATIONS, 2018, AS AMENDED, ("BUYBACK REGULATIONS") FOR THE ATTENTION OF EQUITY SHAREHOLDERS.

Company Secretary and Compliance Officer

Membership No. F4154

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT FOR THE ATTENTION OF EQUITY SHAREHOLDERS / BENEFICIAL OWNERS OF THE EQUITY SHARES OF GRANULES INDIA LIMITED IN CONNECTION WITH THE BUYBACK OF EQUITY SHARES THROUGH THE TENDER OFFER UNDER THE BUYBACK REGULATIONS

OFFER FOR BUYBACK OF UPTO 62.50.000 (SIXTY TWO LAKHS AND FIFTY THOUSAND ONLY) FULLY PAID-UP EQUITY SHARES OF FACE VALUE OF ₹1/ EACH ("EQUITY SHARES") OF GRANULES INDIA LIMITED (THE "BUYBACK"), REPRESENTING 2.52% OF THE TOTAL NUMBER OF EQUITY SHARES IN THE PAID-UP EQUITY SHARE CAPITAL OF THE COMPANY, AS ON MARCH 31, 2022, FROM ALL THE EQUITY SHAREHOLDERS / BENEFICIAL OWNERS OF THE FULLY PAID-UP EQUITY SHARES OF THE COMPANY AS ON THE RECORD DATE I.E. AUGUST 23, 2022 ("RECORD DATE"), ON A PROPORTIONATE BASIS THROUGH THE "TENDER OFFER" ROUTE USING THE STOCK EXCHANGE MECHANISM. AT A PRICE OF ₹ 400/- (RUPEES FOUR HUNDRED ONLY) PER EQUITY SHARE (THE "BUYBACK PRICE"), PAYABLE IN CASH, FOR AN AGGREGATE AMOUNT NOT EXCEEDING ₹ 250 CRORES (RUPEES TWO HUNDRED AND FIFTY CRORES ONLY), EXCLUDING TRANSACTION COSTS (THE "BUYBACK SIZE"). AS REQUIRED UNDER THE BUYBACK REGULATIONS, EQUITY SHARES TO BE BOUGHT BACK ARE DIVIDED INTO TWO CATEGORIES: (I) RESERVED CATEGORY FOR SMALL SHAREHOLDERS AND (II) GENERAL CATEGORY FOR ALL OTHER ELIGIBLE SHAREHOLDERS.

r ndicating an early traction gained by the under-construction 91-km Gorakhpur Link Expressway, a leading PepsiCo beverage bottler is investing more than ₹1,000 crore in a greenfield

plant in Gorakhpur — which was represented by chief In the first minister Yogi Adityanath in the Lok Sabha multiple times. to the

Varun Beverages — the second-largest bottling company of PepsiCo in the world outside the United States will invest ₹1.071 crore in the project, the land for which will be provided by the Gorakhpur Industrial Development Authority (GIDA).

GIDA CEO Pavan Agarwal said Varun Beverages has sought 60 acres in the vicinity of the Gorakhpur Link Expressway for the proposed project.

In the first phase, GIDA will allot 45 acres to the company for the plant, which will generate about 1,500 jobs.

Varun Beverages will produce carbonated soft drinks, beverage-based syrups,

products in the Gorakhpur unit. "GIDA will fast-track the process and issue the land allotment letter in a week," he added.

GIDA is fast emerging as a preferred destination for big projects. Other proj-

ects, which have been greensignalled by the state include phase, 45 acres will be allotted Plastic Park and a flatted factory project. These two projects are expected to provide jobs to almost 10,000 local youth.

In the last four years, 259 industrial entities have acquired land from GIDA and collectively invested ₹1.000 crore in their plants across different sectors viz. food processing, manufacturing, industrial prod-

ucts, textile, etc. This created 5,000 fresh jobs.

These firms included Gallantt Ispat Limited, Shuddh Plus Hygiene, Crazy Bakery Udyog, Ankur Udyog Limited, Spice Laminates Private Limited, Aditya Motors Private Limited, India Glycol Private Limited, RK Oxygen Private Limited and Samastha FIDS.

Jaipur, 22 September

The deals investors have signed in the mines sector ahead of the "Invest Rajasthan Summit" 2022 have started taking shape.

before summit

The summit will be held on October 7-8. About 3,000 delegates from diverse industries are likely to participate in conclaves on tourism; micro, small, and medium enterprises; agribusinesses; start-ups; and future-ready sectors.

Additional Chief Secretary (Mines and Petroleum) Subodh Agrawal said ₹3,057 crore had been invested in projects related to mines.

Around 2,000 people have got direct employment while conditions for indirect employment have been made.

Agrawal has asked officers down to district level to monitor projects and guide investors. Agrawal said the industry department and Bureau of Investment Promotion (BIP) were monitoring each investment proposal for more than ₹50 crore, while the mines department is coordinating with those who had invested less than that.

Schedule of activities Activity Date Day Date of the Board meeting to approve the proposal for Buyback of Equity Shares August 9, 2022 Tuesday Date of Public Announcement for the Buyback August 10, 2022 Wednesda Date of publication of Public Announcement for the Buyback August 11, 2022 Thursday Record Date for determining the Buyback Entitlement and the names of Eligible Shareholders August 23, 2022 Tuesday Buyback opens on/ date of opening of Buyback September 27, 2022 Tuesday Buyback closes on/ date of closing of Buyback October 11, 2022 Tuesday Last date of receipt of completed Tender Forms and other specified documents including physical share October 11, 2022 Tuesday certificates by the Registrar to the Buyback Last date of verification of Tender Forms by the Registrar to the Buyback October 11, 2022 Tuesday Last date of intimation to the Designated Stock Exchange regarding Acceptance or non-acceptance of tendered October 19, 2022 Wednesday Equity Shares October 20, 2022 Last date of settlement of bids on the Designated Stock Exchange Thursday Last date of dispatch of share certificate(s) by the Registrar to the Buyback / unblocking / return of unaccepted October 20, 2022 Thursday demat Equity Shares by Designated Stock Exchange to Seller Member / Eligible Shareholders October 20, 2022 Last date for payment of consideration to Eligible Shareholders who participated in the Buyback Thursday

Note: Where last dates are mentioned for certain activities, such activities may happen on or before the respective last dates. We request you to refer to the website of the Designated Stoci Exchange for notice, if any, in this regard.

It may please be noted that the Buyback shall be implemented using the "Mechanism for acquisition of shares through Stock Exchange" notified by the SEBI Circulars and following the procedure prescribed in the Companies Act, 2013 read with the Companies (Share Capital and Debentures) Rules, 2014 and the Buyback Regulations and as may be determined by the Board and on such terms and conditions as may be permitted by law from time to time. In this regard, the Company has requested BSE to provide the Acquisition Window. For the purpose of this Buyback, BSE is the Designated Stock Exchange. All Eligible Shareholders may place orders in the Acquisition Window, through their respective stockbrokers ("Seller Broker") during normal trading hours of the secondary market.

In the event, the Seller Broker(s) of Eligible Shareholder is not registered with BSE, then the Eligible Shareholders can approach any BSE registered stockbroker and can register themselves by using quick unique client code ("UCC") facility through the BSE registered stock broker (alter submitting all details as may be required by such BSE registered stock broker in compliance with applicable law). In case the Eligible Shareholders are unable to register using UCC facility through any other BSE registered broker, Eligible Shareholders may approach Company's Broker i.e. Motilal Oswal Financial Services Limited to place their bids, by using UCC facility after submittina reauisite documents

For details of the procedure for tender and settlement, please refer to the "Procedure for Tender Offer and Settlement" on page 39 of the Letter of Offer.

The non-receipt of the letter of offer by, or accidental omission to dispatch the Letter of Offer to any person who is eligible to receive the same to participate in the buyback, shall not invalidate the buyback offer in any way. In case of non-receipt of the Letter of Offer, Eligible Shareholders may participate in the offer by applying on the Tender Form downloaded from the Company's website i.e. (https://granulesindia.com/investors/investor-resources/buyback-2022/) or Registrar's portal (direct web link of the RTA) at (https://kosmic.kfintech.com/karisma/buybackofferv2.aspx) or obtain a duplicate copy of the same by writing to the Registrar to the Buyback or by providing their application in plain paper in writing signed by such shareholder (in case jointly held then signed by all shareholders), stating name, address, number of shares held, Folio No, Client ID number, DP name, DP ID number, number of Equity Shares tendered and other relevant documents. Eligible Shareholder(s) have to ensure that their bid is entered in the Acquisition Window prior to the closure of the Offer. Please note that the Company shall accept Equity Shares from the Eligible Shareholders on the basis of their holding and Buyback Entitlement. Eligible Shareholder(s) who intend to participate in the Buyback using the 'plain paper' option as mentioned in this paragraph are advised to confirm their Buyback Entitlement from the Registrar to the Buyback, before participating in the Buyback.

MANAGER TO THE BUYBACK

MOTILAL OSWAL

Date: September 22, 2022 Place: Hyderabad

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Capitalized terms used but not defined in this Offer Opening Advertisement shall have the meaning assigned to such terms in the Letter of Offer.

For and on behalf of the Board of Directors of Granules India Limited Chaitanya Tummala Company Secretary and Compliance Officer ICSI Membership No.: A29978

October 25, 2022

Tuesday



R KRISHNA DAS

Raipur, 22 September

Call it belief, misconception, or mythology peppered with fascinating tales. in Chhattisgarh a temple dedicated to dogs is attracting visitors, including Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel.

Located in Khapri village, Balod district, the temple is known as Kukurdev Mandir.

In the Chhattisgarhi dialect and Hindi too, "kukur" means dog. Baghel on Monday visited the temple during his ongoing "Bhet Mulaqat programme". The campaign is aimed to take governance to ground zero and evaluate progress and



The story of the temple

Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel at the temple

performance. A state spokesperson said Baghel started the second day of the programme in Balod by worshipping at the temple. formed rituals at

Kukurdev Temple and prayed government for the happiness and prosperity of the state," the spokesperson said. The temple is a symbol of

Chhattisgarh's rich cultural 'The chief minister perheritage. the

then a home of nomads and one of them owned a faithful dog. A famine broke out in the region, and the nomad had to mortgage his dog to a malguzaar (monevlender). One day a theft took place at the malguzaar's home and the thieves decamped with a huge booty. The faithful dog took the

dates back to the Nagvanshi

dynasty. Khapri village was

malguzaar to the spot where the thieves had hidden the stolen treasure. The malguzaar was deeply impressed by the dog's loyalty and set him free after hanging the written account of the dog's faithfulness in the form of a letter on his neck.