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Alstom CEO meets Union Minister for Heavy Industries and Public Enterprises, Sh. Vilasrao Deshmukh in Paris; Move aimed at strengthening and enlarging business relationship with BHEL

Aimed at strengthening the long-standing relationship between the two engineering majors, Alstom and Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited (**BHEL**), Mr. Patrick Kron, President and Chief Executive Officer of Alstom SA met the Honâ€™ble Union Minister of Heavy Industries & Public Enterprises, Shri Vilasrao Deshmukh in Paris. Mr. B.S. Meena, Secretary (HI), His Excellency Rajan Mathiah, Ambassador of India to France and Mr. B.P. Rao, CMD, **BHEL**, were also present on the occasion. Mr. Kron apprised the Minister about Alstomâ€™s century old presence in India and expressed the desire to strengthen their presence in other infrastructure areas in the country. The Honâ€™ble Minister expressed his happiness at the existing co-operation for once-through boilers including super-critical steam generators between Alstom and **BHEL**. The possibility of increasing this co-operation to new areas of power and transportation sector were discussed during the meeting. **BHEL** has an ongoing Technology Transfer Agreement with Alstom for design and manufacture of large-size Supercritical Once-Through Boilers. The agreement has enabled **BHEL** to gain access to Supercritical Technology, hitherto the domain of leading players, thereby enabling it to enlarge its product range. The Agreement includes transfer of state-of-the-art technology to **BHEL** for any size of Once-Through Boilers and associated Coal Pulverisers. During the period of the Agreement, Alstom will provide training to **BHEL** engineers as well as support in the design, engineering, manufacture, assembly, testing, erection, commissioning, repair, retrofit and upgradation of the boilers. **BHEL** is equipped to meet the requirements of higher-size Supercritical Thermal Plants as a result of the technology tie-up with Alstom - the world leaders in boiler technology having installed more than 4,00,000 MW of boilers globally. Once-Through Boilers are being employed world-wide due to their higher efficiency which enables higher generation of power despite using the same amount of fuel. Significantly, Once-Through Boilers also respond better to load changes, besides reducing emission of pollutant greenhouse gases and particulate matter from fossil fuel fired power plants. These are being manufactured at **BHEL**â€™s High Pressure Boiler Plant in Tiruchirappally (Tamil Nadu). **BHEL** also manufactures different types of boilers like Drum Type Boilers, Waste Heat Recovery Boilers, and environment friendly Fluidised Bed Combustion Boilers, firing coal, lignite, oil and gas. **BHEL** is the leader in the engineering and supply of Drum Type Boilers, using high ash content abrasive Indian coal.

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