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## **Press Release**

### **Sub : Flag-off ceremony for the first train of Phase-1 extension project of CMRL**

The Phase - I of Chennai Metro Rail Project covering a distance of 45 km is fully operational from 10-02-2019. The Phase-I Extension project from Washermanpet to Thiruvottriyur / Wimco Nagar (9.051 Km) is being implemented at an estimated completion cost of Rs.3770 crore. The construction works, which was inaugurated by Hon'ble Former Chief Minister Purartchi Thalavi Selvi J JAYALALITHAA on 23-07-2016, are under steady progress and is expected to be completed in June 2020.

In respect of Phase-I Extension Project, Chennai Metro Rail Limited has awarded contract in March 2018, to the consortium of M/s Alstom Transport, France and M/s Alstom Transport India Limited for supply of 10 train sets with the same configuration and specifications as supplied to Phase-I project. The train sets are being manufactured at the Alstom's factory at Sri City, near Tada, Andhra Pradesh. The cost of the supply is about Rs.200.00 crores, with loan assistance from Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA).

The manufacturing of the train sets have commenced in February 2019. The trains have undergone various tests and inspections such as carbody dimensional checks, watertightness check, static routine traction and brake tests, etc. which is witnessed and approved by CMRL. The first train set is now ready for dispatch from the Alstom factory, Sri City to CMRL Depot at Koyambedu. The first train set was flagged-off by Shri. Pankaj Kumar Bansal IAS, Managing Director, CMRL ,along with Thiru ODIN Bruno Alstom, Managing Director for rolling stock and components at the Alstom Sri City facility on today (19-10-2019).

L. Narasim Prasad Director (Systems and Operations)BOHRA Dinesh, Head of Projects and MD Services Vijay Subramanian , Site MD have participated in the event.

On arrival of the train sets, further tests such as slow speed and high speed routine tests at the Depot and mainline will be performed before deploying it to the passenger service. The remaining 9 train sets are under various stages of manufacturing and the same is expected to be delivered by the end of February, 2020.