

**Execution of Contract Agreement for establishment of Defence Testing Infrastructure at
Lucknow Defence Node of UPDIC & named as
ADVANCE MATERIALS (DEFENCE) TESTING FOUNDATION
Between
UPDIC (IA) & TESTING FOUNDATION (SPV)**

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Lucknow | July 18, 2024: With India emerging as a major aerospace and Defence market in the world with requirements of over USD 250 billion by 2025. Aerospace & Defence (A&D) manufacturing sector has been identified as key area of focus under the "Make in India" initiative and in pursuance of the same, Ministry of Defence (MOD) set up Defence Industrial Corridors (DIC) in Uttar Pradesh (UPDIC) and Tamil Nadu (TNDIC).

Uttar Pradesh Defence Industrial Corridor (UPDIC) has been setup by the Govt. to promote indigenization in Defence manufacturing, develop domestic supply chain and strengthen defence manufacturing ecosystem in the country. This Defence Testing Infrastructure (DTI) will be the first of its kind in North India.

One of the main impediments for domestic defence production is lack of easily accessible state-of-the-art testing infrastructure. The defence testing infrastructure (DTI) is often capital intensive requiring continuous upgradation and it is not economically viable for individual defence industrial units to set up in-house testing facilities. The DTIS aims at setting up of Greenfield DTIs (required for A&D related production), as a common facility to support manufacturing, research & development, and technology in the A&D sector. UPEIDA, under this scheme has been designated as IA (Implementation Authority) to ensure timely completion and effective running of the DTIs

Under this Scheme three DTIs have been sanctioned for UPDIC in the Following domains

- a) Mechanical and Material Testing
- b) Communications
- c) UAS (Unmanned aerial Systems)

For the above a total of Rs 117.6Cr will be provided as Grant in Aid by the MOD, Gol i.e 75% of the cost of Project as against the Total Cost size of Rs156.3 Cr.

After successful bidding by the consortiums against the RFP floated by UPEIDA, all the three DTIs SPVs have been given the letter of award by UPEIDA and after due formation & registration of the respective companies (Sch 8) by Min of Corp Affairs, Gol, today i.e on 18th July 2024 Uttar Pradesh Expressways Industrial Development Authority (UPEIDA) the nodal agency for execution of projects under UPDIC has executed a contract agreement with "Advanced Materials (Defence) Testing Foundation (AMDTF)" a Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV) comprising of Mishra Dhatu Nigam Limited (MIDHANI); Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL); Bharat Dynamics Limited (BDL); Yantra India Limited (MIL); and PTC Industries Limited for establishment and maintenance of Mechanical and Materials Testing Facility at Lucknow Defence Node of UPDIC.

MIDHANI being a leader in advanced metallurgical production of special metals, super alloys and sole manufacturer of Titanium Alloys in India, is a lead member of the SPV. The SPV will receive 'Grant in Aid' from Govt. of India upto 75% of the Project Cost and remaining 25% of the project cost will be funded by SPV Members as per Defence Testing Infrastructure Scheme (DTIS) promulgated by Ministry of Defence.

The contract agreement was executed at LOK BHAWAN, Lucknow on July 18, 2024 in august presence of Shri Manoj Kumar Singh Chief Secy GoUP, IIDC and CEO UPEIDA and Shri S K Jha, C&MD MIDHANI.

Officials from UPEIDA and MIDHANI expressed that, the Mechanical and Material Testing Facility will not only play a pivotal role in strengthening India's Defence manufacturing infrastructure but also propel Uttar Pradesh as a hub for Defence manufacturing and innovation.