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ITI Limited Bags Rs. 2,658 crore MahaNet order for Implementation of BharatNet Phase II

Bengaluru, August, 2018: ITI Limited, a multi-unit central public sector undertaking in the telecommunications manufacturing segment has received Letter of Intent (LoI) for the selection as the Project Implementation Agency (PIA) for MahaNet-I (BharatNet Phase II) in Maharashtra for two packages, A and C, issued by Maharashtra Information Technology Corporation Ltd. As part of BharatNet Phase II, MahaNet aims to digitally connect nearly 13,000 gram panchayats to Blocks through underground/aerial optical fiber and extend Broadband connectivity to all the Gram Panchayats using IP-MPLS technology based products and extend broadband to local populace through wi-fi hot spots.

After ITI bids were declared as the lowest (L1) for both packages earlier this year, ITI has now received Letter of Intent from Maharashtra State Government to execute the project for two packages A and C, for which ITI had submitted its bids. Both packages together, ITI will be covering 18 districts, 110 talukas and 8695 gram panchayats.

The scope of work for these packages includes laying of Optical Fibre Cable (OFC underground and aerial) including site survey, planning, procurement, design, implementation network at talukas and GPs as well as Operations & Maintenance of the network. It also includes radio connectivity for gram panchayats that cannot be connected through fiber, implementation of horizontal connectivity to government premises, schools and PHCs. Around 38,000 kms fiber cable has to be laid, that includes underground and aerial fiber to connect gram panchayats with blocks, district centers and state headquarter.

Highlighting on the implementation of MahaNet, Shri K Alagesan, Chairman and Managing Director, ITI Limited said, “We hope that with acceptance of our bids for two packages (package A and C) of MahaNet project, this will improve the ITI’s order book position. ITI has implemented BharatNet Phase I in several states including Maharashtra and the MahaNet project gives us an opportunity for further contribution to the BharatNet project.”

Emphasizing on ITI’s contribution to BharatNet project, Shri R. M. Agarwal, Director-Marketing, ITI Limited said, “ITI’s marketing initiatives are driven to supplement Gol missions like Make in India, Digital India, Smart City and Swachh Bharat. After being awarded the MahaNet project for package A & C, we are expecting new business opportunities as with our renewed infrastructure in all our plants, we

believe we are capable of manufacturing various types of electronic assembly required for communication products.”

BharatNet is a Government of India project aimed at providing high speed broadband connectivity to the 250,000 gram panchayats in the country in an effort to provide broadband connectivity to all the villages in the country augmenting the Digital India initiative under which the Phase I project, connecting 100,000 Gram Panchayats was completed by December 2017.

About ITI Limited:

ITI Limited is a multi-unit central public sector undertaking in the telecommunications manufacturing segment. The company has manufacturing facilities in six locations (Bengaluru, Naini, Rae Bareli, Mankapur, J&K and Palakkad) along with an in-house R&D centre in Bengaluru and marketing-cum-service outlets spread across the country. The Company offers a range of telecom products covering a wide spectrum of switching, Transmission, Access and subscriber premises equipment. Besides offering the telecom solutions and customized support to a variety of businesses, ITI has dedicated a Network System Unit for carrying out installation and commissioning of equipment and for undertaking turnkey projects. ITI is focused on manufacturing of diversified products in defence and railway sectors and the manufacturing of solar equipment, NGN products, GPON, LED Lighting Systems, Optical products, PMP Microwave along with other allied products like HDPE, OFC, LI-ION batteries, Smart cards, defence equipment, Wi-Fi etc. The company intends to consolidate its diversifications into defence, IOT, E-Governance, IT projects and Services sector to gain competitive edge. The company operates a data centre at Bengaluru and currently also offers its services to government institutions/departments, banks etc.