



Inaugurating the facility for valves, Mr. K.V. Rangaswami, said “The fact that the facilities have been set up within 11 months of laying the foundation stone reflects L&T’s accelerated pace of operations and the importance that the Company attaches to its expansion plans at Coimbatore.”

All the facilities in the 300 acre Coimbatore Campus will incorporate cutting edge technology and ‘best of breed’ practices. The campus will progressively see the establishment of manufacturing facilities and technology centres for various strategic business units, an advanced tooling centre, and facilities for high precision components for sectors like aerospace, nuclear, automotive and hydraulics.

The strategic choice of Coimbatore was based on the competitive advantages that the industrial city offers in terms of a strong supporting technical infrastructure with over 30,000 small and medium enterprises, high caliber of skilled talent and an enabling industrial environment. The city also enjoys proximity to the major ports of Cochin and Tuticorin.

The campus would also generate extensive direct and indirect employment. As

## **Information about Facilities**

### **Valves Facility**

The valves facility is the fourth manufacturing unit of Audco India Limited (AIL), a joint venture company incorporated in 1961, now has equal equity participation of Larsen & Toubro Limited, India and Flowserve Corporation, USA. The company has established itself as a global leader for manufacture and supply of valves and customized flow control products for major refineries, petrochemical plants, LNG & GTL projects, etc. AIL exports almost 60% of its production, and supplies are made to various projects/plants in USA, Europe, Middle East, Africa and Asia-Pacific. With the growing demand for Oil & Gas, and the large investments planned especially in the Middle East, AIL is poised for accelerated growth in the coming years.

The additional capacities being created at Coimbatore will help AIL to meet the

The integration of modern technology into the manufacturing process has helped

## **Background:**

**Valves:** AIL is recognized as a leading manufacturer and reliable supplier of quality valves with a commitment to customer service. AIL has grown rapidly in the last five years with a CAGR of about 26% as against single digit growth rate prevalent in the global valve market.

AIL has set for itself an ambitious growth trajectory for the future and recognizes the necessity for its facilities to be on par with world's best, in terms of product design, quality, delivery and cost. AIL has been supplying high end products like cryogenic valves, high pressure and high temperature valves for the nuclear industry, emergency shut-down valves for oil and gas pipelines, and special valves for corrosive applications.

In order to stay ahead of competition worldwide, and provide customers with products of contemporary designs at competitive prices, AIL has a best-in-business Product Design & Development facility at its plant in Chennai, with over 80 engineers, equipped with advanced design and simulation software tools and skill-sets. This has helped to shorten the development time for new products and for customization, thus reducing overall response time.

With the addition of the new facility, AIL will be ramping up production capacities to global levels, and will meet customer expectations of faster delivery.

**Switchgear:** L&T is one of the major manufacturers of low voltage switchgear in the world, with the scale, sophistication and range to meet international benchmarks. The track record includes the supply of intelligent switchboards, systems and service to major industrial projects. In addition to its leadership position in the Indian market, L&T has a growing presence in overseas markets.

L&T switchgear and switchboards conform to international design standards. KEMA certification and CE markings attest to quality and reliability. The company's continuous investment in upgrading capabilities has led to the

L&T's leadership in the switchgear sector is based on the prominence it has