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BEL, TCOM USA, Sign MoU To Co-Operate On Aerostat Surveillance and Communication System

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Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL) has signed an MoU with TCOM, USA, for co-operation on developing advanced aerostat surveillance and communication systems to address the Intelligence Surveillance and Reconnaissance (ISR) requirements of the Indian armed forces.

TCOM designs and manufactures a full line of aerostat systems that offer broad range of capabilities optimised for numerous applications. TCOM manufactures the largest Aerostat ever in operation with laminate fabric material for long endurance and surveillance operations. The Company was first in the world to produce fiber optic powered tethered system.

S K Acharya, General Manager of the Electronic Warfare & Avionics Strategic Business Unit of BEL-Bangalore, said that as per the MoU, "BEL will be the Prime Bidder to address the aerostat-based ISR requirements of the Indian Defence Services, Indian security services and Indian law enforcement agencies.

"This will enhance their ISR capabilities." John Saverino, Chairman & Managing Director, TCOM, said this agreement further reinforces TCOM's long standing commitment to the defence industry in India. "The combination of TCOM and BEL's capabilities will allow us to provide more creative and cost-effective ISR solutions to the various branches of the Indian military.

ABOUT TCOM

TCOM, founded in 1971, is the only company in the world that exclusively designs, manufactures, installs, tests, operates and supports tethered aerostat systems, both domestically and internationally. Headquartered in Columbia, MD, TCOM has extensive LTA and Ground Systems factories and facilities in Elizabeth City, North Carolina where they are also the northeast terminus for commercial airship support. TCOM aerostat systems support a wide variety of electronic payloads (RADAR, IFF, COMINT, ELINT, IMINT E-O/IR, GCI and Radio Relays) at altitudes from 1,000 feet to 23,000 feet above the earth. TCOM's 17M system is currently being battle-tested in the world's hot spots including Iraq and Afghanistan. TCOM is an ISO 9001:2000 compliant company. For more information, please visit www.tcomlp.com. Contact Steve Silvoy @ +1-410-312-2400 or ssilvoy@tcomlp.com



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