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Subject: Padma Shri Award-winning Celebrated Scientist and Father of Akash Missile, Dr. Prahlada Ramarao, comes in as an Advisor to CMD

Dear Sir/Madam,

It is a matter of immense honour and pride for Brightcom Group Limited to announce that Dr. Prahlada Ramarao, **Padma Shri (2015)** award-winning Defence scientist and widely regarded as the **Father of the Akash Missile**, will be advising Mr. M. Suresh Kumar Reddy, Chairman & Managing Director of the Company.

Dr. Prahlad's extraordinary contributions include his leadership in projects such as Akash, BrahMos, Prithvi, Agni, and Nag missiles, his tenure as Director of the Defence Research and Development Laboratory (DRDL), and as Vice Chancellor of the Defence Institute of Advanced Technology. His guidance will provide invaluable direction to **Brightcom Defence**, our dedicated division focused on serving India's national security goals.

The detailed press note issued in this regard is enclosed herewith for your reference.

With regards,

For Brightcom Group Limited

Raghunath Allamsetty

Executive Director

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Padma Shri Award-winning Scientist and Father of Akash Missile, Dr. Prahlada Ramarao, to Advise CMD of Brightcom Group

Hyderabad, India – August 17, 2025 Brightcom Group Limited (BSE: 532368 | NSE: BCG) proudly announces that Dr. Prahlada Ramarao, Padma Shri (2015) awardee, celebrated Defence scientist, and widely regarded as the Father of the Akash Missile, will be advising Mr. M. Suresh Kumar Reddy, Chairman & Managing Director of Brightcom Group, in the area of Defence.

Dr. Prahlad's distinguished career spans decades of pioneering contributions to India's Defence and aerospace programmes. He served as Distinguished Scientist & Chief Controller (R&D) at DRDO, where he was instrumental in the Integrated Guided Missile Development Program (IGMDP) and played a pivotal role in projects including Akash, BrahMos, Prithvi, Agni, and Nag missiles. He also served as Vice Chancellor of the Defence Institute of Advanced Technology (DIAT), Pune, and continues to mentor the next generation as Adjunct Faculty at the Department of Management, IISc Bengaluru.

The Akash missile system is perhaps the most defining achievement of Dr. Ramarao's career. While many scientists and engineers contributed, it is largely credited to his vision and leadership as Director of DRDL (Defence Research and Development Laboratory) at the time. He was instrumental in conceptualising and steering the project, which was initially called the Medium Range Surface-to-Air Missile System. Later, the name "Akash" (meaning Sky in Sanskrit) was bestowed by Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam, then Director of DRDL. Today, Akash remains one of India's most reliable, indigenous, and operationally deployed missile systems — a testament to Dr. Ramarao's pioneering contributions.

In recognition of his lifelong service to the nation's defence and aerospace sector, Dr. Prahlada Ramarao was honoured with the Padma Shri in 2015, one of India's highest civilian awards.

Currently, Dr. Prahlada Ramarao serves as CIO of Hylene Technologies Pvt Ltd (www.hylene.com), President of the IISc Alumni Association, and Managing Trustee of the Trust for Advancement of Aerodynamics in India (TAAI). He is a Fellow of multiple prestigious scientific academies and institutions (FNAE, FIE, FAPAS, FTAS, FASI, FAeSI, FSWRI, FISSE, FIETE) and a Member of the Board of Governors, IIT Guwahati.





Commenting on this association, Dr. Prahlada Ramarao said:

“I am pleased to advise Suresh and Brightcom Group at a time when the Defence sector is on the cusp of rapid technological transformation. Brightcom’s strengths in data, digital infrastructure, and advanced technologies can be harnessed to effectively support national security objectives. I look forward to guiding the Group in advancing innovative solutions that will further strengthen India’s Defence capabilities.”

Mr. Suresh Kumar Reddy, Chairman & Managing Director of Brightcom Group, expressed his delight:

“It is a profound honour and privilege to have Dr. Prahlad advising me and Brightcom Group. His extraordinary contributions to India’s Defence programmes and his stature as one of the nation’s most distinguished scientists bring unparalleled credibility, wisdom, and vision to Brightcom Defence. Beyond his scientific achievements, his leadership and his ability to inspire generations of technologists will serve as a guiding light for us. His mentorship will be invaluable as we chart our course forward.”

His mentorship marks a defining moment for Brightcom Defence. Along with unparalleled credibility and vision, he brings the rare ability to guide and inspire large teams of research scientists. Under his guidance, we are committed to contributing meaningfully to India’s national security.

About Brightcom Group

Brightcom Group is a global leader in digital marketing solutions, technology services, and cutting-edge Defence software. The Company’s expertise spans advertising, AI/ML-driven solutions, and advanced technology innovation, serving clients and partners across diverse industries and geographies.

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