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**RE: Intimation under Regulation 30 read with Para B of Part A of Schedule III to the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 and SEBI Circular No. CIR/CFD/CMD4/2015 dated 9<sup>th</sup> September, 2015.**

**Subject: Press Release: HFCL Limited setting up a model PM-WANI Village, its 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Country.**

Dear Sir(s)/ Madam,

We are pleased to announce to all our stakeholders that HFCL Limited is setting up a model **PM-WANI Village in Baidebettu, Karnataka**. This model village will provide high speed Wi-Fi to all residents of the otherwise poorly connected village located Baidebettu, in Brahmavara Taluk of Udupi district in Karnataka, which would be the 2<sup>nd</sup> one after the one set up in Baslambi village, Farrukh Nagar Tehsil, Gurugram district, Haryana, in March, 2021.

We are also enclosing a Press Release in this connection.

We request to take the above information on your records and disseminate the same on your respective websites.

Thanking you.

Yours faithfully,

For **HFCL Limited**

(Formerly Himachal Futuristic Communications Limited)

**(Manoj Baid)**

Senior Vice-President (Corporate) &  
Company Secretary



**Encl.:** Press Release.



**Press Release**

*For immediate release*

## **HFCL to set up 2<sup>nd</sup> model PM-WANI Village in Karnataka**

*Project undertaken in collaboration with the Telecom Infra Project and i2e1  
to power the Wi-Fi network in Baidebettu*

**New Delhi, June, 24, 2021** – Leading Indian Wi-Fi brand and one of the first TIP OpenWiFi compliant solutions provider, IO by HFCL, in collaboration with Telecom Infra Project (TIP), today announced setting up their 2<sup>nd</sup> PM-WANI powered connectivity for Baidebattu village in Karnataka. This PM-WANI network will provide high speed Wi-Fi Internet to over 9,000 residents of the otherwise poorly connected village located in Brahmavara Taluk, Udipi district.

The project entails setting up a robust outdoor Wi-Fi network for providing broadband Internet connectivity to the entire village population. The outdoor network will use HFCL IO's TIP OpenWiFi based Access Points, Point-to-Point radios, Solar Power over Ethernet (PoE) devices and other network equipment. The Wi-Fi network authentication and regulatory monitoring will be powered by i2e1 core solutions who will also act as the PDOA under the PM-WANI model. The network is expected to go live by July 31, 2021.

The integrated package being deployed is indigenously developed and built in India for high performance, is fully secure and designed to withstand and perform under the harsh weather conditions including heavy rainfall that the village receives throughout the year.

The network will offer Wi-Fi Internet with bandwidth of up to 500 Mbps in all common areas of the village that is spread across a radius of 6 kilometers. Due to its remote location under high rainfall zone, and absence of IT and Internet infrastructure, Baidebettu presently does not have any reliable connectivity. As a result, villagers earlier would travel many kilometers to nearby towns to get digitally connected. Recent Covid-19 restrictions further impacted this travel and have severely affected their lives.

With this deployment, the entire village of 9,000 population will come under the broadband fold, which is expected to significantly improve their quality of life by providing them access to digital services such as healthcare, education, entertainment, banking, retail, government digital services and many more.

After the huge success of HFCL's first PM-WANI model village deployment, which was setup three months ago in the small remote village of Baslambi in Haryana, HFCL intends to replicate the model and once again demonstrate the strength of the PM-WANI concept powered by TIP's multi-vendor compatible OpenWiFi capabilities. HFCL believes that this will not only connect the residents of this remote village and offer them access to all digital services but also inspire other ISPs and solution providers to collaborate & innovate to address the two biggest challenges to rural connectivity - affordability and accessibility.

**HFCL's Promoter & Managing Director, Mr. Mahendra Nahata said,** *"We at HFCL are committed to transforming #InternetForAll into a ubiquitous reality and have successfully collaborated with leading core solution providers to strengthen the connectivity ecosystem. After great success of our first model PM-WANI village in North India, where we deployed our robust, scalable, interoperable, and TIP OpenWiFi based Access Points to provide broadband access, we are now replicating the model in a remote village in Southern India. With this initiative, we believe students in the village will no longer need to travel to get connected and this would pave the way for every villager to stay connected and explore infinite possibilities to grow in all areas of life. This further demonstrates our faith in PM-WANI scheme as a significant enabler in connecting the remotest parts of the country."*



**TIP's Chief Engineer David Hutton said:** *"We are glad to have HFCL as an active participant of the TIP OpenWiFi community. It is heartening to see HFCL's enthusiasm and commitment to making multi-vendor Wi-Fi architecture a reality. HFCL's "Built in India" disaggregated OpenWiFi solutions in conjunction with PM-WANI demonstrates early success in employing TIP OpenWiFi to address the digital divide."*

*"We are pleased to associate with HFCL for yet another PM-WANI opportunity. It feels proud to be part of another HFCL's "Connect the Unconnected" initiative using their TIP OpenWiFi compliant solutions. This further emphasizes HFCL's commitment to make in India world class network equipment to connect the unconnected. This also demonstrates their faith in PM-WANI scheme as the key driver to provide broadband Internet access to all citizens of the country,"* **said Satyam Darmora, Founder & CEO, i2e1.**

### **About HFCL Limited:**

HFCL Limited (formerly Himachal Futuristic Communications Limited) is a leading technology enterprise engaged in manufacturing of high-end Transmission and Access Equipment, Optical Fiber, Optical Fiber Cables (OFC) and is specialized in setting up modern communication network for Telecom Service Providers, Railways, Defense, Smart City and Surveillance projects.

The Company has state-of-the-art Optical Fiber and Optical Fiber Cable manufacturing facilities at Hyderabad, Optical Fiber Cable manufacturing plant in Goa and in its subsidiary i.e. HTL Limited at Chennai along with FRP Rod manufacturing facility in its subsidiary at Hosur. It also has a telecom equipment manufacturing facility at Solan.

The Company's in-house Centre for Excellence in Research located at Gurgaon & Bengaluru along with invested R&D Houses and other collaborators at different locations in India and abroad, innovate futuristic range of technology products and solutions. Some of the newly developed products through in-house R&D are Wi-Fi Systems, Unlicensed Band Radios, Switches, Electronic Fuses, Electro Optic Devices, Cloud Management Systems and Video Management Systems. There is a suite of products under development, which include Software Defined Radios, Routers, PON, Small and Macro cell for 5G, Intelligent Antenna Systems and Ground Surveillance Radars among others.

Find out more: <http://www.hfcl.com>

### **About i2e1:**

i2e1 is India's first PM-WANI compliant Wi-Fi company. They harness the power of cloud to create a data platform over software defined networks using Wi-Fi. Incubated at IIT Delhi, the company has been set up by a team of IIT /IIM graduates with extensive experience in data analytics and marketing.

Visit [www.i2e1.com](http://www.i2e1.com) for more information.

### **About the Telecom Infra Project:**

The Telecom Infra Project (TIP) is a global community of companies and organizations that are driving infrastructure solutions to advance global connectivity. Half of the world's population is still not connected to the internet, and for those who are, connectivity is often insufficient. This limits access to the multitude of consumer and commercial benefits provided by the internet, thereby impacting GDP growth globally. However, a lack of flexibility in the current solutions - exacerbated by a limited choice in technology providers - makes it challenging for operators to efficiently build and upgrade networks. Founded in 2016, TIP is a community of diverse members that includes hundreds of companies from



service providers and technology partners, to systems integrators and other connectivity stakeholders. We are working together to develop, test and deploy open, disaggregated, and standards-based solutions that deliver the high quality connectivity that the world needs - now and in the decades to come.

Find out more: [www.telecominfraproject.com](http://www.telecominfraproject.com)

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