



PRESS RELEASE

BE Receives an Order from Govt. of India to Supply Liquid Pentavalent Vaccines

Hyderabad, India – March 21, 2016: Biological E. Limited (BE), a Hyderabad, Telangana-based pharmaceutical and vaccine company, has bagged a prestigious tender award for supplying 'ComBE Five', a 5-in-1 Liquid Pentavalent Vaccine (LPV), to the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Government of India. This vaccine would be inducted into the **Government of India's** Universal Immunization Program (**UIP**) and give a boost to **Mission Indradhanush**, an initiative to empower the **UIP** and extend full immunization coverage to at least 90 percent of all children of the country.

The over Rs.895 crore order placed on BE to be supplier of 'ComBE Five' over a period of two years is a testimony to BE's commitment to preserving health and well-being while adhering to high standards of quality and safety.

Lauding the employees on receiving the award, **Ms. Mahima Datla, Managing Director, Biological E Limited**, said that "It is a momentous occasion for entire BE family! We are proud to be at the forefront of the Universal Immunization Programme of India since it aims at saving millions of precious lives of children. In fact, it signals the start of the much awaited countrywide rollout of LPV as part of Mission Indradhanush."

She also added that, "It is also a historical moment because the 'Hib' vaccine is being rolled out all over India. BE has supported the UIP right from its inception as a major vaccine manufacturer. For BE, India is the most significant market and this contract will further contribute to BE's growth. We are very proud to contribute to the Make in India initiative by becoming one of the world's largest vaccine manufacturers of Liquid Pentavalent Vaccine." As part of its expansion in Telangana, BE is investing more than Rs.500 crores in building new facilities over a period of 3 years to augment its production capacity for vaccines as well as complex generics. This is expected to generate additional employment for over 600 people.

BE's ComBE Five has received World Health Organization's pre-qualification approval. The vaccine consists of Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis, Hib (Haemophilus Influenza Type b) and Hepatitis B. More than 200 million doses of this 5-in-1 vaccine from BE have been administered to children around the world till date. ComBE Five is a 5-in-1, convenient and safe Vaccine that provides effective protection for children from six weeks of age against five deadly diseases: Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis, Hepatitis B and Meningitis and Pneumonia caused by Hib. This vaccine is expected to make a significant contribution to reducing 'Under 5 Yrs. Mortality' rates in India.

About Biological E. Limited

Biological E. Limited (BE), founded in 1953, the first private sector biological products company in India and the first pharmaceutical company in South India. Originally incorporated as Biological Products Private Limited, BE is a globally recognized vaccine manufacturer and has supplied over two billion doses of vaccines till date all over the world.

BE supplies several essential and lifesaving Vaccines and Pharmaceuticals to UN Agencies viz. UNICEF, PAHO and several global markets, and in India to the National Immunization Programme, various State Governments, PSUs, Indian Armed Forces and the domestic retail market. With a mission to improve health & survival of people and contribute to the societies BE serves by providing equitable access to quality vaccines and therapeutics. BE has a long and richly textured history of supporting public health programmes in India for over five decades. Their portfolio of WHO pre-qualified vaccines include the 5-in-1 Pentavalent and a Japanese Encephalitis vaccine and their future offerings promise to be even more exciting.

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