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L&T files over 100 patents for electrical & electronic products in successive years

Mumbai, April 27, 2009: Larsen & Toubro Limited (L&T) once again highlighted its commitment to Indian electrical and electronics industry with regard to product innovation, filing more than 100 patent applications in 2008-09 for its electrical and electronics products.

Improving upon its previous year's score of 101, the Intellectual Property Management (IPM) cell of L&T's Electrical & Electronics Division (EBG) filed 108 patent applications in 2008-09 across the division. It filed 58 patents applications for switchgear products followed by 16 patents for energy meter products, 14 for medical equipment, 12 for tooling products and 8 for petroleum dispensing pumps. In addition, EBG has applied for 33 design registrations and 5 trademarks during the year.

The total number of patent applications, filed by EBG, from 2003-04 till 2008-09 stands at 409. For the same period, EBG has filed 178 design registration and 64 trademark applications.

President (Electrical & Electronics) & Member of the Board, Mr. R. N. Mukhija, said, "EBG has been in the design and development activity for more than five decades. Our engineers have always worked towards meeting customer aspirations with contemporary products and solutions. The intellectual wealth our engineers create, must be properly protected through patents and design registrations. This creates huge value for the organization and also gives us the competitive edge."

Mr. Mukhija added, "The culture of innovation and patent protection prevents competitors from infringing upon L&T technology. We will remain focused on this function with an eye on introducing only environment-friendly products."

EBG is moving towards a hat-trick of success on the IPR front with more than 100 patent applications filed in two consecutive years. It is adequately supported by a dedicated talent pool and work environment conducive to taking initiatives and experiments. Mr. Mukhija added, “The engineers, with diverse skill sets, are engaged in developing innovative solutions in an environment that encourages continuous learning.”

EBG has been in strategic alliances with several leading research organizations, test laboratories and academic institutions to enable it to offer technologically superior products and services and thereby setting new benchmarks in the industry.

The IPM cell proactively scans the universe for emerging technology trends and patent search for potential infringements before a patent is filed and gives its report to technologists and design engineers. This proactive approach ensures that none of EBG’s products infringe on any competitors’ products unknowingly. Once a patent is filed by EBG, the IPM cell constantly searches for similar patents being filed by competitors to ensure that nobody infringes or copies its products or features.

Background:

L&T Group is a USD 7 billion Technology, Engineering and Construction Company with global operations. It is one of the largest and most respected companies in Indian Private Sector.

A strong customer focused approach and the constant quest for top class technology and quality have enabled L&T to attain and sustain leadership in its major lines of business over past seven decades.
