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Press Release

Industrial Safety and Surveillance Conclave

“Towards a sustainable and safe future”

“Complete Risk Management is the need of the hour for Indian Industries” - Lt. Gen. Abhay Krishna, GOC-in-C, Eastern Command

Kolkata, 2nd February, 2018: During a summit on **Industrial Safety and Surveillance** organized by the Indian Chamber of Commerce in Kolkata today, **Lt. Gen. Abhay Krishna**, GOC-in-C, Eastern Command said that Indian Industries need to adopt efficient cyber security, IP data solutions and various aspects of risk management. In this regard, he also said that industry experts should take up the safety issues on priority basis and develop a strategy to deal with the unforeseen circumstances. He further highlighted that it is important for the industries to adopt best practices to identify the cause of any misfortune and how the same can be resolved within the organizational framework. He added, focus should be given to all aspects of safety and risk management such as general safety, organizational safety, workers safety, production safety and finally environmental safety. He also showed concern over the current level of knowledge and skill of the private security companies in India. In his opinion they are still not upto the mark and they don't meet certain standards.

Shri A N Mahapatra, Inspector General, CISF, NES Hqr. Central Industrial Security Force, (Ministry of Home Affairs)

In his remark Mr. Mahapatra said that in India we still do not take safety and security measures seriously unless told otherwise. Therefore, general awareness needs to be developed among general masses as well as industry stakeholders. He also mentioned that sometimes, to maximize profit, industries compromise on safety and security concerns, however that shouldn't be the case. It is very important for the management and all stakeholders to understand that proper safety measures can bring long time profile to their companies. On a different note he said that, most of the hi-tech security products that Indian companies import from outside are too technical and sometimes don't meet the requirements. Thus, having proper knowledge and understanding of the know-how shall remain crucial. He concluded his remark saying that in India cyber security is still at a very nascent stage and Indian industries in particular need to learn more about it in terms of its opportunities and challenges.

Maj. Gen Rajesh Arya, VSM & BAR (Retd), CP Plus

Mr. Arya mentioned that growth of any business depends on a lot of factors and safety & security in one of them. He informed that there are 13 major risks that a business can face and data security is one of them. However, Indian industries still don't understand fully the importance of safety measures and often don't take these issues seriously. He informed the gathering that in fire safety the shortage is almost 71 percent and fireman shortage is around 78 percent. In fact, in India some of the industrial risks have grown faster than a state can deal with it. Talking about private security agencies he mentioned that though in India there

are many private security agencies but they are only focusing on manpower. They are yet to grow to a level where they can accommodate other sides of safety and security concerns. Finally, he said that in India safety and security equipments and solutions should be simple to manage and affordable.

Shri Vishnu Gupta, Deputy Director General, East Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS)

He highlighted that in today's world the issue of safety and security should be taken very seriously to avoid mishaps and unforeseen circumstances. Talking about his organisation he said that BIS is the National Standard Body of India established under the BIS Act 1986 for the harmonious development of the activities of standardization, marking and quality certification of goods and for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.

Mr. Sanjay Budhia, Past President – ICC & Managing Director, Patton International Limited

Mr. Budhia in his welcome remark mentioned that The International Monetary Fund (IMF) predicts India's growth potential and has retained its GDP forecast at 6.7 per cent in 2017 and 7.4 per cent in 2018. In its World Economic Outlook Update, it also estimated that the Indian economy would grow by 7.8 per cent in 2019, which make the country the world's fastest-growing economy in 2018 and 2019. However, in order to maintain this robust economic growth, there is a need for Safety and Surveillance and an environment free from major risks.

Dr. Rajeev Singh, Director General, ICC

Dr. Singh delivered the VoT and thanked the eminent guests for enlightening the gathering with their valuable insights.

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