



## **Colaba-Bandra-SEEPZ Metro-3 Corridor**

### **MMRC Partners with Microscan to Revolutionize Fiber Optic Network in Mumbai**

**Mumbai, August 16, 2024** – Mumbai Metro Rail Corporation (MMRC) signed a 15-year license agreement for the exclusive Optic Fibre Cable (OFC) network with M/s. Microscan Infocommtech Pvt. Ltd., a leading network technology solution, and fibre infra services provider. The license allows Microscan to use the OFCs available with MMRC and Right of Way (RoW) to lay additional OFCs along the 33.5 km underground tunnels of Mumbai Metro Line 3.

The agreement is signed by Smt. Ashwini Bhide (IAS), MD MMRC and Shri. Sandeep Donde, MD Microscan. The signing ceremony is also attended by Shri. R. Ramana, Director (Planning & Real Estate Dev./NFBR), Shri. Yogendra Saxena, Director (Finance) from MMRC and Shri. Chandrashekhar Mahant, Director of Microscan. This partnership will play a pivotal role in building a reliable and firm digital fibre infrastructure across Mumbai Metro Line-3 alignment.

A total of 7 leading OFC infrastructure firms participated in this bid process and Microscan emerged as the winner. Microscan also holds a similar license along Mumbai Metro Line 1. Together Metro Lines 3 & 1 provide OFC network access across length & breadth of Mumbai.

“MMRC is keen to maximise non-fare revenue, to keep the passengers fares affordable and to help more commuters to shift from private to Mumbai Metro. The OFC network with a dedicated RoW will make Mumbai communication more robust and resilient”, said Smt. Ashwini Bhide (IAS), Managing Director, MMRC.

MMRC is expected to receive Rs.200 Cr. annually under non-fare revenue services with Auctus Advisors and StudioPod consortium as Transaction Advisors.

MMRC is in the final stages of commissioning of Phase-I from Aarey to BKC of the fully underground Mumbai Metro Line 3. The underground metro line spans across 27 stations from Aarey JVLR station to Cuffe Parade station. The metro line is expected to have the highest ridership compared to any other metro in India. **(Ends)**

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