

Mumbai, 14th March 2009:

Mumbai's new icon, the Bandra Worli Sea Link built by HCC (Hindustan Construction Company), has been selected by an independent jury of bridge engineering experts from the Indian Institution of Bridge Engineers (IIBE) to win the coveted "Most outstanding bridge - National award". The award ceremony was held this evening at the Nehru Centre in Worli.

Acknowledging the distinction, Mr Vinayak Deshpande, President & COO - HCC (EPC & Construction) said, "We are privileged to receive this honor for the very first cable-stayed sea bridge built in open sea in India. HCC has a long experience in infrastructure development, yet building this sea link offered complex engineering and environmental challenges that motivated us to be innovative and do our best."

Established in 1989, IIBE is the only professional institution totally dedicated to the art and science of bridge engineering, with 161 institutional and 5000 individual members spread across the country. This will be the 10th award ceremony organized by the IIBE. The award will be collected by officials of MSRDC and HCC.

Often referred to as an 'engineering marvel', the 8-lane, 4.7 km long Bandra Worli Sea Link that connects the island city of Mumbai with its western suburbs is expected to be completed in the month of May this year. This is the first cable-stayed bridge built on the open sea in India and this project will be of immense value and utility to Mumbai.

HCC remains at the forefront of India's engineering construction industry with global management practices which include acquiring international ISO certifications for management systems in Quality, Occupational Health & Safety and Environment.

In all, HCC has built 321 Bridges, 43 Dams and Barrages, 15 Hydel Power Plants and 11 Nuclear Reactors, 60 km of Tunneling and 2,227 km of Roads and Expressways. HCC's overseas performance in the construction of bridges has also been impressive, with over 34 bridges built in Iraq alone.