

# STERLING & WILSON COMPLETES ELECTRIFICATION FOR TUNNEL OF HOPE IN J & K

CHENANI-NASHRI TUNNEL IS THE LONGEST TUNNEL IN INDIA AT 9 KILOMETRES AND CONNECTS KASHMIR TO REST OF INDIA; THE TUNNEL IS EXPECTED TO REDUCE TRAVEL OF ABOUT 2 HOURS TO APPROXIMATELY 15 MINUTES; THE PROJECT ADDS TO THE COMMENDABLE AND RAPIDLY GROWING REPERTOIRE OF STERLING AND WILSON – A SHAPOORJI PALLONJI GROUP COMPANY



**JAMMU** – With inauguration of India's longest tunnel, spanning 9 kilometres, the Chenani – Nashri or Patnitop Tunnel – Sterling and Wilson has reaffirmed its position as a reliable and capable partner in the Electrical EPC space – offering advanced scale, technology and expertise in electrification and substation for infrastructure projects. The said tunnel is developed by IL&FS Transportation Networks Ltd. (ITNL). Sterling and Wilson, an EPC company with global presence, is part of the distinguished Shapoorji Pallonji Group and has been involved in the design, built, turn-key solutions for electrical at kV substation, distribution and ancillary works for the four-lane tunnel, which connects Chenani to Nashri across section of NH-1A. Opening of this tunnel is expected to impact lives of over 1.22 Crore people in the state of Jammu and Kashmir, bringing Kashmir closer to the rest of the country. The stated project is an engineering marvel, recognised as a national asset and will be inaugurated today by Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi.

Sterling and Wilson has completed the electrification and cabling for fully-integrated control systems – such as communications, power supply, incident detection, SOS call box and fire-fighting. The company has designed and installed a two-tier illumination system, which will be operational

around the clock for 365 days a year, with provision for variable frequency drives for ventilation systems.

Speaking on the occasion, Mr. Bikesh Ogra - President, Sterling & Wilson said, "It is indeed an honour and privilege to be part of this project. Given the scale and at times very daunting and onerous weather conditions, there were challenges in carrying out execution of works. With the valuable support of IL&FS and untiring efforts of our engineers who braved hardships and toil to ensure that this tunnel is lightened up with state-of-the-art features, 365 days in the year. Successful completion of the project adds to our répute and repertoire, in India and abroad."

#### About Sterling and Wilson Group

Sterling and Wilson is part of the illustrious Shapoorji Pallonji conglomerate. Sterling and Wilson prides itself with over 90 years of legacy in offering EPC solutions for infrastructure and energy sector. Having delivered EPC services for high investment projects such as marine ports, airports, manufacturing plants, nuclear plants, hotels, hospitals etc., Sterling and Wilson contributes towards economic development and nation building across Asia, Africa and Middle East. Sterling and Wilson has now expanded its presence in Europe and Americas. With a vast expertise in project management, Sterling and Wilson has charted a turnover of USD 1 billion.