



**High Commission of India
Lilongwe**

Press Release

Contract Signing Ceremony for Blantyre Water Project

The Government of India (GOI) through EXIM Bank of India approved a US\$23.50 million Line of Credit to the Government of Malawi for construction of a New Water Supply System from Likhubula River in Mulanje to Blantyre. The agreement between EXIM Bank of India and Government of Malawi was signed on 5th August 2016. The President of Malawi H.E. Mr. Arthur Peter Mutharika performed the ground-breaking ceremony for the project on 7th November 2016 at the Mulanje mountain foothills.

After competitive bidding among the pre-qualified companies, the Blantyre Water Board selected M/s. SMC Infrastructure Pvt. Ltd, Mumbai, India for award of the project. BWB and M/s. SMC Infrastructure Pvt. Ltd, Mumbai, India, Contractor signed the Agreement for execution of the contract on 19 September 2017 at Blantyre. Agreement was signed in the presence of Chairman of Blantyre Water Board, Mr. James Naphambo and Mr. Suresh Kumar Menon, High Commissioner of India. The Contract was signed by Mr. Henry Bakuwa, CEO, Blantyre Water Board and Mr. Suhas Mehta, Director, SMC Infrastructure.

This Project is expected to increase the supply of water to Blantyre by 20 million liter per day and surrounding districts including Chiradzulu, Thylo apart from Mulanje residents. It will help resolve the long-standing water issues faced by city of Blantyre and its surrounding areas.

This is in continuation of the efforts by Government of India to participate in the development process, with the friendly people and Government of Malawi.

Lilongwe, Dated 19 September 2017