

Kalindee to lay 22-km line for Delhi Metro

Kalindee Rail Nirman Engineers Ltd has won a Rs 100-crore order for laying the track for the Delhi Airport Express line which is part of the ongoing Delhi Metro (phase-II).

Speaking to Projectmonitor over phone, Arvind Gemini, Executive Director, Kalindee Rail Nirman Engineers Ltd, said that the order placed by Reliance Infrastructure Ltd involved laying the complete railway track for the approximately 22-km line connecting New Delhi station to Indira Gandhi International Airport, with an onward connection to Sector 21 of Dwarka. Gemini said that this was the largest order won by the company so far under Delhi Metro (phase-II).

Kalindee Rail, whose clients predominantly include Indian Railways, Rail Vikas Nigam Ltd and Delhi Metro Rail Corporation, is upbeat on prospects of new business opportunities coming from metro rail projects all over the country. The company is keenly pursuing ongoing metro rail projects in Mumbai, Hyderabad and Bangalore, Gemini said, adding that newer opportunities would emerge as the metro rail culture spread to other tier-II and smaller cities.

Discussing other orders for Delhi Metro (phase-II), Gemini said that work was under way on a Rs 87-crore order for developing an automatic fare collection system. The order, relating to 19 stations of Delhi Metro (phase-II), was being executed in association with Samsung of Korea, he explained. Another Rs 90 crore order placed by DMRC for works in Noida region was in an advanced stage, Gemini observed.

Kalindee Rail was also actively involved with the Delhi Metro (phase-I), winning, among others, a large contract for constructing 22 km of ballast-less track for the underground section between Vishwavidyalaya and Central Secretariat, and 14 km of such track in the Khyber Pass Depot area.

In a related development, Kalindee Rail has also emerged lowest bidder for a Rs 40.46-crore contract from South East Central Railway, which includes signalling works among others.