

## Media Release:

### **IRB Sindhudurg Airport Pvt. Ltd. starts commercial operations from its newly developed Greenfield Airport at Sindhudurg**

- **First commercial flight by Air India owned Alliance Air lands and takes off from newly developed aviation infrastructure dedicated for Konkan Region**
- **The airport to create ample opportunities of self-entrepreneurship and employment and facilitate overall economic development of the region**
- **IRB Sindhudurg Airport Pvt. Ltd. is Special Purpose Vehicle of IRB Infra**

**Mumbai, October 9, 2021:** IRB Sindhudurg Airport Pvt. Ltd., an SPV of IRB Infrastructure Developers Ltd., entrusted to develop and operate the Greenfield Airport Project at Chipi in the Sindhudurg District of Maharashtra today started the commercial operations from the new Airport.

The Air India owned Alliance Air's flight ATR72-600 type aircraft landed flight at the Airport at 12.52 hours and took off at 15.24 hours at full capacity on board.

Commenting on the occasion, Mr. Virendra D. Mhaskar, Chairman & Managing Director of the Company said, ***"We are very happy to see the airport commissioned and the first commercial passenger flight landing and taking off. I personally as well as on behalf of entire IRB family, congratulate the people of Sindhudurg and extend our best wishes to them for getting the new airport. We also express our sincere gratitude towards all the Authorities and Stakeholders, who extended their whole hearted cooperation and support to make the dream a reality."*** He further added, ***"We now look forward to see more airlines and travelers coming and using this World Class facility that will facilitate the economic development of the District and Konkan Region above all, which would bring more pride to us and boost our morale in developing more such infrastructure for the State and the Nation."***

To re-iterate, the Sindhudurg Airport had received an aerodrome license to operate from the competent authority, DGCA; as a result of which, the facility is now made available for airline operators and the general public.

#### **About Sindhudurg Airport:**

In view of bringing more opportunities for regional economic development, especially in attracting tourism from all over the World, the Govt. of Maharashtra had decided to promote Konkan in general and Sindhudurg in particular as the most sought after tourist destination.

To attract foreign investment and tourism, need to get quality tourist in large number from all over the world is must; and the same can't be achieved without the destination has its own airport.

Therefore, not only was Sindhudurg District declared as the first Tourist District of India, but the State Govt. decided to build an Airport in Sindhudurg itself by encouraging private investment.

Govt. Maharashtra approved the project at Chipi Wadi, Parule village, Vengurle Taluka in Sindhudurg district and appointed the Maharashtra Industrial Development Corporation to function as a Nodal Agency to facilitate and supervise development of proposed Sindhudurg Airport.

Through the competitive bidding process, IRB Infrastructure Developers Limited was entrusted to develop the project as a Concessionaire on Design-Build-Finance-Operate-Transfer basis.

Taking up the task, IRB formed the 100% owned Special Purpose Vehicle Subsidiary, IRB Sindhudurg Airport Pvt. Ltd., and commenced activity to bring the dream into a reality.

The Company roped in the leading experts in the sector, i.e., L&T Ltd., Indian Oil Corporation, STUP Consultants Pvt Ltd., Feedback Infrastructure Services Pvt Ltd., Air Transport & Tourism Advisors, Ultratech, Honeywell Automation India Ltd., are some of the prime players.

Sindhudurg Airport is the first of its kind in the South Konkan Region, which will establish and enhance air connectivity of the region with Western Maharashtra; Southern States; Mumbai and subsequently to all regions of the Nation.

The airport, being the strategically important facility, has also potentials and provisions to handle critical situations like emergency landings as well as be ready and equipped as Standby facility for nearby airports during exigencies. Along with the robust safety and security arrangements, the airport has dedicated isolation bay for handling emergency.

The Airport will not only generate the passenger traffic, but also it will be a boon for economic development of the region as it will facilitate and boost cargo transportation; generate direct as well as an indirect employment and other business opportunities for the local people. It has potentials to become a Cargo Hub of the Western Region as there is ample space has been provided for handling the Cargo; and is expandable to meet the future growing needs.

- Passengers handling capacity: 2 Million per year; 200 each for arrival and departure during peak hours; extendable to 400 each for arrival and departure
- Cargo Handling Area: Approx. 10,000 Sq. Mtrs, expandable to meet future needs
- Ample Parking Space for 75 Cars & 10 Buses, extendable in future
- Abundant area available for commercial developments, that brings out opportunities for economic development of the region and scope for employment for local people.
- Entire Western Ghats, Konkan Region is Sindhudurg District is blessed with rich natural beauty; flowing rivers; beautiful sea shores; rich culture and heritage; tourist attractions and places of pilgrimages and much more than that. It has historical attractions like Sindhudurg Fort, Vijaydurg Fort; adventurous water sports locations at Tarkarli; rich culture and heritage as well as pilgrimage places across the entire district and much more.
- The unique feature is that the Airport has ample dedicated land available to expand various existing facilities in future, depending upon the growing needs.

- Available for International & Domestic Chartered Flights
- Runway of 2,500 Meters; can be extended to 3,400 Meters
- Expandable Parking Bay to 15 from existing 3
- Dedicated Fuel Farm supported by the Indian Oil Corporation

**About IRB Infrastructure Developers Ltd:**

IRB Infrastructure Developers Ltd (IRB) is the largest private roads and highways infrastructure developer in India, with an asset base of over Rs. 55,000 Crs. across the parent company and two InvITs.

The Company has strong track record of constructing over 12,975 lane Kms pan India in 2 decades and has an ability to construct over 500 Kms in a year.

It has approx. 20% share in India's prestigious Golden Quadrilateral project, which is the largest by any private infrastructure developer in India.

IRB Group's portfolio (including Private and Public InvIT) comprises of 25 projects in all, which includes 24 highway projects in 19 BOT, 1 TOT and 4 HAM space and 1 Airport project in Sindhudurg District of Maharashtra.

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