

# **Mahindra Telephonics Integrated Systems Opens First Private Joint Venture Aerospace & Electronics Manufacturing Facility in India**

*Partners to Showcase Technologies at Defexpo 2014*

FARMINGDALE, N.Y.--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- Telephonics Corporation, a wholly owned subsidiary of Griffon Corporation (NYSE:GFF), announced that their joint venture partnership, Mahindra Telephonics Integrated Systems (Mahindra Telephonics), has opened the first private sector aerospace and electronics joint venture manufacturing facility in India.

Mr. Melvin French, Mr. S.P. Shukla, Mr. HJ Kamath and Mr. Joseph Battaglia (l-r) inaugurate the new Mahindra Telephonics facility in Prithla, India (Photo: Business Wire)

The facility, located in the city of Prithla, a 45 minute drive from Delhi, officially

opened today and represents an important milestone for India's rapidly expanding private defense industry. The business will focus on the development and manufacture of leading-edge radar technology. Initial production of the first proprietary products commenced at the facility in December 2013.

Telephonics' long-standing and highly respected OEM customer base has shown particularly keen interest in partnering with Mahindra Telephonics on the development and execution of offset programs in India.

"Telephonics' combination of world-class technology and manufacturing capabilities, combined with Mahindra's renowned manufacturing, corporate governance and market presence are proving to be very compelling for our customers in the U.S. and Europe," explained Telephonics President and CEO, Mr. Joseph Battaglia. "Our joint venture has also begun planning for additional development facilities, including a larger manufacturing facility and the development of an outdoor radar and antenna test range."

Sharing Mr. Battaglia's enthusiasm, Mr. S.P. Shukla, President – Group Strategy & Defence Sector & Member of the Group Executive Board, Mahindra & Mahindra Ltd. stated, "The opening of the Prithla facility is a critical step in transitioning American defense manufacturing capabilities to India. Being able to support Ministry of Defence requirements locally in India provides a multitude of benefits, including cost efficiencies, decreased turnaround times and enhanced logistical support." He further added that "Mahindra Defence Systems will now have a 3-dimensional capability encompassing the land, sea and air domains. Synergies between the different defence and Mahindra Group companies will also be leveraged."

Mahindra Telephonics plans robust participation at Defexpo 2014 in New Delhi, February 6-

9, where they will showcase radar, mobile surveillance and communications technologies.

To learn more about Mahindra Telephonics Integrated Systems or about the products being manufactured at the Prithla facility, please visit our exhibit at Defexpo located in Hall 11/Stand 3, contact Mr. Tom Saling, Telephonics Vice President, International Business Development at [saling@telephonics.com](mailto:saling@telephonics.com) or visit [www.mahindratelephonics.com](http://www.mahindratelephonics.com)

### About Telephonics

Telephonics' high-technology engineering and manufacturing capabilities provide integrated information, communication and sensor system solutions to military and commercial markets worldwide. Telephonics specializes in aircraft intercommunication systems, wireless communication systems, radars, identification friend or foe products, integrated security systems, air traffic management systems, aerospace electronics, and the performance of threat and radar system analyses.

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