

JBM Group enters waste-to-energy biz, signs MoU with Haryana Government

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JBM Group, India's leading business conglomerate, today forayed into Waste to Energy sector with signing of Concession Agreement with Haryana Government to build and operate a 5 MW power plant in Sonapat that will treat 500 tonnes of municipal waste per day.

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Environment Management Pvt. Ltd. at an investment of Rs 176 crore and will entail door to door collection of waste, its transportation, construction & operation of the power plant. JBM Group has roped in Europe's leading company EKOLOG Ltd., which has more than 30 years' experience in operating integrated waste management systems in Europe

and Asia.

The power plant will be spread across 20 acres area in Sonapat for which the land has been allotted by the state government. The project will help dispose of 500 tonnes of solid waste per day generated from Sonapat cluster, which comprises of Sonapat, Panipat, Samalkha and Gannaur.

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to get some more details for the readers.

ENERGETICA INDIA: **Please introduce our readers to JBM Group**

NISHANT ARYA: JBM Group was established in 1983 and is a US \$1.35 billion conglomerate now, having a diversified



Energetica India speaks to Mr. Nishant Arya, Executive Director, JBM Group to get more insights into the project and the company's focus in the renewable energy sector

portfolio in the field of key Auto Systems & Assemblies, Buses & Electric Vehicles, Engineering & Design services and Renewables. The Group has an infrastructure of 40 manufacturing plants and 4 engineering & design

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The concession agreement was signed between JBM Group represented by Mr. Vinay Maheshwari and Directorate of Urban Local Bodies of Haryana by Mr. Nitin Kumar Yadav, IAS in the presence of Haryana Chief Minister Shri Manohar Lal Khattar at Haryana Bhawan in New Delhi.

Speaking at the event, Haryana Chief Minister Shri Manohar Lal Khattar said, "The Haryana Government is moving ahead on its objective of being a flag bearer of the Swachh Bharat Mission. We are looking at multiple areas like Waste to Energy, Integrated Solid Waste Management, e-mobility, etc. where we can adopt environment-friendly technologies".

Principal Secretary, Directorate of Urban Local Bodies of Haryana Shri. Anand Mohan Saran said, "Swachh Bharat is our prime focus aiming towards creating a clean and green environment for the local residents and the state at large. This is one of many steps that we have undertaken in the august year of Swarn Jayanti of the Haryana state launched by our Hon'ble Chief Minister".

JBM Group Executive Director Mr. Nishant Arya said, "Our focus has been to ensure sustainable and green



environment for the society and country at large, therefore, all new businesses have been around the same whether you look at Electric Buses, Solar Energy and now Waste to Energy. This is just the

beginning as scalability of such sustainable initiatives is a must for getting adequate benefits for the future generations".

centres across 18 locations globally.

ENERGETICA INDIA: Is the company looking at other opportunities within the low carbon energy sector?

NISHANT ARYA : The renewables division of JBM Group, JBM Renewables Pvt. Ltd. commissioned the largest solar power plant of 20MW in Haryana in 2016. More recently, the company signed a concession agreement with the Haryana government to build and operate a 5 MW waste to energy power plant that will treat 500 tonne of municipal waste per day.

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ENERGETICA INDIA: What kind of challenges do you foresee in the collection of waste?

NISHANT ARYA : The lack of training and availability of qualified waste management professionals is limited. Also, with constrained municipal authority budgets and scant awareness amongst public in general, the waste collection and management becomes challenging.

ENERGETICA INDIA: What role will Ekolog play in this project?

NISHANT ARYA : Ekolog from Europe has more than 30 years of experience in operating integrated waste management systems in Europe and Asia. JBM Group will work in association with Ekolog on the Waste to Energy project in Haryana.