EESL receives India’s first ZS EV by MG Motor

- EESL to buy 5 MG ZS EVs as part of its commitment to fast tracking E-Mobility in India

New Delhi, Jan. 27, 2020: Efficiency Services Limited (EESL), a joint venture of PSUs under the Ministry of Power, took the handover of the first ZS EV of MG (Morris Garages) India today. EESL has placed the order for 5 MG ZS EVs that will be used by government officials to further the cause of EVs as part of its National E-Mobility Programme.

This procurement by EESL is driven by the objective of facilitating faster adoption of disruptive solutions while balancing economic development and environmental sustainability. With this specific initiative, EESL seeks to create a market for electric vehicles, through its unique business model of aggregation of demand and bulk procurement. EESL is seeking to leverage the immense potential of replacement of existing vehicles in the government departments for initial demand aggregation.

Speaking on the future of mobility in the country and the role of automotive players such as MG Motor India in it, Mr. Saurabh Kumar, MD, EESL, said, “India stands at the cusp of a new era that will be driven by sustainability. EV adoption is the future of mobility and will play a huge role in curbing the growing pollution crisis, as well as reduce the country’s dependence on fossil fuels. We are committed to transform the Indian market with innovative business models and advanced technologies. We are confident that we will replicate the success of our previous path-breaking initiatives in our e-mobility programme. We will continue to enable more energy and fuel savings by creating a robust market for e-mobility in India.”

Commenting on the showcase of the ZS EV, Rajeev Chaba, President & Managing Director, MG Motor India, said, “Through several progressive measures such as the launch of FAME-II and BS VI standards, the Indian government has been making major efforts to promote cleaner technologies in the country. MG Motor India applauds the government’s commitment to sustainability and green mobility. We are thankful for the government’s continued support in the development of the end-to-end ecosystem that we are putting in place through our associations with market-leading charging infrastructure companies.”

Government of India launched the National E-Mobility Programme to provide an impetus to the entire e-mobility ecosystem including vehicle manufacturers, charging infrastructure companies, fleet operators, service providers, etc. EESL is aggregating demand by procuring electric vehicles in bulk to leverage economies of scale. Till date a total of 1,510 e-cars have been deployed and another 500 are under registration. EESL has signed agreements with various Public Sector Undertakings, government departments, and state governments of Delhi, Haryana, Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, Andhra Pradesh, Maharashtra, Telangana, Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Gujarat, Orissa, Chhattisgarh, Kerala and others for deploying e-cars.

EESL is also working towards strengthening the charging infrastructure. Till date, 66 nos. of Public Charging Stations (PCS) complying with DC-001 (15kW) have been commissioned in Delhi. Apart from these public charging stations, EESL has installed total of 470 captive chargers, out of which 170 are DC-001 fast chargers and 300 are AC-001 chargers. EESL has already signed MoUs with various ULBs such as Ahmedabad Municipal Corporation (AMC), The Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC), The Commissioner and Director of municipal administration, Government of Telangana (CDMA), Chennai Metro Rail corporation (CMRL), Jaipur Metro Rail Corporation (JMRL), New Delhi Municipal Council (NDMC), South Delhi Municipal Corporation (SDMC), Noida Authority, M/S Apollo Enterprises Ltd. (Apollo
Hospital), Maharashtra Rail Corporation Limited (Maha-Metro), PWD Maharashtra and CSC e-Governance Services India Ltd for setting up public charging infrastructure across India. The objective is to set up at least 10,000 charging stations over the next two to three years across India.

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