TCI inaugurates world-class cold chain warehouse in Gurgaon

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Transport Corporation of India (TCI) inaugurated its first state of the art cold chain Warehouse on Pataudi Road, Gurgaon in the NCR region. This is TCI's first foray in temperature controlled warehouses as part of an overall strategy to build a cold chain network of warehouses and refrigerated trucks and partner with the high value added segments of Quick service restaurants (QSR), retail and life sciences. The warehouse will be managed by TCI Supply Chain Solutions, a division of TCI for multi user customer requirements. Clients from these industries were present at the inauguration and were taken on a tour of the facility.



Speaking on the occasion, Vineet Agarwal, Managing Director, TCI Group said, "TCI believes in creating state of the art infrastructure and this warehouse is one more step towards continuous commitment to our clients. Our plan is to build a nationwide cold chain logistics network comprising 5 large-scale cold storage facilities by 2020. These facilities will be supported by a comprehensive range of distribution and logistics services, providing our customers with efficient, cost-effective solutions, so that they can focus on enhancing their product and service quality."



Jasjit Sethi, CEO, TCI Supply Chain Solutions shared technical aspects of the Warehouse and mentioned the availability of value added services for clients from industries.



A company presentation highlighted that this cold storage would be ideal for vaccines and gelatin capsules and the high level of construction and facilities would allow a client to apply for FDA/Drug license at this premise. In addition, TCI's refrigerated (reefer) vehicle network provides

end to end seamless SCM solutions to clients. The reefers have a payload capacity ranging from 1 ton to 18 ton $(+25^{\circ} \text{ C to } -25^{\circ} \text{ C Temp})$ and are fitted with advanced GPS tracking devices and digital data loggers, tracked by a central control room for time definite services.

The new facility is one of the largest and most advanced of its kind. Located in heart of NCR, the cold storage is a part of a large 250,000 sq. ft. multi-user warehouse facility. The cold warehouse has 5,000 pallet positions, totaling 11,700 CMT of temperature-controlled space. The warehouse is divided into seven zones, with full temperature control ranging from -30 to +25 degrees celsius. It can also maintain relative humidity levels upto 35 RH.



The facility incorporates world-class warehouse design and technology, offering integrated cold chain services, and encompassing multi-temperature refrigerated storage, blast freezer, ante room, processing area, warehouse and inventory management services, and transport and distribution solutions to meet customers' varying requirements. The sophisticated warehouse management system includes RF barcode scanning technology that increases efficiency and accuracy and enables customers to access inventory data and track orders in real-time around the clock. The facility has features designed to lessen environmental impact that include solar panels, rain water harvesting and STP system.