**MEDIA RELEASE**

**GMR Hyderabad International Airport Limited (GHIAL) Signs Agreement to Operate Bidar Airport**

* ***An airport under Govt of India’s Regional Connectivity Scheme***
* ***Operations to commence from Feb 2020***
* ***To start with One flight daily between Bidar and Bangalore***

**Hyderabad, February 3, 2020:** Under the Govt. of India’s Regional Connectivity – UDAN (Ude Desh Ka Aam Nagrik) Scheme, GMR Hyderabad International Airport Ltd. (GHIAL) has signed the concession agreement to Commission, Operationalize and Maintain the Civilian Enclave at the Bidar Airport in North Karnataka. GHIAL is expected to start the airport operations in the first week of February 2020 with the operations of one daily flight connecting Bidar with Bangalore, the capital city of Karnataka.

Speaking on this occasion, **Mr. SGK Kishore**, Executive Director – South, GMR Airports and CEO - GHIAL, said, ***“The operationalization of Bidar Airport is a testimony to our commitment to support the Government of India’s flagship Regional Connectivity Scheme. We are very pleased to partner with the Government of Karnataka to support efforts for all-round development Bidar and nearby regions and we are confident that the start of commercial operations at Bidar will provide a boost to the local economy through better connectivity for the people of Bidar and the large number of tourists who visit the area”***

Located in the north-eastern part of Karnataka state, Bidar city is the headquarters of the Bidar District and is home to important religious shrines and historic monuments including Guru Nanak Jhira Sahib which is one of the holiest sites of the Sikh religion in this part of the country. Bidar is also renowned for Bidriware metal handicraft products which have been recognized with the coveted Geographical Indication (GI) tag.

**About GMR Infrastructure Limited:**

GMR Infrastructure Limited, a leading global infrastructure conglomerate with interests in Airport, Energy, Transportation and Urban Infrastructure, is listed on Indian Stock Exchanges.

GMR Group’s Airport portfolio has around 172 mn passenger capacity in operation and under development, comprising of India's busiest Indira Gandhi International Airport in New Delhi, Hyderabad’s Rajiv Gandhi International Airport, Mactan Cebu International Airport in partnership with Megawide in Philippines. While greenfield projects under development includes Airport at Mopa in Goa and Airport at Heraklion, Crete, Greece in partnership with GEK Terna. The GMR-Megawide consortium has won the Clark International Airport’s EPC project, the second project in Philippines. The Group recently received Letter of Intent for development and operations of Nagpur Airport on PPP basis and development and operation of greenfield airport at Bhogapuram in Andhra Pradesh. GMR Group is developing very unique airport cities on the commercial land available around its airports in Delhi, Hyderabad and Goa.

The Group’s Energy business has a diversified portfolio of around 4,995 MW, of which ~3,040 MWs of Coal, Gas and Renewable power plants are operational and around ~1,955 MWs of power projects are under various stages of construction and development. The group also has coal mines in Indonesia, where it has partnered with a large local player.

Transportation and Urban Infrastructure division of the Group has four operating highways project spanning over 1,820 lane km. The Group has a large EPC order book of railway track construction including Government of India’s marquee Dedicated Freight Corridor project. It is also developing multi-product Special Investment Regions spread across ~2500 acres at Krishnagiri in Tamil Nadu and 10,400 acres at Kakinada in Andhra Pradesh.

GMR Group, through its Corporate Social Responsibility arm, GMR Varalakshmi Foundation carries out community based development initiatives at 24 different locations across India and abroad.

**About GHIAL:**

GMR Hyderabad International Airport Limited (GHIAL) is a joint venture company promoted by the GMR Group (63%) in partnership with Airports Authority of India (13%), Government of Telangana (13%) and Malaysia Airports Holdings Berhad (11%). The Company was incorporated to design, finance, build, operate and maintain a world class Greenfield airport at Shamshabad, Hyderabad. Hyderabad airport was commissioned in a record time of 31 months in March 2008, with an initial capacity of 12 million passengers per annum (MPPA) and 1,50,000 MT of cargo handling capacity per annum. The Project has the flexibility to increase capacity to accommodate over 40 MPPA and shall be developed in a phased manner.

For further information about GHIAL, visit [www.hyderabad.aero](http://www.hyderabad.aero)

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