

Elemec wins MEP contract in \$400 million Mumbai project

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DUBAI — Elemec Electrical Contracting Co, a UAE-based contractor has won the electromechanical engineering, design and execution contract of the iconic One Avighna Park in Mumbai.

The \$400 million commercial and residential development is located at Lower Parel in Mumbai, India's financial capital, is being

Dubai-headquartered Elemec has won the turn-key electromechanical, or MEP, contract "on the merit of its professionalism and flexibility," said Kailash Agarwal, Chairman of Avighna, India Ltd., the developer of the project, which in the first phase encompasses 64-storeyed luxury residential project, 23-storeyed residential (rehabilitation), and commercial as well as super deluxe service apartments.

Agarwal, who is also a Sharjah-based NRI, said all the buildings in this mega project would be certified as "Green buildings," and will not only have the advantage of energy savings but residents would get an incentive of 50 per cent on property tax as proposed by Municipality to incentivize Green projects.

Agarwal on behalf of Avighna and K D. Gopalakrishnan, managing director of Elemec, signed the electromechanical contract.

The project is designed by architects, WSP Cantor Seinuk, USA and landscaping by Site Concepts, Singapore.



Kailash Agarwal, Chairman of Avighna, with K D. Gopalakrishnan, managing director of Elemec Electrical Contracting Co at the signing of the contract for the iconic One Avighna Park in Mumbai.

The "One Avighna Park" will offer eight floors of podium parking with a capacity of 2,200 cars, more than 100,000 sq ft of open space with a jogging track, swimming pool and a health club along with a sewage and water treatment plant for its 64-storey project, said Agarwal.

Elemec, an leading electromechanical company in the Middle East, has in the past executed the landmark Lofts

at Down Town, Fairways at Greens, Ear Business Park, La Rivera Tower and are currently into the Holiday Inn Hotel - Muscat, Tilal Complex - Muscat, Souq Waqif Hotel in Doha and the Prime Tower, Dubai.

"Avighna project marks Elemec's entry into the high potential Indian market. The vast experience and technical expertise we have acquired in the Gulf over the years would give us a lot

of advantage in our Indian foray," said Gopalakrishnan.

While signing the contract with Elemec, Agarwal appreciated the management and engineering team of Elemec for its track record of fast track completion of several projects.

Under the contract, Elemecs' scope is to provide advanced services to the project under green concept. The project will have centrally controlled building management system integrated to security and safety, fire protection and detection, plant, CCTV, PABGM and lighting. All materials required are sourced from the UAE, said Agarwal.

The landmark project, located in a prime land measuring 300,000 sq. ft. area at Lower Parel, is under the cluster redevelopment scheme which is estimated to cost Rs40 billion in total.

On the project's eco-friendly focus, Agarwal said, "It is essential to conserve water, and so at One Avighna Park, we are recycling water, doing rain water harvesting, using water from bore wells. Moreover, we also pay attention to details such as providing natural ventilation and light to common areas."

Avighna India was set up in 1987 with its associate company Nishant Import & Export Co. based in Sharjah. The core business was importing liquid petroleum products, gasoline, gas oil, furnace oil and chemicals from the Middle East. Later, Avighna diversified into a shipping company, owning and operating vessels. — issacjohn@khaleejtimes.com