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Bringing floating solar PV technology to India: Ciel et Terre from France, signs an MoU with Bangalore based Enzen Global, at the European Business and Technology Centre (EBTC) Environment Business & Research delegation to India.

To address the severe power shortages currently being experienced in India, Bangalore based energy and environment consultancy, Enzen Global Solutions Pvt. Ltd. has entered into an agreement with France based, Ciel et Terre to jointly develop projects utilizing the vast water surface areas available in India for utility scale floating PV power generation from 1 to 50 MWp.

The issue of land availability is a global concern, and Ciel et Terre in their search for alternative solutions found that there were many unused water bodies. The floating solar PV system developed as a result, is an innovative approach that does not require valuable land for setting up solar power projects, as well as the added advantage of the attached aeration system treating and cleaning the water bodies. **Dr Uma Rajarathnam, Associate VP of Enzen Global Solutions, Pvt. Ltd** said that “we are facing an energy crisis with the gap between supply and demand growing day by day, and we need to explore alternative sources. The patented technology by C&T is innovative, combining solar power generation with water treatment. Vast water resources such as water ponds, industrial reservoirs can be used, and the technology can also improve the quality of water.”

The EBTC is an initiative co-funded by the European Union, and coordinated by EUROCHAMBRES, and the MoU was made possible due to EBTC’s approach of liaising with companies in both India and Europe well in advance of the delegation visit to India, as well as during. EBTC facilitated the partnership, and consequently, EU and Indian counterparts have been able to build a relationship prior to the event. **Mr. Bernard Prouvost, CEO of Ciel et Terre** said at the event that “being based in France, it isn’t possible to find a partner in India, and with the assistance of the European Business and Technology Centre (EBTC), we were introduced to Enzen Global and swiftly developed a co-operation, leading to the signing of this MoU in just a few weeks. We are looking forward to deploying our technology solution in India.”

About the EBTC

The EBTC is an initiative co-funded by the European Union, and coordinated by EUROCHAMBRES. EBTC assists the business, science and research community – in Europe and India – to work together towards generating new business opportunities in clean technology transfer. As a first entry point to India, EBTC supports EU cleantech companies and researchers on their market entry to India and offers hands-on support in the early stages of expansion. The centre aims to further stimulate the 'brain circulation' between the EU and India through promoting joint industry-oriented research and enhancing outward mobility of researchers from the EU Member States towards India. EBTC's efforts focus on 4 key sectors – Biotech, Energy, Environment and Transport – all offering enormous scope for closer EU-India collaboration.

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The **Bangalore Chamber of Industry and Commerce (BCIC)** is a premier Chamber of Industry and Commerce representing large and medium industry in the State of Karnataka. The Chamber is affiliated at the national level with ASSOCHAM. The Chamber's membership represents 95% of the capital investment and 90% of the labour employed in the State of Karnataka.

BCIC plays an active and important role in promoting trade and investment in the State and has an excellent domestic and international network with MoUs with the leading Chambers of Commerce across the globe. Leading companies from a cross section of industry are members of BCIC. For more information about the Chamber and its activities, please visit our website: www.bcic.org.in.

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