



## Sterlite Technologies wins BSNL's 'Best Telecom Equipment Manufacturer Award'

Press Release

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Pune, INDIA – October 26, 2009: Sterlite Technologies Limited [BSE: 532374, NSE:STRTECH], a leading global provider of transmission solutions for the telecom and power industries, today announced that it has won BSNL's award for 'Best Telecom Equipment Manufacturer (fiber optic cables)' for the year 2008-09. Sterlite topped evaluation by BSNL's Telecom Quality Assurance Circle on multiple business performance metrics including product quality, manufacturing infrastructure and field performance reliability.

Presiding over the award function held in Bangalore, Kuldeep Goyal, CMD, BSNL said, "BSNL considers all equipment suppliers and service providers more as partners in our effort to provide quality communications to our customers. The telecom equipment manufacturers have played a key role in enabling the growth of the industry and today I am very happy to recognize the extraordinary contribution from these select companies who have excelled in their segments and have assisted BSNL in achieving our vision."

K S Rao, COO - Telecom, Sterlite Technologies Limited said, "It is an honor to receive BSNL's best telecom equipment manufacturer award for our fiber optic cables, which is one of our core businesses. The demand for broadband services in the country is a growth driver for the fiber optic cables. We remain committed to grow the size of the Indian market and to maintain superior quality standards for our products and solutions that we deliver to top telecom companies across the world."

This award strongly reinforces Sterlite's position as among the most integrated optical fiber companies in the world. Sterlite currently holds a 45% market share in India for optical fiber and cables. The Company has established a broadband solutions business that complements its fiber optic business and is currently executing a contract for BSNL, to supply NGN equipment for a GPON-FTTH network.

Sterlite's optical fiber facility of 6 Million-Km is already under expansion to 12 Million-Km, which would get established in the current fiscal. Sterlite has decided to further enhance this capacity to 20 Million-km, which would position Sterlite amongst the Top 3 manufacturers globally. The capacity of 20 Million-Km would be functional by FY12. A project is also underway to increase fiber optic cable capacity to 6 million-km.

### About Sterlite Technologies Limited

Sterlite Technologies Limited (formerly, Sterlite Optical Technologies Ltd) is a leading global provider of transmission solutions for the energy and telecom industries. It is India's only fully integrated optical fiber producer and among the Top 5 global manufacturers of power conductors. Sterlite Technologies Limited is listed on the National Stock Exchange and the Bombay Stock Exchange. For more information, please visit [www.sterlitetechnologies.com](http://www.sterlitetechnologies.com)

### About Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited

Bharat Sanchar Nigam Ltd. formed in October, 2000, is the world's seventh largest telecommunications company providing a comprehensive range of telecom services in India including: wireline, CDMA mobile, GSM mobile, Internet, broadband, carrier service, MPLS-VPN, VSAT, VoIP services, IN Services etc. Within a period of five years it has become one of the largest public sector units in India. BSNL has installed a quality telecoms network in the country and is now focusing on improving it, expanding the network, introducing new telecoms services with ICT applications in villages and winning customer confidence. For further information, please visit [www.bsnl.co.in](http://www.bsnl.co.in)

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