

## SINGLE LARGEST ORDER IN COMPANY'S HISTORY

# C & C Constructions awarded Zirakpur-Parwanoo highway

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Gurgaon-headquartered C & C Constructions Ltd has won a Rs 574-crore contract for four-laning of the Zirakpur-Parwanoo highway that connects Himachal Pradesh, Haryana and Punjab. This is an EPC contract placed by Jaypee Associates, the BOT developer of the highway. Located on NH-22, the highway is part of phase-III A of the National Highway Development Programme. The order, to be executed by May 2010, also includes the Pinjore-Kalka-Parwanoo bypass.

Speaking to *Projectmonitor*, Gurjeet Singh Johar, Chairman, C & C Constructions, said that this was the company's largest order to be executed in individual capacity. "It has taken our order book position to over Rs 1,500 crore and has reinforced our presence in north India," he

added. In March this year, the company was awarded two contracts worth Rs 202 crore by Himachal Pradesh Road & Other Infrastructure Development Corporation Ltd. Part of a World Bank-aided project, the contracts also marked C & C's

entry in the hilly state.

Meanwhile, C & C will complete the Kurali-Kiratpur highway in Punjab by June 2010 for which the concession agreement was signed with National Highways Authority of India in June last year. "Construction



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work began in December 2007 and will complete in 18 months," Johar said. The Rs 369-crore project is being developed on BOT-Toll basis in joint venture with Hyderabad-based B. Seenaiah & Co. (Projects) Ltd. The 44-km stretch is part of NHDP-III A and will have a concession period of twenty years, including construction time. The section lying on NH-21 is of economic importance as it would connect Chandigarh to the "apple belt" in Himachal Pradesh's Kullu Valley and other districts of the state. It will also provide road connectivity to the Nalagarh and Baddi industrial areas of Himachal's Solan district that borders Haryana and Punjab.

Besides domestic orders, C & C is also executing overseas road projects, including the Kabul-Khandahar road project in Afghanistan being done in collaboration with BSPCL. ●