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ENIA LANDS NEW CONTRACT IN PUNE WITH MAHA-METRO

The visit of President of France - H.E. Mr. Emmanuel Macron, to India in March coincided with the announcement of the signing of numerous MoUs between the two countries. ENIA Architects is honoured to be one of the companies represented for its new contract with Maha-Metro for the design of two metro maintenance depots in Pune, Maharashtra.

Founded in Paris in 2003, ENIA is one of the top architecture and design firms in France. Directed by 3 architects from a multi-disciplinary background – Mathieu Chazelle, Brice Piechaczyk and Simon Pallubicki – the office is supported by a solid and enthusiastic staff of 45 collaborators from 8 different nationalities. ENIA's work spans a wide spectrum of building types and across all scales of operation.

In today's carbon-conscious world, creating responsible architecture is foremost about fabricating conditions for harmonious cohabitation, a symbiosis between man and environment constructed from a reasoned economy of resources. Any building, irrespective of its function, size or location, contributes to the quality of the built environment. As such, all buildings merit the attention

and effort of architects and designers. At ENIA, confronting this diversity with an inquiring and creative spirit is what drives the reflection on each project - exploring places and cultures, embracing complexities and challenging apparent contradictions - in order to discover the right solution.

Since 2005 ENIA has actively developed an international activity with projects in Asia, Africa and Europe. ENIA is the only French architecture firm to have a subsidiary office in India. Created in 2014 and located in Lado Sarai, New Delhi the office is headed by Atri Joshi and Shival Manchanda with nearly 20 collaborators. Since its creation, ENIA India has developed special expertise in the management and execution of diverse projects adapted to the local architectural context.

The contract for two metro maintenance depots in Pune is signed between ENIA and Maharashtra Metro Rail Corporation. The assigned scope of work involves designing and detailing of two rolling stock depots for Pune Metro Rail Project in Range Hill and Vanaz.

Range Hill depot is connected to the North-South corridor (from PMC to Swargate) near the banks of Mula River. Located between Range Hill Station and

Shivaji Nagar Station, the site will serve as a depot cum workshop for stabling, washing, scheduled inspection, wheel re-profiling and overhaul of carriages. The depot will also include an 800m test track along with the metro line passing underground.

The depot at Vanaz, connected to the East-west corridor, demands an intelligent architectural approach to topography due to its location on a sloped hill. It will be used for stabling, washing and scheduled inspections.

The mission also includes strategic propositions for the commercialisation of transit-oriented developments. The metro infrastructure becomes a catalyst for new constructions and new typologies where high-density mixed-use programmes are integrated with transportation nodes.

This contract consolidates a long working relationship between MAHA METRO and ENIA Architects based on high-performance and confidence which began in 2016 with the design of 11 stations and associated property developments for the Nagpur Metro Project.

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