

## **PRESS NOTE**

### **MoU between MSME Technology Centre (IGTR), Aurangabad & The Welding Institute (TWI), UK**

**New Delhi, 14<sup>th</sup> March, 2016:** MSME Technology Centre, Indo German Tool Room (IGTR), Aurangabad an Autonomous Society under Office of the Development Commissioner, Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises, Ministry of MSME, Government of India, and The Welding Institute (TWI), UK today signed an Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to design and development of course content for providing skill development training in the areas of Advance Welding and other joining processes such as Resistance Welding, Laser Welding and Electron Beam Welding (EBW) etc. This agreement will help to address problems of Industry particularly Indian MSMEs working in the Automotive sector and to provide consultancy services jointly in the area of supply chain development.

The Welding Institute or TWI, UK is a non-profit distributing company and is engaged in research and technology development in welding since 1946 with facilities across the UK and around the world. IGTR, Aurangabad is an Autonomous Society under Ministry of MSME providing skilled manpower, tooling & technology support to industries, especially automotive sector.

To create synergy between the strength of two organizations and extend its benefit to Indian Industries, an MoU has been signed in the presence of Shri Surendra Nath Tripathi, Additional Secretary & Development Commissioner, MSME, Nirman Bhawan, New Delhi and other senior officers of Office of Development Commissioner, MSME.

Shri Surendra Nath Tripathi, AS&DC, MSME said that all 18 MSME Technology Centres are already skilling more than Two lakh youth every year and supporting more than 30,000 MSMEs. This joint initiative with TWI would further strengthen the MSME sector by providing hi-end skills to the employees of the industries and consultancy services in latest Welding technologies for improvement in the competitiveness of the industries. It is expected that this initiative would further support the Hon'ble Prime Minister's vision of "Make in India" and "Skill India".

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