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Dear Shri Deshmukh,

1. I am writing this letter to offer you my formal felicitations on the significant contribution of M/S WIL towards the successful launch of our first nuclear-powered submarine 'Arihant'. This stupendous success is the result of much hard work, skill and innovation displayed by all those associated with the ATV Programme since its inception.
2. The Nation is Justifiably proud of this historic development. On behalf of the Indian Navy, I acknowledge the pioneering effort of your company and consider M/s. Walchandnagar Industries Limited to be an extremely valuable partner in our efforts at creating and sustaining our strategic capability. Much work remains, and I am sure all of us together will put our 'shoulders to the wheel' to ensure the earliest operationalisation of the platform, and for the construction of others to follow.
3. I also look forward to WIL participating in many more naval projects in the future, under your able stewardship. I am enclosing a copy of a message to the Navy on the occasion of the launch of Arihant, which you may like to share with your officers and men. Our congratulations once again!

With best wishes.

Encl: As above

Sincerely,
Sureesh Mehta