

COLABA-BANDRA-SEEPZ

DMRC to run Mumbai's 1st underground Metro

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THE DELHI Metro Rail Corporation (DMRC) will run Mumbai's first underground Metro from Colaba to Seepz. The Mumbai Metro Rail Corporation (MMRC), which is constructing the line, on Friday awarded the contract for the 'operation and maintenance' of the line to DMRC.

The 10-year contract for operating the line was awarded after a global competitive bidding process, in which DMRC emerged as the lowest success-

ful bidder.

DMRC will be responsible for the day-to-day operations of the line, including running of trains, maintenance of the trains and all Metro systems, including infrastructure, and safety of passengers.

"We are happy to associate with DMRC, one of the leading Metro operating companies in the country for operation and maintenance of Mumbai's first underground Metro line. Operation and maintenance is a crucial component for any Metro. We at MMRC are committed to provide sleek, comfortable, safe, reliable and high-quality



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ity service to our passengers in cost effective way," Ashwini Bhide, Managing Director, MMRC, said in a press statement.

MMRC will continue to be the Metro Rail Authority, and will be responsible for revenue management, legal compliances and non-fare box revenue generation.

The Mumbai Metro Line-3 spans approximately 33.5 km, from Colaba connecting Bandra and then SEEPZ. It is expected to cost close to Rs 37,000 crore with the first phase of the project between BKC and SEEPZ expected to be ready and open to the public by December this year.