

CSIR Diamond Jubilee Technology Award-2004

For the year 2004, CSIR received 117 nominations cutting across diverse industry segments. "Midas Communications Technologies Private Limited" was selected as winner for design, development and commercialization of corDECTWLL and optiMA access systems.

Citation

The "Midas Communications Technologies Private Limited" has been conferred with the CSIR Diamond Jubilee Technology Award 2004 for design, development and commercialization of corDECT WLL (Wireless in Local Loop) access system and optiMA, a Fiber-in-Local Loop (FLL) access system. Midas Communication developed these products in collaboration with TeNeT (Telecommunication and Computer Network), IIT Madras (Chennai)

The Midas systems provide a flexible solution for extending subscriber service from local exchange to a remote location near subscriber premises. The Fibre-in-the Loop system and the designed architecture carry very high bandwidth to cater to several thousand subscribers cost effectively. The systems have contributed greatly in providing affordable and cutting edge telecom solutions to interconnect the rural population through Internet and voice connectivity.

These products have contributed to transform the telecommunication services in India and abroad. These are employed by leading communication service providers in the country. The quality product has enabled the company to make inroads into several countries including Argentina, Brazil, Egypt, Iran, Kenya, Nigeria, Oman, South Africa, Srilanka and Russia. The continued R&D efforts have helped Midas to maintain their lead in the area.

Acceptance Speech

Shri Shirish Purohit, CEO of MCTPL, Chennai in his brief response, expressed happiness at receiving the Award. He said he was, "humbled by the acknowledgement of a grand vision of a technology designed from scratch." He said, "Midas has broken new ground to bring broadband to the masses. It is the largest exporter of telecom equipment." He placed on record his thanks for "the

sustained support received from the S&T community, the policy maker, the visionary leaders and support from all personnel.” He promised to “Make India a telecom technology powerhouse.”