

# **Fact Sheet**

## **Orion City**

Orion City is Sri Lanka's first and largest IT Park. Since its inception in 2009, Orion City has sought to transform the scope of built-to-specification, cutting edge, commercial and office infrastructure for the IT/BPO industry through its philosophy of combining innovative technology and international standards with a keen intuition for the needs of businesses.

Offering far more than basic workplace infrastructure, Orion City also handles all voice and data cabling, security and data center services as well as campus wide maintenance of common areas and all logistical necessities.

The Park is spread over 16 acres and currently has 550,000 sq. ft. of developed space, with 6,000 heads working out of the Park.

The expansion of the Park includes two new buildings. The new Bellatrix building adds a further 95,000 sq. ft. of space into the premises and is scheduled to finish by the end of 2016. Orion Towers, the company's most ambitious project is scheduled to finish at the end of 2017. Both buildings include recreational facilities, retail space, restaurants and a hotel with a vision to re-define IT infrastructure in Sri Lanka.

### At a Glance

Orion City	Orion Tower 1	Bellatrix Building
In operation since 2009	Currently in development	Currently in development
550,000 sq. ft.	350,000 sq. ft./twenty two levels	95,000 sq. ft./six levels
Completion	Completion	Completion
Currently in operation.	Tower 1 is scheduled for completion by end of 2017.	Ready for fit-out by August and occupation by October 2016.

#### Location

Orion Development (Pvt) Ltd 752, Dr. Danister De Silva Mw, Colombo 09, Sri Lanka.

#### Awards

LEEDS - Orion City buildings are LEEDS Silver-certified with a total of 53 points in the LEED BD+C: New Construction (v2009) category.

## Parent Company - St. Anthony's Group.

The story is one of single-minded vision, entrepreneurship, courage and valour. It is one that began in the late 1930s, during World War II, when Ceylon (as it was known then), still under colonial rule, played a strategic role in world affairs. It was also around this period that a far-sighted young man saw the potential and opportunity that existed within this country, and before long, his committed entrepreneurship saw him launch his own business venture selling scrap iron. This was the genesis of a multi-billion rupee conglomerate that today, eight decades later, has permeated its business operations through eighteen companies around the country, truly reinforcing the group's positioning as an unshakeable force in diversification and innovation.

The story of South Asian Investment (Pvt) Ltd begins with Deshamanya A. Y. S. Gnanam seeing potential in building materials, pioneering his first formal business under the name of St. Anthony's. He then established Cyntex, his primary foray into the industrialized environment, successfully conquering the textile industry while he continued to expand his business further under the aegis of St. Anthony's vis-à- vis hardware and PVC products.

At this time, A. Y. S. Gnanam was at the helm of a highly diversified business, founding Tokyo Cement, which eventually became an influential market leader in the cement industry. A. Y. S. Gnanam's conglomerate further expanded with the addition of Rhino Roofing Sheets, all of which paved the way for him being presented with the titular national honor of 'Deshamanya' by the President of Sri Lanka.

#### **Financials**

- In existence for over 60 years: Started by Mr. A.Y.S Gnanam.
- Diversified in the manufacture of textiles, cement, plastics, etc.
- Large trading portfolio, from essential oils to electronics.
- Includes brands such as Tokyo Cement, Anton, Rhino, etc.
- Has its own IT/BPO division.
- 500 million dollars turn over.
- 80 million dollars in assets.
- Employs approximately 6,000 people nationwide.