Serko CEO Darrin Grafton Announces New India Office in Bengaluru

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CEO Darrin Grafton who is accompanying New Zealand Prime Minister Christopher Luxon on a trade mission across India to support the continued strengthening of New Zealand's relationship with India today signed a memorandum to announce a new development center in Bengaluru.



New Zealand Prime Minister Christopher Luxon, Sanjeeb Patel – VP Serko, Darrin Grafton – CEO Serko, Tarun Phaugat – VP Serko and Graham Rouse – NZ Trade Commissioner & Counsel General

India represents a key strategic market for Serko, with the company recently establishing a development hub in Bengaluru. As part of its growth strategy, Serko is <u>expanding its</u> <u>presence in India</u>, increasing its employee base to around 200 over the coming year and opening a new office in Bengaluru.

"We see India as a critical part of Serko's future," said Darrin Grafton, CEO of Serko. "With its deep <u>talent pool and</u> <u>thriving technology</u> ecosystem, Bengaluru has become an essential hub for our product innovation and development. This trade mission is an exciting opportunity to strengthen our relationships in the region and explore new avenues for collaboration."

The trade mission, led by Prime Minister Luxon, aims to enhance <u>business</u> ties between New Zealand and India, fostering partnerships in key sectors such as technology, trade, and investment. Serko's participation underscores its commitment to <u>India as a growing center for technological</u> excellence and innovation. Prime Minister Luxon welcomed Serko's participation in the mission. "Serko is an example of New Zealand's growing technology export sector-an <u>innovative company that has</u> successfully scaled globally while remaining deeply connected to its Kiwi roots," said **Prime Minister Luxon**. "Its investment in India demonstrates the strength of our tech industry and the opportunities for New Zealand <u>businesses</u> in international markets. I'm delighted to have Serko as part of this mission and look forward to supporting their continued success."

Serko's cloud-based travel and expense management solutions are used by <u>businesses</u> worldwide, helping organizations streamline travel booking and expense management. With its continued <u>investment in India</u>, Serko is positioned to play a growing role in the region's dynamic technology landscape.

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