

Press Release
50th AGM of Hindustan Copper Ltd
Kolkata, August 22, 2017

1.0 50th Annual General Meeting (AGM) of Hindustan Copper Limited was held on Wednesday, 22nd August 2017, at its Corporate Office at Kolkata. Shri Kailash Dhar Diwan, Chairman-cum-Managing Director (CMD), chaired the meeting. Sh Hemant Mehtani, Independent Director and Chairman Audit Committee, Sh. Anupam Anand, Director (Personnel), Sh S. K. Bhattacharya, Director (Mining) and Shri Santosh Sharma, Director (Operations) attended the meeting.

2.0 The shareholders approved the Annual Report for the year 2016-17, including the annual and consolidated financial statements of the year. The shareholders also approved the payment of dividend at the rate 4% on equity, i.e. Re 0.20 per share of Rs. 5/- face value for the year 2016-17 at the AGM. The outgo on this account will be Rs. 18.50 crore for dividend and Rs. 3.77 crore towards tax on dividend, aggregating to a total outgo of Rs. 22.27 crore.

3.0 In his address, Sh. K. D. Diwan, Chairman of the Board of Directors highlighted the progress of the Company since its inception in November 1967 and highlighted the impressive landmarks achieved in its 50 years of its operations. Sh. Diwan underlined that during the fiscal year 2016-17, despite difficult situation and volatile market scenario, HCL has posted reasonably good results as compared to other integrated Companies in metal sector.

4.0 Overall sales volume during the year 2016-17 was 28,888 tonnes as against 24,112 tonnes during the previous year, **thereby registering a growth of 20%**. The Company has registered 63% increase in Profit After Tax (PAT) this year to Rs 62.17 crore from Rs 37.97 crore in the FY 2015-16. Profit Before Tax (PBT) during the fiscal year 2016-17 was Rs 94.55 crore as against Rs 39.96 crore in 2015-16. Sales turnover registered a growth of 14% to Rs 1216.94 crore from Rs 1068.95 crore in the previous year. Sh. Diwan also mentioned that the Company is emphasising on initiatives to reduce their cost of production and internal improvement programme to generate additional revenue.

Growth Initiatives

5.0 The Company's flagship project, Malanjkhand underground mine of annual capacity 50 lakh tonne is making good progress. It is expected that the ore production from underground mine will commence from December 2018.

6.0 During the year, the Company expects to make significant progress in mine development activity with the appointment of MDO for Banwas mine at Khetri. Also, Environment and Forest clearances have been obtained for its Kendadih and Rakha mine re-opening projects located at Ghatsila, Jharkhand.

7.0 Company has successfully re-commissioned the first phase of the newly acquired Gujarat Copper Project and on 6th October 2016 the Plant was dedicated to the Nation by Hon'ble Chief Minister of Gujarat and Hon'ble Union Minister of Mines. During the year the GCP has produced 8,906 tonnes of copper cathode.

8.0 HCL's focus in the next fiscal year would be to expedite the expansion programme and ramp up the production from Gujarat Copper Project located at Bharuch at the shortest possible time.

9.0 During the fiscal FY16-17, the Company initiated project on "Waste to Wealth". A compatible technology has been developed to extract minerals and materials from Copper ore Tails (CoT), a waste generated during copper ore beneficiation. A contract has been awarded for installation and commissioning of CoT processing plant of annual capacity 3.3 million tonne at flagship Unit at Malanjkhand, Madhya Pradesh. The project shall be commissioned in fiscal year 2017-18. It shall be a significant value creator for the Company.

10.0 The Company has plans to set up a plant of capacity 1.0 lakh tonne per annum to manufacture copper cathode through cost effective hydro-metallurgy technology. The site of the project has been finalised and investment in the project is Rs 3025 crore. The investment proposal after the recommendation of the Board has been sent to the Ministry to obtain CCEA approval.

Skill Development

11.0 HCL has established a Skill Development Institute as an Upgraded Training Center was established at Khetrinagar Copper Complex. Three trades, i.e., Blaster, Survey and Loco/ Loader Operation have been identified for training at the center. Two batches of six months duration in Survey Trade consisting of 30 trainees each has been planned for FY 2017-18. The first batch has started on 12.04.2017.

Corporate Governance

12.0 The Company has achieved '**Excellent**' grade regarding compliance of Corporate Governance for 2015-16 as per report notified by Department of Public Enterprise.
