

## Business Responsibility Report

### Section A: General Information about the Company

1. Corporate Identity Number (CIN) of the Company: L27201WB1967GOI028825
2. Name of the Company: Hindustan Copper Limited
3. Registered Address:  
"Tamra Bhavan"  
1 Ashutosh Chowdhury Avenue  
Kolkata 700019  
Tel. No.: 033-2283 2226/2529  
Fax no.: 033-2283 2478/2640
4. Website: www.hindustancopper.com
5. E-mail: investors\_cs@hindustancopper.com
6. Financial Year Reported: 2021-22
7. Sector(s) that company is engaged in (industrial activity code-wise):

Industrial Group	Description
07291	Mining of copper ore
24201	Manufacture of Copper from ore and other copper products and alloys
24320	Casting of non-ferrous metals

*As per National Industrial Classification - Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation*

8. List three key products/services that the Company manufactures/ provides (as in balance sheet):  
Hindustan Copper Limited (HCL) is the only vertically integrated copper mining company in India having its own captive mines. Following are the key products manufactured by the Company:
  - Metal in Concentrate
  - Refined Copper Cathode
  - Continuous Cast Copper Rod
9. Total number of locations where business activity is undertaken by the Company:
  - a) Number of International locations : None
  - b) Number of National locations : 7

Offices
Corporate and Eastern Regional Sales Office, Kolkata
Northern Regional Sales Office, Delhi
Khetri Copper Complex (KCC), Khetrinagar, Rajasthan
Indian Copper Complex (ICC), Ghatsila, Jharkhand

Plants
Malanjkhand Copper Project (MCP), Malanjkhand, Madhya Pradesh
Taloja Copper Project (TCP), Taloja, Maharashtra
Gujarat Copper Project (GCP), Gujarat

10. Markets served by the Company (Local / State / National / International): National/ International

### Section B: Financial Details of the Company

1. Paid up Capital: Rs. 483.51 crore
2. Total Turnover: Rs. 1812.21 crore
3. Total Profit/(Loss) after taxes from continuing & discontinuing operations: Rs. 373.78 crore
4. Total spending on Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) as percentage of profit after tax (%): 0.21%
5. List of activities in which expenditure in 4 above has been incurred:
  - a. Drinking Water, Health, Nutrition and Sanitation
  - b. Education, Vocational Skills and Livelihood
  - c. Environment
  - d. Promotion of sports in rural areas

### Section C: Other Details

#### 1. Does the Company have any Subsidiary Company / Companies?

Yes

#### 2. Do the Subsidiary Company / Companies participate in the BR Initiatives of the parent Company? If yes, then indicate the number of such subsidiary company(s).

Subsidiary Company namely, Chhattisgarh Copper Ltd was incorporated on 21.5.2018. At present it is not contributing to the BR initiative.

#### 3. Do any other entity / entities (e.g. suppliers, distributors etc.) that the Company does business with; participate in the BR initiatives of the Company? If yes, then indicate the percentage of such entity / entities? [Less than 30%, 30-60%, More than 60%]

Yes, currently less than 30%.

### Section D: BR Information

#### 1. Details of Director / Directors responsible for BR:

##### a) Details of the Director / Directors responsible for implementation of the BR policy / policies:

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Name	Shri Ghanshyam Sharma
Designation	Director (Finance)
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DIN	09548389
Name	Shri Sanjiv Kumar Singh
Designation	Director (Mining)
Phone	033-2281-7138
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##### b) Detail of the BR head

DIN	03324672
Name	Shri Arun Kumar Shukla
Designation	Chairman and Managing Director
Phone	033-2283 2725
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#### 2. Principle-wise (as per NVGs) BR Policy / policies (Reply in Y / N)

The National Voluntary Guidelines on Social, Environmental and Economic Responsibilities of Business (NVGs) released by the Ministry of Corporate Affairs has adopted nine areas of Business Responsibility. These briefly are as under:

- P1 - Businesses should conduct and govern themselves with Ethics, Transparency and Accountability.
- P2 - Businesses should provide goods and services that are safe and contribute to sustainability throughout their life cycle.
- P3 - Businesses should promote the well-being of all employees.
- P4 - Businesses should respect the interests of, and be responsive towards all stakeholders, especially those who are disadvantaged, vulnerable and marginalized.
- P5 - Businesses should respect and promote human rights.
- P6 - Businesses should respect, protect, and make efforts to restore the environment.

P7 - Businesses, when engaged in influencing public and regulatory policy, should do so in a responsible manner.

P8 - Businesses should support inclusive growth and equitable development.

P9 - Businesses should engage with and provide value to their customers and consumers in a responsible manner.

2 (a) Details of compliance (Reply in Y/N)

Sr. No.	Questions	Business Ethics	Product Responsibility	Welfare of Employees	Stakeholder Engagement	Human Rights	Environment	Public Policy	CSR	Value to customers
		P1	P2	P3	P4	P5	P6	P7	P8	P9
1	Do you have a policy / policies for...	Y*	Y*	Y*	Y*	Y*	Y*	Y*	Y*	Y*
2	Has the policy been formulated in consultation with the relevant stakeholders?	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
3	Does the policy conform to any national / international standards? If yes, specify?	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	N
4	Has the policy being approved by the Board? If yes, has it been signed by MD/owner/CEO/appropriate Board Director?	Y	N	Y	N	Y	Y	N	Y	N
5	Does the company have a specified committee of the Board/ Director/Official to oversee the implementation of the policy?	Y	N	Y	N	N	N	N	Y	N
6	Indicate the link for the policy to be viewed online?	Y**	Y**	Y**	N	N	N	N	Y**	Y**
7	Has the policy been formally communicated to all relevant internal and external stakeholders?	Communicated to key stakeholders of HCL. The communication is an on-going process to cover all internal and external stakeholders.								
8	Does the Company have in-house structure to implement the policy/policies?	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
9	Does the Company have a grievance redressal mechanism related to the policy/policies to address stakeholders' grievances related to the policy/policies?	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y
10	Has the Company carried out independent audit/evaluation of the working of this policy by an internal or external agency?	N	N	N	N	N	Y	N	N	N

\*The Company follows DPE, other applicable Government guidelines/ laws and the policies approved by the Board. \*\*Company's Website: [www.hindustancopper.com](http://www.hindustancopper.com)

2 (b). If answer to Sr. No 1 against any principle, is 'No', please explain why: (Tick up to 2 options)

Sr. No.	Questions	Business Ethics	Product Responsibility	Welfare of Employees	Stakeholder Engagement	Human Rights	Environment	Public Policy	CSR	Value to customers
		P1	P2	P3	P4	P5	P6	P7	P8	P9
1	The Company has not understood the Principles									

2	The Company is not at a stage where it finds itself in a position to formulate and implement the policies on specified principles	Not Applicable
3	The Company does not have financial or manpower resources available for the task	
4	It is planned to be done within next 6 months	
5	It is planned to be done within the next 1 year	
6	Any other reason (please specify)	

**3. Governance related to BR:**

**(a) Indicate the frequency with which the Board of Directors, Committee of the Board or CEO assess the BR performance of the Company. Within 3 months, 3-6 months, Annually, More than 1 year.**

The BR performance of the Company is assessed on a need basis and in accordance with statutory requirements.

**(b) Does the Company publish a BR or a Sustainability Report? What is the hyperlink for viewing this report? How frequently it is published?**

The Company publishes annually its BR report as per SEBI guidelines and it can be viewed at the Company's website [www.hindustancopper.com](http://www.hindustancopper.com).

**Section E: Section Wise Performance**

**Principle 1: Ethics, Transparency and Accountability**

*Businesses should conduct and govern themselves with Ethics, Transparency and Accountability*

**1. Does the policy relating to ethics, bribery and corruption cover only the Company?**

No. The Company is making continuous efforts in improving the systems and procedures so that they are transparent and in conformity with the extant rules & procedures, thereby ensuring that the working atmosphere and Company's dealings / transactions with other entities are relatively free from corruption. The Company has developed its Code of Ethics and Whistle Blower Policy which pertain to ethics, bribery and corruption. Its Code of Business Ethics governs the manner in which the Company carries out its activities and interacts with its stakeholders.

**2. Does it extend to the Group / Joint Ventures / Suppliers / Contractors / NGOs / Others?**

Yes. It extends to the Suppliers, Contractors, Business Partners and all other associated entities. The Company is a signatory of 'Integrity Pact' with Transparency International India wherein the Integrity Pact is signed between the bidders and the Company for all job contracts valuing Rs.10 crore and above and for all purchase valuing Rs.20 crore and above.

**3. How many stakeholder complaints have been received in the past financial year and what percentage was satisfactorily resolved by the management? If so, provide details thereof, in about 50 words or so.**

i) Investor Grievances: During 2021-22 the Company received and resolved one complaint and there was no complaint pending as on 31.3.2022.

ii) Public Grievances: At the start of FY 2021-22, there were 3 cases pending and 109 cases received in the Centralized Public Grievance Redress and Monitoring System (CPGRAMS) portal during the year. Of the total 112 cases, 100 cases were resolved during the year and 12 cases were pending as on 31.3.2022.

iii) Customer Grievance: No customer grievance was received and resolved during the year 2021-22 and there was no outstanding grievance as on 31.3.2022.

iv) Stakeholder grievances pertaining to any other issue are forwarded to the respective department for redressal.

The stakeholders may address their complaints via platforms given below:

Employees	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Grievance Redressal System</li> <li>Whistle Blower Policy</li> </ul>
Trade Unions	Bipartite Forum at Unit/National level for the Company
Shareholders	At dedicated email id- investors_cs@hindustancopper.com
Consumers/Customers	Grievance Redressal through Marketing Department
Public in General	Public Grievance System of the Ministry. CPGRAMS developed and monitored by Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances for online receipt and disposal of public grievances

**Principle 2: Products contributing to sustainability**

*Businesses should provide goods and services that are safe and contribute to sustainability throughout their life cycle.*

- 1. List up to 3 of your products or services whose design has incorporated social or environmental concerns, risks and / or opportunities.**

The Company operates and manufactures its products [e.g. Metal in concentrate, refined copper cathode, continuous cast wire rods] in such a manner as to protect the environment, interests of employees and general public. The company has temporarily suspended the operation of Smelting and refining operation as a part of business decision and operating the continuous cast wire rod plant on third party tolling mode.

- 2. For each such product, provide the following details in respect of resource use (energy, water, raw material etc.) per unit of product (optional):**

- i. Reduction during sourcing / production / distribution achieved since the previous year throughout the value chain
- ii. Reduction during usage by consumers (energy, water) has been achieved since the previous year

The Company is committed to increase levels of recovery and recycling, as well as making investments in environment friendly technology/process to reduce energy intensity, toxicity and waste.

Energy Conservation: Energy consumption is constantly monitored at the mines, plants and townships with a view to achieve overall reduction. In place of conventional lights, LED lights are installed in all five units to save energy and environment. Total 51.28 lakhs units of electricity has been saved in FY 2021-22 by these LED lights.

Water use efficiency: Reclamation and re-use of used water in order to ensure water conservation is a common practice for all HCL mines and plants. Used water is treated in effluent treatment plants before reuse. The processes are also reviewed and modified regularly with an objective of reducing requirement of water. Treated effluent water is used in horticultural purposes. The company's flagship project, MCP, has constructed Tamra-Jheel with approx. storage quantity of water: 40,000-45,000 cum, at HCL/MCP Colony which is acting as a rainwater harvesting structure. At MCP, Roof top Rainwater harvesting system (Approximate area = 2846 m<sup>2</sup>) has been implemented. In FY 2021-22 the project has recycled waste water about 43.3% recycling efficiency at concentrator plant.

- 3. Does the Company have procedures in place for sustainable sourcing (including transportation)? If yes, what percentage of your inputs was sourced sustainably? Also, provide details thereof, in about 50 words or so.**

Sustainable sourcing: Before registering / approving any party, the Company scrutinizes carefully relevant documents to verify compliances of all pre-set norms including the environmental norms by the party. In case of major items, Company Officials visits their premises to evaluate all their capabilities including the environmental and social issues.

Logistics improvements: The Company continued to follow multi-modal transportation which is not only efficient & cost effective, but also environmental-friendly. Further, improvements over the years through sealing of containers has successfully reduced the amount of dust emitted thus reducing the

pollution level as well as wastage. Recently, HCL has started movement of concentrate from respective units in EXIM Containers for export sale purpose, which minimize the transit losses.

- 4. Has the Company taken any steps to procure goods and services from local and small producers, including communities surrounding their place of work? If yes, what steps have been taken to improve the capacity and capability of local and small vendors?**

Yes, the Company procures products and services from local producers and communities surrounding its operations.

Suppliers, vendors participate in awareness creation programs, capacity building workshops that include sharing technical expertise, skill up-gradation and shop floor visits. Company has trained local unemployed persons to produce various utility products e g., hand gloves which is consumed in the factory regularly.

- 5. Does the Company have a mechanism to recycle products and waste? If yes, what is the percentage of recycling of products and waste? (Separately as <5%, 5-10%, >10%). Also, provide details thereof, in about 50 words or so.**

The Company has mechanisms in place to recycle products and waste. With current operations, the Company recycles less than 5% of its waste generated internally, provisions are being adopted to enhance percentage of recycling of products and waste.

The tailing of concentrator plant is partly backfilled in the mines at ICC and action has been initiated to recycle the part of Copper ore tailing (a waste generated in the beneficiation process) as paste to fill up the void in the underground mine at MCP. The Company sells the used oil, rubber scrap to the Government approved recyclers and these recyclers address environmental concerns while recycling or disposing the waste. A good amount of granulated copper slag (i.e., a waste of smelter plant) is sold for using as an alternative of sand blasting. Further Initiatives have been taken to enhance percentage of recycling of products and waste, which include the following:

Waste rock at MCP has been successfully auctioned and is being utilized by Construction Industries. Total 53,851 tons of waste rock was dispatched in FY 2021-22.

***Principle 3: Welfare of Employees***

*Businesses should promote the well-being of all employees.*

- 1. Please indicate the total number of employees.**

1476 as on 31st March, 2022.

- 2. Please indicate the total number of employees hired on temporary / contractual / casual basis.**

The number of employees hired on contract (directly) during FY 2021-22 was 45. There was no employee hired on temporary / casual basis.

- 3. Please indicate the number of permanent women employees.**

112 as on 31st March, 2022.

- 4. Please indicate the number of permanent employees with disabilities.**

29 as on 31st March, 2022.

- 5. Do you have an employee association that is recognized by Management?**

Yes.

- 6. What percentage of your permanent employees is members of this recognised employee association?**

Almost all the workmen are members of the different registered Trade Unions operating in the Units / Offices

- 7. Please indicate the number of complaints relating to child labour, forced labour, involuntary labour, sexual harassment in the last financial year and pending as on the end of the financial year.**

S No	Category	No. of complaints filed	No. of complaints pending at
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		during the FY 2021-22	the end of FY 2021-22
1	Child labour/ forced labour/ involuntary labour	Nil	Nil
2	Sexual harassment	01	Nil
3	Discriminatory Employment	Nil	Nil

**8. What percentage of your under mentioned employees were given safety and skill up-gradation training in the last year?**

- i. Permanent Employees
- ii. Permanent Women Employees
- iii. Casual/Temporary/Contractual Employees
- iv. Employees with Disabilities

Category	%
Permanent Employees	47.66
Permanent Women Employees	27.12
Casual/Temporary/Contractual Employees	35.83
Employees with Disabilities	26.67

Based on identified needs of employees, training and development, at all levels, is given due priority, by the Company for growth of individual as well as company effectiveness. The Company selectively nominates its employees for specialized training Programs / Workshops / Seminars / Conferences organized by reputed professional organizations and Institutes.

**Principle 4: Stakeholder Engagement**

*Businesses should respect the interests of and be responsive towards all stakeholders, especially those who are disadvantaged, vulnerable and marginalized.*

**1. Has the Company mapped its internal and external stakeholders? Yes / No**

Yes

**2. Out of the above, has the Company identified the disadvantaged, vulnerable and marginalized stakeholders?**

Yes

**3. Are there any special initiatives taken by the Company to engage with the disadvantaged, vulnerable and marginalized stakeholders? If so, provide details thereof, in about 50 words or so.**

Yes, the Company has undertaken various initiatives to engage with disadvantaged or marginalized stakeholders such as employees with special needs or people from disadvantaged sections of the society. All decisions that impact such stakeholders are taken only post deliberations.

The initiatives were selected on the basis of the inputs / feedback at various level. Surveys were conducted within 20 Kms radius around the Mining areas to identify feasible need-based CSR projects for the respective communities from the peripheral villages. The needs of the Community especially disadvantaged and marginalized amongst them, were prioritized.

**Principle 5: Human Rights**

*Businesses should respect and promote human rights.*

**1. Does the policy of the Company on human rights cover only the Company or extend to the Group/Joint Venture/ Suppliers/ Contractors/NGO/ Others?**

The Company respects human rights and addresses human rights issues through its own codes and procedures and compliance with applicable laws. HCL adheres to the statutes of India such as Mines Act, Factories Act which embody some of human rights principles such as prevention of child labour, forced labour.

The Company has a structured mechanism in place to address the human rights issues such as equal opportunity to all, non-discrimination, removing pay anomaly, etc. Adequate efforts are undertaken to eliminate discrimination and harassment such as workers' participation from shop floor to corporate level, concessions to persons with disability, prohibition of sexual harassment of women at workplace.

HCL is an equal opportunity employer and does not discriminate among employees based on colour, caste, race, region, religion, gender, etc. The Company implements directives of Government of India for reservation for SC/ST/OBC/PWD/Ex-Servicemen in recruitment and promotion whenever specified.

**2. How many stakeholder complaints have been received in the past financial year and what percent was satisfactorily resolved by the Management?**

Please see reply to question no. 3 under Principle 1 above.

***Principle 6: Environment***

*Businesses should respect, protect, and make efforts to restore the environment.*

**1. Does the policy related to Principle 6 cover only the Company or extends to the Group / Joint Ventures / Suppliers / Contractors / NGOs / Others?**

Yes, the Company ensures that its Joint Ventures / Suppliers / Contractors / NGOs / Others (wherever applicable) comply with all applicable laws to respect, protect and restore the environment.

**2. Does the Company have strategies / initiatives to address global environmental issues such as climate change, global warming, etc.? Y / N. If yes, please give hyperlink for webpage etc.**

The Company does not have a process in place to map its Green House Gas (GHG) emissions and mitigate such emissions. However, its technology upgradation and energy efficiency initiatives contribute to mitigation of GHG emissions. Total 856.50 KWp solar plant implementation has been completed in HCL till date. Further, Power Purchase agreement (PPA) has been signed for additional installation of 4.5 MW solar plant at MCP & 800 KW solar plant at KCC in FY 2021-22 the implementation is expected shortly. Approximately 7.95 lakhs unit of solar electricity has been generated by the installed Solar Power Plants across various units at HCL resulting in a saving of Rs. 71.4 lakhs during FY 2021-22. The Company understands the importance of climate change risk mitigation by adapting to likely climate changes and its impact on business operations.

**3. Does the company identify and assess potential environmental risks? Y/N**

Yes

**4. Does the Company have any project related to Clean Development Mechanism? If so, provide details thereof in about 50 words or so. Also, if yes, whether any environmental compliance report is filed?**

The Company does not have any project related to the Clean Development Mechanism.

**5. Has the Company undertaken any other initiatives on - clean technology, energy efficiency, renewable energy etc.? Y / N. If yes, please give hyperlink to web page etc.**

Yes, the Company has taken following initiatives:

Energy Conservation:

- High wattage conventional lights have been replaced by low power consuming LED lights across all the units of HCL.
- HCL has saved electricity charges of Rs. 12.87 crores approx. during FY 2021-22 by taking various initiatives like reduction of contract demand at KCC and GCP, power factor improvement, introducing energy efficient equipment etc.
- Best practices of energy conservation are adopted across the organization which resulted in reduction in energy consumption.

Renewable energy:

- Total 856.50 KWp solar plant implementation under RESCO model is completed in HCL till FY 2021-22.
- Approximately Rs.71.4 lakhs saved annually in electricity bills by installation of roof top solar projects in 2021-22 across HCL.
- Power Purchase agreement (PPA) has been signed with vendor for installation of additional capacity 4.5 MWp solar plant at MCP & 800 KW plant at KCC in FY 2021-22.



- 41 KWp Rooftop Solar plant at MCP and 20 kWp Solar Plant at ICC already installed under CAPEX model.

#### Research & Development:

Following initiatives were taken during FY-2021-22

- Study on Feasibility of Changing mining method from Track to trackless at Khetri Mine, Rajasthan and Cost Benefit analysis in order to achieve enhanced production & productivity.
- Study of requirement and selection of suitable Mine Communication System in Underground mine of MCP.
- Geotechnical Study and Numerical Modeling by Stability analysis of open-pit and underground mine of MCP, Risk assessment for optimization of support system design.
- Developing software-based 3D Geological ore body modeling and mine planning system for MCP underground mines with real-time updating incorporating geological and mining data for short- and long-term production planning.
- Study for debottlenecking and capacity enhancement provision for concentrator plant, Khetri.
- Numerical modeling and 3D Subsidence analysis for Mine lease areas of ICC unit.
- Around 170000 MT of old lean ore from mines was treated in two phases exclusively and metal recovered was 708 CMT.

#### Environment:

The Company has an Environment Management Plan and it covers prevention, mitigation and control of environmental damages and disasters.

The Company has resorted to extensive plantation around the mining and township areas at the units to maintain the green environment. Reforestation and setting up of recreational eco-parks, plantation of trees and enhancement of the green cover around mining lease, concentrator plant and within project area have been undertaken at MCP.

Safety zone plantation around Mining Lease boundary (Approx. area 0.5 hectare) through Madhya Pradesh Rajya Van Vikash Nigam Limited was done at MCP. To meet the conditions of the Consent to operate (CTO) at MCP a Continuous Ambient Air Quality Monitoring Station procured and installation was in progress.

Native plant species such as 'palash' has been protected and maintained over an area of approximately 10 hectares around the mining lease area with a survival rate of 100%. This has also provided a green cover to the mining lease area.

Mine water and dump seepage water are completely used for processing in concentrator plant by installing matching pumps in reclamation pond and WTP, this has brought down the consumption of fresh water. It has also paved way for using mine waste dump seepage water and tailing seepage water for usage in plant operation.

At MCP, Roof top Rainwater harvesting system (Approximate area = 2846 m<sup>2</sup>) implemented. MCP unit has recycled waste water about @ 43.3% of total process water requirement in FY 2021-22.

Surda, Kendadih & Rakha Mining lease and Mosabani Concentrator plant of Rain water harvesting-cum-ground water recharge system approved from State Ground Water Directorate, Ranchi  
One Rain water harvesting-cum-ground water recharge system each for Mosabani Concentrator Plant and Kendadih Mine is under construction.

Rain water harvesting system at ICC Golf Ground has been desilted & fenced for ground water recharge.

In-house Hospital Effluent Treatment System has been established to treat the effluents generated from Pathology Lab & other Bio-Medical activities.

Safe Disposal of Bio Medical Waste of ICC (W) Hospital is being done at Jharkhand State Pollution Control Board approved TSDF (Treatment Storage and Disposal Facility) of M/s Adityapur Waste Management.

Under the theme of Jal hai to Kal hai, MCP has successfully developed a water reservoir named as “Tamra Jheel”. This Jheel is acting as a rainwater harvesting structure.

KCC is located in a predominantly dusty and arid zone with scarce vegetation and acute water shortage and has adopted aggressive afforestation and water harvesting initiatives, to mitigate the adverse effects of surface soil loss and depletion of ground water. Rain water during monsoon is coursed into the abandoned pit of Chandmari Open Cast Mine of KCC for storage and use during the dry months. This reduces our dependence on ground water resources to some extent.

Waste management:

The Company sells its scrap/obsolete/surplus items through e-auction from time to time. Solid waste like granulated slag, reverts, waste bricks and boiler ash etc. are sold to the parties. Wastes like copper ore tailings and waste rock are safely stored on temporary basis for further recycling, reusing and disposing in an environmentally acceptable manner.

**6. Are the Emissions / Waste generated by the Company within the permissible limits given by CPCB / SPCB for the financial year being reported?**

The ambient air quality is regularly monitored at mines, all process plants and residential areas at all the units. The air quality levels are well within the standards and limits prescribed by the Pollution Control Boards.

Further a Continuous Ambient Air Quality Monitoring Station installed at MCP. Effluent treatment facilities installed at the Units of the Company have been working satisfactorily and meeting regulatory norms as prescribed by the Pollution Control Boards. Discharged process water is being recycled after treatment thus conserving the water.

Solid waste is also safely disposed-off or stored as per guidelines prescribed by the Pollution Control Boards.

**7. Number of show cause / legal notices received from CPCB / SPCB which are pending (i.e. not resolved to satisfaction) as of end of financial year.**

One

***Principle 7: Public Advocacy***

*Businesses, when engaged in influencing public and regulatory policy, should do so in a responsible manner.*

**1. Is your Company a member of any trade and chambers or association? If yes, name only those major ones that your business deals with.**

Yes, e.g. the Standing Conference of Public Enterprises (SCOPE), Indian Society of Training & Development (ISTD), Indian Copper Development Centre (ICDC), National Institute of Personnel Management (NIPM), Quality Circle Forum of India, Indian Primary Copper Producers Association, FICCI, Indian Chamber of commerce, Indian institute of Metals.

**2. Have you advocated / lobbied through above associations for the advancement or improvement of public good? Yes / No; if yes, specify the broad areas (drop box: Governance and Administration, Economic Reforms, Inclusive Development Polices, Energy Security, Water, Food Security, Sustainable Business Principles, Others)**

No

***Principle 8: Inclusive Growth***

*Businesses should support inclusive growth and equitable development.*

**1. Does the Company have specified programmes / initiatives / projects in pursuit of the policy related to Principle 8? If yes, details thereof.**

Yes. The Company is committed to social, economic and environmental development of communities in all its operations and is committed to long term, mutually beneficial partnership between the communities, Government & the stakeholders. The Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) plan of the

Company is prepared based on the Baseline Survey, using Participatory Rural Appraisal Method and inputs from stakeholders.

**2. Are the programmes / projects undertaken through in-house team / own foundation / external NGO / government structures / any other organization?**

The programmes and projects are undertaken through both in-house teams and external Government structures and implemented with the assistance of NGOs with requisite sector expertise wherever required.

**3. Have you done impact assessment of your initiative?**

HCL conducts impact assessment of its CSR projects biennially. Impact assessment of the CSR projects of FY 2018-19 and FY 2019-20 was completed in FY 2021-22.

**4. What is the Company's direct contribution to community development projects - Amount in INR and the details of the projects undertaken?**

In 2021-22, an amount of Rs.1.06 crore was spent on community development projects. The details of major CSR projects /activities implemented during the year were Health Camps, Livelihood Training, Drinking Water Supply, Nutrition Project and Rural Development project.

**5. Have you taken steps to ensure that this community development initiative is successfully adopted by the community? Please explain in 50 words, or so.**

The projects planned in HCL were identified through Baseline Surveys conducted among the target communities through Participatory Rural Appraisal (PRA) methods and inputs from various stakeholders. Active community engagement and continuous feedback is an important process of HCL's community development initiatives. Assets created during the projects have been handed over to the user groups / beneficiary. Continued support is provided post implementation to instill sense of ownership among the beneficiaries for the projects.

Capacity building programs of various user groups has ensured positive transformation at the ground level. Further, Sensitization workshops and village level meetings are organized which have resulted into better adoption and sustainability. The projects implemented by HCL have evolved after feedback received from the community.

The above initiatives have increased acceptance and adoption of the projects by the community. Also, the biennial third party assessment study, reviews the extent of community ownership and success of the planned projects.

***Principle 9: Value to Customers***

*Businesses should engage with and provide value to their customers and consumers in a responsible manner.*

**1. What percentage of customer complaints / consumer cases is pending as on the end of financial year?**

Nil

**2. Does the Company display product information on the product label, over and above what is mandated as per local laws? Yes / No / N.A. / Remarks (additional information)**

Yes

**3. Is there any case filed by any stakeholder against the Company regarding unfair trade practices, irresponsible advertising and / or anti-competitive behaviour during the last five years and pending as of end of financial year? If so, provide details thereof, in about 50 words or so.**

Nil

**4. Did your Company carry out any consumer survey / consumer satisfaction trends?**

Yes. Consumer satisfaction survey is an integral part of the Company in line with ISO 9001:2015 QMS certification with effect from June, 2018.