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MSPL LIMITED- COMMITTED TO SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

In today's economic scenario the goal of Environmental Sustainability is no longer an option but it is an indispensable tool. MSPL Limited anticipated the same long back and based its business model on the same. Its environmental management programmes carried out since 1976, started bearing fruits through a galore of awards. MSPL added one more feather to its cap by bagging the third prize in the prestigious all India TERI (TATA Energy Research Institute) Corporate Environmental Award for the Year 2001, in category "I" companies. This award is given by TERI, a dynamic organisation, committed to sustainable development through formation of local and national level strategies to suggest global solutions to environmental issues. The award was declared on 3.4.2002 at New Delhi in the presence of Shri T.R.Balu, Honourable Minister for Environment.

"Our society will be defined not only by what we create, but by what we refuse to destroy"

MSPL won the TERI award for its following proactive environmental activities such as **Afforestation** that helps in soil conservation and improving green cover. As part of its afforestation drive, the company has planted 13 lakh trees. **Bio Technological method of old dump stabilization**, whereby the species seeds are prepared prior to plantation by boiling, soaking in bio-digested mass for good germination. **Prevention of Soil Erosion**: MSPL has constructed 41 gully plugs and 12 Check Bunds across the streams flowing through the mine area to arrest any run off from mines and dump area and utilise the stored water. **Environment Management System** which was practiced since 1976 got a fillip by adopting the required standards of ISO 14001. MSPL is the first mining company in Karnataka to obtain the coveted certificate. **Innovative concepts of 'Environment Friends'** wherein the head of each department is given full responsibility of looking after an environmental activity in the mine area. **Weather Station**: Scientific Monitoring of rainfall, wind speed and temperature to understand the weather changes and analyse the data for forecasting and take preventive actions. **Monitoring air quality and noise levels**: MSPL monitors ambient air quality and noise levels on continuous basis for effective ways of control. The environment management is carried under the framework of the environment policy which is a standing example of the company's commitment towards environmental conservation for sustainable development.

VISIT OF "NANJING IRON & STEEL GROUP"

MSPL had the privilege of hosting the delegates from M/s Nanjing Iron & Steel, China, its first customer since commencement of Exports to China. This has initiated a multifold development in the relation between the two groups.



From L to R : Mr. Shrenik N. Baldota, E.D., Mr. Wang Hongliu, Mr. Rahul N. Baldota, E.D., Mr. Ge Chunging, Mr. Chang, Ms. Xu Jing, Mr. M.M. Sehgal, Mr. Meda Venkataiah, G.M., Mr. Bao Wenbo, Mr. R. Dass, Chief Geologist and Mr. E. Shivraj, Manager - Quality



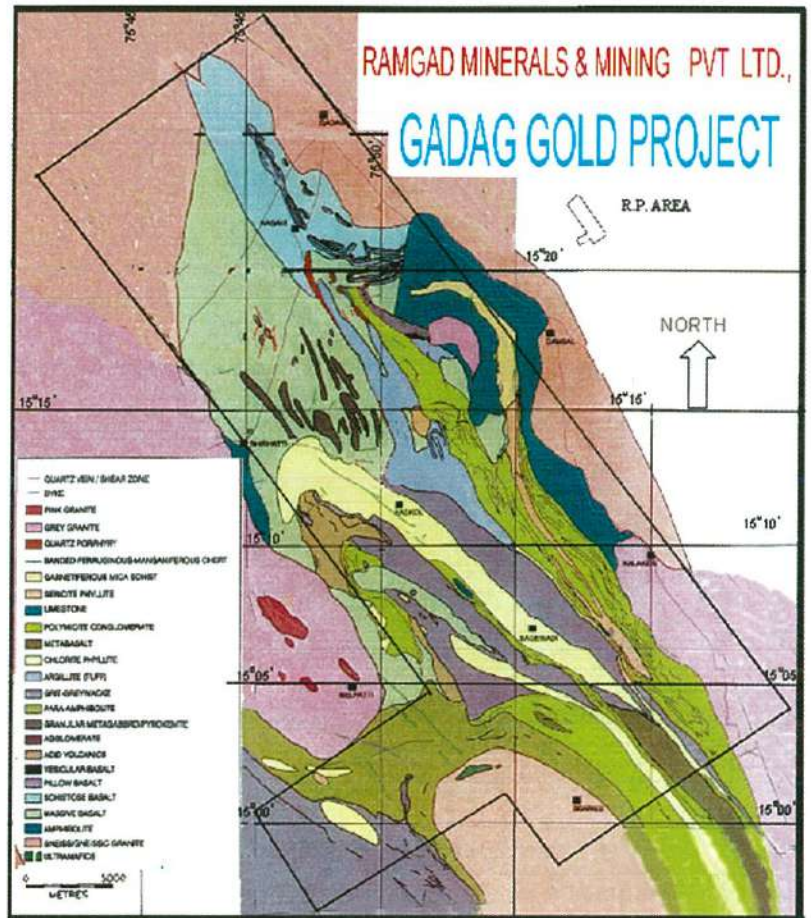
Delegates from L to R : Mr. Wang Hongliu, Mr. Ge Chunging, Ms. Xu Jing and Mr. Bao Wenbo

The Nanjing team comprising Mr. Wang Hongliu, Mr. Ge Chunging, Mr. Bao Wenbo and Ms. Xu Jing of Nanjing & Mr. Chang and Mr. M.M. Sehgal of Mitsubishi Corporation visited our Vyasankere Iron ore Mine on 14.4.2002 and had a comprehensive look of our systematic Mining, Quality System and Processing Plant.

The delegation had discussions on Techno – Commercial issues and expressed satisfaction on MSPL's commitment of consistency in quality and meeting delivery schedules on time, thereby strengthening the relations with the group.

NEWS FROM GADAG

The Baldota Group, having established its leadership in Iron Ore Mining has diversified into Gold exploration in Karnataka. The Govt. of Karnataka has sanctioned 1233.05 Sq.Km. area as Reconnaissance Permit (RP) in Gadag Schist - Belt to Ramgad Minerals & Mining Pvt. Ltd. (RMMPL).



Geological Map of Gadag Schist Belt

RMMPL has developed an exploration team under the leadership of Prof. R.P.Viljoen of South Africa and Mr. R.H.Sowcar. The Reconnaissance is carried out under the following heads:

Regional Studies: Here, geological, geophysical, geochemical and structural domain studies have indicated 30 exploration targets. These targets are linked by Total Station Theodolite Survey (T.S.T.S.) to triangulation points for detailed study.

Detailed Lode and Mine Studies: Here numerous ancient workings scattered over 50 Km strike length and 25 Km width have been re-examined on ground along with old records. Suitable areas for high grade ore shoots for underground development and low grade zones suitable for open pit mining have been identified.

Gold in Banded Iron ore Formations (BIFs): Some countries have established world class mines associated with BIFs, no attempt has been made in India to identify similar deposits. RMMPL has carried out orientation survey of BIFs in Karnataka in the Gadag Schist Belt and has developed a strategic regional exploration programme to identify auriferous BIFs followed by detailed exploration programme. The exploration work, in anticipation of mining the yellow metal is in progress.

GIVE EARTH A CHANCE

WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY-2002



MSPL's commitment towards continuous improvement in conservation of Environment got a fillip when World Environment Day was celebrated on 5.6.2002. In addition to mass afforestation of 13 lakh trees already planted over the years, the company planted 1000 more on this day to enrich its drive of sustainable development.



Students of Deepayana, National, Jaycees and Dhanapur Schools are seen in action in conserving the mother earth



Mr. Mahesh B. Shirur, I.F.S., Deputy Conservator of Forests, Bellary, distributing certificates to school children

For the third consecutive year, MSPL Limited celebrated World Environment Day by involving the students from schools in and around Hospet with MSPL staff. The students from Deepayana, Jaycees, Dhanapur Primary School and National School participated in the celebrations. The week-long celebrations included tree plantation, visual events like film shows on environment and intellectual events like elocution and drawing competitions. The theme for elocution competition was **"Only one species has the power to protect all species on earth-US"**, and the themes for Drawing competition were **a) Earthquake disaster b) Famine and drought situation and c) Forest fire.** To mark this memorable occasion a function was organised in the evening. Shri Mahesh B. Shirur, IFS, Deputy Conservator of Forests, Bellary, graced the function as Chief Guest. In his address he told that "pollution has claimed more lives than dreaded diseases like cancer and AIDS and the onus is on us to minimise pollution and plant more trees." He also added that "it is good to involve school children in planting trees so that they inculcate love for environment."



Generation Next, in action, in saving the mother earth



Mr. S.P. Raju, Dy. Director, Dept. of Mines & Geology, Hospet, distributing certificates to school children



Reporters of Fourth Estate in action. Mr.Satish Rao Pavanje, Indian Express planting a sapling. Also seen from R to L: Mr.Ramachandria, Deccan Herald & Prajavani, Mr.Pampanna, Tiger Weekly, Mr.Kumaraswamy, Haraata and Mr.Lakshman, Samyukta Karnataka

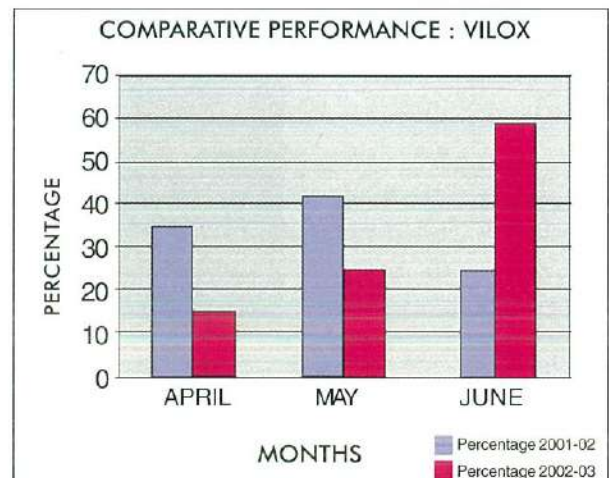
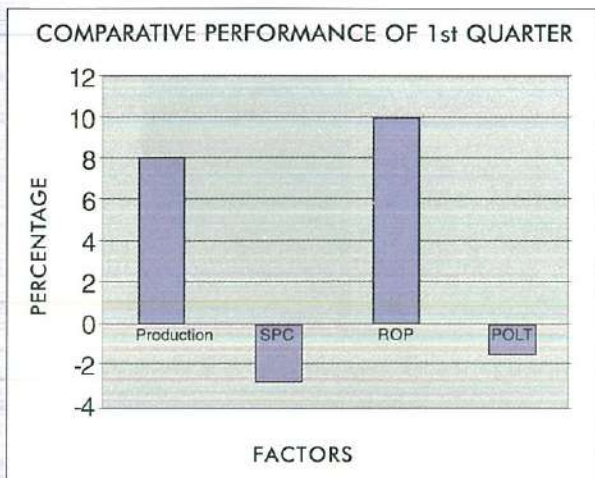


Mr.Meda Venkataiah, GM, delivering his speech. Also seen on the dais, from L to R: Mr.H.L.Rangaraju, Asst. Conservator of Forests, Hospet, Mr.Mahesh B.Shirur, I.F.S., Deputy Conservator of Forests, Bellary, Mr.Abheraj H.Baldota, Chairman, MSPL, Mr.S.P.Raju, Dy. Director, Dept. of Mines & Geology, Hospet, Mr.J.Purushotham, Regional Transport Officer, Hospet

NEWS FROM GAS DIVISION

I-QUARTER PERFORMANCE

In the first quarter there was an increase of 8% in Production, 10% increase in Rate of Production (ROP), 3% reduction in Specific Power Consumption (SPC) and 1.5% reduction in the Plant On Line Time(POLT). The sales of Vilox (Liquid Oxygen Explosive) showed a 61% growth.



"Success is the progressive realization of a worthy goal or ideal"

BHOOMI POOJA OF CORPORATE OFFICE



Mrs and Mr. Rahul N. Baldota, Executive Director, MSPL, performing the Bhoomi Pooja



Mr. Rahul N. Baldota laying the foundation stone

With its wings spreading wider and sights set higher, MSPL set on to establish its corporate office building at Hospet. The Bhoomi Pooja of the same was performed on 5.6.2002. The foundation stone was laid by Smt. Lavina R. Baldota and Shri Rahul N. Baldota, Executive Director, MSPL Limited.

EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH-MSPL

APRIL 2002



G.S. Honnurappa



R.B. Shivappa

Sri G.S. Honnurappa and Sri R.B. Shivappa merit recognition for their innovative idea in welding the stick cylinder of CAT Excavator resulting in cost saving to the tune of Rs. 1.8 lakhs and saving valuable time.

MAY 2002



V. Anjini

Sri V. Anjini merits recognition for his sincerity and adept skills shown in maintaining the haul roads in race with the development rate during the month of May.

JUNE 2002



Y.M. Natraj

Sri Y.M. Natraj merits recognition for his sincere work done in attending the statutory work and for his leadership skills.

"There is magic in enthusiasm. It spells the difference between mediocrity and accomplishment"

CORPORATE CITIZENSHIP DENTAL CAMP



The free Dental Camp in progress



Sitting from L to R: Dr. Jitendra, Mr. Abheraj H. Baldota, Dr. Rajendra Prasad, Dr. Rudrappa and Mr. Rahul N. Baldota, E.D., with other doctors and students of SDM College

A free Dental Camp was organised under the patronage of Abheraj H. Baldota foundation on 27.4.2002. The Dental Camp was inaugurated by Dr. Rajendra Prasad, Surgeon, Govt. Hospital, Hospet. A team of students from SDM Dental College, Dharwad, conducted the activities such as scaling, filling and extraction under the able supervision of Dr. Rudrappa, Dental Surgeon. 512 people got benefited by this free Dental Camp.

IMA MEETING



Standing third from Left: Dr. Rajsekhar Pawar Shettar with other Member Doctors of IMA, Hospet Chapter



Member Doctors of IMA, Hospet Chapter

Smt. Vasanti Devi Baldota Blood Bank conducted the Indian Medical Association (IMA), Hospet Chapter, meeting on "Modern Blood Banking and Transfusion Therapy" on 29.6.02. Dr. Rajsekhar Pawar Shettar, Pathologist, Gadag, delivered the speech on Modern Blood Banking. The function was presided by Dr. Chennabasappa Hubli, ENT Surgeon, President, Hospet Chapter and the function was graced by Dr. P. Ramesh, Secretary, Hospet Chapter.

It is apt to mention that IMA, an all India organisation, is an association of Registered Medical Practitioners. It has got chapters all over India. One such is the Hospet Chapter.

"I long to accomplish a great and noble task, but it is my chief duty to accomplish small tasks as if they were great and noble"

EYE CAMP



A view of beneficiaries of the Eye Camp

Around 40 patients were operated upon, for cataract during the Eye Camp conducted between 13th April, 2002 and 18th April, 2002. As on date, 105 people in and around the villages of Hospet got benefited by this Eye Camp. The Eye Camp was conducted under the patronage of Abheraj H. Baldota foundation by "Netralakshmi Vaidyalaya", Hospet.

DONATION TO OLD AGE HOME



From L to R : Dr. Nagendra, MSPL, Dr. Rathan Suyagna, ASM Trust, Dr. Sulochana, MSPL and Mr. Abheraj H. Baldota

Old age home run by Dr. Rathan Suyagna, and her team, supports elderly people of the society who have broken away from their families and are unable to support themselves. To assist them in this need of hour, of this new society "Abheraj H. Baldota Foundation" donated Rs. 50000 to this "Anna Varjula Subramanya Memorial (ASM) Trust", Bellary.

SPONSORSHIP OF BODY BUILDING COMPETITION



Proud winners of the body building competition

MSPL Limited sponsored the Inter District Body Building Competition, "Madakari Shree-2002" conducted by Universal Gymnasium, Hospet.

"We can chart our future clearly and wisely only when we know the path which has led to the present"

DONATION TO HELPLINE PROJECT



The Ambulance of the Helpline Project

The "Abheraj H. Baldota Foundation", which spearheads the social activities of MSPL Limited, made timely donation of Rs. 25,000 to "Anna Varjula Subramanya Memorial (ASM) Trust", Bellary, for purchase of a mobile ambulance for its Helpline Project.

NURTURING GENERATION NEXT



Smt. Chitra N. Baldota, awarding the Gold Medal to Master Ajay A. Jampale of Deepayana School

MSPL Limited, as part of its Corporate Citizenship has instituted an award of merit for outstanding performance in 10 std. exams of Deepayana School with a Gold Medal. This medal is given for the last 7 years in the name of "Abheraj Baldota Foundation Gold Medal". This year the Gold Medal was won by Master Ajay A. Jampale who secured 91%.

Abheraj Baldota Foundation has been awarding Gold Medals for the past 12 years in a row to students of R.A. Poddar College of Commerce & Economics, Mumbai, for their proficiency in HSc. Examination, Third Year B.Com and M.Com in Mumbai University.

The following is the list of students who won the Gold Medals this year.

HSc. Examination	Mr. Dixit Rohan Sanjay	-	Rank - I	-	Mumbai University
B.Com (Third Year)	Ms. Anisha Subbaraman	-	Rank - III	-	Mumbai University
	Mr. Goyal Amit Nareshkumar	-	Rank - IV	-	Mumbai University
	Ms. Ambre Sulakshana Sitaram	-	Rank - V	-	Mumbai University
M.Com	Mr. Pail Nikhil P.	-	Rank - I	-	Mumbai University

WELCOME TO OUR FAMILY

The Management, Officers, Staff and Workers jointly welcome the following officials to our family

- Mr. S.Raghunathan, Dy. GM (F&A)
- Mr. Balachandra Chadaga, P.R., AGM (F&A)
- Mr. Vijay G.Shurpali, Marketing Executive

APPRECIATION

CONGRATS

The Management, Officers, Staff and Workers jointly congratulate



- Shri Sitaram, Assistant Manager, Geology, RMMPL, for obtaining the coveted First Class Mines Manager Certificate, issued by Directorate General of Mines Safety.
- Shri Solomon, Shri Prabhakar of MSPL and Shri S.R.Suresh of Gadag Gold Project of RMMPL, for passing the Second Class Mines Manager Certificate of Competency, issued by Directorate General of Mines Safety.

REPORT FROM OUR WEATHER STATION

MONTH	AVERAGE WIND SPEED - Km/hr	Min. Temp. Degree Celsius	Max. Temp. Degree Celsius
APRIL - 2002	4.60	17.5	35.5
MAY - 2002	4.83	17.0	37.0
JUNE - 2002	5.57	17.5	29.5

RAINFALL IN THIS QUARTER

MONTH	2000 (mm)	2001 (mm)	2002 (mm)
APRIL - 2002	41	22	0
MAY - 2002	54	41	61
JUNE - 2002	68	43	118
TOTAL	163	106	179

**“ If you don't grow it or hunt it,
you have to mine it.”**



*Everything that's not plant or animal
is a mineral
and mining is at the very core of
development*

*Leading mankind from micro to macro
metal to machinery, ores to buildings, stone
to jewellery
even minerals to life-saving drugs...*

*MSPL... Reinforcing the
importance of the mining industry
through sustainable development.*



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