



# Minds & Mettle

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## Recognition of Excellence



Rahul N Baldota, Executive Director, MSPL Limited, receiving the CAPEXIL Special Award for the year 2000-01 from Rajiv Pratap Rudy, Minister of State for Commerce and Industry on 7th Dec. 2001.

MSPL Limited holds a key position in the mineral exports in India. The company is a leading foreign exchange earner through export of minerals. The excellent export performance of the company has won them the coveted CAPEXIL Export Award for the last four years consecutively. This award is given by CAPEXIL, which is also the Export Promotion Council for Iron Ore. This year also MSPL bagged CAPEXIL's Special Export Award. Shri Rajiv Pratap Rudy, Minister of State for Commerce and Industry presented the award on 7.12.2001. Shri Rahul N Baldota, Executive Director, received it on behalf of MSPL Limited.

If you can dream it, you can do it.

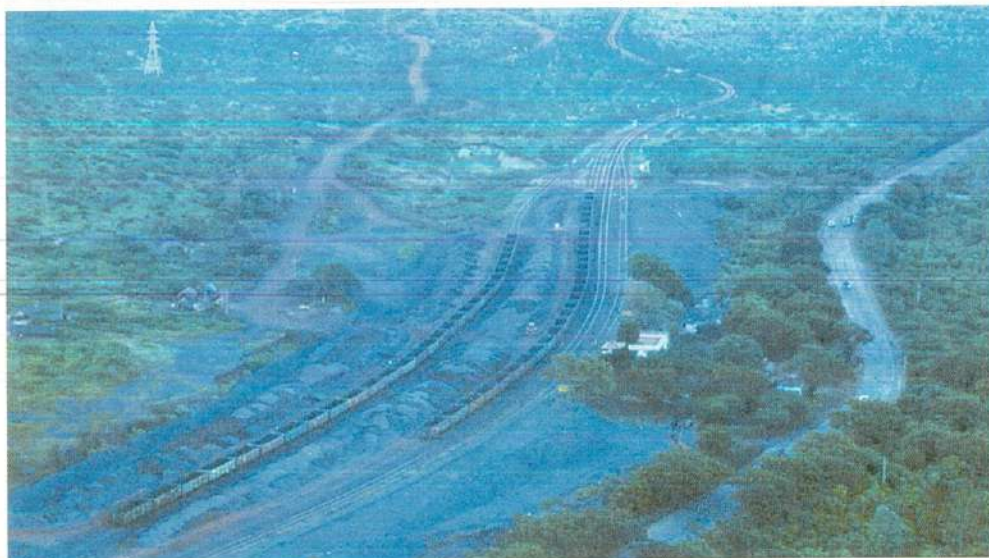
## MSPL AHEAD IN MODERN TECHNOLOGY



Top Hammer Hydraulic Drill - Pantera 800 operating in MSPL Mines.

MSPL is a pioneer in the Bellary-Hospet sector in mechanisation of mining operations. The company is following a scientific approach to mining right from its inception. Recently it added to its fleet, the Top Hammer Hydraulic Drill--- Pantera 800 manufactured by Tamrock- the first of its kind in India. This giant drilling machine, apart from its high speed drilling has unique environmental features such as a sound proof cabin, arrangement of wet drilling and emission standards confirming to the norms of Euro II. From the safety point of view the drill cabin is certified from ROPS (roll over protection system), and FOPS (falling object protection system), automatic stoppage of machine in case of overheating of the engine or compressor or hydraulic system and five safety push buttons to stop the machine during an emergency.

## THANKS TO RAILWAYS



A view of the Rake Loading.

MSPL thanks the South Central Railways for the help rendered in extending the loading line. This extension helped the company to load 58 wagons at one time. This was done previously by splitting the rakes in two and was time consuming. By this extension MSPL can load at the rate of five to six rakes in a day from the Vysanakere loading plot.

# SAFETY WEEK CELEBRATIONS

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- Overall Performance - First Prize
- Injury Rate Performance - First Prize
- Human Resources Development - First Prize
- Environmental Control - First Prize
- Road and Machinery Maintenance - First Prize
- Method of Working - Second Prize
- Publicity and Propaganda - Second Prize
- Welfare Amenities - Second Prize

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Wagon Drill	I Prize	II Prize	Mr. N Eranna Mr. Imamsab
Auto Electrician	I Prize	II Prize	Mr. T. Abdul Rasool
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## SAFETY WEEK CELEBRATION - RMMPL

RMMPL also proved that they are second to none in following safe practices in mines. This was evident from the prizes won by the mines during the Safety Week-2001 observed from 3.12.2001 to 8.12.2001. The Safety Week was celebrated under the patronage of MSAK (Mines Safety Association, Karnataka).

The special feature for this year is that RMMPL entered the group A1 for the first time, but scored a ton on debut by winning the Overall Performance prize. It is worth mentioning that group A1 is the toughest group in the Bellary Zone.



J. Nagendraiah, Sr. Mines Manager, RMMPL receiving the prize from D. Sen Gupta, DMS, Oorgaum.



K. Siddappa receiving the state level 1st prize in Blaster Trade from Jawaid Akhtar, D.C., Bellary.

The following are the prizes won by RMMPL mines in the inter mines competition. First Prize in Overall Performance, First Prize in overall performance in Trade Tests, First Prize in VT, First Prize in Human Resources Development, First Prize in Welfare Amenities, Second Prize in Safe Drilling and Blasting.

The prizes won in the individual trade tests at both Zonal and State Levels are as follows:

Trade Test	Zonal Level	State Level	Name
Blaster	I Prize	I Prize	Mr. K. Siddappa
Blasting Helper	II Prize	-	Mr. Abdul Latheef
Auto Electrician	II Prize	-	Mr. P Srinivas
Diesel Mechanic	II Prize	-	Mr. Ali Mohammed
Safety Slogan	II Prize (English)	-	Mr. Y. Rammohan Reddy
	II Prize (Telugu)	-	

## PERFORMANCE OF GAS DIVISION

In comparison with the second quarter there was an increase of 8% in Production, 6% increase in Rate of Production (ROP) and 3% reduction in Specific Power Consumption (SPC). Kudos to the production team. But sales showed a fall of 4% in gas and 24% in liquid business due to intense competition and consolidation of market prices.

## FIMI SEMINAR

Keeping in view the downtrend in economy, the Federation of Indian Mineral Industries (FIMI) organised a seminar titled 'Prospects of Indian Iron Ore' in Trivandrum from 10.12.2001 to 12.12.2001. Mr. Meda Venkataiah, General Manager - Mines and Mr. S. S. Varma General Manager - Marketing added value to the seminar through paper presentations titled 'Status of Iron Industry in Bellary - Hospet sector' and 'Infrastructure Bottlenecks, Ways and Means to Overcome' respectively.

## Employees of the Month

OCT 2001



**Mr. K. A. Mouinuddin**

Mr. K A Mouinuddin merits recognition for his skills exhibited in attending the radiator maintenance. He overhauled the old radiators that resulted in cost saving to the company.

NOV. 2001



**Mr. M. Anjinappa**

Mr. M Anjinappa merits recognition for his skills exhibited in maintaining the conveyor belts in processing plant that resulted in Zero breakdown.

DEC. 2001



**Mr. K. Nagaraj**

Mr. K. Nagaraj merits recognition for his timely action in stopping the plant and removing the channel which got into the bin, which otherwise would have lead to damage of belt and stoppage of the whole plant.

## REPORT FROM OUR WEATHER STATION

Month	Average Wind	Min. Temp.	Max. Temp.	Total Rainfall
Nov-2001	3.72 Kmph	14.0° C	29.0° C	2.50 mm
Dec-2001	2.69 Kmph	13.0° C	26.0° C	0.00 mm
Jan-2002	3.10 Kmph	12.0° C	28.0° C	1.50 mm

## FELICITATION

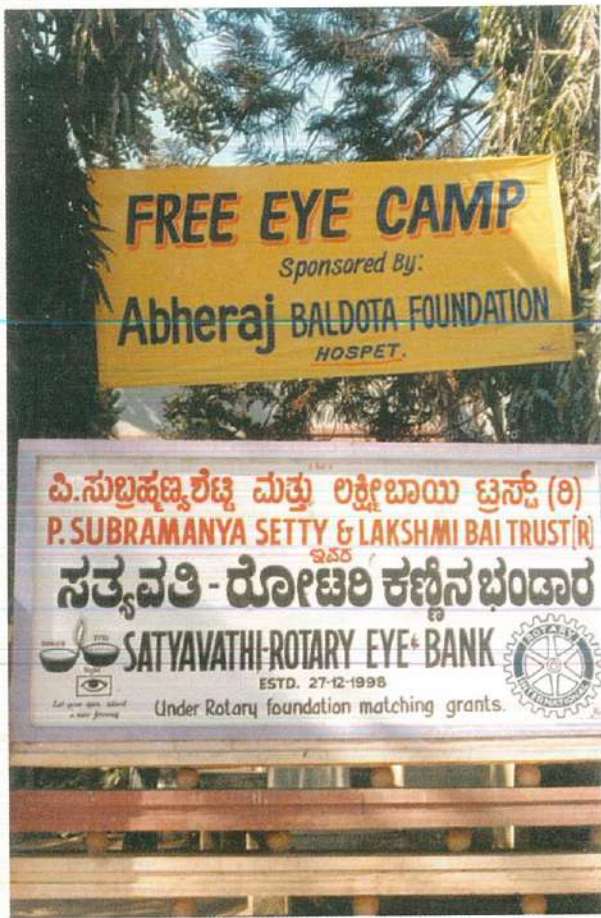
Shri Abheraj H. Baldota, Chairman, MSPL Limited was felicitated by Shri M. Y. Ghorpade, Honorable Minister for Rural Development and Panchayat Raj, Government of Karnataka, at a function organised by Hampi University for his valuable contribution to the cause of education through donations made to the university.



Abheraj H Baldota, Chairman, MSPL Limited, being felicitated by M Y Ghorpade, Minister for Rural Development and Panchayat Raj.

## EYE CAMP

Abheraj Baldota Foundation, named after the Chairman, MSPL, donated Rs.5 lakhs to Netra Lakshmi Vaidyalaya which conducts free eye camps and operations every month for the needy individuals of society.



A view of the Eye Bank.

The donation started paying dividends by facilitating free eye camps. An eye camp was held at Hospet on 8.12.2001, conducted by Netralakshmi Vaidyalaya, Hospet. At this eye camp, 49 people got treatment for their eye diseases and 20 people got operated for cataract.



Needy people who got their vision corrected.

## CONTINUOUS LEARNING



Geopmem Seminar in progress.

MSPL co-sponsored a seminar conducted by P. G. Centre, Nandihalli, Gulbarga University, on 20-21 Dec 2001 under the heading IV Mineralogical Convention and National Seminar on Geology, Processing and Metallurgy of Economic Minerals (Geopmem-2001). The seminar highlighted the technological upgradations in the mineral sector. Geologists, mining engineers and processing engineers of MSPL participated actively in the seminar and added value to this learning exercise.

## WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY - PRIZE DISTRIBUTION



Ms. Ramya, X Std. Deepayan School,  
winner of Elocution Competition.

For the second consecutive year, MSPL celebrated world environment day by involving the schools in and around Hospet viz Deepayan, National and Little Flower schools.

The week long celebrations included tree planting, visual events like television films and intellectual events like conducting elocution and drawing competitions.



Ms. Madhavi Gosbal, VI Std, Little Flower School,  
winner of Drawing Competition.

The theme for elocution and drawing competitions were 'What will I do to create a good environment?' and 'What comes to your mind when you think of good environment?'. The prizes were distributed to the students who won the competitions at a small function held in Hospet.

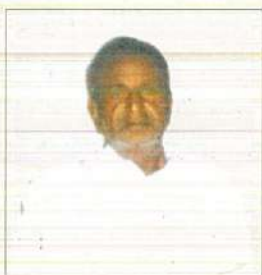
### Personal Column



Shri Shrenik Kumar Baldota- Executive Director of MSPL Limited was blessed with a male child on 6.11.2001. The child has been christened as Master Karmaditya Shrenik Baldota.

Shri R Vidya Sagar, son of Shri R Venkatesh, studying in P.V.S.B.C High School, Hospet, did his parents proud when he was selected as the best student of his class.

### SAD DEMISE



The officials, staff and workers of MSPL Limited deeply mourn the sudden demise of Shri Guddappa, Contractor. Shri Guddappa started his career in MSPL Mines and served the company in various capacities before becoming a contractor. He is survived by two sons and four daughters.

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