



# Minds & Mettle

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## Honorary Membership



Dr. M. Basappa Reddy, Director, DMG, Govt. of Karnataka, Shri. Narendrakumar A. Baldota, JMD, MSPL Ltd., Shri. P. G. R. Sindhia, Hon'ble Minister for Industries, Govt. of Karnataka, Shri. Meda Venkataiah, President, MEAI.

Our beloved Jt. Managing Director Shri. Narendrakumar A. Baldota has been honoured by the Mining Engineers' Association of India by being co-opted as Honorary Member.

Hon'ble Minister for Industries, Govt. of Karnataka Shri. P. G. R. Sindhia presented the award to Shri. Narendrakumar A. Baldota during the inaugural function of the International Seminar on "Technology Update in Mining & Mineral Industries" organized by MEAI in association with Dept. of Mines and Geology, Govt. of Karnataka held at J. N. Tata Auditorium, Indian Institution of Science, Bangalore on 16th<sup>th</sup> October 2004. MEAI has considered Shri. N. A. Baldota's outstanding contribution to the Mining Industry, for Rational Utilization of Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation. MEAI has honoured only 10 individuals in this manner, since its inception.

If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more and become more, you are a leader.

# Beautifying the heart of the city

**THE DANDI MARCH. A SIMPLE ACT  
-MAKING SALT- THAT SHOOK AN EMPIRE**



The picture of the Mahatma, with firm stride and staff in hand was to be among the most enduring images of him

This landmark circle has been elevated in stature with the installation of a statue of the Father of Nation. The inauguration programme went off very enthusiastically with the unveiling of the statue by Hospet MLA, Shri. H. R. Gaviappa, & Shri. Pankaj Kumar Thakur, IPS, Suptd. of Police, Bellary. Thousands of people had gathered to witness the event, adding colour and charm to the proceedings. Shri. A. H. Baldota addressed the audience, and emphasised the fact that to destroy is easier than to create. He also appraised the MLA of initiatives and activities.



The Hospet MLA, Shri. H. R. Gaviappa, inaugurated the Gandhi Statue by garlanding it.



Shri. G. K. Hanumanthappa, Shri. Chikkanna, Shri. Abheraj H. Baldota, Shri. H. R. Gaviappa, Shri. Narendrakumar A. Baldota, Shri. Ghevarchandji Jain

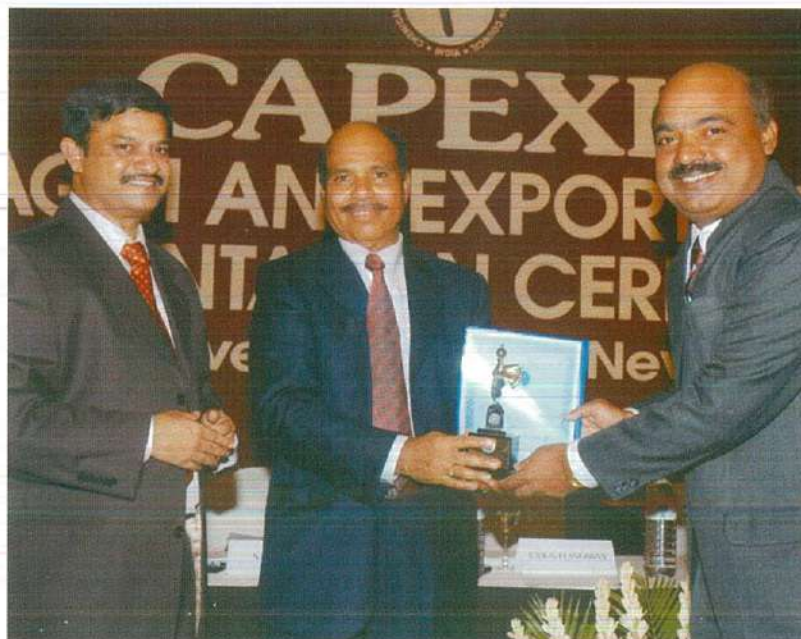
## Capexil Export Award - MSPL & RMMPL

MSPL Limited holds a key position in the mineral export circuit in India. The company is a leading foreign exchange earner through export of minerals. The excellent export performance of the company has won it the coveted CAPEXIL Special Export Award for the last seven consecutive years. This year also MSPL bagged CAPEXIL's Special Export Award instituted by CAPEXIL, the export promotion council for minerals. The Export Award function concluded on 25<sup>th</sup> November 2004 at the "Durbar Hall", Taj Palace Hotel, New Delhi. Shri. E. V. K. S. Elangovan Hon'ble Minister of State for Commerce & Industry, Govt. of India, presented the Export Awards.



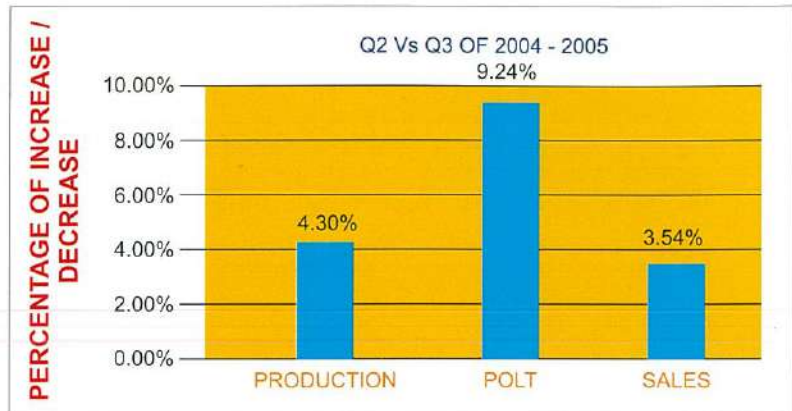
Shri. S. S. Varma, Vice President, MSPL Limited, receiving the CAPEXIL Award for the year 2003-04 from Shri. E. V. K. S. Elangovan Hon'ble Minister of State for Commerce & Industry,

Rangad Minerals and Mining P. Ltd. bagged CAPEXIL's Export Award for its achievement in Iron Ore Export. This certificate was awarded on 25.11.2004 at New Delhi, by Shri. Veeramani, Ex- President of CAPEXIL & Managing Director of Gem Granites.



Shri. Sitaram, Mines Manager, RMMPL, receiving the CAPEXIL Award for the year 2003-04 from Shri. Veeramani, Ex- President of CAPEXIL & Managing Director of Gem Granites

# PERFORMANCE OF GAS DIVISION



In the 3rd quarter, the Group's Gas Business recorded an increase of 4.30% in production, 9.24% increase in Plant On Line Time (POLT) and maintains 92% increase in Specific Power Consumption (SPO) since last two sales showed a growth of 3.54% increase in gas business when compared to previous quarter.



MSPL-VOCL ISO 9001 : 2000

## UPGRADING QUALITY STANDARDS

As a part of Continual Improvement, MSPL Limited (Unit: Vijaya Oxygen) upgraded its quality management system to ISO 9001 Standard 2000 version and was certified by BVQI on 3rd November 2004.

## Dasara Festival

The Dasara Festival was celebrated in a grand manner at MSPL Limited (Unit : Vijaya Oxygen) factory premises on 22.10.04 in the presence of Shri. Abheraj H. Baldota, Chairman and Managing Director, MSPL Limited.



Mr. K. Prabhu, GM (Mktg.) performing Dasara Pooja at Factory

# SAFETY WEEK CELEBRATION - MSPL



Mines Safety Week was observed in Bellary- Hospet Zone of Mines Safety Association Karnataka from 29.11.2004 to 05.12.2004. A total of 59 mines participated in the competition. More than 500 individuals from various mines took part in different trade test competitions and the total number of winners were 98. The mines are inspected by the judges to assess Standard of Working, Operation and Maintenance of Machinery, Publicity and Propaganda, Human Resource Development, Welfare Amenities and Injury Rate .



▶ The Inspection team views the Safety Posters, Photos & Safety Slogans at the Vyasankere Iron Ore Mines.

Sri. D. Saha, Dy. Director of Mines Safety, Bellary releases the Safety Brochure during the function of Safety Week at Vyasankere Iron Ore Mines. ▼



▶ From L to R Mr. P. N. Krishnamurthy, AGM (Mines) MSPL Limited, Mr. Rahul N. Baldota, Executive Director, MSPL Limited, Mr. D. Saha Dy. Director, DDMS, Bellary. ▲



▶ Sri. S.J. Sibal, Dy. Director of General of Mines Safety, Sri. S.I. Hussain, Director of Mines Safety, Sri. Meda Venkataiah, Hon. Secretary, MSAK are inaugurating the Safety Week Final Day function by the lighting of lamps on 5th December 2004 at BUNTS Bhavan, Bellary. ▲

## The prizes won in the individual trade tests at both zonal and state levels are as follows :

TRADE TEST	NAME	ZONAL LEVEL	STATE LEVEL
Foreman-Diploma	Mr. N. Nagaraja	1 <sup>st</sup> Prize	2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize
Welder	Mr. G. S. Honnurappa	1 <sup>st</sup> Prize	1 <sup>st</sup> Prize
Hydraulic Excavator	Mr. G. Bhattaraj	2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize	1 <sup>st</sup> Prize
Diesel Mechanic	Mr. B. Shivashankar	2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize	
Mechanical Fitter	Mr. Jagannath	2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize	2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize
Hindi Song	Mr. Abdul Basheer	2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize	
English Song	Mr. Y. M. Nataraj	2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize	
Auto Electrician	Mr. M. D. Gouse	3 <sup>rd</sup> Prize	
Tipper Driver	Mr. M. Ramachandra	3 <sup>rd</sup> Prize	
Wagon Drill	Mr. Himam Sab & Mr. K. Neelappa	3 <sup>rd</sup> Prize	
Electrician (ITI)	Mr. M. Adhinarayana	3 <sup>rd</sup> Prize	
Kannada Slogan	Mr. K. Mallikarjuna	3 <sup>rd</sup> Prize	
Best Female	Smt. Sultan Bee	3 <sup>rd</sup> Prize	

## SAFETY WEEK CELEBRATION - RMMPL



Mines Safety Week was celebrated at Sachidananda Iron Ore Mines. As is customary, this year also, safety week was celebrated with great zeal and enthusiasm to create safety awareness among the mining workers and supervisory staff.

Mr. Sitaram.K, Mines Manager Sachidananda Iron Ore Mines of Ramgad Minerals & Mining P. Ltd., narrating the mine's safety initiatives to the inspection team members Mr. Vijayakumar, Mr. Mukesh Ranjan & Mr. Sanjeeva Sahu during inspection of mines, as part of Safety Week Celebration 2004.



Mr. N. Venkatesh, Sr. Mines Manager, stressed the importance of safety, in his address at the Safety Week celebrations of Sachidananda Iron Ore Mines of RMMPL on 3rd December 2004



From L to R Mr. N. Venkatesh, Mr. K. Sitaram, Mr. Vijayakumar, Mr. Mukesh Rangan, Mr. Sanjeeva Sahu, Mr. Meda Venkataiah and Sri. J. Nagendraiah.

M/s Ramgad Mineral & Mining P. Ltd., won the 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize in Overall Performance at the Inter-Mines Competition of A-2 Hospet Group.



Mr. Sitaram, Mines Manager, of RMMPL receiving overall Prize from Mr. S.J. Sibal, Dy. Director General of Mines Safety, Hyderabad.

### PRIZES WON IN THE INDIVIDUAL TRADE TESTS OF BOTH ZONAL AND STATE LEVELS ARE AS FOLLOWS :

TRADE TEST	NAME	ZONAL LEVEL	STATE LEVEL
Rock Drill Assembly	Mr. Rajasab & Mr. Basavaraj	1 <sup>st</sup> Prize	2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize
First Aid Team	Mr. A Lateef Mr. Ashok Deshpande Mr. Sheik Sharrif Mr. T. Hanumantha Mr. Ananda Desai	2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize	--
Hindi Slogans	Mr. A. Ramappa	3 <sup>rd</sup> Prize	--
Mazdoor	Mr. B. Hulugappa	Consolation	--



## New Plant at Goa

MSPL Limited (Unit : Vijaya Oxygen) started 200 Cum / Hr oxygen plant at Goa for producing and selling Industrial Gases in Goa region. Bhoomi Pooja was performed by Mr. Ramanna on 23.10.04.

◀ Bhoomi Pooja of Goa Plant

## BHOOMI POOJA OF R & D LAB

Bhoomi Pooja performed on 08.12.04 by Sri. Shrenik N. Baldota at Hosahalli for the construction of a centralized R&D Laboratory to meet the requirements of mineral processing needs of the mine and for the development of a specific zero waste technology implementation.



Mr. Shrenik N. Baldota performing the Bhoomi Pooja ▶



## State Festival

The Hampi Utsav is considered a State Festival and the Govt. of Karnataka is keen to raise the stature of this festival to a national celebration. Our Chairman & Managing Director, Shri. A. H. Baldota handed over a cheque of Rs.5 Lakhs to Shri. B.P. Adnur, Asst. Commissioner of Hospet towards Hampi Utsav-2004.

◀ Shri. A. H. Baldota Chairman & Managing Director of MSPL Limited presenting the cheque to Shri. B. P. Adnur, Asst. Commissioner, Hospet. Shri. N.A. Baldota, JMD, can also be seen.

# An 8 year old at the Arogya Mela

Asst. Director of Health Office, Hospet conducted an "AROGYA MELA" on 07.10.2004 at the Municipal High School Ground, Hospet. The mela was inaugurated by Mr. S. N. Jayaram, Dy. Commissioner, Bellary. 3025 people benefitted through the mela. Besides educating and promoting the idea of voluntary blood donation, free blood grouping was also done. Nearly 60 to 80 doctors of VIMS, Bellary and 100 to 120 para medical staff participated in the mela.

The case of Chi.Yusuf, an 8 year old suffering from Malaria Hemoglobin of 3 grams % was referred to the blood bank in Arogya Mela. Dr. Salia, Orthopedic Surgeon, Dr. Veeresh Shetty, Taluk Health Officer, Dr. Choudari, Dist. Surgeon admitted the child and blood transfusion was performed free of charges. We have donated two pouches of AB positive blood from Smt. Vasanti Devi Baldota Blood Bank. The child recovered.



A view of our stall in Arogya Mela



Chi. Yusuf receiving treatment at Arogya Mela

## Karnataka Rajyotsava

On the occasion of Rojyotsava, President Mr. Y. Uma Maheshwara Rao, Secretary Mr. Shobana Babu, Convenor Mr. V. Thirupati Naidu and other members of Vijayanagar Kammavari Sangha, Hospet have donated 17 pouches of blood to Smt. Vasanti Devi Baldota Blood Bank, Hospet. Members of Hospet Taluk Christian Association, Hospet also donated blood on November 1, 2004.



Members of Vijayanagar Kammavari Sangha, Hospet



Our philanthropic attitude towards the community is well known and we continue to serve the society through genuine and needful activities of non governmental organizations. We have recently donated to the Bellary branch of Family Planning Association of India, a sum of Rs. 3.7 lakhs for construction of "Female Ward" in FPAI, Bellary.

Shri.N. A. Baldota, Dr. Nagendrakumar, Smt. Sharada Malebennur, Shri. A. H. Baldota, and Dr. B. K. Srinivas Murthy.



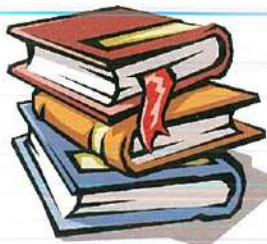
Shri. A. H. Baldota handing over the cheque to Shri. D. V. Chandra (Bobby)

## Deva Raya Wildlife Sanctuary

The Association for the Preservation of the Environment (A.P.E) is an organisation formed with the primary objective of the preservation and protection of wildlife. As a part of Shri D.V. Chandra's (Bobby) endeavour to promote peaceful balance between man and animal, and as a result of his sincere and strenuous efforts, the Deva Raya Wildlife Sanctuary was established. We are proud to be associated with the project and have donated a sum of Rs. 3 lakhs to the Deva Raya Wild Life Sanctuary.

## Rotary International - Century

Rotary International is celebrating its 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary in the year 2005. Commemorating the event, R.I. Dist. 3160 is celebrating at a conference in Hyderabad, where nearly 3000 delegates from Andhra and Karnataka and more than 100 foreign delegates will attend. We have donated Rs.1 Lakh towards mementoes for delegates.



## Forum for Education

We have donated Rs.5 Lakhs towards construction of a Community Hall - which will provide a forum for educational, cultural and religious activities - to Shri. Mahadevappa Bidari Shaikshanik Sanskrutik & Dharmik Sangh, Banahatti .

## Internet World - 2004



We have contributed Rs.1 Lakh to Student Internet World - 2004 at Karwar to enlighten the younger generation to the world of communication. This programme was a great success with the participation of 4,000 students.



# MEGA EVENT

We have sponsored the Mega Magic Show -Amazing World of Magic, by Mega Magic Star Mr. Kudroli Ganesh Vismaya Jadoo - at Venkateshwara Kalyana Mantapa, Hospet, on 7<sup>th</sup> November, 2004.



Pandal of folk magic



Floating bodies



The magician appears

## EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH - MSPL

OCTOBER 2004



**MR. B. Shivashankar**  
Sr. Mechanic

These two employees merit recognition for their skill and initiative in attending a Tatra differential (KA 35/4638) which was hit by a big boulder at reef. The differential was damaged badly and Service Engineers had suggested replacement. But our mechanics took the challenge and responsibility to repair the damaged differential most economically and in time, which resulted in cost saving of Rs. 96,000. The sincere effort of these mechanics increased the availability hours of Tatra and helped production process.



**MR. M. Liyakhath**  
Mechanic

A diesel mechanic turned Tam Rock Operator, Mr. Veerabhadraiah merits recognition for his sincere work. He has been operating Tam Rock Machine since its procurement. He drills most efficiently to provide loose material to all 7 excavators working at reef including BHQ. On 4th November, 2004 he drilled 500 meters in one shift, which is the highest ever by any operator. He operates the machine smoothly and safely, resulting in increased working hours of the machine and elimination of frequent breakdowns. He is sincere and very co-operative.

November 2004



**MR.A.M.M. VEERABHADRAIAH**  
Tam Rock Operator

December 2004



**MR. SUBBANNA JOSHI**

Mr. Subbanna Joshi merits recognition for his workmanship and responsibility in making diving barrels during the Safety week. He completed the entire work of making barrels, painting and fixing within the targeted time. He is also a good friend of the environment and has taken additional responsibility for beautification and gardening of reef office and mines office premises.

# EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH - RMMPL

October 2004



Mr. PAKIRAPPA

Mr. Pakirappa merits recognition for the excellent physical work performed by him in survey and fixing boundary stones along the lease line in sloppy and rugged terrain. He is an obedient and hard working employee.

November 2004



Mr. JAGADISH

Mr. Jagadish merits recognition for his excellent innovative work in renovation of manual electrical panel of RSP to Auto operation incorporating all Safety provisions He is sincere, punctual and disciplined.

December 2004



Mr. T. MANJUNATH  
Supervisor  
P&A Department

Mr. T. Manjunath merits recognition for his excellent skill in weigh-bridge operation and stock-yard maintenance work resulting in faster process in his shift. He is sincere and disciplined.

## Report from our weather station

Month	Average Wind Km/hr	Min. Temp Degree Celsius	Min. Temp Degree Celsius	Total Rainfall mm
Oct. - 2004	3.73	26.00	36.50	97.5
Nov. - 2004	4.49	22.50	38.00	Nil
Dec. - 2004	4.45	18.50	32.50	Nil



## **MINING A BETTER FUTURE**

At MSPL, for over forty years we have been taking a larger initiative in the development of society and the conservation of the environment, with the same passion as we do business. Which has resulted in the inception of educational institutions, hospitals, and charity funds, restitution of forests and wildlife. And more goodness that enriches the lives of millions.



MINING : IRON ORE & GOLD

ENERGY : WIND

GASES : INDUSTRIAL & MEDICAL



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