



# Fifteenth Annual Report 2003 2004



The Ahmedabad Advance Mills Limited

# THE AHMEDABAD ADVANCE MILLS LIMITED FIFTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT

**Board of Directors** 

: PARDEEP AGARWAL

(CHAIRMAN & MANAGING DIRECTOR)

A. K. GHOSH (BIFR'S NOMINEE) (up to 20-2-03)

S. M. BATHE (BIFR'S NOMINEE) (W.e.f. 21-2-03)

S. D. VYAS

V. S. DIDWANIA

Company Secretary-cum

: R. Vijaykumar

Manager (Finance)

**Bankers** 

: STATE BANK OF INDIA

**Auditors** 

: A. F. FERGUSON & CO.

**Chartered Accountants** 

Registered Office

: F. P. 105,

Shahibaug Road,

Outside Delhi Gate,

Ahmedabad - 380 004.

Head Office and International: 67, Bajaj Bhavan,

Marketing Division

Nariman Point,

Mumbai - 400 021.

# NOTICE

NITICE is hereby given that the Fiftenth Annual General Meeting of the Members of **The Ahmedabad Advance Mills Limited** will be held on Thursday, the 30th September, 2004 at 11.00 A.M. at the Registered Office of the Company at F. P. No. 105, Shahibaug Road, Outside Delhi Gate, Ahmedabad - 380 004. to transact the following business.

# **ORDINARY BUSINESS:-**

- (1) To receive, consider and adopt the report of the Board of Directors and Audited Balance Sheet as at 31st March, 2004 and Profit and Loss Account for the year ended on that date and Auditors' Report thereon.
- (2) To appoint a Director in place of Shri S. D. Vyas, who retires by rotation and offers himself for re-appointment.
- (3) To appoint Auditors to hold office from the conclusion of this Annual General Meeting till the conclusion of the next Annual General Meeting and to fix their remuneration.

By Order of the Board of Directors

R. Vijaykumar Secretary

# NOTES :-

- 1. A member entitled to attend and vote at the meeting is entitled to appoint a proxy to attend and vote instead of himself and the proxy need not to be a member of the Company. Proxies in order to be effective must be received by the Company not less than 48 hours before the commencement of meeting.
- 2. The Register of Members and Share Transfer Books of the Company will remain closed from 27-09-2004 to 30-09-2004 (Both days inclusive).
- 3. Any members requiring further information on Accounts at the Meeting is required to send the queries in writing so as to reach at the Registered Office of the Company at least 10 days before the meeting.
- 4. The members are requested to notify change of their address and query relating to share transfer / transmission, if any to the Company at the following Registered Office.

F. P. No. 105, Shahibaug Road, Outside Delhi Gate, Ahmedabad - 380 004.

By Order of the Board

R. VIJAYKUMAR

Secretary

Date: 22nd June, 2004 Place: Ahmedabad

# **DIRECTORS' REPORT**

Your Directors have pleasure in presenting the 15th Annual Report and the Audited Accounts for the financial year ended March 31, 2004.

#### FINANCIAL RESULTS:

The highlights of financial results of the Company for the financial year ended March 31, 2004 are as under:

	2003-04 Rs. in Lacs	2002-03 Rs. in Lacs
Gross Profit before Interest, Depreciation	467.70	(21.71)
Interest	22.32	14.37
Depreciation	1.56	1.55
Profit after Interest and Depreciation	443.82	(37.63)
Loss brought forward from last year	(4147.48)	(4109.84)
Appropriations	NIL	NIL
Balance Loss carried forward to Balance Sheet	(3703.67)	(4147.48)

#### Dividend:

Due to the inadequancy profits, the Directors do not recommend any dividend.

#### REVIEW OF OPERATION :

Your Directors are happy to inform you that the Hon.ble BIFR has sanctioned the Scheme for Revival of Spinning Unit with 25520 spindles vide their Order dated 23-1-2004. During the year under review, sale of surplus land of 40,000 sq. yards, upon receipt of all the required approvals, was completed and the sale proceed was received. As on date, pursuant to the One Time Settlement Agreement between the Company and the State Bank of India (SBI), leaving Rs. 150 lacs due, rest have been paid. Sale of surplus machineries was completed in the earlier year.

In terms of the directives of the Hon.ble BIFR, a Monitoring Committee has been Constituted with the existing Members of the Assets Sale Committee. Presently, the Company is shifting the retainable old machineries to a safer place to avoid exposure from sunlight/rains, etc. The Company is complying with the revival scheme as per schedule. Approval for conversion of status of Zone of the land of Mill is also awaited.

# Directors:

Shri S. D. Vyas, Director is liable for retirement by rotation at the ensuing Annual General Meeting and being eligible, offers himself for re-appointment. Your Directors recommend his re-appointment as Director.

#### DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITY STATEMENT:

Pursuant to the requirement under Section 217 (2AA) of The Companies Act, 1956 with respect to Directors' Responsibility Statement, it is hereby confirmed that:-

- (1) in the preparation of the annual accounts, the applicable accounting standards have been followed along with proper explanations relating to material departures.
- (2) the Directors have selected such accounting policies and applied them consistently and made judgements and estimates that were reasonable and prudent so as to give a true and fair view of the statement of affairs of the Company as at March, 31, 2004 and of the profit of the Company for the year ended on that date.
- (3) the Directors have taken proper and sufficient care for the maintenance of adequate accounting records in accordance with the provisions of the Companies Act, 1956, for safeguarding the assets of the Company and for preventing and detecting fraud and other irregularities and
- (4) the Directors have prepared the annual accounts of the Company on a going concern basis.

# **Corporate Governance:**

The company has now started complying with the principles and practices of good corporate governance. The Company has ensured that the Corporate Governance requirements as stipulated in Clause 49 of the Listing Agreement with the Stock Exchanges are duly complied with. A separate Statement on Corporate Governance is given elsewhere in this Report.

# ENERGY CONSERVATION, TECHNOLOGY ABSORPTION AND FOREIGN EXCHANGE EARNINGS & OUTGO:

Provisions of the Section 217 (e) of The Companies Act, 1956 for disclosure of information on conservation of energy and technology absorption are presently not applicable to the Company. There is no foreign exchange earning or outgo during the year under consideration.

#### **AUDITORS:**

Your Company's Auditors, M/s. A. F. Ferguson & Company, Mumbai retire and are eligible for re-appointment. The company has received letters from the above mentioned firm of Chartered Accountants, confirming that their appointments, if made, would be within the limits prescribed under Section 224 (1B) of the Companies Act, 1956. The members are requested to approve their appointment and authorize the Board of Directors to fix their remuneration.

#### **AUDITORS' OBSERVATIONS:**

The observations of Auditors are replied in the Notes attached to the Annual Accounts and they are self-explanatory.

# PARTICULARS OF EMPLOYEES :

There were no employees drawing salaries in excess of limits prescribed under Section 217 (2A\_ of The Companies Act, 1956 read with Companies (Particulars of Employees Rules, 1975) as amended and hence no information is furnished thereto.

# ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS:

Your Directors wish to place on record their sincere appreciation of continuous support received by the Company from the Government of Gujarat, other Semi-Government authorities, Banks, employees and Shareholders of the Company.

# STATEMENT ON CORPORATE GOVERNANCE :

The Company has been making endeavours for the generally accepted practices of Corporate Governance for ensuring protection of the rights and interest of its stakeholders. The Company's policies of implementing the broad principles of Corporate Governance viz. transparency, integrity, openness, fairness and accountability are imperative in the management of the Company and the increasing focus on investor protections. The Company has taken pro-active measures to periodically review and revise the corporate governance practices incorporating appropriate checks and balances at various levels of management.

# 1. Company's philosophy on Code of Corporate Governance :

Board of Directors of the Company fully subsribe to the framework for Corporate Governance as prescribed by the Code. The Board has set, as its mission, the implementation of a Corporate Governance system to ensure transparency, control, accountability and responsibility in all areas of operations.

# 2. Board of Directors:

# a) Composition and category of Directors :

The Board of Directors of the Company consists of 4 Directors. The composition and the category of Directors are as under:

Category	Name of the Directors	No. of other Directorships
Chairman & Managing Director	Shri Pradeep Agarwal	8
Non-Executive Directors:	Shri S. D. Vyas Shri V. S. Didwania	1 0
Special Director Nominee of Hon.ble BIFR	Shri S. M. Bathe	5

# No. of Board Meetings:

7 Board Meetings were held during the year 2003-2004 on the following dates : 30-06-2003, 31-07-2003, 03-09-2003, 31-10-2003, 24-12-2003, 31-12-2003 and 31-01-2004

# b) Attendance of Directors at Board Meetings and the last Annual General Meeting

Name of the Directors	Board Meetings Attended	Last AGM Attended
Shri Pradeep Agarwal	7	YES
Shri S. D. Vyas	7	YES
Shri V. S. Didwania	1	No
Shri S. M. Bathe	7	No

# 3. Audit Committee:

The Audit Committee was constituted during the year 2003-2004 in view of the requirements of SEBI Regulations comprising the following members.

Shri Pradeep Agarwal

Shri S. M. Bathe

Shri S. D. Vyas

During the year there was one meeting of Management Audit Committee which was attended by Shri Pradeep Agarwal and Shri S. M. Bathe.

# 4. Shareholders' Grievance Committee :

The Shareholders' Grievance Committee was constituted during the year 2003-2004 in view of the requirements of SEBI Regulations comprising the following members.

Shri Pradeep Agarwal and

Shri S. D. Vyas

A meeting of the Shareholders' Grievance Committee was held on 31-01-2004 where the Members of the Committee were present. It was reported in the Meeting that no complaint was received.

#### 5. Remuneration Committee:

The Remuneration Committee was constituted during the year 2003-2004 in view of the requirements of SEBI Regulations comprising the following members.

Shri Pradeep Agarwal and

Shri S. D. Vyas

No Meeting of remuneration committee was held during the year.

#### Details of Remuneration paid to Directors:

S. No.	Name of the Director	Relationshop With other Directors	Sitting Fee for Board & Committee Meetings	Salary/Perquisites and Commission
1.	Shri Pradeep Agarwal	None	NIL	NIL
2.	Shri S. M. Bathe	None	Rs. 3000/-	NIL
3.	Shri S. D. Vyas	None	NIL	NIL
4.	Shri V. S. Didwania	None	NIL	NIL

# 6. General Body Meetings:

The last Three Annual General Meetings of the Company were held as follows:

Year	AGM	Location	Date	Time
2000-01	12th	Registered Office	30-10-2001	11.00 a.m.
20001-02	13th	Registered Office	27-09-2002	11.00 a.m.
2002-03	14th	Registered Office	27-09-2003	11.00 a.m.

Last year, no resolutions were passed through postal ballot. At the ensuing Annual General Meeting, there is no resolution proposed to be passed by postal ballot.

# 7.(a) Disclosures on materially significant related party transactions that may have potential conflict with the interest of the Company at large

In terms of Section 299 (3) of the Companies Act, 1956, the General Notices of disclosure of interest are obtained from the Directors and accordingly, the Register of Contracts under Section 301 of the Companies Act, 1956 is tabled and signed.

(b) Details of non-compliance by the Company, penalties, strictures imposed on the Company by Stock Exchanges or SEBI or any statutory authority, on any matter related to capital markets, during the last three years.

In the year 2001, the shares of the Company were put under suspension by the Bombay Stock Exchange. The Company has approached the Bombay Stock Exchange and completing the formalities for revoking the listing. Otherwise, no strictures and penalties have been imposed on the Company by the Stock Exchanges or SEBI or any statutory authorities, on matters related to capital market, during the last three years.

(c) Regarding Dematerialisation of Shares:

The Company is in the process of dematting the shares and this is expected to take another 2-3 months.

# 8. Means of Communication:

Quarterly/Half Yearly Financial Results of the Company are forwarded to the Ahmedabad and Mumbai Stock Exchanges.

# 9. Shareholders Information:

Annual General Meeting:

Date: September 30, 2004

Time: 11.00 a.m.

Venue: Company's Registered Office at F.P.No. 105, Outside Delhi Gate,

Shahibaug Road, Ahmedabad-380 004.

#### Financial Calender:

1st April to 31st March next, following.

#### Date of Book Closure:

27-09-2004 to 30-09-2004 (both days inclusive)

# Stock Exchanges:

Shares of the Company are listed on the Mumbai and Ahmedabad Stock Exchanges.

# Stock Market Data:

There has been no quotation during the year.

#### Registrars & Share Transfer Agents:

Presently, the Share correspondence, transfer etc. are being done in-house, at the time of Dematting the Shares, an Agency will be appointed. Presently, the Share Transfers are registered and duly transferred share certificates are dispatched within 30 days of receipt, if the transfer documents are otherwise in order. The total number of shares transferred during the year 2003-2004 was 428.

# Distribution of Shareholding as on 31st March, 2004:

CATEGORY	No of shares held	% age of Shareholding
Promoters Holding		
Promoters :		
- Indian Promoters	2457810	78.96
<ul> <li>Foreign Promoters</li> </ul>	0	
Persons acting in concert	0	
Non-Promoters Holding		
Institutional Investors	634	0.02
Mutual Funds and UTI		
Banks, Financial		
Institutions, Insurance	,	
Companies (Central/State		
Govt. Institutions/		
Non-Government		
Institutions)		
(Bank of India)		
Fils		
Others		
Private Corporate Bodies		
Indian Public	654431	21.02
NRIs/OCBs		
Any Other (please specify)		
General Total	3112875	100

# Distribution of Shareholding as on 31st March, 2004:

Shareho	olding of No	ominal Value of Sh	ares	No. of shares
1	to	5000		364709
5001	to	10000		91869
10001	to	20000	l	44307
20001	to	30000		30351
30001	to	40000		7900
40001	to	50000		43060
50001	to	100000	j	33799
Over	10000	ס		2496880
	Total			3112875

# Address for Correspondence:

Company's Registered Office: F.P.No. 105, Outside Delhi Gate, Shahibaug Road, Ahmedabad-380 004.

Shri R. Vijaykumar, Company Secretary is designated as Compliance Officer.

Palace : Mumbai Date : 22 June 2004 Pradeep Agarwal
Chairman