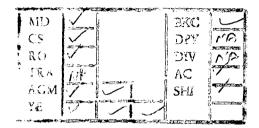
THE ANDHRA PETROCHEMICALS LIMITED



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13th Annual Report 1996-97

THE ANDHRA PETROCHEMICALS LIMITED

Board of Directors

Sri M.R.B. Punja (Chairman)

Sri Mullapudi Harischandra Prasad (Managing Director)

Sri N.Biswas (Nominee of IDBI)

Sri P.C.Parakh, I.A.S.

Mr. Robert Mitchell (Nominee of CDC)

Sri Justice G. Ramanujam

Sri K.S. Purohit

Sri A.A. Krishnan

Sri P.Narendranath Chowdary

Sri M. Thimmaraja

General Manager (Finance) & Secretary Sri K.A. Prasad

Auditors

M/s. Brahmayya & Co., Chartered Accountants Vijayawada

Bankers

State Bank of India
State Bank of Hyderabad
Andhra Bank
Bank of Baroda
State Bank of Travancore

Registered Office

Venkatarayapuram Tanuku - 534 215 West Godavari Dist. Andhra Pradesh

Factory

Opp. Naval Dockyard Post Box No. 1401 Visakhapatnam - 530 014 Andhra Pradesh Нν

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Regd. Office: Venkatarayapuram, Tanuku - 534215 W.G. Dt., Andhra Pradesh

13th Annual General Meeting PROXY FORM

			Folio No
I/We			being a Member(s)
of the THE ANDHRA PETRO	OCHEMICALS LIMITED hereby appoint		
in the district of	or failing him		of
	in the district of		
as my/our proxy to attend and	vote for me/us and on my/our behalf at the 13th Annual Get	neral Meeting of	the Company to be held on 25th
August, 1997 and at the adjour	mment thereof.		•
Signed this	day of 1997	•	
For office use			
Proxy No.:		Affix 30 Ps.	
Date of Receipt:	Signature of the Shareholder(s)	Revenue	
No. of Shares:		Stamp	f
N.B. The instrument approximation commencement of	pointing Proxy should be deposited at the Registered Office of the Meeting.	f the Company n	ot later than 48 hours before the
REPORT	ANDHRA PETROCHEMICA Regd. Office: Venkatarayapuram, Tanuk		
	ATTENDANCE SLIP*		
			Folio No(to be filled in by the Member)
Name of Member			
No. of Shares held			
Name of Proxy			
•	when a Proxy attends the meeting)		
I hereby register my presence a	at the 13th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING being held on 25	5th August, 1997	
			Signature of Member Proxy

* This Slip may please be handed over at the entrance of Meeting Hall.

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NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that the Thirreenth Annual General Meeting of THE ANDHRA PETROCHEMICALS LIMITED will be held at the Registered Office of the Company, Venkatarayapuram, Tanuku, West Godavari Dist., A.P., on Monday, the 25th August, 1997 at 3.00 p.m. to transact the following business:

- To receive, consider and adopt the Audited Profit and Loss Account for the year ended 31st March, 1997 and the Balance Sheet as at that date and the Reports of the Board of Directors and Auditors thereon.
- To appoint a Director in place of Sri M.R.B.Punja who retires by rotation and being eligible offers himself for reappointment.
- To appoint a Director in place of Sri K.S.Purohit who retires by rotation and being eligible offers himself for reappointment.
- To appoint a Director in place of Sri M. Thimmaraja who retires by rotation and being eligible offers himself for reappointment.
- To consider and, if thought fit, to pass with or without modification(s), the following resolution as a Special Resolution:

"RESOLVED THAT pursuant to the provisions of Section 224A of the Companies Act, 1956, M's Brahmayya & Co., Chartered Accountants be and are hereby reappointed as Auditors of the Company to hold office till the conclusion of the next Annual General Meeting on such remuneration as may be decided by the Board of Directors, plus reimbursement of out of pocket expenses."

By Order of the Board

Hyderabad 27-06-1997 MULLAPUDI HARISCHANDRA PRASAD

Managing Director

Registered Office: Venkatarayapuram TANUKU - 534 215 Andhra Pradesh

NOTES:

- A Member entitled to attend and vote at the meeting is entitled to appoint one or more proxies to attend and vote instead of himself and such Proxy need not be a member of the Company. Proxy Forms duly stamped and executed should reach the Registered Office of the Company not less than 48 hours before the commencement of the meeting.
- The Register of Members and Share Transfer Books of the Company will remain closed from Tuesday, 19th August, 1997 to Monday, 25th August, 1997 (both days inclusive).
- Shareholders seeking any further information on the accounts and operations of the Company at the Annual General Meeting are requested to send their queries to the Company at the Registered Office at least seven days before the date of the meeting.

The Andhra Petrochemicals Limited

Directors' Report to the Members

Your Directors present the Thirteenth Annual Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st March, 1997.

FINANCIAL RESULTS:

	(Rs. in Lakhs)	
	1996-97	1995-96
Net Sales	8971.66	10139.44
Gross Profit before Interest & Depreciation	2376.49	4655.88
Less: Interest	1629.14	2070.59
Depreciation	1140.92	1134,49
Profit/(Loss) for the year	(393.57)	1450.80
Less: Excess provision of interest made in earlier years credited back	37.21	993.32
Less: Excess provision of depreciation in earlier years credited back	0.52	18.42
Add/Less: Balance brought forward from the Previous year	2401.71	60.83
Balance carried to Balance Sheet	2045.87	2401.71

OPERATIONS:

The operations of the Company received a setback during the period under review due to substantial increase in Propylene (feedstock) price witnessed during December, 1996 to March, 1997 which could not be absorbed in the market. Also, following the general recession in the world economy which brought down International selling price levels during the year and further with the reduction in import duties, the average realisation of Company products came down significantly. Your Company contributed nearly Rs. 1295 lakhs to the National Exchequer in terms of indirect taxes.

CURRENT OUTLOOK:

The Directors are of opinion that the Company performance is expected to improve during the current year on account of anticipated availability of feedstock at reasonable cost and expectation of improvement in selling prices.

DEPOSITS:

The Company has not accepted any fixed deposits during the year.

EMPLOYEES:

Information under Section 217(2A) of the Companies Act., 1956 read with Companies (Particulars of Employees) Rules, 1975 forming part of this Report is annexed hereto.

INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS:

Industrial relations continued to be cordial throughout the year. The Directors record their appreciation of the dedication of the employees at all levels.

SAFETY, HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT:

Your Company continues to accord high priority to safety, occupational health and environmental protection. Proper pollution control devices have been installed to control effluents generated.

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INSURANCE:

All the insurable assets of the Company including Plant and Machinery, Buildings and Inventories are adequately insured.

DIRECTORS:

Mr Robert Mitchell was nominated by Commonwealth Development Corporation as a Director on the Board in place of Mr John L Marjoribanks with effect from 28th March, 1997. The Directors wish to place on record their appreciation of the valuable services rendered by Mr John L Marjoribanks during the tenure of his office. Sri M R B Punja, Sri K S Purchit and Sri M Thinmaraja, Directors retire by rotation and are eligible for reappointment.

AUDITORS:

M/s Brahmayya & Co., Chartered Accountants, Auditors of the Company hold office until the conclusion of the ferthcoming Annual General Meeting and are eligible for reappointment.

CONSERVATION OF ENERGY, TECHNOLOGY ABSORPTION AND FOREIGN EXCHANGE EARNINGS AND OUTGO:

Particulars prescribed under Section 217(1)(e) of the Companies Act, 1956 read with Companies (Disclosure of Particulars in the Report of Board of Directors) Rules, 1988 are Annexed and form part of this Report.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT:

Your Directors acknowledge the co-operation and continued valuable support received from The Andhra Sugars Limited, APIDC. Financial Institutions, Banks, HPCL, Kvaerner Process Technology, Shareholders, Dealers, Customers and Suppliers.

	On behalf of the Board
Hyderabad	M.R.B. Punja
27-06-1997	Chairman

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