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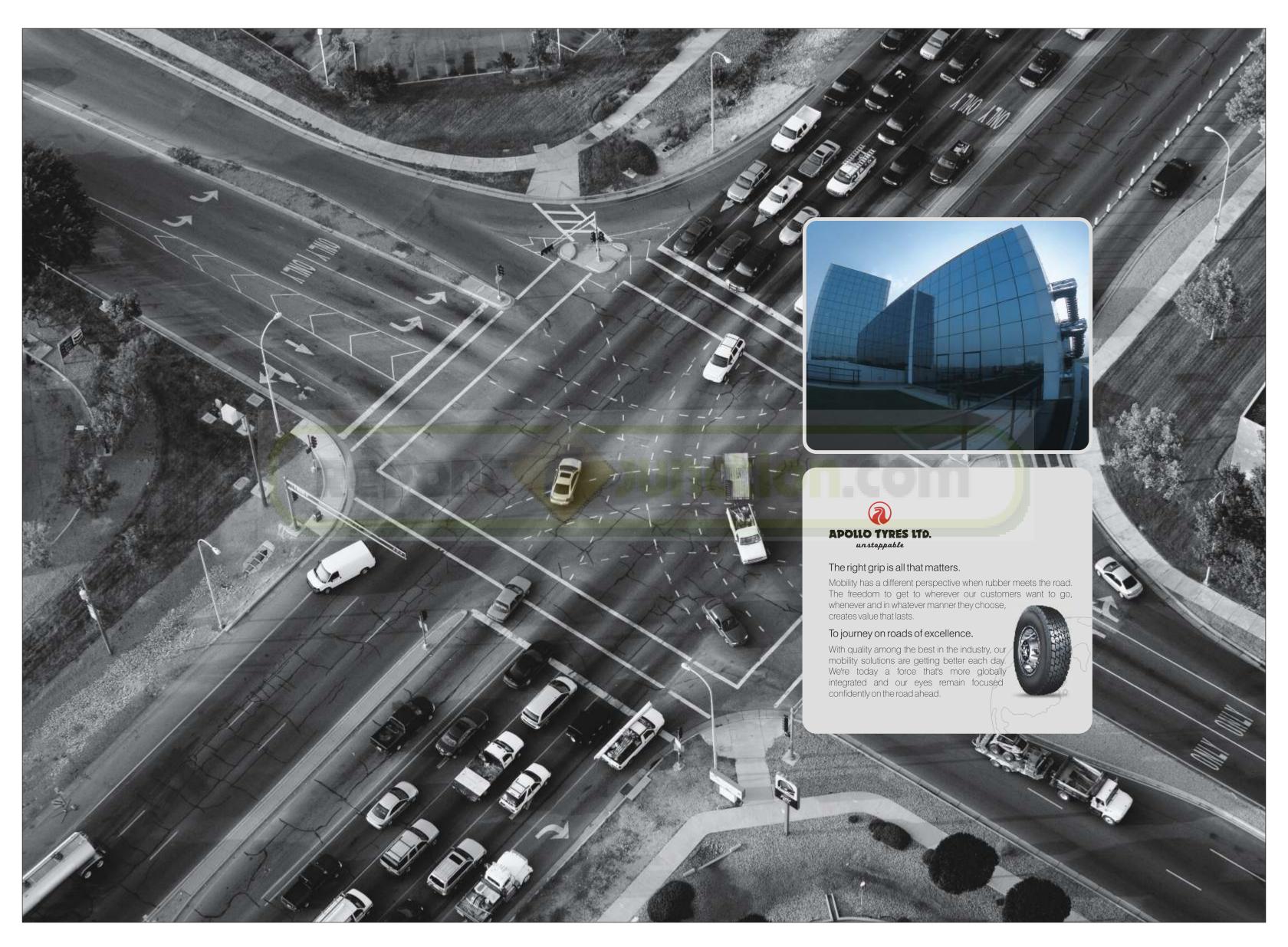
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ON THE **GLOBALPATH** 

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#### THE ROAD AHEAD

#### CORPORATE PROFILE

Apollo Tyres is on a journey that is rife with possibilities. We're driving hard to reach our goal of becoming the best tyre manufacturer in the world. What started as a journey on a rough road 32 years back, has today reached a level where we are creating our own paths.

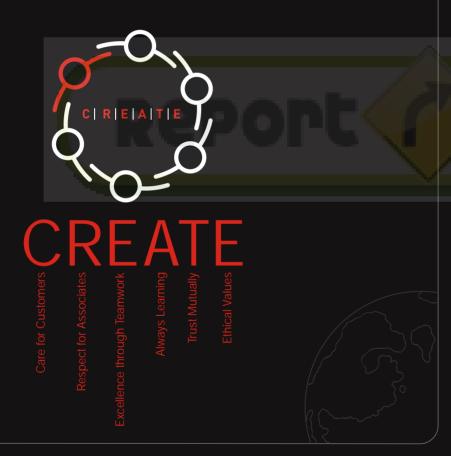
At ATL, creating new benchmarks in manufacturing, quality, profits or sales is but a way of life. In a little over three decades we have risen to being a major force to reckon with in the tyre arena. Our modern manufacturing facilities in Perambara, Pune, Kalamassery and Limda, have been consistently rolling out innovative products and delivering top performance in all key markets. Our acquisition of

Dunlop Tyres, South Africa will act as a springboard and has ensured that our reach extends to a global platform including the key markets of Europe and USA. Apollo Tyres just hasn't acquired Dunlop as a brand in South Africa, what it has acquired is more than 100 years of history. With \$240 million of net sales from South Africa & Zimbabwe and across the African continent, Apollo is now uniquely positioned across two of the most exciting continents. The company feels that this strategic acquisition would not only result in synergies on cost and manufacturing capabilities but will also add significantly to our exports & substantially increase our customer base worldwide.

"Our strategy has the goal of increasing corporate value through profitable growth"

#### **VISION - VALUES**

A leader in the Indian tyre industry and a significant global player, providing customer delight and enhancing shareholder value.



#### **CORPORATE OBJECTIVES**

Employee Satisfaction, Customer Delight, Revenue Growth, Operating Margin Improvements

#### MANY FIRSTS

First tyre company to launch exclusive shoppes "Apollo Tyre World" for truck tyres. First to segment the market on the basis of load and mileage requirements. First to introduce packaging for passenger car tyres and tubes. First to run a customer loyalty programme. First to introduce radial tyres for the farm category. First tyre company in India to obtain ISO Certification for all its operations. First to produce H- and V-speed rated tubeless tyres indigenously. First to launch exclusive retail outlets catering to the farm tyre market. First to run HIV-AIDS awareness and prevention clinics for the trucking community in tyre industry. First in the tyre industry to support the creation of an Emergency Medical Service in an Indian city. First tyre distribution depot started in Cape Town (by Dunlop Pneumatic Tyre Company (SA) Limited) for tyres manufactured in the United Kingdom. First tyre factory (Dunlop) officially opened in Durban. First manufacturer in South Africa (Sarmcol) to produce 100% polyester reinforced rubber conveyor belting for use in mining and other industries.

#### **MILESTONES**

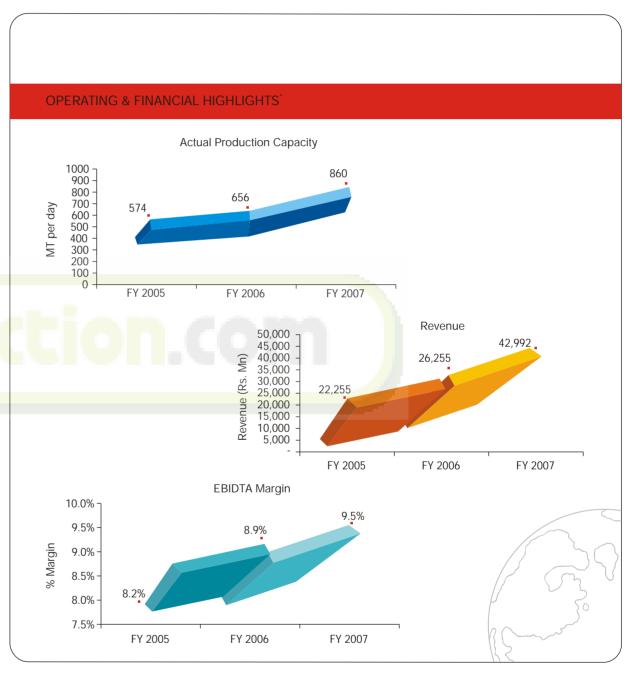
1975 Inception | 1976 Registered as a company 1977 First plant commissioned (Perambra, Kerala) | 1986 The merger of Dunlop South Africa Limited with BTR South Africa Limited came into effect from 1 January 1986 and the name of the merged company was changed to BTR Dunlop Limited | 1991 Second plant commissioned (Baroda, Gujarat) | 1995 Acquired Premier Tyres, a third plant (Kalamassery, Kerala) | 1996 Exclusive tubes plant commissioned (Pune, Maharashtra) | 1996 In August, the Dunlop

Slazenger Sports division was sold to Dunlop Slazenger International Limited | 1998 In March, BTR plc sold its 56.45% share of BTR Dunlop Limited to Dunlop Africa Holdings (Pty) Limited and in May, BTR Dunlop Limited changed its name to Dunlop Africa Limited | 1999 In June, the Dunlopillo consumer bedding business was sold | 2000 Exclusive radial capacity established in Limda (Baroda, Gujarat) 2000 Apollo Tyres Health Care Clinic for awareness and prevention of HIV-AIDS amongst truckers in Sanjay Gandhi Transport Nagar, New Delhi | 2002 On 16 August, Grant van Schalkwyk powered the Dunlop commissioned V8 racer, the Spirit of Dunlop, to a new world and South African land speed record for standard production tyres of 388,538 km/hr - a car fitted with Dunlop's SP Sport 7000 DW-rated passenger tyres | 2003 Expansion of PCR capacity to 6,600 tyres/day | 2003 On 3 May the South African operation was awarded the ISO 14001 Environmental Management System Accreditation | 2004 Production of H-rated tubeless PCR tyres (India's first) 2004 Support towards setting up India's first Emergency Medical Service in Baroda, Gujarat | 2005 Apollo Tyres Health Care Clinics in Udaipur, Rajasthan and Kanpur, Uttar Pradesh | 2006 Expansion of PCR capacity to 10,000 tyres/day 2006 Production of India's first V-rated tubeless PCR tyres | 2006 On 21 April Apollo Tyres, a listed India based multinational acquired 100% of the ordinary shares in Dunlop Tyres International (Pty) Limited

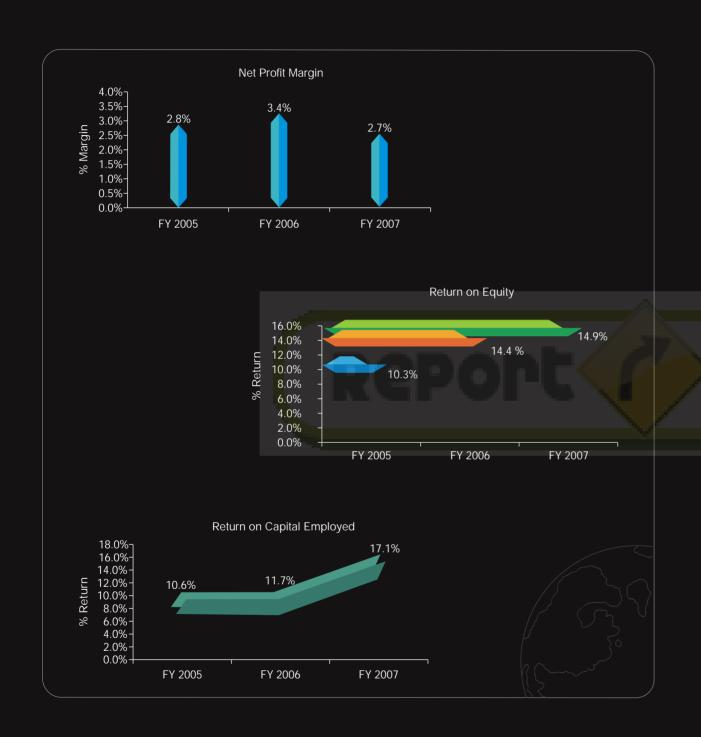


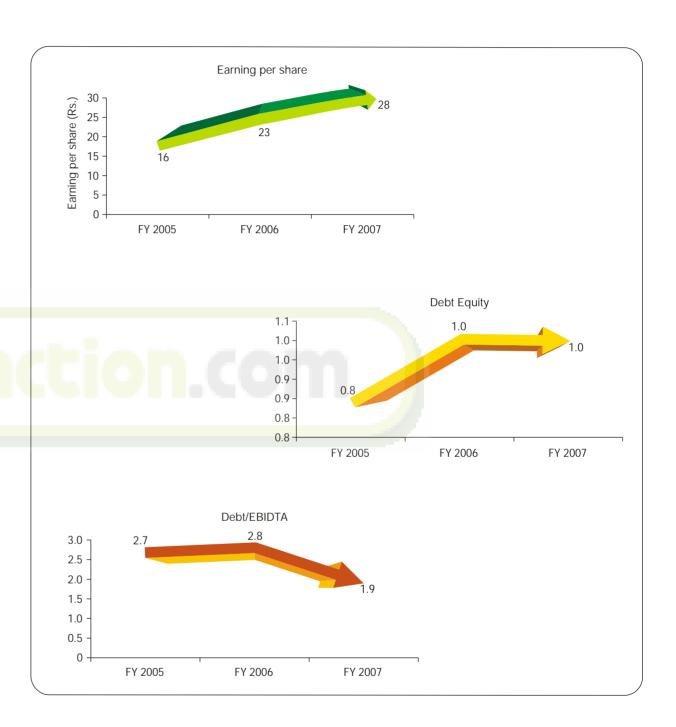


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\*Based on Consolidated Accounts







# MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

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