

THE BOMBAY DYEING AND MANUFACTURING COMPANY LIMITED

Established 1879

Annual Report 2012-13











At Bombay Dyeing, we are creating value for diverse customers for over 130 years, catering to their aspirations and vision for the future.

Our products enrich lives of millions of people through their relevance and quality. We strive to consistently align our offerings to the evolving aspirations of our customers, and in the process, create value for all stakeholders.

Our past achievements motivate us to scale greater heights and take on future challenges with confidence.

We are now moving ahead with greater determination, and focus on effective execution to make the future, even more eventful than the past.

CORPORATE INFORMATION

DIRECTORS

Nusli N. Wadia, Chairman

Keshub Mahindra

R. N. Tata (upto 07.02.2013)

R. A. Shah

S. S. Kelkar

S. Ragothaman

A. K. Hirjee

S. M. Palia

Ms. Vinita Bali

Ishaat Hussain

Ness N. Wadia

Jeh N. Wadia, Managing Director

Durgesh Mehta, Jt. Managing Director

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

Debashis Poddar (Textiles)

Ashok Kaul (Retail)

Suresh Khurana (PSF)

CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

Raghuraj Balakrishna

COMPANY SECRETARY

J. C. Bham

AUDITORS

Messrs. Kalyaniwalla & Mistry

REGISTERED OFFICE

Neville House, J. N. Heredia Marg, Ballard Estate, Mumbai-400 001.

Website: www.bombaydyeing.com

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE

C-1, Wadia International Center, Pandurang Budhkar Marg, Worli, Mumbai-400 025.

BANKERS

State Bank of India Axis Bank Ltd. IDBI Bank Ltd. State Bank of Hyderabad State Bank of Patiala Bank of India

ADVOCATES & SOLICITORS

Messrs. Crawford Bayley & Co. Messrs. Karanjawala & Co. Messrs. Solomon & Co.

REGISTRAR & TRANSFER AGENT Sharepro Services (India) Pvt. Ltd.,

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NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the 133rd Annual General Meeting of the Members of The Bombay Dyeing and Manufacturing Company Limited will be held at the Yashwantrao Chavan Center Auditorium, General Jagannathrao Bhonsle Marg, Nariman Point, Mumbai - 400021, on Tuesday, 6th August, 2013, at 3.45 p.m. to transact the following business:

ORDINARY BUSINESS:

- To receive, consider and adopt the Audited Balance Sheet as at 31st March, 2013 and the Statement of Profit and Loss for the year ended on that date together with the Reports of the Directors and Auditors thereon.
- 2. To declare dividend.
- 3. To appoint a Director in place of Mr. Keshub Mahindra, who retires by rotation and being eligible, offers himself for reappointment.
- 4. To appoint a Director in place of Mr. Ishaat Hussain, who retires by rotation and being eligible, offers himself for reappointment.
- To appoint a Director in place of Mr. Ness N. Wadia, who retires by rotation and being eligible, offers himself for reappointment.
- To appoint Auditors and to fix their remuneration and in this
 regard to consider and, if thought fit, to pass with or without
 modification(s), the following resolution as an Ordinary
 Resolution:
 - "RESOLVED THAT M/s. Kalyaniwalla & Mistry, Chartered Accountants, Mumbai, Firm Reg. No. 104607W, be and are hereby appointed as Auditors of the Company, to hold office from the conclusion of this Annual General Meeting until the conclusion of the next Annual General Meeting on such remuneration as shall be fixed by the Board of Directors of the Company."

Notes:

- (a) A MEMBER ENTITLED TO ATTEND AND VOTE AT THE MEETING IS ENTITLED TO APPOINT A PROXY TO ATTEND AND VOTE INSTEAD OF HIMSELF AND A PROXY NEED NOT BE A MEMBER OF THE COMPANY. THE PROXIES IN ORDER TO BE EFFECTIVE MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE COMPANY NOT LESS THAN 48 HOURS BEFORE THE COMMENCEMENT OF THE MEETING. PROXIES SUBMITTED ON BEHALF OF LIMITED COMPANIES, SOCIETIES, ETC., MUST BE SUPPORTED BY APPROPRIATE RESOLUTIONS/AUTHORITY, AS APPLICABLE.
- (b) As required in terms of paragraph IV(G)(i) of Clause 49 of the Listing Agreement, the details of the directors seeking reappointment at the Meeting are given in detail in the **Annexure I**, annexed hereto.

- (c) The Register of Members and the Share Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from Tuesday, 30th July, 2013 to Tuesday, 6th August, 2013 both days inclusive.
- d) The dividend as recommended by the Board of Directors, if approved by the members at the 133rd Annual General Meeting, shall be paid on or after Wednesday, 7th August, 2013 to those members whose names appear on the Register of Members of the Company after giving effect to all valid share transfers lodged with the Registrar & Share Transfer Agents of the Company on or before 29th July, 2013 in respect of shares held in physical form. In respect of shares held in electronic form, the dividend for the year ended 31st March, 2013 will be paid on or after Wednesday, 7th August, 2013 to the beneficial owners of shares as at the closing hours of 29th July, 2013 as per details furnished by National Securities Depository Ltd. (NSDL) and Central Depository Services (India) Ltd. (CDSL) for this purpose.
- The certificate from the Auditors of the Company certifying that the amended Employee Stock Option Scheme approved by the Shareholders at its Annual General Meeting held on 7th August, 2012 are being implemented in accordance with the provisions of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Employee Stock Option Scheme and Employee Stock Purchase Scheme), Guidelines, 1999 as amended upto Circular No. SEBI/CFD/DIL/ESOP/5/2009/03/09 dated 3rd September, 2009 ('the Guidelines') and in accordance with the resolutions of the members passed at the general meeting will be available for inspection by the members at the AGM.
- (f) Members are requested to notify immediately any change of address, changes pertaining to their bank details, National Electronic Clearing Service (NECS), Electronic Clearing Service (ECS), Mandates, Nominations, Power of Attorney, change of name and e-mail address, etc.:
 - to their Depositary Participants (DPs) in respect of their electronic share accounts, and
 - (ii) to the Company's Registrar & Share Transfer Agents, M/s Sharepro Services (India) Pvt. Ltd. (R&TA), at 13AB, Samhita Warehousing Complex, Saki Naka Telephone Exchange Lane, Off Andheri Kurla Road, Saki Naka, Andheri (E), Mumbai 400 072 or at 912 Raheja Centre, Free Press Journal Road, Nariman Point, Mumbai 400 021, in respect of their physical share folios, if any, quoting their folio numbers.
- In view of the circular issued by SEBI, the Electronic Clearing Services (ECS/NECS) facility should mandatorily be used by the

companies for the distribution of dividend to its members. In order to avail the facility of ECS/NECS, members holding shares in physical form are requested to provide bank account details to the Company or its Registrar and Share Transfer Agents.

- (h) Members holding shares in physical form are requested to consider converting their holding to dematerialsed form to eliminate all risks associated with physical shares and for ease in portfolio management. Members can contact the Company or Sharepro Services, for assistance in this regard.
- (i) Members holding physical shares in identical order of names in more than one folio are requested to send to the Company or Sharepro Services, the details of such folios together with the share certificates for consolidating their holding in one folio. A consolidated share certificate will be issued to such Members after making the requisite changes thereon.
- (j) Pursuant to the provisions of Section 205A of the Companies Act, 1956, dividends for the financial year ended 31st March, 2006 and thereafter, which remain unpaid or unclaimed for a period of 7 years from the respective dates of transfer to the unpaid dividend account of the Company are due for transfer to the Investor Education & Protection Fund (IEPF) on the dates given in the table below:

Financial Year	Date of Declaration of Dividend	Last date for claiming unpaid dividend	Due date for transfer to IEPF
2005-2006	27.07.2006	26.07.2013	02.10.2013
2006-2007	25.07.2007	24.07.2014	28.09.2014
2007-2008	02.09.2008	01.09.2015	04.11.2015
2008-2009	28.08.2009	27.08.2016	03.11.2016
2009-2010	11.08.2010	10.08.2017	17.10.2017
2010-2011	04.08.2011	03.08.2018	10.10.2018
2011-2012	07.08.2012	06.08.2019	13.10.2019

Members who have so far not encashed the Dividend Warrants for the above years are advised to submit their claim to the Company's R&TA at either of the aforesaid addresses immediately quoting their folio number/ DP ID & Client ID. It may be noted that once the unclaimed dividend is transferred to IEPF as aforesaid, no claim shall lie in respect of such amount by the members.

(k) Members holding shares in physical form may avail themselves of the facility of nomination in terms of Section 109A of the Companies Act, 1956 by nominating in the prescribed form a

- person to whom their shares in the Company shall vest in the event of their death. The prescribed form can be obtained from the Company's Office at C-1, Wadia International Center (Bombay Dyeing), Pandurang Budhkar Marg, Worli, Mumbai 400025 or from its R&TA at either of the aforesaid addresses.
- (I) As part of the Green Initiative in Corporate Governance, the Ministry of Corporate Affairs ("MCA"), Government of India, through its Circular Nos. 17/2011 and 18/2011, dated April 21, 2011 and April 29, 2011 respectively, has allowed companies to send official documents through electronic mode.

In the spirit of the above circulars and as part of the Company's Green Initiative, the Company may propose to send documents like Notice convening the general meetings, Financial Statements, Directors' Report, etc. to the e-mail address provided by the members.

We, therefore, appeal to the members to be a part of the said 'Green Initiative' and request the members to register their name in getting the said documents in electronic mode by sending an email giving their Registered Folio Number and/or DP ID/Client ID to the dedicated email address at bombaydyeing@shareproservices. com or login at the R&TA's website www.shareproservices.com and register their request.

- (m) Members intending to require information about the Financial Accounts, to be explained at the Meeting are requested to inform the Company at least a week in advance of their intention to do so, so that the papers relating thereto may be made, available, if the Chairman permits such information to be furnished.
- Members/proxies should bring the attendance slip duly filled in for attending the Meeting.
- (o) Members are requested to bring their copy of the Annual Report to the meeting.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

For THE BOMBAY DYEING & MFG. CO. LTD.

J. C. BHAM

Company Secretary

Mumbai, 28th May, 2013.

Registered Office:

Neville House, J. N. Heredia Marg, Ballard Estate, Mumbai 400 001

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ANNEXURE I

As required in terms of paragraph IV(G)(i) of Clause 49 of the Listing Agreement, the details of the Directors seeking appointment/reappointment at the Meeting are as follows:

Name of the Director	Mr. Keshub Mahindra	Mr. Ishaat Hussain	Mr. Ness N. Wadia
	89	65	41
Age (years) Expertise in functional area	B. Sc. graduate from Wharton, University of Pennsylvania, USA. Mr. Mahindra joined Mahindra & Mahindra Ltd. in 1947 as a Director and became the Chairman in 1963. He is also the Chairman of the Board of Governors of Mahindra United World College of India. He has been associated with various organizations including educational institutions like University of Pennsylvania, Institute for the Advanced Study of India, New Delhi, International Advisory Board of University of Pennsylvania, Centre for the Advanced Study of India, Philadelphia. He has vast experience and expertise in running numerous industries. He has contributed actively in the deliberations of various organisations such as Bombay Chamber of Commerce & Industry (BCCI), Associated Chambers of Commerce & Industry of India (ASSOCHAM), Employers' Federation of India, Indo-American Society. He is the former President of BCCI, ASSOCHAM, and Employers' Federation of India and former Chairman of Indian Institute of Management, Ahmedabad. He has also been appointed by the Government of India to serve on a number of Committees including the Sachar Commission on Corporation Law & MRTP, Central Advisory Council of Industries. He is the recipient of several awards including International	Completed his schooling from The Doon School in 1963 to join St. Stephens College Delhi to do his graduation in Economics. A Chartered Accountant from England and Wales, Mr Hussain attended the Advanced Management Programme at the Harvard Business School. He joined the Board of The Indian Tube Company (a Tata Steel associate company) in 1981. Thereafter, he moved to Tata Steel in 1983 after Indian Tube was merged with Tata Steel. Besides being on Board of Tata Sons Limited, he is the Chairman of Voltas Limited and Tata Sky Limited. He is also on the Boards of several Tata Companies viz. Tata Steel, Tata Industries, Tata Teleservices, Titan Industries Limited. In April 2005, Mr. Hussain has been appointed a Member of the Board of Trade, and in November 2006, had been appointed a Public Interest Director of Bombay Stock Exchange Limited. In January 2008, he has been appointed a Trustee on the Board of India Foundation for the Arts (IFA).	Mr. Wadia is Master in Science from the Warwick University in Coventry, UK. He has a rich and varied experience of over 19 years in connection with the business of the Company in various capacities including about 5 years as Deputy Managing Director and about 5 years as the Joint Managing Director. With effect from 1st April, 2011 he is a Non-Executive Director of the Company. Mr. Wadia is deeply involved in philanthropic activities and is associated with leading educational institutions and charitable hospitals.
Outside Directorship * Committee Membership *	Chairman of Mahindra Ugine Steel Co. Ltd., and Mahindra Holdings Ltd., Vice-Chairman of Housing Development Finance Corporation Ltd. and Director of The Bombay Burmah Trading Corporation Ltd.	Chairman of Voltas Ltd. and Tata Sky Ltd.; Director in Tata Sons Ltd., Tata Steel Ltd., Titan Industries Ltd., Tata Inc., Tata Teleservices Ltd., Tata Industries Ltd., Tata AIG General Insurance Co. Ltd., Tata AIG Life Insurance Co. Ltd., Tata Consultancy Services Ltd., Tata Capital Ltd., Viom Networks Ltd., Go Airlines (India) Ltd. and Tata Capital Financial Services Ltd. Chairman of Audit Committee of Tata Industries Ltd., Tata Teleservices Ltd. and Go Airlines (India) Ltd.; Member of the Audit Committee of Tata Steel Ltd., Titan Industries Ltd. AIG General Insurance Co. Ltd., Tata AIG Life Insurance Co. Ltd., Tata Sky Ltd. and Tata Consultancy Services Ltd.; Chairman of the Investors' Grievance Committee of Tata Steel Ltd.	Chairman of National Peroxide Ltd.; Managing Director of The Bombay Burmah Trading Corporation Ltd.; and Director in Britannia Industries Ltd., Go Airlines (India) Ltd., Wadia Techno Engineering Services Ltd. and Wadia Investments Ltd. Member of the Audit Committee of Britannia Industries Ltd.
No. of shares held in the Company	8,150	Nil	12,19,418

^{*} Excludes Directorship / Committee Membership in private limited companies, foreign companies and companies incorporated under Section 25 of the Companies Act, 1956. Committee Membership comprises Audit Committee and Shareholders'/Investors' Grievance Committee.

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE COMPANY

Disclosure under Section 302 of the Companies Act, 1956

Abstract of variation in the terms of remuneration of Mr. Durgesh Mehta, Joint Managing Director of the Company.

The shareholders at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) held on 11th August, 2010 had approved the appointment of Mr. Durgesh Mehta as the Joint Managing Director of the Company for a period of five years with effect from 1st April, 2010 on such terms and conditions as the Board may consider appropriate.

The Board of Directors of the Company ("the Board") at its meeting held on 28th May, 2013 approved on the recommendation of the Remuneration/Compensation Committee, modification in the terms of remuneration of Mr. Durgesh Mehta, Joint Managing Director of the Company with effect from 1st April, 2012, for the residual period of his terms of appointment, as follows:

Basic Salary upto a maximum of ₹ 16,00,000/- per month.

Benefits, perquisites and allowances as may be determined by the Remuneration / Compensation Committee or the Board of Directors from time to time, or as may be applicable in accordance with the rules and policies of the Company, upto a maximum of ₹16,00,000/- per month.

Other Terms and Conditions of appointment as approved at the AGM held on 11th August, 2010 and recorded in the agreement dated 12th August, 2010 entered into between the Company and Mr. Durgesh Mehta shall remain unchanged.

Mr. Durgesh Mehta is interested individually insofar as the same relates to variation in his remuneration.

By Order of the Board of Directors, For THE BOMBAY DYEING & MFG. CO. LTD.

J. C. BHAM

Company Secretary

Mumbai, 2nd July, 2013.

Registered Office:

Neville House, J. N. Heredia Marg, Ballard Estate, Mumbai 400 001

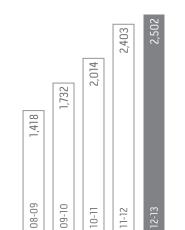
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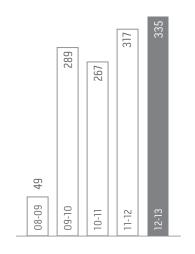
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(₹ in crores)



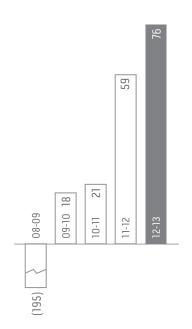
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(₹ in crores)



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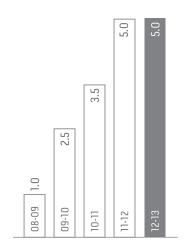
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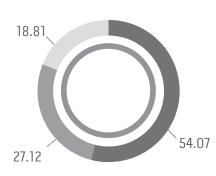


DIVIDEND PER SHARE

SEGMENT BREAK-UP OF REVENUES, FY 2012-13 (%)

(₹)





		(₹ in crores)
Te	xtile	462
Re	al Estate	666
PS	F	1,328

^{*} Graph not to scale

DIRECTORS' REPORT to the members

The Directors hereby present their Report on the business and operations of the Company and the financial accounts for the year ended 31st March, 2013.

1. FINANCIAL RESULTS:

₹ in crores

	For the Year ended 31st March, 2013	For the Year ended 31st March, 2012
GROSS TURNOVER AND OTHER INCOME	2,502.12	2,402.63
Profit before Finance Costs and Depreciation and amortization expenses	334.58	316.81
Finance Costs	174.74	180.57
Profit before Depreciation and amortization expenses	159.84	136.24
Depreciation and amortization expenses	62.03	61.39
PROFIT BEFORE TAX	97.81	74.85
Less: Tax (net)	22.11	15.50
PROFIT AFTER TAX	75.70	59.35
Add: Balance in Statement of Profit and Loss of Previous Year	53.82	24.42
SURPLUS AVAILABLE FOR APPROPRIATIONS	129.52	83.77
Appropriations to:		
Proposed Dividend	20.66	20.66
Dividend Distribution Tax	3.50	3.36
Transferred to General Reserve	7.57	5.93
Balance carried to Balance Sheet	97.79	53.82

Previous year figures have been regrouped where necessary.

2. COMPANY RESULTS AND DIVIDEND

The Company's turnover for the year rose to ₹ 2,456 crores from ₹ 2,348 crores in the previous year, registering a growth of 5%. The revenue from Real Estate Division rose sharply from ₹ 566 crores in the previous year to ₹ 666 crores in the current year. The Textile Division registered a growth of 7% with a turnover of ₹ 462 crores as compared to ₹ 433 crores in the previous year. Polyester Staple Fibre (PSF) Division registered a turnover of ₹ 1,328 crores compared to ₹ 1,349 crores in the previous year.

The EBITDA for the year at ₹ 335 crores improved by 6% from ₹ 317 crores in the previous year. The Profit before Tax was ₹ 97.81 crores compared to ₹ 74.85 crores in the previous year. The Profit after Tax for the current year was ₹ 75.70 crores as against ₹ 59.35 crores in the previous year.

Your Directors recommend a dividend of ₹ 1/- per equity share of ₹ 2/- each for the year ended 31st March, 2013, to be paid, if declared by the members at the ensuing Annual General Meeting, as compared to dividend of ₹ 5/- per equity share of ₹ 10/- each paid in the previous year. The total dividend outgo for the year under review is ₹ 20.66 crores, the same as last year.

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3. REAL ESTATE DIVISION:

The revenue from real estate activity was ₹ 666 crores as compared to ₹ 566 crores in the previous year. The operating profit for the year was ₹ 350 crores as against ₹ 269 crores in the previous year.

Bombay Realty (BR), the real estate division of the Company, has launched two high rise luxury residential towers viz. 'One ICC' and 'Two ICC' at Island City Center (ICC), which will have world class amenities and features.

A renowned Architect has been appointed as Lead Consultant for the project. Consultants for Structural Engineering, Mechanical, Electrical & Plumbing, Vertical transportation, Facade, LEED Gold certification etc. have also been appointed. The consultants would be supported by internal experts in these areas. The project will include energy efficient features and use of sustainable material which will ensure substantial operational cost savings in energy and water consumption leading to higher satisfaction levels of occupants as compared to conventional buildings.

During 2012, the Company was required to amend the building designs for ICC to meet the requirements of new Development Control Regulations. The modified building design has been prepared with a view to optimize the building efficiency.

MCGM has issued a Stop Work Order at Company's Worli Textiles Mill site (WIC) pursuant to withdrawal of approval granted in 2004 for modification to the Textile Mill Modernisation scheme by the Textiles Department of Government of Maharashtra. This has been challenged by the Company in its Writ Petition before Hon'ble Bombay High Court.

Pursuant to the Order of Hon'ble Supreme Court dated 9th August, 2012 for handing over the share of land to MHADA and MCGM at the two mills respectively, the Company has submitted plans for consolidated hand over as per Integrated Development Scheme. Subsequently, as directed by MCGM, the Company has filed an application before Hon'ble Supreme Court for modification of its Order of 9th August, 2012 to enable hand over at single location.

The Directors believe that irrespective of the outcome of the case, the Company's development plans are not likely to be affected.

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The handover of land admeasuring over 66,000 square meters would be one of the largest handover of land in Mumbai. This will enable MHADA to provide housing to over 4,000 families. Besides, the Company would also be rehabilitating over 1,000 families currently residing on the site.

4. TEXTILE DIVISION:

The Textile turnover has increased from ₹ 433 crores in the previous year to ₹ 462 crores for the year ended on 31^{st} March, 2013 i.e. a growth of 7% over previous year. Despite this the division suffered an operational loss of ₹ 12 crores in the current year compared to a profit of ₹ 5 crores in the previous year due to lower margin and adverse product mix.

Domestic business grew by 5% led by mix improvement. Exports turnover grew by 35% from ₹ 34 crores to ₹ 46 crores However, there was a severe pressure on the margins due to slowdown of growth both in domestic and international markets.

In order to provide thrust to domestic retail business, the Company has created a new Retail Division to drive growth in the domestic market.

5. POLYESTER DIVISION:

The Division achieved a turnover of ₹ 1,328 crores during the year as compared to ₹ 1,349 crores in the previous year. The demand and prices of PSF are to a significant extent linked to supply and prices of cotton. During the year, cotton prices continued to remain depressed, leading to lower realization for PSF. Further, it also led to a large number of spinners remaining away from PSF, thereby adversely impacting the volume. Increased capacity in the recycled PSF industry also adversely impacted the PSF business. The average capacity utilization of 81.5%, though lower than 84% achieved in the previous year was significantly better than industry capacity utilization of 71% during the year.

The margins of the PSF Division were adversely impacted due to a sharp increase in the raw material prices in the backdrop of escalating crude oil prices, continuing adverse impact of rupee depreciation and sharp increase in conversion cost due to increase in RLNG and power cost, during the year.

6. FIXED DEPOSITS:

During the year, all the matured fixed deposits were either renewed or repaid except those which were not claimed. The Company also accepted fresh deposits from public and shareholders. Total deposits outstanding as on 31st March, 2013 amounted to ₹ 131.80 crores out of which 122 deposits aggregating ₹ 0.70 crores had matured, but not been claimed.

7. SUB-DIVISION OF EQUITY SHARES:

In terms of the approval accorded by the shareholders through Postal Ballot, each equity share of the face value of ₹ 10/- each fully paid up was sub-divided into 5 equity shares of the face value of ₹ 2/- each fully paid up on and from 31st October, 2012.

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

Information pursuant to Section 217(1)(e) of the Companies Act, 1956 ("the Act") read with the Companies (Disclosure of Particulars in the Report of Board of Directors) Rules, 1988 is given in Annexure 'A' to this Report.

9. EMPLOYEE STOCK OPTION SCHEME (ESOS):

Requisite disclosure in respect of the Employee Stock Option Scheme in terms of Clause 12 of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Employee Stock Option Scheme and Employee Stock Purchase Scheme) Guidelines, 1999, has been provided in Annexure 'B' to this Report.

10. INSURANCE:

All the properties including buildings, plant and machinery and stocks have been adequately insured.

11. DIRECTORS:

During 2012, Mr. R. N. Tata stepped down from the Board of various companies in pursuit of engaging in causes which were of personal interest to him. In line with this decision, he also tendered his resignation as Director of the Company vide his letter dated 22nd January, 2013.

The Directors place on record their appreciation of the invaluable contribution and guidance provided by Mr. R. N. Tata.

In accordance with the provisions of the Act and the Company's Articles of Association, Mr. Keshub Mahindra, Mr. Ishaat Hussain and Mr. Ness N. Wadia retire by rotation and are eligible for reappointment.

12. DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITY STATEMENT:

Pursuant to Section 217(2AA) of the Act, the Directors, based on the representations from the Operating Management, confirm that:

- in the preparation of the Annual Accounts, the applicable accounting standards have been followed along with proper explanation relating to material departures;
- (ii) they have, in selection of the accounting policies consulted the statutory Auditors and applied them consistently and