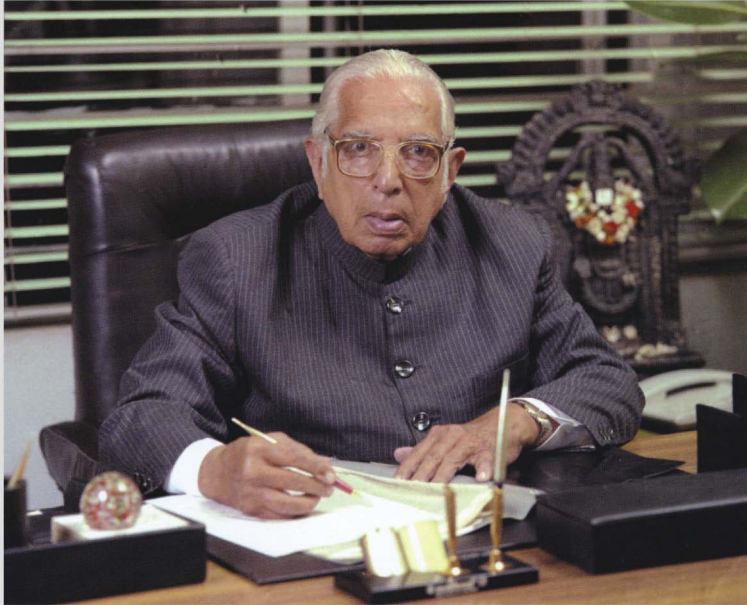


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 **gokaldas exports Ltd.**

The Founder



The late Shri Jhamandas H. Hinduja

GOKALDAS EXPORTS was founded by the visionary Shri Jhamandas H. Hinduja, who, with his innate ability to plan for the future, while closely overseeing the details of day-to-day operations, built a company with strong foundations and a corporate ethos that rewards initiative and innovation.

OUR VISION

To set a precedent in the global garment manufacturing industry through continuous innovation, exceptional products, focused services and enhanced customer satisfaction.

Jhamandas H. Hinduja

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OUR MISSION

- Deliver on-time, every time, any where in the world.
- Keep a sharp eye on product quality and put in all efforts to raise the bar, constantly.
- Comply flawlessly with all statutory regulations required by our customers in any country.
- Augment and maintain a logistics infrastructure that adheres to the highest levels of efficiency that seamlessly blends with our customers' own supply chain.
- Ensure escalating productivity standards at the lowest operating cost, thus offering our customers a product of the highest quality at the most competitive price.



Leadership Award

Gokaldas Exports accolades

GOKALDAS EXPORTS has won the highest number of awards in Asia! Since 1980, the company has also won all the top export awards amongst all Indian garment manufacturers.

These awards are based on a comprehensive set of attributes including design, technology, value, product and experience.

A signal recognition indeed!



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Canara Bank
Citi Bank



Board of Directors



Shri Madanlal J. Hinduja
Chairman



Shri Rajendra J. Hinduja
Managing Director



Shri Dinesh J. Hinduja
Executive Director



Shri Akhilesh Krishna Gupta
Director



Shri Richard B Saldanha
Director





Shri Mathew Cyriac
Director



Shri H S Nagraj
Independent Director



Shri Prince Asirvatham
Independent Director



Shri K P Kumar
Independent Director

The Gokaldas Exports
▼ Corporate Office in Bangalore





Chairman's Statement



Shri Madanlal J. Hinduja
Chairman

I have great pleasure in sharing with you the highlights of another eventful year.

The year 2007-08 has just passed and the values which we have long sustained have in turn sustained us to face testing circumstances. It was an eventful year marked by several reverses in global economic scene. The worst ever hit to the exporting community and more so to the textile industry was the appreciation of the Indian Rupee by 14% in a span of 12 months.

Never in the history of Indian exports, the Rupee has climbed to this value. Besides this, of course, the general appreciation of costs, the subprime crisis and the looming US recession have resulted in the markets becoming extremely cautious and competitive. We are in the midst of very turbulent times. Economists are predicting various scenarios for the future.

We all have our own opinions. However, it is action that must be taken, to face these problems. In spite of the

steep Rupee appreciation, we have managed to maintain the top line. If the Dollar/Rupee equation had been the same as last year, this probably would have been one of our best years, with the bottom line of about Rs.85 Crores and top line of about Rs. 1100 Crores.

Volume-wise we did manufacture 47 lakhs units more and with 2 new factories than last year, but in spite of this, with the low realisation of the Dollar, we just managed to cross last year's revenue.

The adverse impact of the steep Rupee appreciation has reduced the profitability of the business and covered the underlying strong performance supported by robust volume growth. However, in spite of this, we also believe in a strong future for our business and our investment into new business had been maintained. Our capex investment was to the tune of Rs. 70 Crores and two new plants, one at Mysore and the other at Tumkur have been commissioned.

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The Indian Apparel Industry is going to grow and has a bright future, and your company plays a significant role supporting the apparel industry worldwide. Besides, we are committed to good governance, sharing of information with shareholders and enhancing shareholder value.

In the coming years we intend to enlarge the range of products. The Indian domestic market has opened a new and exciting segment for us. We saw an opportunity and promise in this segment earlier and we, in the past year, were able to redesign and cater and make products required by this segment.

We are now able to offer products across various segments, for premium or medium priced brands. The medium price segment will surely see strong competition and we must continue our efforts through innovations and cost reductions to stay ahead.

I also wish to highlight that this year we had the world's largest private equity fund, M/s. Blackstone, joining hands with us. We welcome on our Board the new Directors of M/s. Blackstone, namely Shri Akhil Gupta, Shri Richard Saldanha and Shri Mathew Cyriac. We are sure, with their expertise and foresight our company will grow to greater heights.

I also wish to welcome our new Director, Shri Prince Asirvatham, who joined our Board in place of Shri Pradeep Shah who had resigned earlier. Shri Prince Asirvatham is heading the Audit Committee.

Behind the company's success has always been our people and manpower, and this has been our strength. This strength and dedication has been recognized and we are the proud recipients of the Dun & Bradstreet Award for Export Excellence for the year 2007-08.

At the end I would like to thank our Board of Directors for their support, and look forward to their inspired leadership and constant help to face the challenges which we have ahead. I am most grateful to all our customers, suppliers, bankers and our workforce who have given their constant support.

Madanlal J. Hinduja
Chairman

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Director's Report

▼ The ultra modern design studio



▼ New Hyderabad Factory

Your Directors are pleased to present their Fifth Annual Report on the business and operations of your Company for the year ended 31st March, 2008.

Financial Results

(Rs. In lakhs)

Particulars	Year ended 31 st March 2008	Year ended 31 st March 2007
Profit Before Tax	5,121.65	7,799.11
Less: Provision for Tax	360.79	770.84
Profit after Tax	4,760.86	7,028.27
Balance brought forward from last Year	13,868.49	8,354.58
Amount available for appropriation	18,629.35	15,382.85
Appropriations:		
Proposed dividend	343.76	687.52
Corporate dividend tax	58.42	116.84
General Reserve	476.09	710.00
Balance carried forward	17,751.08	13,864.49

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