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GUJARAT ORGANICS LIMITED

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING Date: 25th September 2004 Time: 11.30 a.m. Venue: 127/1, GIDC Industrial Estate, Ankleshwar - 393 002, Gujarat. SANSCO SERVICES - Annual Reports Library Services - www.sansco.net

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GUJARAT ORGANICS LIMITED

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS	Ashwin Dani (Chairman)	
	Jalaj Dani	
	Hasit Dani (Managing Director)	
	Mahendra Sheth	
	Kamlesh Mody	
	Manish Choksi	
AUDITORS	Deepak Shah & Co.	
	Chartered Accountants	
BANKERS	State Bank of India	
REGISTERED OFFICE &	Plot No.127/1 ,	
FACTORY	G.I.D.C. Industrial Estate,	
	Ankleshwar - 393 002,	
	Gujarat.	
CORPORATE OFFICE	3 A, Barodawala Mansion,	
DODODIC	81, Dr. Annie Besant Road,	
REPOIL	Worli, Mumbai - 400 018,	
	Maharashtra.	

Rs in'000 except for per share data, number of employees and ratios

	RESULTS FOR THE ACCOUNTING YEAR	2003-2004	2002-2003	2001-2002	2000-2001	1999-2000
	Revenue Account					
1	Gross Sales	94,352	114,511	94,208	99,327	70,906
2	Net Sales	82,524	100,509	81,847	87,189	61,649
3	Growth Rate %	-17.60%	21.55%	-5.15%	40.08%	45.45%
4	Other Income	18,595	16,638	29,607	24,208	22,301
5	Material Consumed	47,413	55,959	43,246	51,550	31,209
6	% to Net Sales (5/2*100)	57.45%	55.68%	52.84%	59.12%	50.62%
7	Overheads	41,850	41,143	35,876	35,022	36,312
8	Profit / Loss Before Int, Depreciation & Tax (PBIDT)	11,856	20,044	32,333	24,825	16,429
9	Interest and Financing Charges	3,175	2,736	4,420	9,170	9,475
10	Depreciation	8,082	7,473	13,465	5,812	5,557
11	Profit/(Loss) Before Taxes	598	9,835	14,448	9,843	1,397
1	Capital Account Equity Share Capital	2,014	2,014	2,014	2,014	2,014
2	Preference Share Capital	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000
3	Reserves and Sumplus	47,897	41,060	35,747	11,765	1,918
4	Loan Fund	71,903	59,597	62,544	130,273	118,309
5	Fixed Assets (Net)	90,636	80,130	76,032	78,384	72,585
6	Investments	6,795	6,822	6,822	56,982	8,200
7	Net Current Assets	32,942	30,692	27,851	28,596	61,342
	Per Share Data					
1	Book Value (Rs.)	248	214	187	68	20
	Other Information					
1	Number of Employee	87	84	87	87	86

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Twenty-sixth ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the members of GUJARAT ORGANICS LIMITED will be held on Saturday, the 25th day of September, 2004 at 11.30 a.m. at the Registered Office of the Company at 127/1, G.I.D.C. Industrial Estate, Ankleshwar - 393 002, Gujarat, to transact the following business:

ORDINARY BUSINESS:

- 1. To receive, consider and adopt the accounts for the year ended 31st March, 2004 together with the Reports of the Board of Directors and Auditors thereon.
- 2. To appoint a Director in place of Shri Ashwin Dani, who retires by rotation and being eligible offers himself for re-appointment.
- 3. To appoint a Director in place of Shri Manish Choksi who retires by rotation and being eligible offers himself for re-appointment.
- 4. To appoint Auditors to hold office from the conclusion of this meeting until the conclusion of the next Annual General Meeting and to fix their remuneration.
- 5. As required under Clause 49VI of the Listing Agreement, given below are the details of the directors proposed for re-appointment.

Shri Ashwin Dani

Shri Ashwin Dani has done his B.Sc. (Hons) from Institute of Science, University of Bombay and B.Sc. (Tech) (Pigments, Paints & Varnishes) from U.D.C.T., University of Akron, Ohio, USA and Diploma in Colour Science from Rensellaer Polytechnic, New York.

Shri Ashwin Dani has started his career in 1967, as a Development Chemist with Inmont Corp, (now known as BASF) Detroit, USA, a major supplier of automotive OEM and refinishes. He joined Asian Paints in 1968 as Senior Executive and moved through successive senior positions to his present position of Vice Chairman and Managing Director.

He is an acknowledged expert in the field of paints technology in India and has been the President of the Board of Governors of the U.D.C.T. Alumni Association, Mumbai. Shri Ashwin Dani was the Past-President of the Indian Paint Association (IPA), the premier paint association in India.

Shri Ashwin Dani is on the Board of the following Companies, namely:

Public

- 1. Asian Paints (I) Ltd.
- 2. Gujarat Organics Ltd.
- 3. Hi-Tech Plast Containers (India) Ltd.
- 4. Asian PPG Industries Ltd.
- 5. Asian Paints Industrial Coatings Ltd.
- 6. Resins & Plastics Ltd.
- 7. Sun Pharmaceutical Industries Ltd.

Private

- 1. Asian Paints (Queensland) Pty. Ltd.
- 2. SBI Fund Management Pvt. Ltd.
- 3. Central Board of Trustees (EPF)
- 4. National Productivity Council

. Shri Manish Choksi

Shri Manish Choksi is a bachelor of Chemical Engineering from the University of Houston, SA. He obtained his Master of Business Administration with specialization in Entrepreneurial Management and MIS from the same University.

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During the course of his association with Asian Paints (I) Ltd, Shri. Manish Choksi, has made significant contribution in achieving the Company's growth plans particularly in the critical areas of implementation of Supply Chain Management solution, as well as the Enterprise Resource Planning Software and demonstrated maturity and foresight in identifying opportunities and guiding the Company's e-business initiatives.

Shri Manish Choksi is on the Board of the following Companies, namely:

Public

Private

- Ricinash Oil Mill Ltd.
 Jatayu Investments Ltd.
- 3. Technical Instruments Manufacturing (I) Ltd.
- 1. Satyadharma Investments & Trading Co. Pvt. Ltd.

By Order of the Board For GUJARAT ORGANICS LIMITED

Registered Office Plot 127/1, Industrial Estate, GIDC, Ankleshwar – 393002, Gujarat.

Ashwin Dani Chairman Date: 28th June, 2004

NOTES:

- 1. A MEMBER ENTITLED TO ATTEND AND VOTE IS ENTITLED TO APPOINT A PROXY TO ATTEND AND ON A POLL, VOTE INSTEAD OF HIMSELF/HERSELF. A PROXY NEED NOT BE A MEMBER. PROXIES IN ORDER TO BE EFFECTIVE MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE COMPANY AT ITS REGISTERED OFFICE NOT LATER THAN FORTY-EIGHT HOURS BEFORE THE COMMENCEMENT OF THE MEETING.
- 2. The Register of Members and Share Transfer Books of the Company will remain closed from 19th September 2004 to 25th September 2004 (both days inclusive).
- 3. The Company's equity shares are listed on "The Stock Exchange, Mumbai" and the listing fees for the year 2003-2004 has been paid in full.

By Order of the Board For GUJARAT ORGANICS LIMITED

Registered Office:

Plot 127/1, Industrial Estate, GIDC, Ankleshwar – 393002, Gujarat. Ashwin Dani Chairman Date: 28th June, 2004 5

GUJARAT ORGANICS LIMITED

DIRECTORS' REPORT

The Directors hereby present their Twenty-sixth Annual Report on the business and operations of the Company and the Financial Accounts for the year ended 31st March 2004.

FINANCIAL RESULTS:

Given below are the financial results for the year ended 31st March 2004

			[R	s. In Lacs]
	2003-2004		2002-2003	
Sales (Net of Excise)	825.24		1005.09	
Conversion Charges (Net of Excise)	Nil		3.15	
Sales (Trading)	0.65		0.36	
		825.89		1008.60
Profit before Depreciation, Interest & Tax	*	118.56		200.44
Less: Depreciation	80.82		74.73	
Interest	31.75		27.36	
Deferred Tax	0.00		45.47	•
Deferred Tax Assets	(62.38)		0.00	
		50.19		147.56
Profit / (Loss) after Taxes		68.37	iom i	52.88
Balance brought forward from previous year	387.94		334.81	
Prior Period adjustments (Net)	0.00		0.25	
		387.94		335,06
Balance Carried to Balance Sheet		456.31		387.94

OPERATIONS:

Sales, other than trading sales, for the year 2003-2004 at Rs 825.89 lacs was lower by 18.12% as compared to Rs. 1008.24 lacs for the corresponding previous year.

Profit during the year after interest, depreciation and taxation was Rs.68.37 lacs.

OUTLOOK:

Barring unforeseen circumstances your Company expects to achieve higher growth by introducing more value added derivatives.

FINANCE:

Total fixed deposit repaid during the year 2003-2004 was Rs.12.48 lacs. No fixed deposit which was claimed remained unpaid.

RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT AND ENERGY CONSERVATION:

Your Company continued according the priority to safety and environment controls at all the levels of the factory. Your Company complied with the norms and specifications by sending samples of treated effluents regularly to the concerned authorities.

Details of energy conservation and research and development activities undertaken by the Company along with the information in accordance with the provisions of Section 217(1)(e) of the Companies Act, 1956, read with the Companies (Disclosures of Particulars in the Report of Board of Directors) Rules, 1988, are given in Annexure forming part of this Report.

PERSONNEL:

None of the Employees employed throughout/part of the financial year ended 31st March, 2004 was in receipt of remuneration exceeding the limits laid down under the provisions of Section 217(2A) of the Companies Act, 1956, read with Companies (Particulars of Employees) Rules, 1975, and Section 217(2AA) as amended.

FOREIGN EXCHANGE EARNING AND OUTGO:

The details of foreign exchange earnings and outgo have been given in the notes on accounts in Schedule N to the Profit and Loss Account and the Balance Sheet.

DIRECTORS:

Shri. Ashwin Dani and Shri. Manish Choksi retire by rotation and being eligible, offer themselves for reappointment.

AUDITORS:

The auditors, M/s. Deepak Shah & Co. retire and offer themselves for re-appointment.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS:

Your Directors wish to record their appreciation of the continued co-operation and assistance received by the Company from Financial Institutions, Bankers and Staff.

By Order of the Board For GUJARAT ORGANICS LIMITED

> Ashwin Dani Chairman

Mumbai: 28th June, 2004

ANNEXURE TO DIRECTORS' REPORT

Disclosure of particulars with respect to Conservation of Energy, Technology Absorption, Foreign Exchange Earnings and outgo as required under the Companies (Disclosure of Particulars in the Report of Broad of Directors) Rules, 1988 and forming part of the Report of the Board of Directors for the year ended 31st March 2004.

FORM A

A. POWER AND FUEL CONSUMPTION

		2003-04	2002-03
1.	Electricity		
	Purchased Unit	2099028	2133556
	Total amount (Rs. in Lacs)	96.83	98 .44
	Rate/Unit (Rs.)	4.61	4.61
2.	Diesel	•	
	Quantity (K. Litres)	21	13
	Total amount (Rs. in Lacs)	4.67	2.67
	Rate /Unit (Rs.)	22.65	20.52
3.	LDO		•
	Quantity (K. Litres)	1	11
	Total amount (Rs. in Lacs)	0.18	1.85
	Rate / Unit (Rs.)	18.00	20.52
4.	Gas		
	Quantity (SM3)	574260	647342
	Total amount (Rs. in Lacs)	50.44	57.64
	Rate /Unit (Rs.)	8.78	8.90

B. CONSUMPTION PER UNIT OF PRODUCTION

	Electricity		Diesel		Gas	
	2003-04 Rs.	2002-03 Rs.	2003-04 Rs.	2002-03 Rs.	2003-04 Rs.	2002-03 Rs.
Para/Ortho Hydroxy Benzoic Acid & Derivatives	12.41	11.93	0.40	0.37	6.21	5.98

FORM B

Disclosure of Particulars with respect to Technology Absorption:

Research and Development (R & D)

1. Specific areas in which the Company carries out R&D.

The R & D activities of the Company pertain to:

- -- Development of new products.
- -- Up gradation of existing products & technologies for improvement in Quality and Cost Reduction.
- -- Improvement in process technology.
- -- Reduction in process time.

2. Benefits derived as a result of above R & D

--- Improvement in quality of the products.

--- Consistency in quality of the products.

3. Expenditure on R & D during the financial year is as follows:

		[KS. III lacs]
	2003-04	2002-03
(a) Capital	4.53	6.77
(b) Recurring	4.35	4.23
Total R & D Expenditure	8.88	11.10
(As a % to Turnover)	1.07%	1.10%

TECHNOLOGY ABSORPTION, ADAPTATION AND INNOVATION:

The Company has not incurred any expenditure for import of technology for its products. The thrust is to reduce the cost of production by further improving upon the indigenous technology and reduce process cycle time

FORM C

Disclosure of particulars with respect to foreign exchange earnings and Outgo:

	[Rs. in Lacs]		
	2003-04	2002-03	
(a) Earnings in Foreign Exchange	5.09	3.44	
(b) Expenditure in Foreign Exchange	94.85	97.75	

Directors' Responsibility Statement:

- 1. That in preparation of the annual accounts, the applicable accounting standards have been followed along with proper explanation relating to material departures;
- That the Directors had selected such accounting policies and applied them consistently and made judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent so as to give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of your Company at the end of the financial year and of the profit or loss of your Company for that period;
- 3. That the Directors had taken proper and sufficient care for the maintenance of adequate accounting records in accordance with the provisions of the Act for safeguarding the assets of your Company and for preventing and detecting fraud and other irregularities;
- 4. That the Directors had prepared the annual accounts on a going concern basis.

FOR AND ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD

ASHWIN DANI CHAIRMAN

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Mumbai: 28th June 2004