

RUCHI STRIPS AND ALLOYS LIMITED

Board of Directors

Mr. Kailash Chandra Shahra - Chairman
Mr. Santosh Kumar Shahra - Vice-Chairman
Mr. Umesh Shahra - Managing Director

Mr. P.S. Santhanakrishnan - Director Mr. Ashok Khasgiwala - Director Mr. Veer Kumar Jain - Director Mr. Ram Ratan Agrawal - Director

Auditors

Arun Maheshwari & Company 8/9, Mahesh Nagar, Indore

Registered Office

611, Tulsiani Chambers, Nariman Point, Mumbai - 400 021

Registrar & Share Transfer Agent

Avanti Finance Limited Avanti House 170/10, Film Colony R.N.T. Marg, Indore (M.P.) 452 001

Factory

Village : Sejwaya District : Dhar (M.P.)

Bankers

State Bank of India, State Bank of Saurashtra, State Bank of Indore, Dena Bank

Members are requested to bring their copy of Annual Report alongwith them at the General Meeting

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Annual General Meeting will be held on Thursday 24th September, 1998 at 1.00 PM at Sunville Deluxe Pavilion, Sunville Building, 9, Dr. Annie Beasent Road, Worli, Mumbai-400 018

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NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Eleventh Annual General Meeting of the members of Ruchi Strips & Alloys Ltd. will be held at Sunville Deluxe Pavilion, Sunville Building, 9, Dr. Annie Beasent Road, Worli, Mumbai-400 018 on 24th September, 1998 at 1.00 PM to transact the following Business;

ORDINARY BUSINESS

- To receive, consider and adopt the Audited Balance Sheet as at 31st March, 1998 and the Profit & Loss Account for the year ended on that date together with the reports of Directors and Auditors thereon.
- 2. To appoint a Director in place of Shri Santosh Shahra, who retires by rotation and being eligible, offers himself for re-appointment.
- 3. To appoint a Director in place of Shri Ram Ratan Agrawal, who retires by rotation and being eligible, offers himself for re-appointment.
- 4. To appoint Auditors to hold office from the conclusion of this Annual General Meeting up to the conclusion of Next Annual General Meeting and to fix their remuneration.

Regd. Office:

611, Tulsiani Chambers,

Nariman Point,

MUMBAI - 400 021

By order of the Board of Directors

Place: Indore

UMESH SHAHRA

Dated: May 30, 1998

Managing Director

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NOTES

- 1. A MEMBER ENTITIED TO ATTEND AND VOTE IS ALSO ENTITLED TO APPOINT A PROXY TO ATTEND AND VOTE INSTEAD OF HIMSELF/HERSELF AND THE PROXY NEED NOT BE A MEMBER. PROXIES IN ORDER TO BE EFFECTIVE MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE COMPANY NOT LESS THAN 48 HOURS BEFORE THE TIME FIXED FOR THE MEETING.
- 2. All documents referred to in the accompanying notice are open for inspection at the Registered Office of the Company during 2.00 p.m. to 5.00 p.m. on all working days upto the date of Annual General Meeting.
- Members who are holding shares in identical orders of name in more than one Folios may request the Company's Registrar & Share Transfer Agent to consolidate their holdings in one Folio.
- 4. Register of Members and Share Transfer Books of the Company will remain closed from 1st September, 1998, to 24th September, 1998 (both days inclusive).
- 5. Members are requested to bring their copies of Annual Report alongwith them at the Annual General Meeting.
- 6. Members desiring any information relating to this Annual Report are requested to write to the Company atleast 10 days before the date of Annual General Meeting to enable the Management to keep the information available at the Meeting.
- 7. Members who have not yet paid the Allotment Money due on their shares are requested to remit the same together with interest from 1st October, 1990 till the date of payment.

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By order of the Board of Directors

Place: Indore Dated: May 30, 1998 UMESH SHAHRA Managing Director

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DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Dear Shareholders,

Your Directors have pleasure in presenting Eleventh Annual Report together with Audited Statement of Accounts of the Company for the year ended 31st March, 1998.

1.	FINANCIAL RESULTS		[Rs. in Lacs]
	•	<u>31.03.98</u>	<u>31.03.97</u>
٠	Sales & Other Income	14,185.83	12697.77
	Gross Profit	630.48	839.34
	Depreciation and Interest	624.90	764.28
	Profit Before Tax	5.58	75.06
	Provision for Tax	0.59	9.68
	Profit After Tax	4.99	65.38

Due to the inadequate profit during the year your directors express their inability to recommend any dividend for the year under review.

2. OPERATIONS

During the year under review, the sales and other income has increased from Rs. 12697.77 lacs to Rs. 14,185.83 lacs registering an increase of around 11.72% over the previous year.

3. PROSPECTS

The Company's performance during the year is quite satisfactory in terms of sales & other income by registering an increase of about 11.72%. The company's upgraded value added product is being well accepted in the domestic as well as international market. The company's Export turnover during the year was Rs. 1632.50 lacs. Production for the year was 44753.249 MT and if converted into standard thickness then it comes to about 100% capacity utilisation. Notwithstanding the overall improvement in production and sales, the profit margin has been reduced due to competition arising out of large imports at reduced rates of import duty as part of govt. policy of liberalisation. The company could maintained its performance due to the modernisation cum balancing plan undertaken by the company for improvement of quality, value addition and increase in production. The capacity of production is also going to increase to 55000 MT during the year 1998-99.

4. PUBLIC DEPOSITS

The Company has not accepted or invited any deposits from public during the year under review.

5. INSURANCE

All the properties and insurable interest of the Company including building, plant and machinery and stocks have been adequately insured.

6. DIRECTORS

Shri Santosh Kumar Shahra and Shri Ram Ratan Agarwal retires by rotation in accordance with the provisions of the Companies Act, 1956 and Articles of Association of the Company and being eligible, offer themselves for re-appointment.

During the year IFCI had withdrawn the nomination of Shri N.K. Jain from the board of directors of the company. The board places on record is appreciation for the valuable guidance received from Shri N.K. Jain during his tenure as director.

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7. AUDITORS

The Auditors of the Company M/s Arun Maheshwari & Company, Chartered Accountants, retire at the ensuing Annual General Meeting and are eligible for re-appointment. The comments of the Auditors read with the relevant notes to the accounts are self-explanatory and hence do not require any clarification.

8. PARTICULARS OF EMPLOYEES

None of the employee of the Company was paid remuneration in excess of the prescribed limit. Therefore, the particulars of employees, within the meaning of section 217 (2A) of the Companies Act, 1956 read with Companies (particulars of Employees) Rules, 1975, as amended by the Companies (Amended) Act, 1988 are not given.

9. PARTICULARS OF CONSERVATION OF ENERGY, TECHNOLOGY & FOREIGN EXCHANGE ETC.

Details of Energy conservation and Research and Development activities undertaken by the Company alongwith the information in accordance with the provisions of section 217(1)(e) of the Companies Act, 1956 read with the Companies (Disclosure of particulars in the Report of the Board of Directors) Rules, 1988 are given in Annexure to the Directors' Report.

10. EXPORTS

During the year 1997-98, Company has made export of Rs. 1632.50 lacs. Your company is continued to enjoy the status of "Export House".

11. INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS

Relations with the employees continued to remain cordial throughout the year. Your Directors wish to place on record their appreciation for sincere and dedicated services rendered by the executives, staff and workers at all levels.

12. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Your Directors acknowledge with gratitude and wish to thank to the Industrial Finance Corporation of India Ltd. and other Financial Institutions, State Bank of India, State Bank of Indore, State Bank of Saurashtra, Dena Bank and suppliers for their valued support and cooperation.

Your Directors deeply acknowledge the trust and confidence, you have placed in them and also wish to place on record their appreciation for the confidence shown by you in past years.

For and on behalf of the Board of Directors

Place: Indore

Dated: May 30, 1998

KAILASH CHANDRA SHAHRA

Chairman