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MR. D. N. BHANDARI

MR. B. C. SRIVASTAVA

DR. V. R. SINHA

MR. J.N. TRIVEDI

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MR. MAHESH PRASAD

(Nominee Govt. of Bihar) Upto 26.11.03

(Nominee IFCI Ltd.)

(Nominee IDBI)

MR. C. P. PADMANABHAN DR. K. C. VARSHNEY

MR. DEVIINDER GUPTA

Upto 14.5.03 (Nominee IDBI)

MR. SHARAT KUMAR

(Nominee ICICI Bank Ltd.)

MR. P. SITARAM

From 15.5.03 From 23.7.03

Upto 22.7.03

(Nominee ICICI Bank Ltd.)

AUDITORS

MESSRS. M. MUKERJEE & CO.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE

MR. SHAILENDRA P. SINHA

SR. VICE PRESIDENT

(FINANCE)-CUM-COMPANY

SECRETARY

MR. P. K. CHAUBEY

BANKERS

ALLAHABAD BANK

CANARA BANK

STATE BANK OF INDIA

REGISTERED OFFICE

2 & 3, CLIVE ROW, KOLKATA-700 001

HEAD OFFICE

MAURYA CENTRE

FRASER ROAD, PATNA-800 001

FACTORY

BANJARI

DT. ROHTAS-821 303

(BIHAR)



DIRECTORS' REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 2003

The Shareholders,

Your Directors submit herewith their Report together with the audited accounts for the year ended 31st December, 2003.

	(Rupees in Lacs)	
1. FINANCIAL RESULTS	2003	2002
Total Turnover including other income	6569.57	10171.50
1. Profit before depreciation, interest, tax and other appropriations	(2325.83)	(459.59)
2. Less: Interest and Finance Charges	1651.95	1690.39
3. Less: Depreciation	1271.08	1270.90
4. Net Loss	(5248.86)	(3420.88)
5. Loss carried to Balance Sheet	(31773.19)	(26524.33)

2.0 PRODUCTION

Increased working capital difficulties affected operations. Capacity utilisation in Clinker and cement declined to 47% and 37% respectively due to intermittent operations on account of power disconnection, inadequate input procurement etc.

3.0 FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE:

Cement consumption in Bihar fell by 8%. This was by and large in conformity with sluggish trend on All India basis, where consumption recorded a growth of only 4% during the year against 10% last year. Average realisation declined for the second successive year and fell by around Rs. 50 per tonne compared to last year.

Lower capacity utilisation coupled with unremunerative cement prices resulted in increased losses during the year.

4.0 FINANCES

The Company was declared sick by BIFR on 28th May 2002. However, preparation of a fully tied up restructuring package continued to be delayed in the absence of decision by the Banks to release the additional working capital sanctioned in 1998. This finally led BIFR to issue a show cause notice for winding up the Company.

Meanwhile, Asset Reconstruction Company (India) Limited (ARCIL), set up as an asset reconstruction company under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Assets & Enforcement of Security interest Act, 2002, have acquired the debt exposure of the major term lending Institutions viz. IDBI, ICICI Bank and IFCI in the Company. In view of the developments, the meeting fixed by BIFR on 8th March 2004, to hear the objections / suggestions to the proposed winding up has been deferred.

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A new Rehabilitation Package is being worked out with ARCIL, which is expected to be put into operation in the next few months. With proposed measures for substantial reduction in debt servicing cost, essential renewals in plant and mines as well as improved capacity utilisation of the plant, the Company is hopeful of profitable operations soon after implementation of the Package.

5.0 DIVIDENDS

The Directors regret their inability to recommend any dividend in view of the present position of the Company.

6.0 LISTING AGREEMENTS WITH STOCK EXCHANGES

The Company's Equity Shares are listed on the Kolkata, Mumbai and Magadh Stock Exchanges. The Company has not been able to pay Annual Listing Fees to the above Stock Exchanges for the year 2003-2004 due to working capital problems.

7.0 AUDITORS REPORT

Although the remarks contained in the Auditors' Report have been appropriately explained in the Notes on Account in Schedule-16, replies to the qualifications / adverse comments made by the Auditors are separately enclosed as **ANNEXURE-1**.

8.0 DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITY STATEMENT

In terms of Section 217 (2AA) of the Companies Act, 1956, your Directors have-

- followed the applicable accounting standards in preparation of the Annual Accounts for the year ended 31.12.2003.
- ii. selected the accounting policies and applied them consistently and made judgements and estimates which are reasonable and prudent so as to give a true and a fair view of the state of affairs of the Company at the end of the financial year and of the loss of the Company for that period.
- iii. taken proper and sufficient care for the maintenance of adequate accounting records in accordance with the provisions of the Companies Act for safeguarding the assets of the Company and for preventing and detecting fraud and other irregularities.
- iv. prepared the Accounts on a going concern basis.

9.0 CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

In terms of clause 49 of the Listing Agreement, the Company is required to comply with the Corporate Governance Code has already been implemented by the Company and a separate section thereon is included in the Directors' Report as **ANNEXURE-2**.



10.0 DIRECTORS

- Under Articles 108 & 109 of the Articles of Association of the Company, Mr Mahesh Prasad and Mr. B. C Srivastava retire by rotation in this Annual General Meeting and being eligible, offer themselves for reappointment.
- 2. Dr. K. C. Varshney ceased to be Director of the Company with effect from 15th May, 2003 due to withdrawal of his nomination by Industrial Development Bank of India (IDBI). The IDBI appointed Mr. P. Sitaram in his place on the Company Board with effect from 15th May, 2003.
- 3. Mr. C. P. Padmanabhan ceased to be Director of the Company with effect from 27.11.2003 due to withdrawal of his nomination by IFCI Ltd.
- 4. Mr. Sharat Kumar, Nominee, ICICI Bank Ltd. also ceased to be Director of the Company from 23rd July, 2003 due to withdrawal of his nomination by ICICI Bank Ltd. The ICICI Bank Ltd. appointed Mr. Deviinder Gupta in his place on the Company's Board with effect from 23rd July, 2003. His nomination also has been withdrawn by ICICI Bank Ltd. with effect from 23rd January, 2004.

The Board places on record its appreciation for the services rendered by and the contributions made to the Company by Dr. K. C. Varshney, Mr. Sharat Kumar, Mr. C. P. Padmanabhan and Mr. Deviinder Gupta.

11.0 AUDITORS

The Auditors M/s M.Mukerjee & Co., Chartered Accountants retire in terms of their appointment and being eligible offer themselves for re-appointment. Since not less than 25% of the subscribed capital of the Company is held collectively by Public Financial Institutions, the re-appointment of Auditors is being proposed as a Special Resolution in accordance with Section 224A of the Companies Act, 1956.

12.0 ENERGY, TECHNOLOGY & FOREIGN EXCHANGE

Statement giving the particulars relating to conservation of energy, technology absorption and foreign exchange earnings and outgo as required under the Companies (Disclosure of Particulars in the Report of Board of Directors) Rules, 1988 is annexed as **ANNEXURE-3**.

13.0 PARTICULARS REGARDING EMPLOYEES

None of the employees of the Company was in receipt of remuneration stipulated under Section 217(2A) of the Companies Act, 1956 read with the Companies (Particulars of Employees) Rules, 1975.

14.0 APPRECIATION

The Directors wish to put on record their appreciation for the support and contribution made by the Employees of the Company towards the operation.

The Directors also wish to place on record their thanks and appreciation for the help and support given by All India Financial Institutions, State Govt. and Central Govt. in carrying out its operations.



15.0 MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

Management Discussion and Analysis has been appended to the Report, in terms of the Listing Agreement, as ANNEXURE-4.

On behalf of the Board

Shailendra P. Sinha - Chief Executive

Ranjit Singh

Director

J. N. Trivedi

Director

Patna

Date: 24th March, 2004

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ANNEXURE-1

AUDITORS' REMARKS AND MANAGEMENT'S REPLIES

S. No.	Remarks	Explanation
3 (iv) of Auditors' Report.	Interest and other charges of Rs. 9300.13 lacs payable to the lending Financial Institutions upto current financial year have not been provided and is shown as contingent liability. Reference may be made to Note 1 (c) in Schedule-16 to the Account	This has been suitably explained in note 1(c) in Schedule 16 to the Accounts.
3 (v) of Auditors' Report	Without qualifying our opinion, though the accounts have been drawn on going concern concept, loss for the current year was Rs. 5248.86 Lacs, which together with net carry forward loss of Rs. 26484.06 Lacs amounts to Rs. 31732.92 lacs against the capital and reserve of Rs. 9839.75 lacs leaving a negative networth, of Rs. 21893.17 Lacs. In view of this negative networth, ability of the Company to continue as a going concern is dependent upon restructuring of equity and debt. Reference may be made to clause no. (x) of annexure of Auditors' Report read with para 15 of Accounting Policies to the Accounts.	The Company made a reference to BIFR in March '01 and was registered as a Sick Industrial Company in April '01. BIFR declared the Company as a Sick Industrial Company in its meeting held on 28th May '02 and appointed IFCI Ltd. as Operating Agency under provisions of Sick Industrial Companies (Special Provisions) Act 1985. The Company has since submitted a Financial Restructuring Proposal to the Operating Agency for consideration and approval by the Financial Institutions, Banks and Govt. of Bihar. In the meantime, an Asset Reconstruction Company namely Asset Reconstruction Co. (India) Ltd. (ARCIL) has acquired the financial assistance to the company from three major secured creditors namely IDBI, ICICI Bank Ltd. and IFCI Ltd. in terms of an Assignment Agreement pursuant to the provisions of the Securitisation & Reconstruction of Financial Assets & Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002. ARCIL is in the process of finalising a Financial Restructuring Package for the company and therefore the company reasonably expects to continue as a going concern.
3 (xi) of Auditors' Report.	As per explanation given to us by the Management all the directors of the Company excluding the institutional and Government nominee on the board are disqualified under Clause(g) of sub-section (I) of Section 274 of the Companies Act, 1956.	The disqualification of Directors under Section 274 (1)(g) of the Companies Act, 1956 was attracted due to non-redemption of Non-Convertible Debentures (NCDs) issued to Financial Institutions. The disqualification clause will cease to apply after approval of Financial Restructuring Package which envisages write-off of Funded interest of Financial Institutions, a part of which was converted into NCDs.



S. No.	Remarks	Explanation .	
Sl.No.(ix) of Annexure to the Auditors' Report	According to the information and as explained to us, in view of financial constraints the company is not regular in depositing undisputed statutory dues including provident fund, employees state insurance, income tax, sales tax, custom duty, excise duty, royalty and cess with the appropriate authorities. The extent of arrears as on 31st December 2003 in respect of dues over six months are as below:	In view of the continuing deterioration in financial performance of the company over last few year mainly resulting from non-release of working capits by the banks despite sanction in 1998, the company has been trying only to hold on the operation anticipation of its long term revival and therefore the liabilities on account of statutory dues have accumulated. The proposed Financial Restructuring Package envisages payment of dues in a phase manner out of the generation of resources by the company. The company reasonably expects to fulfits statutory commitments, once the Restructuring	
	Particulars Amount(Rs. in Lacs) Sales Tax (Retained)* 2831.39 Sales Tax 111.94 Royalty &Cess 423.89 Custom Duty 82.89 Provident Fund 606.98 Employees State Insurance 23.48 Income Tax(Tax Deducted at Source) Cement Regulation Account Dues 208.22 *Granted by State Government as per Industrial Policy. Of the above,dues of cement regulation account have been challenged in Delhi High Court.All the	Package is put into operation.	
SI. No. (x)of Annexure to Auditors' Report	other dues are undisputed.	This is a statement of fact and as a result of erosion of the company's total net worth, it is already registered with BIFR as explained in reply to SI.No.3 (v) of the Auditors' Report.	

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S. No.	Remarks	Explanation	
SI. No. (xi) of Annexure to Auditors Report	According to the information and as explained to us,the Company has not paid the following dues to financial institutions, banks and debenture holders. The period and amount are given below:	The dues to Financial Institutions, Banks and th Debenture-holders could not be paid only due t deterioration in financial performance of the compan caused by absence of need based working capital which, despite promises and sanctions was not released by the Banks. Timely release of need base working capital would have enabled the compan	
	Particulars Amount (Rs.in Lacs) Financial Institutions During the period 1997-98 to 2003	avoiding losses to a substantial extent and the dues also would not have accumulated to the present level.	
	- Principal / Funded Interest /NCD 13,265.34 - Interest 6,746.10		
	Banks During the period Oct'02 to Dec' 03 - Principal 107.90 - Interest 323.01	nction.com	
SI. No. (xvii) of Annexure to the Auditors' Report	According to the information and as explained to us, except for purchase of fixed assets amounting to Rs.1.85 Lacs, funds raised for short term basis have not been used for long term investment and vice versa.	As observed in the Auditors Report, funds raised on short term basis have not been used for long term investment and only a sum of Rs.1.85 lacs has been used for purchase of fixed assets which were essential for operating requirements of the company.	

On behalf of the Board

Shailendra P. Sinha - Chief Executive

Ranjit Singh *Director*J. N. Trivedi *Director*

Patna J. N

Date: 24th March, 2004



ANNEXURE-2

CORPORATE GOVERNANCE:

1. Brief statement on Company's Philosophy on Code of Governance:

In terms of the report of Kumarmangalam Birla Committee on Corporate Governance and the directives of SEBI, the listing agreement with Stock Exchanges has been amended by addition of Clause 49 therein. The Company is required to implement the Corporate Governance Code in letter and spirit. In fact the Company has already been following some of the sound Corporate Governance practices. Now as stipulated in the listing agreement, it is endeavour of the Company to follow the Code of Corporate Governance by adopting Sound Corporate practices and complying with various laws, rules, regulations and the listing agreement with the Stock Exchanges.

2. a) Composition and category of Directors.

Sn	Name of the Directors	Category	Promoter/ Non-Promoter	Remarks
01.	Mr. Mahesh Prasad	Non-Executive	Independent	Nominee of the Govt of Bihar
02.	Mr.C.P. Padmanabhan (upto 26.11.2003)	Non-Executive	Independent	Nominee of IFCI Ltd. IFCI Ltd. is both a lender and a shareholder
03.	Dr. K. C. Varshney (Upto 14.5.2003)	Non-Executive	Independent	Nominee of IDBI. IDBI is both a lender and a shareholder
04.	Mr. Ranjit Singh	Non-Executive	Independent	
05.	Mr. D. N. Bhandari	Non-Executive	Independent	
06.	Mr. B. C. Srivastava	Non-Executive	Independent	
07.	Dr. V. R.Sinha	Non-Executive	Independent	
08.	Mr. J.N. Trivedi	Non-Executive	Independent	
09.	Mr. Sharat Kumar (Upto 22.7.03)	Non-Executive	Independent	Nominee of ICICI Bank Ltd. ICICI Bank Ltd. is both a lender and a shareholder
10.	Mr. P. Sitaram (From 15.5.03)	Non-Executive	Independent	Nominee of IDBI. IDBI is both a lender and a shareholder
11.	Mr. Deviinder Gupta (From 23.7.03)	Non-Executive	Independent	Nominee of ICICI Bank Ltd. ICICI Bank Ltd. is both a lender and a shareholder.