

## **SRF LIMITED**Annual Report 04-05





# Multiple Businesses. One Goal. Leadership

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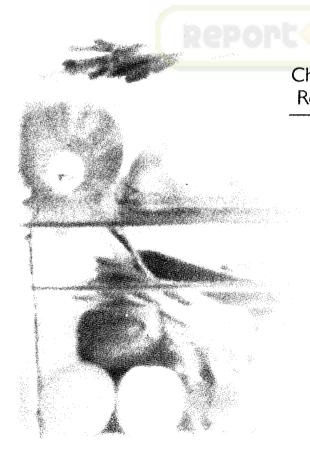


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40%

Domestic Market Share in Refrigerants

Rapid Growth Opportunities Increasing demand from white goods & passenger car sectors

Growth Path R&D led product development, process patent and new generation gases

Futuristic Expansion Building capacities for new generation gases - HFC-32 & HFC-134a





61%

Domestic Market Share

Znd largest Producer Belting Fabrics globally

Sound Growth Opportunities Increasing demand from Industry, Exports & Outsourcing

Competitive & Competent Lean cost structures and high quality standards







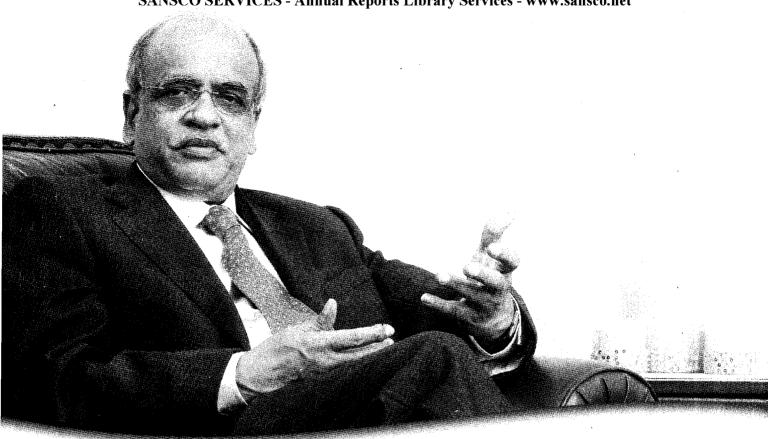
### Natural Extension of Fluorochemical Business

Leveraging
Knowledge strength of halogen chemistry

Seeding Growth Strong R&D backbone, nurturing new products

**Established Capabilities**State-of-the-art plant, commercial supplies commenced

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#### Chairman's Letter

Dear Shareholder,

The new government under the premiership of Dr. Manmohan Singh has completed a year in office. It has been a good year for the country. According to the Quick Estimates of the Central Statistical Organisation, India's real GDP growth for 2004-05 is supposed to be 6.9%. This is a very commendable performance on two grounds. First, it occurred despite less-than-average monsoons and mediocre agricultural performance; and second, it came on the back of the high 8.5% growth of the previous year. I believe that when the final estimates are released, India's GDP growth for 2004-05 will exceed 7%.

Moreover, I see no reason to expect economic growth of anything less than that for 2005-06. In fact, if we have normal rainfall, it would be safe to predict a growth somewhere in the region of 7.2% to 7.5%.

I share the view of many economists that India is rapidly transiting to a higher growth path. Up to the 1980s, the average annual GDP growth was less than 4%. In the 1980s, this had risen to over 5%. Between 1992 and 2004, the average further increased to 6.2%. In the new budget greater emphasis has been given to rural economy, agriculture and policies like highway construction and connecting villages to the highway are carried forward. In such a milieu, I believe that we are poised to witness the next structural shift, where average decadal growth will rise to above 7%.

This growth will create the right kind of impetus for the transportation sector as well as for industrial products both of which have positive implications in terms of demand for your Company's products.

Let me now move on to the performance of your Company during 2004-05.

- Net sales increased by 28.7% from Rs. 820.2 crore in 2003-04 to Rs. 1,055.2 crore in 2004-05.
- Profit before depreciation, interest and tax (PBDIT) increased by 11.4% from Rs. 145.3 crore in 2003-04 to Rs. 161.9 crore in 2004-05.
- Profit after tax (PAT) increased by 44.3% from Rs. 41.6 crore in 2003-04 to Rs. 60.1 crore in 2004-05.