

The Scindia Steam Navigation Co. Ltd.

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AND

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS

2008-2009

Annual General Meeting

on Tuesday, August 18, 2009 at 11.30 A.M. at M.C. Ghia Hall, Bhogilal Hargovindas Building, 18/20, Kaikhushru Dubash Marg, Mumbai-400 001.

THE SCINDIA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY LIMITED

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

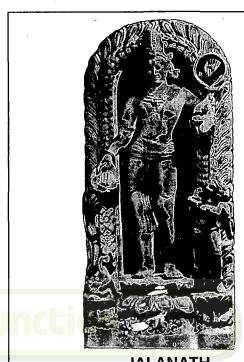
Shri D.A. Biwalkar

 Chairman and Managing Director

Shri Dinesh Kumar

Shri G. Srinivas

Shri Makaradhwaj Sahu



JALANATH
THE LORD OF THE SEA

Report

Auditors:

Messrs. K.S. Aiyar & Co.

Registered Office:

Scindia Colony, Building No. III, Sir M.V. Road, Opp. Vishal Hall, Andheri (East), Mumbai-400 069.

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Notice

Notice is hereby given that the Ninetieth Annual General Meeting of The Scindia Steam Navigation Company Limited, will be held at M.C. Ghia Hall, Bhogilal Hargovindas Building, 2nd Floor, 18/20, Kaikhushru Dubash Marg, (Behind Prince of Wales Museum), on Tuesday, the 18th August, 2009 at 11:30 A.M. to transact the following business:

Ordinary Business:

- 1. To receive, consider and adopt the Audited Balance Sheet as at March 31, 2009 and the Profit and Loss Account for the year ended on that date together with the Directors' Report and Auditors' Report thereon.
- 2. To appoint auditors to hold office from the conclusion of this meeting until the conclusion of the next Annual General Meeting of the Company, and to authorise the Board of Directors to fix their remuneration.

Special Business:

To consider and, if thought fit, to pass with or without modifications, the following Resolution as an Ordinary Resolution:

"RESOLVED THAT pursuant to the provisions of Sections 269, 309 and other applicable provisions, if any, of the Companies Act, 1956, and subject to the limits specified in Section 198 and 309 and Schedule XIII to the Companies Act, 1956, approval of the Company be and is hereby accorded to the appointment of Shri D.A. Biwalkar as Chairman and Managing Director of the Company, for a period of one year from March 26, 2009, on the terms and conditions as set out in the Explanatory Statement annexed to the Notice."

"RESOLVED FURTHER THAT the Board may, subject to the consent of Shri D.A. Biwalkar, accept alteration and/or modification, if any, as may be required or directed by the Government of India."

"RESOLVED FURTHER THAT the Board of Directors be and is hereby authorised to take such steps and do all such acts, matters, deeds and things as may be necessary and desireable to implement the foregoing Resolution."

By Order of the Board of Directors, For THE SCINDIA STEAM NAVIGATION CO. LTD.

D.A. Biwalkar Chairman and Managing Director.

Date: May 20, 2009

Registered Office: Scindia Colony, Building No. III, Sir M.V. Road, Andheri (East), Mumbai-400 069.

Notes:

- 1. A MEMBER ENTITLED TO ATTEND AND VOTE IS ENTITLED TO APPOINT A PROXY OR PROXIES TO ATTEND AND VOTE INSTEAD OF HIMSELF/HERSELF AND A PROXY NEED NOT BE A MEMBER. Proxies, in order to be effective must be received by the Company at its Registered Office not less than 48 hours before the meeting.
- 2. An Explanatory Statement as required under Section 173 of the Companies Act, 1956, in respect of Item No. 3, is annexed.
- 3. The Register of Members and Share Transfer Register will remain closed from 03.08.2009 (Monday) to 10.08.2009 (Monday), both days inclusive.
- 4. The Company's equity shares are listed at Bombay Stock Exchange Ltd. Mumbai, (Regional Stock Exchange) Phiroze Jeejeebhoy Towers, Dalal Street, Mumbai-400 001. The Company has paid annual listing fee to the Stock Exchange for the financial year 2009-10.
- 5. Shareholders are requested to notify any change of address. In case the mailing address mentioned on this Annual Report is without the PIN CODE, shareholders are requested to kindly inform their PIN CODE.

Annexure to the Notice

(EXPLANATORY STATEMENT AS REQUIRED UNDER SECTION 173 OF THE COMPANIES ACT, 1956).

Item No.3

3. One year tenure of Shri D.A. Biwalkar as Chairman and Managing Director of the Company expired on March 25, 2009. The Government of India (Gol), has extended his period on the same terms and conditions.

The Board of Directors of the Company at its Meeting held on January 30, 2009 has re-appointed him as Chairman and Managing Director for a period of one year from March 26, 2009 on the same terms and conditions as approved by the Members at the 89th AGM held on July 04, 2008. The re-appointment is subject to approval of the Company in a General Meeting. The material terms and conditions for the appointment and remuneration payable to him are given below:

- 1. Shri D.A. Biwalkar, Chairman and Managing Director, shall perform such duties and exercise such powers as may be assigned to or vested in him, from time to time, subject to the superintendence, control and direction of the Board of Directors.
- 2. Period: One year from March 26, 2009.
- 3. Remuneration:

(i) Salary : Rs. 22,500 per month.

(ii) Perquisites:

(a) House Rent Allowance : 30% of the salary.

(b) Medical Reimbursement (Domiciliary) : For self and family on production of actual bills, subject to a ceiling of one month's

salary per year.

(c) Hospitalisation : For self and family as per the rules of the Company.

(d) Conveyance : Car for use on Company's business.

(e) Telephone For use on Company's business. Personal long distance calls paid by him.

(f) Leave Travel Concession : For self and family, as per the rules of the Company.

(g) Leave : 30 days leave on full pay and allowance for 11 months service.

- 4. The terms and conditions of the said appointment may be altered and/or varied from time to time as may be directed by GoI and agreed to between the Board and Shri D.A. Biwalkar within the limits laid down as above.
- 5. If, at any time, Shri D.A. Biwalkar ceases to be a Director of the Company for any reason whatsoever, he will also cease to be the Chairman and Managing Director.
- Shri D.A. Biwalkar is concerned or interested in the Resolution to the extent of remuneration receivable by him. No other Director is concerned or interested in the above Resolution.
- 7. The aforesaid, together with the Resolution under Serial No. 3 to the accompanying Notice is and be treated as abstract under Section 302 of the Companies Act,1956. Relevant Resolution passed by the Board of Directors of the Company at the Meeting held on January 30, 2009 for his appointment as CMD is available for inspection at the Registered Office of the Company between 11.00 A.M. and 1.00 P.M. on any working day up to the date of the Annual General Meeting.

By Order of the Board of Directors, For THE SCINDIA STEAM NAVIGATION CO. LTD.

D.A. Biwalkar Chairman and Managing Director.

Date: May 20, 2009

Registered Office: Scindia Colony, Building No. III, Sir M.V. Road, Andheri (East), Mumbai-400 069. The Scindia Steam Navigation Co. Ltd.

Directors' Report and Management Discussion & Analysis

To

The Members of

The Scindia Steam Navigation Company Ltd.

Dear Shareholders.

Your Directors present the Ninetieth Annual Report on the Company with Audited Statement of Accounts for the year ended March 31, 2009.

 (a) The financial results for the year ended March 31, 2009 show loss of Rs. 1,945 lacs compared to loss of Rs. 1,490 lacs for the last year. Results are summarised below:

	2008-09	(Rs. lacs) 2007-08
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Freight & Charter Hire	-	_
Other Income	14	24
Surplus on sale of a property/Income on	-	411
transfer of lease properties		
	14	435
Less: Administrative expenses	27	25
Expenses in respect of lease	_	28
properties		
Profit (+)/Loss (-) before Interest and	(-) 13	(+) 382
Depreciation		
Less: Interest	1932	1871
Depreciation (Rs. 927)		
Profit/Loss before taxation	(–) 1945	(-) 1489
Taxation -	_	1
 MAT liability 	-	_
FBT (Rs.20,000)		
Profit/Loss for the year	(-) 1945	(-) 1490

- (b) Since April 1997, the Company could not undertake any shipping/ shipping related activity. Operations during the year related primarily to compliance of various statutes and regulatory bodies on an on- going basis; and resolving of pending issues. The operations for the year resulted in loss of Rs. 1,945 lacs, compared to loss of Rs. 1,490 lacs in the last year. The loss during the last year was lower mainly due to profit generated on sale of a property and income on transfer of lease properties – aggregating to Rs. 382 lacs. The accumulated loss is Rs. 301 crores. During the year, a sum of Rs. 88.34 lacs was remitted to the Government of India towards the Company's outstanding dues to the Government. The balance outstanding amount to the Government is Rs. 282 crores.
- (c) A sum of Rs. 20,000 has been paid towards Fringe Benefit Tax.
- (d) The Company, at present, has only three temporary personnel on contract basis.
- (e) All the five real estate properties mortgaged to Government of India as security have been sold and the Company has sought advice/ directions from the Government of India about the future of the Company.
- There is no public deposit unclaimed or outstanding as on March 31, 2009.
- The code of corporate governance was reviewed by the Audit Committee comprising three Directors. A report on corporate governance is annexed to this Report.
- The Company has no employee covered under Section 217(2A) of the Companies Act, 1956.
- Having no manufacturing activity, there is nothing to report regarding Conservation of Energy and Technology Absorption. During the year, no foreign exchange was spent or received.
- 6. Directors' declaration:
 - As per the requirement under Section 217 (2AA) of the Companies Act, 1956, it is hereby stated:
 - that in the preparation of the Annual Accounts, the applicable accounting standards have been followed and that no material departures have been made from the same;

- (b) that the accounting policies have been selected and applied consistently and made judgements and estimates that were reasonable and prudent so as to give a true and 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 the year under review;
- (c) that proper and sufficient care has been taken for maintenance of adequate accounting records in accordance with the provisions of the Companies Act, 1956, for safeguarding the assets of the Company and for preventing and detecting fraud and other irregularities; and
- (d) that annual accounts have been prepared on a 'going concern' basis.
- 7. Observation of Auditors:

In respect of observations made by the Auditors in their Report, the same are self-explanatory and, apart from what has been stated in the Report and in the Notes to the Accounts, do not require any further clarification.

- 8. The Company has one subsidiary company Scindia Workshop Ltd. The land and buildings were acquired by the State Government in 1988 for expansion of Mazagon Dock Ltd. Hence, thereafter there has been no ship-repair activity. Appeal filed before the Division Bench of the Bombay High Court for enhancement of compensation is pending. The Company has received approval from the Ministry of Corporate Affairs, Government of India, New Delhi under Section 212 (8) of the Companies Act, 1956. Based on the approval letter, the information of financial results of the subsidiary is annexed. In line with the Accounting Standard 21 (AS21) issued by the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India, the consolidated financial results of the Company, duly incorporating the financial results of the subsidiary are annexed. Any shareholder desiring a copy of the accounts of the subsidiary may write to the Company.
- 9. (a) Item No. 3 of the accompanying Notice for the 90th AGM pertains to re-appointment of Shri D.A.Biwalkar for a period of one year from March 26, 2009 on the same terms and conditions as approved by the Members at the last AGM held on July 04, 2008. The reappointment has been approved by Gol. The Board recommends the item for your approval.
 - (b) As per the provisions of the Shipping Development Fund Committee (Abolition) Act, 1986, nothing in the Companies Act, 1956, or the Articles of Association of the Company, in so far as it relates to holding any share qualification, age limit, restriction on number of Directors or Directorships, retirement by rotation or removal from office in respect of Director appointed under the said Act, is applicable to such Director. Since your Directors are appointed as per the provisions of Section 10 of the said Act, the above provisions of the Companies Act, including retirement by rotation, are not applicable to them.
 - (c) Further, under Section 14 of the said Act, the Shareholders of the Company, on whose Board, Directors are appointed under Section 10 of the said Act, do not have the right to nominate or appoint any person to be a Director of the Company and no Resolution passed at any meeting of the Shareholders can be given effect to unless approved by the Central Government.
- Your Directors wish to thank the Ministry of Finance, Ministry of Shipping, ICICI Bank Ltd (Designated Person), Company's bankers, M/s. ECGC Ltd., owners of Scindia Colony property, employees, etc., for their assistance, support and co-operation.
- 11. Messrs K.S.Aiyar & Co., the Auditors of the Company, hold office until conclusion of the ensuing Annual General Meeting. They have given their consent to continue as Auditors. The Board recommends the resolution for adoption.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, For THE SCINDIA STEAM NAVIGATION CO. LTD.

D.A. Biwalkar Chairman and Managing Director

Mumbai, May 20, 2009

Corporate Governance Report

(A) The Company believes in transparency in all its dealings and lays emphasis on regulatory compliance. The Company has complied with the mandatory requirements of Corporate Governance in all its material aspects.

Board of Directors:

All the Directors on the Company's Board are appointed by Government of India (Gol) under the provisions of the Shipping Development Fund Committee (Abolition) Act, 1986.

None of the Directors has any pecuniary relationship with the Company. Shri D. A. Biwalkar, Chairman & Managing Director (CMD) draws managerial remuneration approved by Gol and he does not have any other pecuniary relationship with the

The Company does not have, at present, shipping operations. The day-to-day work is being attended to by three contract officers.

The Board, as on March 31, 2009, consisted of four Directors. Shri D. A.Biwalkar (CMD) is an Executive Director and remaining three Directors are Non-Executive Independent Directors. The CMD may also be considered as an 'Independent Director' as, apart from receiving Director's remuneration, he does not have any other pecuniary relationship

The composition of the Board and related information as on March 31, 2009 is as follows:

Name .	Executive Director (ED) Non-Executive Director (NED)	Board Meetings attended (5)	Attendance at the AGM on 4.7.2008	Directorship in other companies_	No. of other Board Committees of which Chairman/ Member
Shri D. A. Biwalkar CMD	ED [*]	5	Yes	1 (a)	2 (b)
Shri Dinesh Kumar	NED		No	-	-
Shri GSrinivas	NED	5	Yes		2 (c)
Shri Makaradhwaj-Sahu	NED	2	Yes -	-	1 (d)
ED : Executive Director	NED : Non Executive	e Director			-/-

- (a) Scindia Workshop Ltd., Chairman
- (b) Member of Audit Committee and Share related work Committee of the Company.
- (c) Chairman of Audit Committee and Share related work Committee of the Company.
- (d) Member of Audit Committee of the Company.

None of the Directors on the Board holds the office of Director in more than 15 companies or Membership of Committees of the Board in more than 10 Committees or Chairmanship of more than five Committees across all companies.

Board Meetings held during the year:

Five Board Meetings were held during the year ended March 31, 2009 - on May 26, 2008, July 04, 2008, July 31, 2008, October 31, 2008 and January 30, 2009.

(C) Committees of the Board:

(1) Audit Committee:

The Committee consists of three Directors: Shri G. Srinivas, Shri Makaradhwaj Sahu and Shri D. A. Biwalkar. Shri G. Srinivas, Non-Executive Independent Director, is the Chairman. Shri Makaradhwaj Sahu, Non-Executive Independent Director is a

The terms of reference of the Audit Committee include the matters specified in Clause 49 of the Listing Agreement with Bombay Stock Exchange Ltd., and also matters stated in Section 292A of the Companies Act, 1956, generally commensurate with the size and nature of the company's business. The Audit Committee reviews the financial statements before submission to the Board.

During the year, four meetings of the Audit Committee were held on: May 26, 2008, July 31, 2008, October 31, 2008 and January 30, 2009. The Chairman of the Audit Committee and Shri D. A. Biwalkar attended all four meetings. Shri Makaradhwaj Sahu attended one meeting. Shri N. I. Sheth, Manager of the Company, acts as the Secretary to the Committee

Share Related Work Committee:

The Committee consists of two Members - Shri G. Srinivas and Shri:D. A. Biwalkar. Shri G. Srinivas, a Non-Executive Independent Director, is the Chairman of the Committee. During the year, 11 Meetings of the Committee were held and were attended by both the Members.

The Company's shares are listed on Bombay Stock Exchange Ltd., under Stock Code 1887. The Company's shares are traded in physical mode and are not dematerialised.

All the shares received for transfer are registered and despatched to the Shareholders within 30 days of receipt if relevant documents are correct and valid in all respects. As on March 31, 2009, no share transfer deed was pending. During the year, no complaint was received from any shareholder. The Committee also looks into grievances of shareholders pertaining to transfer/transmission of shares, non-receipt of annual report, etc. Shri N.I.Sheth, Manager of the Company, acts as the Compliance Officer.

Status of communications received from shareholders for the year 2008-09 is given below:

Sr. No.	Nature of request contained in the letter	Letter received	Issue resolved	Action pending
1.	Change of address	148	148	_
2.	Bank Mandate	–		
3.	Nomination			
4.	Non-receipt of Share Certificate(s)	-	_	-
5.	Transfers/Transmissions	5,663	5,663	_]

(D) Remuneration Committee:

The remuneration payable to the Chairman & Managing Director (CMD), is approved by Gol. The other Directors are not entitled to any remuneration, and no sitting fee is payable to Directors for attending the Board Meetings or Committee Meetings. Hence, a Committee for this purpose was not constituted. The remuneration paid to CMD was Rs. 3.51 lacs. The Company has not issued any Stock Options.

(E) Board Procedure:

The Members of the Board are being provided with the requisite information specified in the Listing Agreement before the Board Meetings.

(F) General Body Meetings:

The last three Annual General Meetings were held as under:

Financial Year	Date -	Time	Place/venue	
2007-08	04.07.2008	11.30 A.M.	M.C. Ghia Hall, Bhogilal Hargovindas Building, 18/20 Kaikhushroo Dubash Marg, Mumbai 400 001.	
2006-07	22.08.2007	11.30 A.M.	— do —-	
2005-06	19.09.2006	11.30 A.M.	— do —	

The Special Resolution regarding appointment of auditors was passed by requisite majority at the Annual General Meetings held on 19.09.2006

There were no special resolutions required to be passed through Postal Ballot at the last AGM. None of the resolutions proposed for the ensuing AGM needs to be passed by Postal Ballot

(G) Other Disclosures:

(1)		There were no transactions of material nature between the Company and its
(ii)	Details of non-compliance by the Company, penalties, strictures, imposed on the Company by Bombay Stock Exchange Ltd., or the SEBI or any statutory authority on any matter related to capital markets during the last three years.	None.

(H) Certification of Financial Statements by CMD and Manager

The Board of Directors:

The Scindia Steam Navigation Co., Ltd.

Re: Financial Statements for the Financial Year 2008-09.

We, D.A. Biwalkar, Chairman and Managing Director, and N.I. Sheth, Manager of The Scindia Steam Navigation Company Ltd., on the basis of review of the financial statements and the cash flow statement for the financial year ended March 31, 2009, and to the best of our knowledge and belief, hereby certify that:

- These statements do not contain any materially untrue statement or omit any material fact or contain statements that might be misleading;
- These statements are in compliance with existing accounting standards, applicable laws and regulations;
- There are, to the best of our knowledge and belief, no transactions entered into by the Company during the year, which are fraudulent, illegal or violative of the Company's code of conduct;
- We have indicated to the Auditors and the Audit Committee that there have been no significant changes in accounting policies during the year

Chairman and Managing Director

Manager