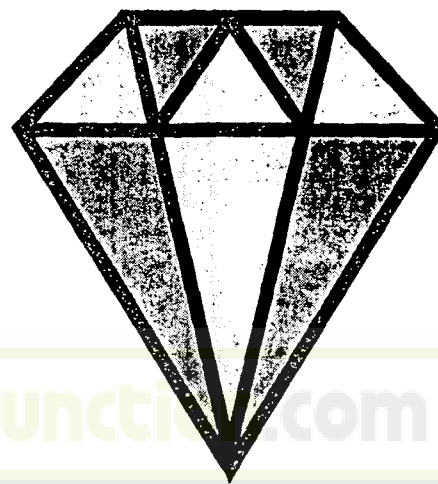


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MD	✓		BKC	✓
CS	NA		DPY	✓
RC	✓		DIV	✓
TRA	✓		AC	✓
AGM	✓	✓	SHI	✓
YE	✓	✓		✓



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BOARD OF DIRECTORS :

V.N. Nadkarni, Chairman
 L. Hanumanth Reddy
 Y. Kesava Krishna (Nominee of APIDC)
 R.S. Vidya Sagar (Nominee of IDBI)
 B.N. Reporter
 M. Chandra Bhushan, Executive Director
 A. Hanimi Reddy, Managing Director

REGISTERED OFFICE :

6-3-456/23, 2nd Floor,
 Dwarakapuri Colony,
 Punjagutta,
 Hyderabad - 500 082.

WORKS :

Basvapur Village,
 Bhikanoor Mandal,
 Kamareddy Taluq,
 Nizamabad District,
 Andhra Pradesh.

BANKERS :

State Bank of India,
 Industrial Finance Branch,
 Rajbhavan Road, Somajiguda,
 Hyderabad 500 082.

Bank of Baroda,
 Masab Tank Branch,
 Banjara Hills,
 Hyderabad - 500 034.

AUDITORS :

I. Sudhakar & Co.,
 Chartered Accountants,
 Flat No. 204, Amrutha Ville,
 Rajbhavan Road,
 Hyderabad - 500 082.

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NOTICE

The Notice is hereby given that the Eighth Annual General Meeting of Vajra Granites Limited will be held on Tuesday 26th August, 1997 at Sri Sagi Ramakrishnam Raju Community Hall, Madhuranagar, Hyderabad - 500038, Andhra Pradesh to transact the following business:

ORDINARY BUSINESS:

1. To receive, consider and adopt the audited Profit & Loss Account for the year ended 31st March, 1997 and Balance Sheet as at date, together with the Directors' and Auditors' Reports thereon;
2. To appoint a Director in place of Sri V.N. Nadkarni who retires by rotation and being eligible, offers himself for re-appointment;
3. To appoint Auditors, M/s. I. Sudhaker & Co., Chartered Accountants, 204, Amrutha Ville, Rajbhavan Road, Somajiguda, Hyderabad (A.P.) to hold office from conclusion of the meeting until the conclusion of the next Annual General Meeting and authorise the Board of Directors to determine their remuneration in addition to the payment for other services and reimbursement of actual out of pocket expenses.

By order of the Board of Directors
for VAJRA GRANITES LIMITED

Place : HYDERABAD
Date : 26th June, 1997

A. HANIMI REDDY
Managing Director

NOTES:

1. A MEMBER ENTITLED TO ATTEND AND VOTE AT THE MEETING IS ENTITLED TO APPOINT A PROXY TO ATTEND AND VOTE INSTEAD OF HIMSELF/HERSELF. A PROXY NEED NOT BE A MEMBER OF THE COMPANY.

Proxies to be effective must be deposited with the company at its Registered office not later than 48 hours before the commencement of the meeting.

2. The Register of Members and Share Transfer Books of the company will remain closed from Thursday 21st August, 1997 to Tuesday 26th August, 1997 (both days inclusive).
3. Memebbers are requested to intimate any change in the address to the Company's Registered Office for updating records.

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DIRECTORS' REPORT

Your Directors have pleasure in presenting the Eighth Annual Report and Audited statement of accounts of the company for the financial year ended 31st March, 1997.

FINANCIAL RESULTS

	Year ended 31.3.1997 (Rs. in lacs)	Year ended 31.3.1996 (Rs. in lacs)
Sales and other Income	829.09	597.19
Profit before Depreciation & Int.	258.38	263.48
Less: Depreciation	71.00	64.01
Interest	<u>163.32</u>	<u>138.05</u>
Profit/(Loss) before taxation :	24.06	61.42
Less: Provision for taxation	—	—
Profit/(Loss) for the year	24.06	61.42
Adjustments relating to previous year	0.82	(21.33)
Profit/(Loss) brought forward from previous year	47.55	7.46
Surplus Carried to Balance Sheet	72.43	47.55

OPERATIONS:

The Company recorded a sales turnover of Rs.802.81 lakhs during the year ended 31st March, 1997 as against Rs.564.89 lakhs for the year ended 31st March, 1996. The net profit for the year is Rs. 24.06 lakhs after providing interest, depreciation and other provisions. The reduction in net profit during the year inspite of higher turnover is due to steep increase in the cost of raw materials, stores and spares and higher cost (Rs.22 lakhs) of repairs to machinery which was unavoidable. With a view to conserving resources for meeting the growing working capital requirements of the Company, the Directors do not recommend payment of dividend.

MARKETING:

The maintenance of quality of our products and adherence to delivery schedules, your company has resulted in receiving continuous repetitive orders from all customers. Your Company is presently exporting granite slabs to United States of America, Hongkong, Singapore, Australia, New Zealand, England etc. The future prospects of your Company are encouraging as the demand for specific colours of Indian Origin granites is increasing worldwide.

QUARRIES:

Your Company successfully identified quarries of premium colours like Black, Red, Green etc. which are in great demand in the international market. It is proposed to start quarrying activities in Orissa to meet its raw material requirement. Further, the Company has made long-term arrangements with quarry owners for premium colours like Black, Black Galaxy, Red Multi, Paradiso, Green, etc. and is also in the process of making such arrangements for other colours.



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DISCLOSURE AS PER THE LISTING AGREEMENT:

Clause 32:

In due compliance of the clause the Cash Flow Statement prepared in accordance with the requirements prescribed by SEBI is appended to this Annual Report.

INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS:

Industrial relations remained cordial during the year.

DIRECTORS : Sri V.N. Nadkarni, Chairman of the Company is retiring by rotation and being eligible offer himself for re-appointment.

PARTICULARS OF CONSERVATION OF ENERGY, TECHNOLOGY ABSORPTION AND FOREIGN EXCHANGE EARNINGS AND OUTGO:

The information in accordance with the provision of section 217 (1) (e) of the Companies Act, 1956, read with Companies (Disclosure of particulars in the report of Board of Directors) Rules, 1988 is given in the annexure forming part of this report.

DEPOSITS:

The Company has not accepted any deposits from the public during this year.

AUDITORS:

M/s. I. Sudhaker & Co., Chartered Accountants retire at the ensuing Annual General Meeting and being eligible have indicated their availability for re-appointment for the year 1997-98.

AUDITORS REPORT:

- 1) The observations made by the Auditor under Note: 15 in schedule 19 which is self explanatory.
- 2) The Company has appointed an Internal Auditor during the year.

PARTICULARS OF EMPLOYEES:

There is no employee in the Company whose particulars are required to be given pursuant to section 217(2A) of the Companies Act, 1956.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT:

Your Directors thank the Government authorities, I.D.B.I., I.C.I.C.I., I.F.C.I., State Bank of India, customers and suppliers for their kind co-operation given throughout the year. Your Directors also thank the shareholders for their continuous interest and support. The Directors also place on record their appreciation to all the employees for their dedicated service during the year.

for and on behalf of the Board of Directors
of VAJRA GRANITES LIMITED

Place : Hyderabad
Date : 26th June, 1997

V.N. NADKARNI
Chairman

Vajra Granites Limited



ANNEXURE TO DIRECTORS' REPORT

CONSERVATION OF ENERGY, TECHNOLOGY ABSORPTION AND FOREIGN EXCHANGE EARNINGS AND OUTGO PURSUANT TO SECTION 217 (1)(e) OF THE COMPANIES ACT, 1956.

A) CONSERVATION OF ENERGY:

The company runs its plant with 100% captive diesel generating power uninterruptedly at present. The conservation of energy and improvement in energy environment is an ongoing activity in the company and every effort is made in that direction.

B) TECHNOLOGY ABSORPTION, ADOPTION & INNOVATION:

Being a 100% Export Oriented Unit, the company needs to lay great emphasis on quality coupled with wide range of colours. Experienced geologists and engineers are employed by the company to identify new colours and varieties and to bring about improvement in the quality of the products. With the existing services of the qualified personnel, the company keeps itself abreast of the technical development and changes occurring in the industry. Every effort is being made to eliminate wastage in all operations.

C) FOREIGN EXCHANGE EARNINGS AND OUTGO:

i) Activities relating to exports: Being a 100% export oriented unit, company exports its entire production to the international market.

ii) The company is exporting its products to Hongkong, Singapore, Australia, New Zealand, England and U.S.A.. The company is further expanding its market base by exploring markets in other countries, where the demand for granite product is growing.

iii) Total Foreign Exchange used and Earned:

A. EARNINGS	1996-97	1995-96
FOB Value of Exports	6,31,06,667	4,66,10,341
B. EXPENDITURE		
a) CIF value of imported capital goods	—	—
b) CIF value of imported consumables & Spares	1,47,05,019	1,10,75,214
c) Overseas Travel	—	—

for and on behalf of the Board of Directors
of VAJRA GRANITES LIMITED

Place : Hyderabad
Date : 26th June, 1997

V.N. NADKARNI
Chairman

**Vajra Granites Limited****AUDITORS' REPORT**

To
The Shareholders of
Vajra Granites Ltd.,
Hyderabad, A.P.

We have audited the attached Balance Sheet of Vajra Granites Ltd., Hyderabad, (A.P.) as at 31st March, 1997 and the Profit & Loss Account for the year ended on that date annexed thereto and report that:

1. As required by the Manufacturing and other Companies (Auditor's Report) Order, 1988 issued by the Company Law Board in terms of Section 227 (4A) of the Companies Act, 1956, we enclose in the annexure a statement on the matters specified in paragraphs 4 and 5 of the said order.
2.
 - a) We have obtained all the information and explanations which to the best of our knowledge and belief were necessary for the purpose of our audit.
 - b) In our opinion, proper books of account as required by law have been kept by the company so far as it appears from our examination of those books.
 - c) The Balance sheet and Profit & Loss Account dealt with by this report are in agreement with the Books of Account.
 - d) In our opinion, and to the best of our informations and according to the explanations given to us the accounts read in conjunction with the notes thereon give the information as required by the Companies Act, 1956 in the manner so required and give, subject to paragraph 'e' and the related note referred to therein a true and fair view.
 - i) In the case of Balance Sheet of the State of Affairs as on 31st March, 1997.
 - ii) In the case of Profit & Loss account of the Profit for the year ended on that date.
 - e) Note no. 15 of schedule 19 regarding non-confirmation of balances from some of the parties appearing under the heads 'Current Assets, Loans & Advances and Current Liabilities.'

for I. SUDHAKER & CO.,
Chartered Accountants

Place : Hyderabad
Date : 26th June, 1997

I. SUDHAKER
Proprietor