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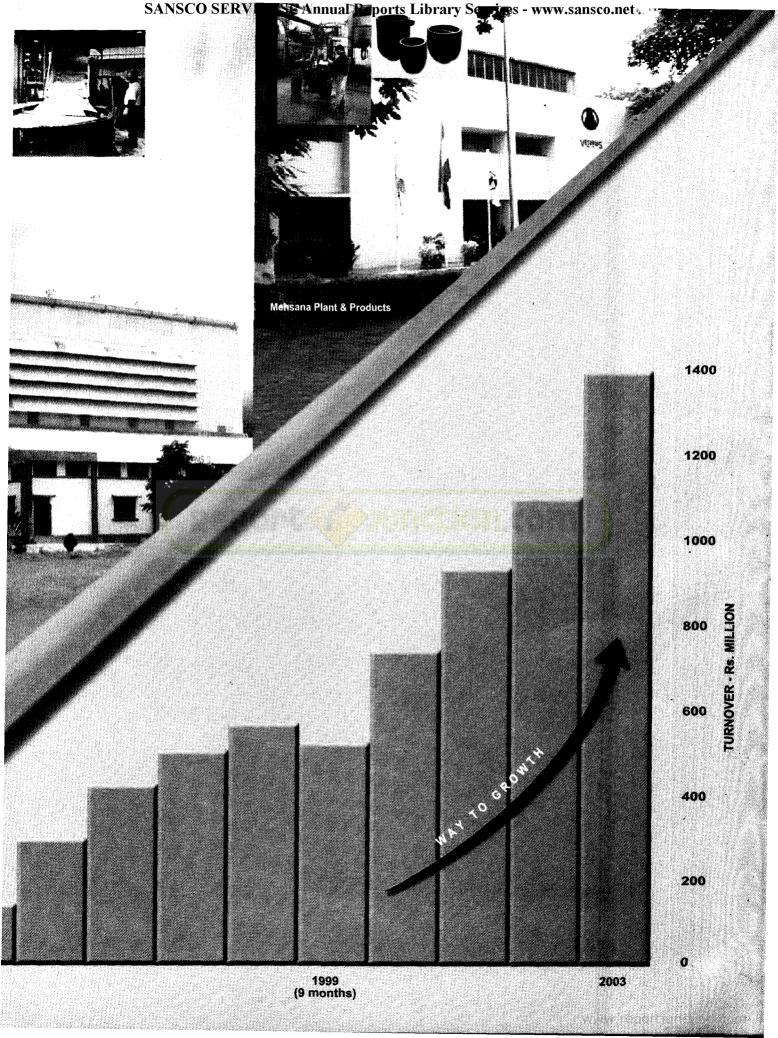




All of us at Vesuvius India sincerely thank you - our customers, suppliers, shareholders and well wishers - for reposing your trust and confidence in us. We count on your continued support to keep us on the leading edge in years to come.

CELEBRATING OUR 10TH ANNIVERSARY





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Board of Directors



Dr. Saibal Kanti Gupta



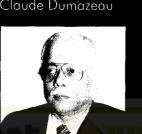
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Jean-Pierre Malherbe



Claude Dumazeau



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Alan John Ridley

Executive Committee



Biswadip Gupta



Tarun Kanti Basu



Bappaditya Chakraborty



Sanjoy Dutta



Susanta Kumar Bandyopadhyay



N C Mukherjee



BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Dr. Saibal Kanti Gupta Chairman

Jean-Pierre Malherbe

Claude Dumazeau

Alan John Ridley

Shekhar Datta

Nitendra Mohan Ghose

Biswadip Gupta

Managing Director

BOARD COMMITTEES

Audit Committee

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Vesuvius India is celebrating its 10th Anniversary. It is 10 years since commercial production commenced from July 1,1994 at the Kolkata factory. The Hon'ble Shri Jyoti Basu, the then Chief Minister of West Bengal, laid the foundation stone of this first factory at Kolkata, on November 24, 1992. The factory was dedicated at a Dedication Day Ceremony on December 6, 1994 by Hon'ble Shri Jyoti Basu in the presence of late Jahar Sengupta, past Chairman of the Company, Mr Stephen Howard, Chief Executive of Cookson Group plc, Mr Gian Carlo Cozzani, President of Vesuvius Group and Mr Jean-Pierre Malherbe, Executive Vice President of Vesuvius Group and Special Director of Vesuvius India.



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In this short history, Vesuvius India has achieved several milestones, some of which are :

Achieved turnover of over Rs 100 crores (i.e. over INR 1 billion), in 2002

Maintained its "debt- free" status since 2001

Continued its growth path with synergic acquisitions, namely:

- Blast Furnace Caston and SVP range of refractory products from KSR International (India) Ltd, now a Vesuvius Group company, in 1999
- Monolithics factory at Visakhapatnam from Carborundum Universal Limited, in 2000
- Tundish Lining Products business from Foseco India Limited, in 2002
- Crucible, stoppers and sleeves manufacturing factory at Mehsana, Gujarat from Diamant Carbon & Graphite Products Ltd, in 2003
- * "Made in India" brand accepted internationally leading to increased exports.



Dedication Day Ceremony

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Received corporate rankings from renowned agencies like:

- Dun & Bradstreet Information Services Pvt Ltd which ranked Vesuvius India, out of top 500 companies in India, 322nd by Net Profit; 435th by Net Worth and 455th by Income
- Business Standard has given Super Rank 80 to Vesuvius India, out of top 1000 companies
- Received the Vesuvius Group President's Awards from the Group in 1993 and again in 2003

Alan John Ridley handing over the President's Award 2003 tol Biswadip Gupta





"This is an achievement that you can all be proud of. Biswadip, special thanks and congratulations to you, who created Vesuvius India into one of the prominent companies in one of the largest countries in the world. Job well done."

Mr Jean-Pierre Malherbe Executive Vice President of the Vesuvius Group, UK and Special Director of Vesuvius India.