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TO GOA - WITH O₂



Sri. R. K. Radhakrishna, Managing Director, Marmagao Steel Ltd., Goa lighting the lamp. Also seen in the photo are Sri. Palekar, Managing Director of Goa Industrial Development Corporation Ltd, Goa, Sri. Narendrakumar A. Baldota JMD, MSPL Limited, Hospet, Sri. G. V. R. Raju, Vaastu Pandit, Bellary.

The era of customer delight; MSPL Limited unit, Vijaya Oxygen, has been established to provide gas, when the customer wants it and where he wants it. The Oxygen Plant with annual capacity of 1.84 Cu.M was inaugurated at Goa by Sri. R. K. Radhakrishna, Managing Director of M/s Marmagao Steel Limited on 23.03.2005. The function was presided over by Shri. Narendrakumar A. Baldota, Jt. Managing Director, MSPL Limited. Shri. G. V. R. Raju was the Guest of Honour.

Cylinder mounted trolleys, to meet the demand of bulk users, to reduce handling and to ensure optimum use of gas.



A view of the mounted trolleys

STORAGE TANK IN RAIL WHEEL FACTORY



The 60 KL Liquid Oxygen Storage Tank which was installed by MSPL at the Rail Wheel Factory, Yelahanka, Bangalore, was inaugurated by Sri. J. N. Pant, General Manager, Rail Wheel Factory. Sri. Srinivasan, CME, Sri. K. Swarup, CME (Planning) and Sri. K. Prabhu, General Manager (Mktg.) MSPL Limited were present at the function.

Solidarity in crisis



The Baldota group of companies made a donation of Rs. 50 lakhs to "Rajiv Gandhi National Relief & Welfare Trust", for the Tsunami Relief Fund. The DD has been handed-over to Smt. Sonia Gandhi. This contribution was apart from the joint contribution of a day's salary by the Baldota Group of Companies' employees.

Sri. Rahul N. Baldota handing over the DD to Smt. Sonia Gandhi. Also seen in the picture are Sri. Shamnur Shivashankrappa and Sri. K. C. Kondaiah.

MSPL has donated Rs.1 Lakh to The Family Education Services, Bangalore in order to enable them to rebuild the lives of the families of such of those affected by the Tsunami. The amount will be utilised to facilitate the distribution of basic necessities and for helping the children. The organisation will personally inspect the distribution and utilization of all such donated materials.

MINES ENVIRONMENT & MINERAL CONSERVATION WEEK - 2004

The Mines Environment and Mineral Conservation Week is organized to create awareness in the mining industry for conservation of the environment. It is an event that sows the seed for eco-friendly mining practices and mineral conservation. It is held once in two years. This year the celebrations took place from 17.01.05 to 23.01.05.



From L to R Mr. P. N. Krishnamurthy, Mr. Meda Venkataiah, Mr. M. S. Waghmare, Mr. G. Nagaraja Rao, Mr. Girish R.

Reaffirming its strong commitment to environmental care and mineral conservation, MSPL mines won the overall Performance Prize in the Group "A" mines. MSPL also won prizes in the following categories :

Afforestation	- 1 st Prize
Top Soil Management	- 1 st Prize
Mechanical Beneficiation	- 1 st Prize
Documentation on Environment (Bellary Gulbarga Zone)	- Rolling Shield
Dust suppression	- 2 nd Prize
Publicity & Propaganda	- 2 nd Prize
Overall Performance	- 1 st Prize



Sri. Meda Venkataiah Sr. Vice President, MSPL Limited receiving the Special Shield Prize from Sri. S. S. Das, Controller General of Mines, Indian Bureau of Mines, Nagpur.

Mines Environment & Mineral Conservation Week of Bellary Hospet Zone was observed under the aegis of Indian Bureau of Mines, Ministry of Mines & Geology, Government of India. MSPL has won prizes in various inter mines competitions held during the week long celebrations.

MSPL Limited was awarded special Rolling Shield for Environment Documentation which is the first of its kind.

For six consecutive celebrations, MSPL has been bagging best overall performance prize, reflecting its dedication to mineral conservation and environment protection.



Sri. Krishna Murthy, AGM (Mines), Vyasnakere Iron Ore Mines, MSPL Limited, receiving best overall performance prize from Sri. S. S. Das, Controller General of Mines, IBM, Nagpur.

RMMPL also won the following prizes in Group A2

Overall performance	-	2 nd Prize
Publicity and Propaganda	-	1 st Prize
Afforestation	-	1 st Prize
Top soil management	-	2 nd Prize

Sri. Sitaram, Mines Manager, RMMPL, addressing the gathering at Mines Environment & Minerals Conservation Week on 19.01.05. The Inspection team consisted of Sri. Anilkumar Reddy, Mines Manager VISL, Team Member, Sri. G. Kottrappa, Manager, KIOCL, Conveyor, Sri. Meda Venkataiah, Sr. Vice President, MSPL & Sri. G. Sankar, Geologist, Madras Cement, Team Members.



Sri. Sitaram, Mines Manager explaining the plantation of Casio and Simetangdi saplings in the old dump slopes.



The old dump yard, reclaimed and stabilized by plantation of Agaves, Eucalyptus, Casuarina and Shikakai

WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY AWARDS

On the eve of the World Environment Day, MSPL conducted environment related competitions for school children in Elocution and Drawing. The prizes were distributed during the Mines, Environment and Mineral Conservation Week celebrations. The overall prize was won by B. Ullasini, 7th Std. Student of National English Medium School, Hospet for drawing & Mohit Dalmia, 10th Std. Student of Deepayana English Medium School, Hospet for elocution.



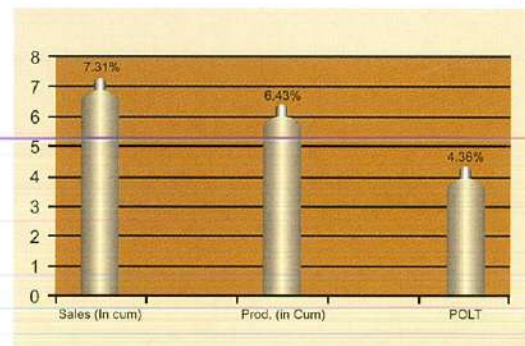
Overall prize winners Mohit Dalmia & B. Ullasini



Group photo of prize winners

PERFORMANCE OF GAS DIVISION

In the fourth quarter the Group's Gas Business recorded an increase of 6.43% in production, 4.36 % increase in Plant On Line Time (POLT) The sales showed a growth of 7.31% increase in comparison with previous quarter.



DIRECT PRESENCE IN SHIMOGA

Another step forward for MSPL Limited unit, Vijaya Oxygen. A new Sales Depot was opened on 18th February, 2005 at Shimoga in Malnad area to give better service in supply of quality and quantity industrial gases to the customers of Shimoga-Bhadravathi-Sagar region. The pooja was performed by our Mr. Sandeep N. Thakur, Dy. Sales Manager.



A view of Shimoga Depot

INDIAN MINING SUMMIT - 2005



Mr. Rahul N. Baldota, Executive Director, MSPL Limited, addressing the gathering.

Indian Mining Summit, organized by FIMI on 17th, 18th February 2005 was held at Golden Palms Hotel & Spa, Bangalore. Sri. Rahul N. Baldota, Executive Director, Sr Meda Venkataiah, Sr. Vice President, Sri. S. S. Varma, Vice President (M&L) Sri. Suresh, Sr. Manager (Exports) and Sri. Vijay R. Surupali, Sr. Marketing Executive attended the summit. In the summit Sri. Meda Venkataiah made a presentation outlining the present status of Iron Ore mining in Bellary Hospet sector and the challenges being faced by the industry.

JDICON - 2005

Jain Doctors Federation has a group of highly qualified Jain Doctors who are committed to practice Jain Philosophy in life as well as in profession. They organized IInd Jain Doctors International Conference which took place on 08th and 09th January 2005 at Mumbai. MSPL Limited was the main sponsor for the programme. Shri. Narendrakumar A. Baldota, Jt. Managing Director of MSPL Limited, Hospet and Chairman & Managing Director of Greater Bombay Co-op. Bank Ltd., Mumbai was felicitated.



Dr. Bharat Parmar Organising Secretary, JDICON, Dr. C. L. Chouhan, Fund Raising Chairman, & Treasurer JDF, Shri. N. A. Baldota, MSPL Limited, Dr. Jivraj S. Shah, Chairman, JDF, Dr. M. M. Begani, Sec. Scientific Session.



Three Star Export House Certificate

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The Ministry of Commerce, Office of the Joint Director General of Foreign Trade has awarded MSPL Limited the "Three Star Export House" status certificate. The Status Certificate is issued as per Foreign Trade Policy 2004-09. This certificate is valid for a period of five years, and underscores our substantial Forex contribution to the country's exchequer.

LAW AWARENESS AMONG TEACHERS

A workshop on this subject, legal awareness among teachers, was held on 06.03.2005 under the auspices of Taluk Legal Service Committee, Bar Association and Education Department with the sponsorship of M/s MSPL Limited at Smt. Vasantidevi Baldota Blood Bank premises, Hospet. 350 teacher delegates attended and benefitted. This function was inaugurated by the Hon'ble District and Sessions Judge of Bellary Sri. K. G. Hosur and presided over by Sri. Abheraj H. Baldota, CMD, MSPL Limited. Sri. Prahladachar, DDPI, Bellary, Dr. Balaraj, BEO, Hospet, Smt. Yashodhara Ghorpade, Educationalist, Sri Sivanand Kinnal, President, Bar Association and Sri. C. R. Benakahalli, Fast Track Court Judge were the Guests of Honour. Judicial Officers Hon'ble A.S.S. Sadalgi, Sri. Giraiah, Sri. Kiran Kini, Sri. Girish Bhat and leading advocates participated and presented papers on various subjects aimed at creating legal awareness among teachers. Seminars were also conducted followed by question and answer session. It was an educative and memorable programme for the teaching community.



From L to R Sri. A. H. Baldota, Sri. Prahaladachar, Sri. K. G. Hosur, Dr. H. Balaraj and Smt. Yashodhara Ghorpade.

NEW VEHICLES

Fleet of 14 nos Tata Hyva 2516 vehicles of 20 tons capacity added to strengthen the movement of ore from reef to MSPL Limited - Unit II, to meet the requirement of plant.



REPUBLIC DAY

The Republic Day celebrations were held in the Head Office Premises. Mr. Meda Venkatiah, Sr. Vice President hoisted the National Flag.



SOCIAL CONCERNS

The following amounts have been disbursed as part of our involvement with social concerns

- Rs.1,00,000 to The Karnataka Cancer Therapy and Research Institute, Hubli towards Free Diet Section (Annadana) for free supply of food to poor cancer patients.
- Rs. 25,000 to Mr. B. Hanumanthappa for Kidney Transplantation.
- Rs. 30,000 to our employee Mr. Srinivas who is working in our Bangalore Office for his mother's treatment.

WELCOME TO OUR FAMILY



Sri. K.V.S. Subrahmanyam

Sri. K. V. S. Subrahmanyam, joined MSPL Ltd., as General Manager (Power) on 16.10.2004 after his recent retirement from the Govt. of Karnataka. He brings to his office a rich and varied experience as Executive Director (Hydro), Karnataka Power Corporation and Executive Director (Projects), Energy Dept. Govt. of Karnataka.

He has to his credit several distinctions and awards. He is the recipient of CBIP - Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru Birth Centenary Research Award for the year 1994. Sri. Shiva Prakashan award, Gold Medal for the best Research Paper on Generation Hydro during 1993. He is also recipient of the best Research Paper Award in Power Generation in 1994. A former member of the Governing Council Central Water and Power Research Station, Khadakwasla, Pune, he has, in the course of his official assignments visited a number of foreign countries such as USA, Canada, UK, China, Switzerland and Germany.

Sri. B. N. Shukla has joined us as General Manager (Mines) for Gadag Gold Project effective from 21.02.05. He has earlier worked with M/s Hutti Gold Mines Co. Ltd., Govt. of Karnataka undertaking and leading producer of gold in the capacity as General Manager (Mines). Apart from this he has also worked with Khetri Copper Project of Hindustan Copper Ltd., a Govt. of India under taking for over 9 years and also with Zambia Copper Mines for 21 years in various positions wherein he introduced innovative new methodology - Vertical Crater Retreat Method - in one of the Mines. He is an MS in Mining Engineering from University of Nevada, USA.



Sri. B. N. Shukla

News from Blood Bank

We have collected 462 units of blood and issued 442 units, for the months Jan - Mar 2005, thus saving many lives of poor people taking treatment in Govt. Hospital. The blood has been issued free of cost not even taking testing charges. Many pregnancy and delivery cases were benefitted.



On 23.02.05, the occasion of Centenary Day of Rotary Club, Members donated blood to Smt. Vasantidevi Baldota Blood Bank.



Medical Camp

Orthopedic Medical check up camp was organized for the employees of Baldota Group of Companies at our Smt. Vasanti Devi Baldota Blood Bank on 23.01.2005. Dr. Satish R. Goyal well known Orthopedic Surgeon from Jalna conducted the check up. More than 25 employees were examined and free medicines were dispensed.

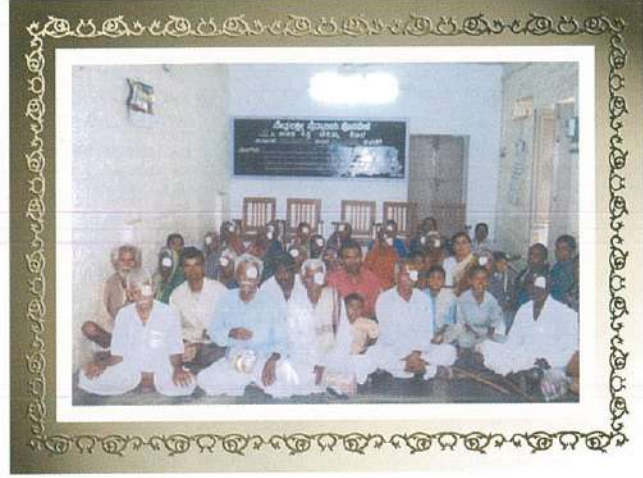
MEGA CAMP



Mega Eye Camp was conducted on 05.03.2005 at Netralakshmi Vaidyalaya, Hospet. The camp was inaugurated by Sri. Abheraj H. Baldota, CMD, MSPL Limited, Hospet. We have donated a sum of Rs. 5 lakhs for maintenance of Netralakshmi Vaidyalaya and Rs. 3 lakhs for extension of Ward and Operation Theatre Complex in the name of Abheraj Baldota.



GIFT OF SIGHT



About 145 patients were operated upon, for cataract at the 2nd & 3rd camp from 8th to 9th January 2005 and 12th to 14th February 2005. So far, 41 people of the villages in and around Hospet have been benefitted by these camps. The Eye Camps are conducted under the patronage of Abheraj Baldota Foundation by "Netralakshmi Vaidyalaya" Hospet.

EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH MSPL

JANUARY 2005



K. M. Nagaraja

Mr. K. M. Nagaraja merits recognition for his sincere work as office attendant. In addition to the work of maintaining AGM (Mines) office, he also takes the responsibility of allotting jeeps to the company guests and to the shift in charges. He also assists the geologists and surveyors in mining survey work. His hospitality as a office attendant in AGM office has been recognized by many officials, visitors and even by foreign delegates. He performs as a very dependable worker in critical circumstances. He is very obedient and punctual.

FEBRUARY 2005



L. Parashuram Powar & V. Raiasab

Mr. L. Parashuram Powar & Mr. V. Raiasab A Asst. welder and Plant Helper merit recognition for their extraordinary interest in altering the housing of Svedala make 48 X 18 m Screen of HAD Plant from an imported non available bearing to an Indian make available bearing. The cost difference between the bearings in around Rs.1,30,000/-. This much is saved in replacing the German bearing of FAG make with that of a SKF make Indian bearing. By performing this alteration work, the plant was made on-line for production / reprocessing. Other wise, the plant would have stopped till the arrival of the bearing costing Rs.2,00,000 from Germany. Both are sincere, obedient and punctual in their duties.

MARCH 2005



K. Abdul Basheer

Mr. K. Abdul Basheer Sr. Mines Foreman merits recognition for his innovative suggestion and supervision in forming a Ramp connecting to 740 level (west) to saddle, which resulted in reducing the lead distance of 200 mtrs (one side) and also saving of 4 minutes for each trip and make effective movement of trucks. It has increased both the machinery and vehicles performance. He is multi skilled and actively involved in supervision of different types of mining activity with safety consciousness. He is also a good team member and has a co-operative nature.

EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH - RMMPL

January 2005



I S. Gopinath

Name : I.S. Gopinath
Designation : Sr. Foreman
Department : D & P

He merits recognition for his excellent skill in stretched efforts during the shortage of foremen to achieve highest ever production. He is senior most employee of the group and highly disciplined.



February 2005



Usman

Name : Usman
Designation : Supervisor
Department : Quality Assurance

He merits recognition for his multi skills at various job positions during the month in monitoring activities at stockyard, loading point, weighbridge, parking area and traffic clearances. He is sincere, punctual and obedient.



March 2005



Younus

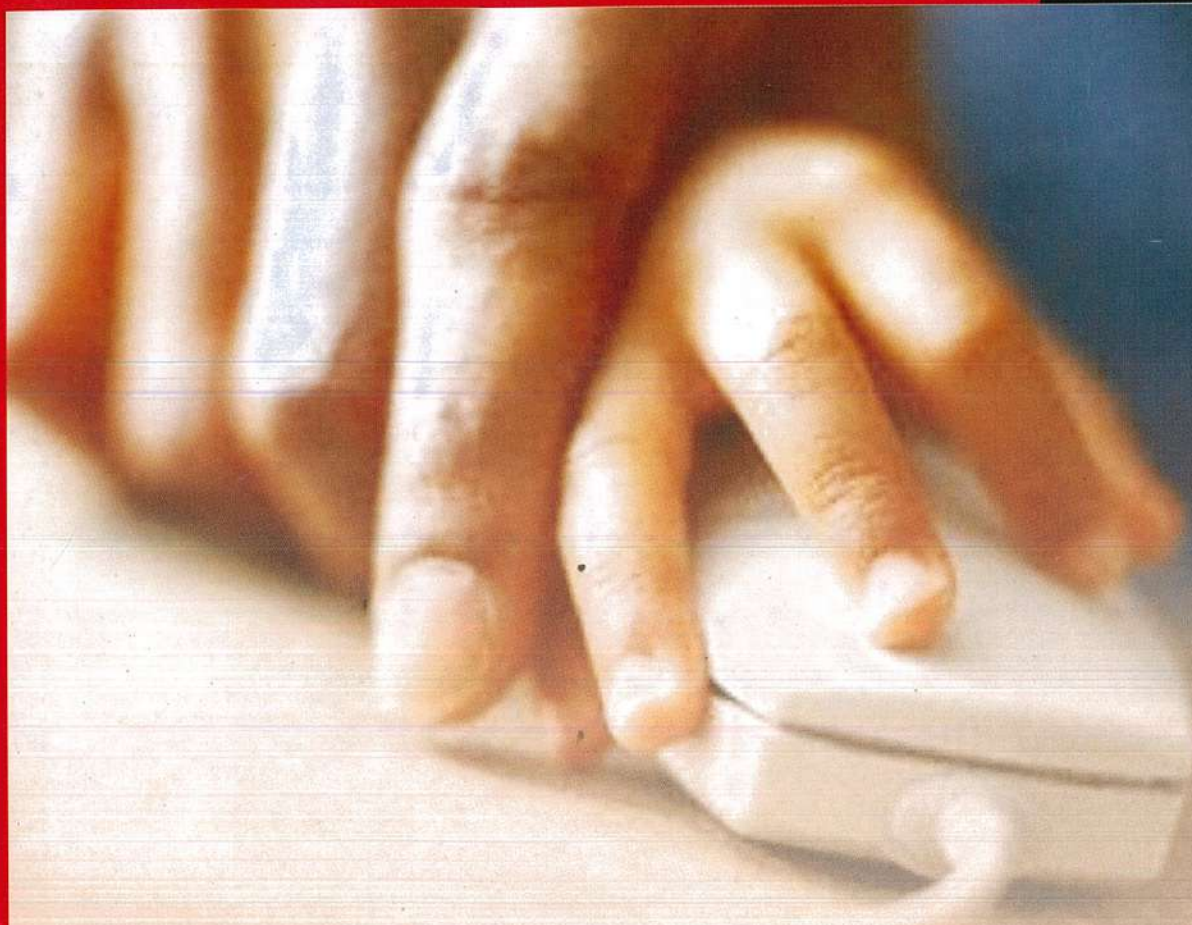
Name : Younus
Designation : Asst. Blacksmith
Department : Machinery Maintenance
(Tippers)

He merits recognition for the stretched goal of tinkering work of 6 vehicles with additional responsibility of painting for passing purpose resulting in cost reduction and time saving. He is sincere and multi skilled employee.



Report from our weather station

Month	Average Wind Km/hr	Min. Temp Degree Celsius	Max. Temp Degree Celsius	Total Rainfall mm
Jan. 2005	3.70	21.00	35.00	5.5
Feb. 2005	3.68	23.50	37.50	Nil
Mar. 2005	4.23	26.50	40.00	Nil



MINING A BETTER FUTURE



At MSPL, for over forty years we have been taking a larger initiative in the development of society and the conservation of environment. With the same passion we do business.

Which has resulted in the inception of educational institutions, hospitals, and charity funds, restitution of forests and wildlife.

And more goodness that enrich the lives of millions.

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WIND POWER

GOLD EXPLORATION



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