



GUJARAT ALKALIES AND CHEMICALS LIMITED

PRESS NOTE

Gandhinagar, Thursday, the 11th February, 2016

The Board of Directors of GACL in its meeting held on 11th February, 2016 has approved the financial results for the third quarter and nine months period ended on 31st December, 2015.

Shri A M Tiwari, IAS, Managing Director of the Company stated that the Company has achieved sales turnover of Rs.463.19 crores for the third quarter ended on 31st December, 2015 as against Rs.455.20 crores in the corresponding period of previous financial year thus it registered the growth of 1.76%.

The Profit Before Tax for the Third quarter reduced by 26.61% to Rs. 28.71 crores from Rs.39.12 crores as compared to the same period of previous financial year. The Profit after Tax for the third quarter was Rs.15.21 crores.

For the Nine Months period ended on 31st December, 2015, the company has achieved sales turnover of Rs.1,412.00 crores as against Rs.1,444.21 crores in the corresponding period of previous financial year.

The Profit Before Tax for the nine months decreased to Rs.150.51 crores from Rs.172.75 crores as compared to the same period of previous financial year. The Profit after Tax for the nine months was Rs.106.97 crores as compared to that of Rs.131.55 crores for the corresponding period.

The reduction in Profit Before Tax is due to margin impacts and high cost maintenance and repairs carried out, which led to production cuts during the later part of the Q-3 at Dahej. By and large, all Plants could be operated at desired level despite scheduled shutdowns and major plant repairs at Dahej Complex.

He also added that the annualised financial ratios at the end of the third quarter are as under :

i)	Earning Per Share	-	Rs.19.43
ii)	Cash Earning per Share	-	Rs.41.65
iii)	Return on Equity	-	6.48%
iv)	Debt Equity ratio	-	0.12 : 1 times
v)	Book value per Share	-	Rs.299.74
vi)	Interest Coverage Ratio	-	39.93 times

The Company and National Aluminium Company Ltd. (NALCO), a Government of India Enterprise (A Navratna Company) have jointly incorporated a new Joint Venture Company viz. GACL-NALCO Alkalies & Chemicals Pvt. Ltd. (JV Company) on 4th December, 2015 for setting up of 800 TPD Caustic Soda Plant and 100 MW Coal based Power Plant at Dehej, Gujarat. The JV Company is yet to start its project implementation activities.

During the quarter, the Company has commissioned additional 8.40 MW wind mills at Jamanwada, Dist. : Kutch, Gujarat, India.