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22<sup>nd</sup> April, 2025

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| BSE Ltd.<br>1 <sup>st</sup> Floor, New Trading Ring<br>Phiroze Jeejeebhoy Towers<br>Dalal Street<br>MUMBAI : 400 001 | National Stock Exchange of India Ltd.<br>"Exchange Plaza", C-1, Block 'G'<br>Bandra-Kurla Complex<br>Bandra (East)<br>MUMBAI : 400 051 |
| Ref. : Company Code No. : 530001   | Ref. : Company Code No. : GUJALKALI  |

Dear Sir/Madam,

**Sub. : Disclosure of information under Regulation 30(3) of SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 - Updates on Chlorotoluene Plant**

**Ref. : Our letters dated 07.02.2018, 08.02.2018, 25.05.2022, 29.03.2025 & 21.04.2025.**

Further to our aforesaid letters regarding establishment of 30,000 TPA Chlorotoluene Plant at Dahej and flagging off of the first consignment of Benzyl Chloride on 21.04.2025.

In this regard, we submit herewith Press Note to be published in newspapers.

We request you to kindly take the above on record.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,

For GUJARAT ALKALIES AND CHEMICALS LIMITED

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## Press Note

# GACL Flags Off First Dispatch of Benzyl Chloride from India's Largest Chlorotoluenes Plant

Gujarat Alkalies and Chemicals Limited (GACL), one of the leading chlor-alkali majors in the country, flagged off the first lot of Benzyl Chloride on 21<sup>st</sup> April 2025. The flag-off was done virtually by Smt. Avantika Singh, IAS, Managing Director of GACL, in the presence of senior executives of GACL and others. Earlier, the Honourable Chief Minister of Gujarat, Shri Bhupendrabhai Patel had virtually inaugurated the plant on 29<sup>th</sup> March 2025.

GACL has established India's largest Chlorotoluenes Plant, with an annual production capacity of 30,000 MT, at Dahej. The Chlorotoluenes Project is a strategic initiative by GACL to enhance the utilization of chlorine, a co-product of caustic soda, by converting it into value-added downstream products. This state-of-the-art facility will manufacture 13,200 MTPA Benzyl Chloride, 9,600 MTPA Benzyl Alcohol, and 7,200 MTPA Benzaldehyde—key raw materials for the perfumery, pharmaceutical, flavouring, and solvent industries. Production of Benzyl Alcohol and Benzaldehyde is expected to start in the month of May.

This Chlorotoluenes plant will utilize toluene and chlorine as key raw materials. The project is expected to generate annual revenue of approximately ₹400 Crores when operated at full capacity, including exports worth ₹130 Crores to Europe, USA, and South Asia. Additionally, it will create significant employment opportunities, with 150–200 direct jobs and 800–1000 indirect jobs, contributing to the nation's economic growth.

GACL remains committed to innovation, sustainability, and self-reliance, continuing its legacy as a pioneer in the chemical sector.

### About GACL :

Gujarat Alkalies and Chemicals Limited (GACL) was established in 1973 in Vadodara, Gujarat, to manufacture caustic soda and allied products. Promoted by the Government of Gujarat, GACL has become one of India's largest caustic soda manufacturers, leveraging advanced eco-friendly technology, R&D, and strategic expansion. From an initial capacity of 37,425 TPA caustic soda established in 1976, the company has grown to 8,52,400 TPA, with manufacturing facilities across four complexes—two in Vadodara and two in Dahej. GACL now offers over 35 products that serve as essential raw materials across various industries, playing a crucial role in the growth of the country's chemical sector.



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