

Tomar Takes Indo-Australia Relations One Step Ahead



“The total trade between India and Australia in 2013-14 was to the tune of 15 billion Australian dollars. We are hopeful that by forging mutually beneficial alliances, India will go on to feature in the top ten trade partners of Australia”, said Shri Tomar in his inaugural address to an international audience assembled at the Asia Pacific International Mining Exhibition (AIMEX) 2015. Shri Tomar is heading a delegation, comprising heads of mining organisations and ministry officials to AIMEX 2015. The Minister shared the dais with Indian High Commissioner in Australia Mr Navdeep Suri at the India Day event, held with the objective

of inviting proactive partnership of miners and explorers from across the world in the Indian mining industry.

The event witnessed the commencement of a major collaboration between Geo Science Australia (GSA) and its Indian counterpart, Geological Survey of India (GSI), as the two expert organisations signed a MoU for Cooperation to develop short term and medium term roadmap for GSI in technology infusion, capacity building and efficiency improvement. Under the signed collaboration, GSA will work closely with GSI to help it attain global benchmarks in exploration work. Acting CEO of GSA Dr James Johnson and Director-General of GSI

Mr Harbans Singh exchanged the MoU document in the presence of Shri Tomar and Shri Suri.

Navdeep Suri spoke about the extensive Indo-Australian relationship, and expatiated on the multi-faceted nature of their collaboration and friendship.

A detailed presentation was made by senior officers of the Ministry of Mines, Government of India, outlining the salient features of recent amendments in the legislative mining framework. Shri Tomar also launched an e-book on exploration, which would serve as a detailed guidebook for investors looking at India. Presentations were also made by chiefs and senior representatives of NMDC, Coal India, MECL, NALCO, MOIL, HCL and Rio Tinto. Together, Team India presented the prospects of investment and partnership in Destination India to a galaxy of participants attending AIMEX 2015. The four-day exhibition was the world’s largest mining exhibition, bringing together buyers and suppliers from all corners of the world. The Indian pavilion, which showcases the ‘Make in India’ campaign of the present government, was also inaugurated by Shri Tomar.

Sukinda Chromite Mine Awarded the ‘GEM Granites Environment Award’

Sukinda Chromite Mine of Tata Steel has received the prestigious ‘GEM Granites Environment Award’ for the year 2014-15 given by Federation of Indian Mineral Industries (FIMI) in a glittering ceremony at New Delhi on August 24, 2015. The award was presented by Minister of State for Mines and Steel, Government of India, Mr. Vishnu Deo Sai, in the presence of Union Secretary of Mines, Mr. Balvinder Kumar and other dignitaries during FIMI’s 49th Annual General Body Meeting.

Mr D B Sundara Ramam, Executive-in-Charge, Ferro Alloys and Minerals Division, Mr. Rajesh Patel, Chief, Mines, Sukinda Chromite Mine (SCM) and Mr. S N Pandey, President, SCM Workers’ Union received the honor on behalf of Tata Steel.

This award was given in recognition of Sukinda Chromite Mine’s significant



contribution to environmental protection and sustainable mining operation. Opencast Metalliferous Mines using opencast mechanized mining method are eligible for this ‘GEM Granites Environment Award’ award given by the leading miners’ body of the country FIMI.

Also, a Certificate for an individual who has made significant contribution towards outstanding performance of the mine on Environmental Protection and Sustainable Mining was given to Mr Pankaj Kumar Satija, GM (O), FA & M.

For its excellent track record in environmental protection and safety measures Sukinda Chromite Mine had earlier received the prestigious 15th Annual Greentech Environment Award-2015 in gold and silver category, National Safety Award under the “Longest Accident Free Period (LAFP) in terms of man shifts worked during three consecutive years ending with the contest year-2012” in March, 2015 by the National Safety Award (Mines) Committee, Ministry of Labour & Employment, Government of India.