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From the Chairman's Desk

Dear Friends,

At the outset, I wish all readers and their families a very happy and prosperous new year.

The year gone by has been very eventful. For the business community, it has been a year of anxiety and caution. Commodity prices, especially crude had reached an all-time high and later there was a sharp and deep correction. Domestically, inflation remained high during most of the year before moderating in the last few months. Foreign exchange rates and stock indices were also very volatile. All this happened very swiftly and sharply.



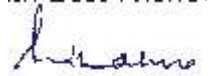
We look into the coming new year with hope, and caution too. It is expected that due to the turmoil in the US economy demand will continue to contract for some time. This will present challenges for Indian exporters of most products. Yet this may be an opportunity. As the economies of developed countries adjust to the swiftly changing environment, they will look for more cost-effective solutions. This would present opportunities for Indian exporters. The Indian economy itself may be shielded to some extent from the global pessimism because of its significant domestic demand. Experts believe that the Indian economy would continue to grow at between 7 & 8 % during the coming few quarters. The Indian government is doing its best to support this, through various policy initiatives.

Indian business, and exporters in particular, would have to reinvent themselves. I am sure that Indian exporters will rise to the occasion and combat the slowdown with their ingenuity and enterprise.

At SURSEZ, the tempo of growth is continuing. We now have nearly 180 functioning units and some more at advanced stages of implementation. Momentum of export growth is also maintained with the figure crossing Rs 10,500 crores in November 08 itself. The target of Rs 15,000 crores for the year appears well achievable.

In closing, I congratulate all the units in SURSEZ-their managements and staff- for the good performance and convey my best wishes for the coming year.

With Best Wishes

  
S.N.Sharma

## Surat SEZ at the India International Trade Fair (IITF) 2008

SURSEZ participated in the India International Trade Fair (IITF) 2008 organized by Indian Trade Promotion (ITPO) at Pragati Maidan, New Delhi in November 08. The fair was inaugurated by Shri M.Hamid Ansari, Hon'ble Vice President of India.

This year there was a separate pavilion for SEZ Developers, wherein Surat SEZ along with other SEZ Developers set up its stall. The SURSEZ stall attracted large number of visitors and they showed keen interest. We

expect a good number of these prospects to soon set up their units in the Zone.



*SURSEZ stall at IITF*

## What's new in SURSEZ

### 1. Canteen

As part of its continuous efforts to upgrade the infrastructure and provide better facilities in SURSEZ, DGDC set up a new Canteen in the SEZ. The Canteen is housed in completely renovated old building and is equipped with all modern kitchen equipment and furniture. The Canteen has an executive section which has air conditioning. It provides Indian style, pure vegetarian food.



*SURSEZ Canteen*

It is modern and spacious with seating arrangements for up to 150 persons at any time. The Canteen works 7 days a week for breakfast, lunch and dinner, serving traditional and modern Indian cuisine. It is capable of handling large volumes and therefore capable of supplying for functions and events in SURSEZ. A Management Committee will guide the contractor and ensure that the day-to-day operations are smooth.

We are confident that this facility would be well appreciated by the Units and their employees. We welcome suggestions to enable continuous improvement.

### 2. Fire Fighting System

DGDC has procured a new state-of-the-art Fire Tender and set up all associated infrastructure including a team of persons trained in fire fighting. The facility will help to handle any untoward emergency in the Zone.



*Fire Tender*

### 3. Weighbridge:

A weighbridge of capacity 40 to 60 tonnes has been set up at the entrance of the DGDC Area on Sachin Talangpur Road. This will help Unit holders for weighing their consignment & cargo when necessary.

## Success Stories in SURSEZ

### Grace Davison Chemicals India Pvt Ltd

Grace Davison Chemicals India Pvt Ltd, a pioneer in the field of providing Chromatographic solutions, has a state-of-the-art manufacturing facility in SURSEZ.

This unit was established in November 2005 for manufacturing various Chromatography Products i.e. High Performance Liquid Chromatography (HPLC) columns and Solid Phase Extraction (SPE) cartridges that assist in sample preparation and purification. Both products are used by global markets for drug discovery. It is a part of the Discovery Sciences Business of W.R.Grace and Company.

Grace is a leading global supplier of Specialty Chemicals for a wide range of industrial applications with annual sales of over \$3.1 billion; Grace has employees in more than 40 countries.

This state-of-the-art facility in SURSEZ is certified for ISO 9000:2001 and ISO 13485 (Medical Device Certification). It has implemented ERP, and follows world class EHS practices. Recently the company celebrated 3 years without any recordable incident.

During the Independence Day celebrations in August 2008, the Company along with DGDC and Customs officials celebrated Green Week by planting trees around the site.



*A view of the Grace Unit*

### PEASS Exports Ltd

PEASS Group is one of the leading manufacturers of Textile machinery in India. The Company manufactures primarily pre-weaving yarn stage machines. The company is popularly known under its global brand name 'PS'. It is in this business since 1960's.

The Company's SURSEZ unit is in operations, since 2005. With a staff of about 20 employees, the SURSEZ unit is well equipped with modern equipment and technology that includes sophisticated CNC Machines. The unit specializes in manufacture of high precision light and medium duty engineering components. These components are supplied to industries such as Aircraft, Aerospace, Electronics, Medical, Automobiles, etc.

The PEASS Group has entered into collaboration with various world leaders in the Textile Machinery Industry. These include Fr Metter Sons Ltd., Switzerland, Jaeggli Machine Works Ltd., Winterthur, Switzerland. Scheller GmbH, Eislingen, Germany, Officine Meccaniche Riva SRL, Italy.

The company has representations in various countries through sales agencies.



*Inside view of PEASS Exports Factory*

## Tentative Training Calendar for January - March 09

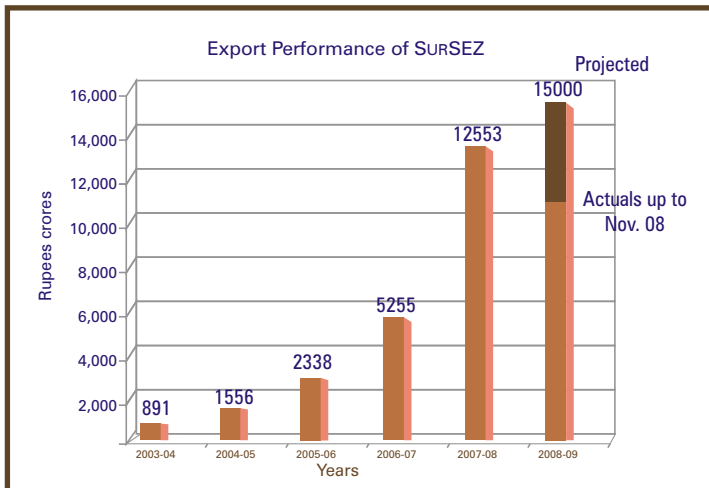
As you may be aware, the Customer Services Group in DGDC has been organizing training programs with the help of well known faculty for the benefit of SURSEZ Unit holders and their employees. You may likely to take benefit by deputing

your employees for some programs. The tentative Calendar of the programs is given below.

For more details, please get in touch with Mr. Ajay Sharma - 09824195195

Month	Training Topic	Program Duration	Date (Likely)
January 09	Recession - Concern & Issues	Half Day	03-01-09
	Magic Mantra of Enjoying Your Work Life & Reducing Stress	Half Day	24-01-09
February 09	Export & Import Documentation & Procedures	1 Day	07-02-09
	Total Quality Management with special focus on 5S	Half Day	21-02-09
March 09	Inventory Management	1 Day	14-03-09
	Six Thinking Hats - Dr. Edward De Bono	Half Day	21-03-09
	Management Information System & Communication Skill	Half Day	28-03-09

## SURSEZ Performance



◀ Export Performance of SURSEZ

Number of Units as on 30/11/08

In operation - 177.

Under implementation - 15.