

BIMETAL BEARINGS LIMITED

Address by
Mr.A.Krishnamoorthy,
Managing Director
at the
Sixty First Annual General Meeting
on
August 1, 2022

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I would like to extend to all of you a warm welcome for the Sixty First Annual General Meeting of the Company for the year 2021-22 which is being held in the audio-visual mode.

Before commencing the proceedings, the Board places on record the valuable services rendered by Mr.N.P.Mani, who resigned from the Company on 22nd July 2021 after serving the Company in various capacities for more than three and half decades.

Mr.N.P.Mani has been associated with the Company in a senior executive position since April 1987 and rose to the position of Whole-time Director in November 2006. Under his guidance, the Company witnessed growth in all the major areas.

The Annual Report containing Directors' Report, Audited Financial Statements (both Standalone and Consolidated) and Audit Report for the year ended 31st March 2022 has been with you and with your permission I shall take this as read.

As per the requirements of Companies Act, 2013 the audited financial statements and accounts have been prepared conforming to Ind-AS on both Standalone and Consolidated basis incorporating the financials of M/s.BBL Daido Private Limited, a Joint Venture Company.

The demand in Q1 was tepid with the M&HCV showing little improvement in the market. The availability of semi-conductors affected the demand projections in all segments related to passenger vehicles, CV's and two wheelers. Tractor segment showed good growth with seasonal impact of demand for their products.

The second half of the year saw improved demand levels and was reflected in the Company's second half's turnover.

The biggest challenge during the last year was the high costs of steel and non-ferrous metals. The prices increased through this period and reached a peak in March 2022. Logistics cost both domestic and export / import increased significantly. This overall increase impacted the margins significantly. The corrections for price from the customers are being followed up both for inputs and logistics / packing.

The plants continued to concentrate on the development of new products and processes to ensure that OEM requirements are fully met. The plants continue to ensure process with competitiveness and reliability.

The newly installed powder plant has been supplying powders for our internal consumption and the Company is also pursuing opportunities for sale of powder with several customers.

The Government's Electric Vehicle Policy is being watched closely to understand the impact on the IC engines. The growth plans for the conventional products received from OEM's have been encouraging. We are addressing the potential opportunities available for future mobility.

Your Directors have recommended a dividend of Rs.8/- per share (80%).

The Company had spent a sum of Rs.15.75 lakhs towards Corporate Social Responsibility activities during the year under review.

M/s.Fraser & Ross, Chartered Accountants are getting re-appointed for a second term of 5 (Five) years from the conclusion of the 61st Annual General Meeting till the conclusion of the 66th Annual General Meeting. The Directors recommend the re-appointment of the Statutory Auditors of the Company for their second term as detailed in the notice to the meeting.

Mr.P.S.Rajamani was appointed as an Additional Director by the Board of the Directors at their meeting held on 27th August 2021 and the resolutions for his Directorship in the Company had been included in the notice to the 61st Annual General Meeting.

The Directors recommend his appointment as a Director of the Company.

Mr.S.Narayanan, Whole-time Director retires in the 61st Annual General Meeting and is eligible for re-appointment. The Directors seek your approval for his re-appointment.

To facilitate participation by our share-holders, the voting facility is provided during the AGM period. The result of the voting will be announced after taking into account so exercised.

The Companies Act, 2013 has prescribed several disclosures to the share-holders which are furnished in the Annual Report.

Before I conclude I would like to place on record our appreciation of the work done by all the employees during the year.

On behalf of the Board of Directors and on my behalf, I thank the Government, Bank, Customers, Distributors and Dealers for their co-operation and support.

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The Company thankfully acknowledges the continued support from Daido Metal Company, Japan.

I would like to offer our special thanks to our Share-holders for their support and the continued confidence reposed by them in the Company.

We thank NSDL for making arrangements for the meeting and make it successful.

Our thanks are due to Mr.V.R.Sankarnarayanan, Partner, KSR & Co., Company Secretaries LLP who have consented to take up the position of the Scrutinizer for the e-voting process and the support extended by the Company's Share Transfer Agents, M/s.GNSA Infotech (P) Limited for the successful conduct of the 61st Annual General Meeting.

Ladies and Gentlemen, thank you again for being with us today.
