

MINUTES OF IRMRA'S 62nd ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY
21st OCTOBER 2021 AT 11.30 A.M.
VIDE HYBRID MODE –
IRMRA OLD SITE AND CISCO WEBEX – VIRTUAL PLATFORM

The 62nd Annual General Meeting of the Indian Rubber Manufacturers Research Association (IRMRA), Thane was held on Thursday 21st October 2021 at 11.30 a.m. via Hybrid mode – in person at IRMRA, Old Site, Thane and virtual through Cisco Webex – platform.

Dr. Matthan, President of IRMRA, presided over the meeting.

Since the quorum for the meeting as stipulated in Clause No.51 of the Rules & Regulations the meeting was complied with, the meeting started at 11.30 a.m. as scheduled.

The list of members present during the meeting is attached in Annexure – I.

President welcomed all the Members present for the AGM meeting and thereafter delivered his Presidential message. In his Presidential message, he highlighted that in the period under review, India faced and overcame the first wave of the pandemic, but as it ebbed, most people mistakenly believed that the pandemic was over. The second wave took everyone by surprise in QIV FY 2020-21.

Further he highlighted about India's Gross Domestic Product (GDP) in FY 2020-21 which contracted 7.3% to ₹135.13 trillion (₹135.13 lakh crores) from ₹145.69 trillion (₹145.69 lakh crores) in FY 2019-20, as per the estimates released by the National Statistical Office. This was marginally better than the 8% contraction projected earlier. The pre-pandemic FY2019-20 GDP growth had been 4%. Elections and cultural-religious events, essential ingredients of the daily fabric of Indian life, often breached the social distancing and safety guidelines. The robust and accelerating vaccine rollout from Q1 FY21-22 is enabling wider prophylaxis and safety with community immunity across most population age segments. At present the situation seems well under control, raising renewed hope and optimism that FY2021-22 will see a return to robust economic growth, with a revival of the rubber MSME sector with employment growth.

He further envisaged about the increasing gap between domestic supply and demand which is a cause of concern for the manufacturing sector, already facing the supply chain and logistic disruptions, for a range of basic materials such as rubbers, chemicals, steel cords and textiles. IRMRA analysed and supplied data on the critical materials in the supply chain to the DPIIT. The necessity of flexible anti-dumping policies to enable industry to function in the challenging supply chain environment was stressed. Improving the ease of doing business is still a “work-in-progress”, so Indian businesses were not nimble enough to benefit from the first wave of the China+1 policy adopted across industries including the rubber industry. The Rubber MSME sector faced serious hardships and closures, which for many will be of a permanent nature. However this could lead to a more efficient sector, and provides multiple new entrepreneurial opportunities

reminiscent of a post Independence rubber industry. In order to provide safe reliable quality goods; minimizing health hazards to consumers, promoting exports and imports substitutes, the DPIIT has issued Technical Regulation / Quality Control Orders (QCO's) for industries falling under its domain which includes Rubber. IRMRA is engaged in this area with its toys, textiles and other projects.

While highlighting the performance of IRMRA till date, he informed the members that in the year under review, IRMRA faced operational and revenue constraints as reflected in the Balance Sheet and Profit and Loss Account, though IRMRA retained its employees with full pay. The Covid induced delay in commissioning the tyre testing facilities at Sri City also contributed.

The Thane HO campus surrounding was a high intensity pandemic zone restricting customer access to the testing facilities. IRMRA East (SARPOL) ground floor facilities were commandeered as a COVID-overflow centre, with inhibition of its activities.

He further informed that the construction work of the Sri City facility had to be temporarily halted due to COVID restrictions and the shipment of tyre testing equipment was put on hold. This has now been received, installed and ready for commissioning and accreditation. The skid trailer- and high torque drive vehicle from France has reached its destination at the Global Automotive Research Centre homologation and proving tracks facilities at Oragadam, Tamil Nadu. This will enable IRMRA to support the new AIS 162 Certification requirements for the tyre industry by mid 2022.

He also highlighted few noteworthy achievements of IRMRA such as Collaboration and commercialization of tyre sealant technology with an Industry Partner, successful inauguration and launch and completion of the 1st year of certificate course on RMST with strong participation from industry and academia, filed 2 patents, examinations for the 2nd batch of M.Sc. (Industrial Polymer Chemistry, students for the 3rd batch have already joined and their online classes are going on, and, the Early Retirement Schemes announced due to Pandemic for age group above 55 years was successfully implemented.

He also wished IRMRA a successful year ahead with the imminent commissioning of the tyre testing and certification at Sricity and GARC, new advanced technology projects in defence, toys, and textiles and the addition of balancing equipment at IRMRA East. In conclusion, he congratulated and thanked the IRMRA Customers who were the Annual Award winners for their faith in IRMRA and its services and looked forward to their continued patronage and interaction with IRMRA in the years ahead. He then requested the Director, IRMRA to proceed with the agenda.

Then the agenda was adopted for the meeting as circulated: The minutes of the meeting are given below:

1. Confirmation of the Minutes of the 61st AGM held on 24th December 2020 :

A copy of the minutes of the 61st Annual General Meeting held on 24th December 2020 was already sent to all the Members were made available to the members present. As there were no comments received from members, upon getting necessary concurrence from the Members, the President confirmed the minutes.

2. Approval of the audited Income & Expenditure Account & Balance Sheet for the year ended 31.3.2021

The audited Income & Expenditure Account, Receipt and Payment Account & Balance Sheet for the year ended 31st March 2021 were already sent to all the Members, and obtained their approval. Since, no comments were received, the audited accounts and Balance Sheet passed in the meeting. The Members approved the annual accounts and the following resolution was passed unanimously.

“RESOLVED THAT the audited Income & Expenditure Account, Receipt and Payment Account and the Balance Sheet for the Financial Year ended 31st March 2021, along with the Annual Report for the year 2020-21 be and hereby approved and adopted”.

The same was proposed by Mr. Jayant Khadilkar and Seconded by Mr. Vikram Makar.

Further, President, IRMRA appreciated the services rendered by the Auditors and thanked M/s. SCA & Associates, and the team for completing the audit within stipulated time.

Director, IRMRA made a brief presentation on performance of IRMRA including the highlights on Income and expenses of the organization, synergetic roles of IRMRA at different forums such as RSDC, AIRIA etc. Director appraised the members about the following:

- i. 4 new life time members added during the year.
- ii. Filed 2 patents and a list of publications during the year.
- iii. Highlights on the new infrastructures, MOUs signed, and other events and celebrations conducted during the year.
- iv. Appraisal and Progress on the name change of IRMRA to IRMRI, the application has been filed at RoS Delhi and necessary steps are initiated.

3. Appointment of Statutory Auditors of the Association for the year 2021-22.

It was decided that the current audit firm M/s. SCA & Associates is working satisfactorily and will continue to be the Statutory Auditors for the Financial Year 2021-22, for carrying out interim / final Audit. Director informed that the remuneration payable to the auditors for the FY 21-22 will be discussed and finalized in consultation with the President IRMRA. Members noted the same.

4. Election of two representatives of IRMRA's Paid Members on the Governing Council of IRMRA for the year 2021-22:

President informed that 2 nominations in the prescribed forms [duly filled, proposed and seconded by the members of IRMRA], were received from the members of IRMRA and they were elected as paid members on the Governing Council of IRMRA for the year 2021-22: The newly elected members are as follows :

- i. Mr. Rohit. Millns, Triveni Rubber, Thane

- ii. Mr. Jayant Khadilkar, Jay Elastomers Pvt. Ltd., Mumbai .

President while reading out the nominations received from the various organizations for governing council informed that mostly the old nomination have been renewed. Rubber Board has nominated Dr. Siby Varghese, Joint Director, Rubber Research Institute of India as their representative in the GC for the FY 21-22 since Dr. James Jacob, has superannuated from the services of Rubber Board. The respective representative members will be informed and invited for the next GC meeting. The President thanked all invitee members to the Governing Council for the year 2020-21 for the support given by them during the last year and invited them to continue their support for the year 2021-22 also.

5. Announcement of IRMRA-AGM awards:

At the 62nd AGM, IRMRA's annual awards were distributed to contributing customers based on their business value of transactions happened while availing services of IRMRA during the year. After careful scrutinizing and as per the record of business transactions held with IRMRA during FY 2020-21, the members were selected for the annual award in different category. President, IRMRA felicitated the winners of awardee and thanked them for their long association with IRMRA. The representatives of the respective organization acknowledged the receipt of the same and expressed their happiness and appreciation for the excellent services rendered by IRMRA. The awardees list is attached herewith Annexure – II.

On this occasion, IRMRA's employees were recognized by felicitating them with long service award based on their number of years service to IRMRA.

President felicitated and congratulated the following employee, who have received the long service award for serving IRMRA for more than 25 years.

1. Mrs. Suhasini Katke.

The employee accepted her certificate of appreciation through the hands of President and expressed their feelings and thanked the IRMRA management for the award

6. Any other matter with the permission of the Chair :

No other matters were raised for discussion in this agenda.

Director thanked the members for participation in the meeting and also for utilizing the facilities of IRMRA available at HO and regional centers.

President thanked all the members who have shared their views and suggestions offered for improvement of services.

Meeting was concluded with vote of thanks to the Chair and Members present.

Annexure - I

Members present at IRMRA Old site, Thane

Sr.No	Name	Company / Institute
1.	Dr. R.K. Matthan	President, IRMRA
2.	Dr. K.Rajkumar	Director, IRMRA
3.	Mr. Jayant Khadilkar	Jay Elastomers Pvt. Ltd.
4.	Dr. S. Mohanty	Reliance
5.	Dr. Sangeetha Karthikeyan	Reliance
6.	Mrs. Nibedita Kasyapi	Reliance
7.	Dr. Bharat Kapgate	IRMRA
8.	Dr. Rupesh Rohan	IRMRA
9.	Mrs. Suchismita Sahoo	IRMRA
10.	Mr. Sethumadhavan	IRMRA
11.	Mr. Manohar Nawale	IRMRA
12.	Mrs. Suhasini Katke	IRMRA
13.	Mrs. Rajakantham Das	IRMRA
14.	Mr. Hemant Khairnar	IRMRA
15.	Mr. Kiran Shetty	IRMRA
16.	Mr. Ravindra Badki	IRMRA

Members present through Virtual Mode

Sr.No	Name	Company / Institute
17.	Dr. S.S.Gupta	SDO, DPIIT, Min. of Commerce and Industry, Govt. of India, New Delhi.
18.	Mr. Yogen S. Lathia	Lathia Rubber
19.	Mr. Rohit Millns	Triveni Rubber
20.	Mr. Vinod Simon	RSDC
21.	Dr. W. Millns	Ex-Director & Chair- HR Committee
22.	Dr. M. S. Banerji	Ex Director & HR Committee member
23.	Mr. Debabrata Rautaray	Tata Chemicals
24.	Mr. Shashi Singh	Osaka Rubber
25.	Dr. A. Sreekumaran Nair	MRF Ltd
26.	Mr. Amit Gupta	Tata Chemicals
27.	Mr. KAMLESH JAIN	Holdwell Components
28.	Ms. Manisha Pawar	Larsen & Toubro
29.	Mr. Partha	Popular rubber works
30.	Mr. Vikram Makar	Oriental Rubbers
31.	Mr. Uttam Sinha	Pirelli Tyres
32.	Mr. Jagdish Makwana	Ceat Ltd.,
33.	Mr. Jacob George	Ceat Ltd.
34.	Dr. Sujata Chaklanobis, Sc.G.	Ministry of Science & Technology,
35.	Head PCD	BIS, New Delhi
36.	Mr. Sukhdeb Saha	Reliance
37.	Mr. Kiron Mallapur	Statutory auditor
38.	Dr. Debdipta Basu	IRMRA
39.	Mr. Prashant Bankar	IRMRA

Annexure - II

List of Awardees for the FY 20-21 for Business Associate under various categories are given below :

S.No	Category	Name of award	Winners
1.	Platinum	IRMRA-Best Business Associate Award (Platinum)	1. Ministry of Defense,
2.	Diamond	IRMRA-Best Business Associate Award (Diamond)	1. APOLLO TYRES LTD
3	Gold	IRMRA-Best Business Associate Award (Gold)	1. MRF LTD. HO, Chennai. 2. PIRELLI TYRES (SUISSE) SA 3. TVS SRICHAKRA LIMITED 4. CEAT LIMITED 5. TATA CHEMICALS LTD 6. DEPARTMENT OF ATOMIC ENERGY 7. RELIANCE INDUSTRIES LTD 8. OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL COMMISSIONER OF CUSTOMS 9. LARSEN & TOUBRO LTD 10. MAHINDRA & MAHINDRA LTD 11. CONTINENTAL INDIA PVT. LTD 12. RALSON INDIA LIMITED
4	Silver	IRMRA-Best Business Associate Award (Silver)	1. JK TYRE & INDUSTRIES LTD 2. ACE TYRES LIMITED 3. MAHARASHTRA STATE ROAD TRAN.CO PUNE 4. BRIDGESTONE INDIA PVT. LTD
5	MSME - Platinum	IRMRA-Best business associate (MSME- Platinum)	1. HIND ELASTOMERS PVT LTD-NAVI MUM 2. NRC INDUSTRIES LTD 3. NISHI GANDHA POLYMERS PVT. LTD.
6	MSME - Diamond	IRMRA-Best business associate (MSME- Diamond)	Nil
7	MSME - Gold	IRMRA-Best business associate (MSME- Gold)	1. GLOBUS RUBCHEM PVT.LTD. 2. SPAREAGE SEALING SOLUTIONS LLP
8	MSME - Silver	IRMRA-Best business associate (MSME- Silver)	FORECH INDIA PRIVATE LIMITED
9	IRMRA employees	Long Service Award – 15 yrs & 20 yrs	Nil
10	Do	Long Service Award – 25 yrs	1. Mrs. Suhasini Katke
