

MINUTES OF IRMRA'S 63RD ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON FRIDAY 23RD
SEPTEMBER 2022 AT 11.30 A.M.
VIDE ONLINE MODE – CISCO WEBEX – VIRTUAL PLATFORM

The 63rd Annual General Meeting of the Indian Rubber Manufacturers Research Association (IRMRA), Thane was held on Friday 23rd September 2022 at 11.30 a.m. via virtual mode through Cisco Webex –I platform.

Dr. R.Mukhopadhyay, 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 the various achievements of IRMRA during the year.

Further, he highlighted that as per provisional estimates released by National Statistical Office (NSO), Indian economy in 2021-22 has fully recovered the pre-pandemic real GDP level of 2019-20. The real GDP growth in 2021-22 stands at 8.7 per cent, 1.5 per cent higher than the real GDP of 2019-20. Owing to recent global crisis, various international agencies, for FY 2022-23 and FY 2023-24, have revised downward the growth projections of several countries including India but the revised growth for India is still higher than that of major advanced and emerging market economies,

India consumed 1,238,000 metric tonne of natural rubber in 2021-22, an increase of 12.9 per cent from 1,096,410 metric tonne consumed in 2020-21.

The auto-tyre sector registered 15.9 per cent growth during 2021-22 as compared to 3.2 per cent recorded during 2020-21. At the same time, the general rubber goods sector registered 5.6 per cent growth during 2021-22 compared to a high negative growth of 16.4 per cent recorded during 2020-21.

The auto-tyre manufacturing sector accounted for 73.1 per cent of the total quantity of natural rubber consumed in the country during 2021-22.

The projection of natural rubber production and consumption for 2022-23 is 8,50,000 tonne and 12,90,000 tonne, respectively. The import of NR increased to 5,46,369 tonne during 2021-22 as compared to 4,10,478 tonne during 2020-21.

Nearly 60 per cent of the import was through duty paid channels and 87.5 per cent of import was in the form of block rubber. The gap between the quantity of NR produced within the country and that required by the consuming industry is the primary reason for importing huge quantities of this commodity.

In this context, IRMRA based on an ongoing field study, has placed greater focus on improving the competitiveness of rubber product manufacturers (especially MSME's) in key areas of material selection, formulation, processing (energy) efficiency, optimizing between labour and automation, quality upgradation and standardization. The Government, and especially the DPIIT under which IRMRA functions, is now more responsive to industry's demand to correct the competitive imbalance caused by the inverted duty structure. This would enable domestic manufacturers to be competitive vis-a-vis imported products (cheap or otherwise) and compete globally. Several Indian tyre/nontyre manufacturers have established India's quality credentials.

During this year IRMRA have Indigenized products developed such as Rubber Diaphragm, Membrane, Gasket, Seal for SUKHOI 30 MKI AIRCRAFT, Silicone Rubber Steel Cup- 120 mm for Arjun Tank, Various types of rubber seals for Naval Ships and Submarines, Accumulator Rubber Diaphragm of Russian Origin.

IRMRA has completed 47 short term Industrial consultancy projects for large, MSME and public sector enterprises.

IRMRA have entered into various collaborations for Research and Development such as International Collaboration with French Rubber and Plastics Research and Testing Laboratory (LRCCP), France, Leibniz Institute of Polymer Research Dresden (IPF), Germany, National Sun Yat-sen University (NSYSU), Taiwan , For Tyre Research, Testing & Certification with Global Automotive Research Centre (GARC), Chennai, Vehicle Certification Agency (VCA), Delhi (UK Govt Agency), National Automotive Test Tracks (NATRAX), Indore For Academic Research & Educational Courses with Mumbai University – 2 yr PG in Industrial Polymer Chemistry, IIT, Kharagpur, IIT, Bombay , VNIT, Nagpur, NIT, Raurkela, NIT, Jaipur, Manipal University, Jaipur, Mahendra Group of Institutions, Namakkal, Tamil Nadu, Ambedkar Institute of Advanced Communication Technologies & Research, Delhi

IRMRA has bagged various achievements in the research field such as completed one sponsored project on Application Development of Butyl Ionomers, BIRAC funded project on guar gum based sealants, NTTM Project on Tyre sanctioned, Project on tyre waste management is approved by DST, CoE project proposal on setting up of Toy Design & Development Centre is also approved.

New facility named "Strategic Product Development Centre" has been created in IRMRA, Thane This is primarily to enhance the production of 'Rubber Tiles" to meet the delivery targets and also to cater for the new 80MM thick Rubber tile development and development of other rubber composite sheets such as P80 and RC Rubber sheet for new platform for which we have already received TOT from NMRL. Many new Facilities and Test methods have been created.

The vision of IRMRA for the next 3 years is to closely work with various Industry Associations and Stakeholders for the promotion of Rubber Industries in India to tap untapped potentials, to identify the technological gap and fill it up with the support of Government to develop Industrial Competitiveness and to explore the opportunities like Make In India, Startup etc., to strengthen IRMRA's core competency to cater the needs of

the services to Govt. & Non-Govt. sectors through transforming the operations to digital platforms, to carry out necessary R&D to support Low carbon strategy initiative by Government and facilitate to implement in Rubber & Allied Industry.

At the end, he thanked all Governing Council Members, Stakeholders, Associations such as ATMA, AIRIA, Rubber Board and other Institutions, Members of Research Advisory Committee (RAC), HR Committee, Finance Committee and Purchase Committee for their active support and guidance in IRMRA activities and functions. I want to place on record my appreciation and thanks to all officers in DPIIT and Ministry of Commerce and Industry, for their whole-hearted support and cooperation.

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 62nd AGM held on 21st October 2021 :

A copy of the minutes of the 62nd Annual General Meeting held on 21st October 2021 was already sent to all the Members. 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 31.03.2022

The audited Income & Expenditure Account, Receipt and Payment Account & Balance Sheet for the year ended 31st March 2022 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 2022, along with the Annual Report for the year 2021-22 be and hereby approved and adopted”.

The same was proposed by Mr. Yogen Lathia and Seconded by Dr. R.K.Matthan

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. IRMRA has at present a total membership of 311 units spread all over country. . This consists of 77 Lifetime members and 234 ordinary members,
- 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 2022-23.

It was decided that the decision to appoint Statutory Auditors for carrying out interim / final Audit. for the year 2022-23 will be done during the forthcoming GC meeting in consultation with President IRMRA and all the members present. Director informed that the remuneration payable to the auditors for the FY 22-23 will also be discussed and finalized during the forthcoming GC meeting.

4. Election of two representatives of IRMRA's Paid Members on the Governing Council of IRMRA for the year 2022-23:

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 2022-23: 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 by the government bodies. Regarding the invitees for the GC, Govt. has informed that the members who have served for more than 6 years in the GC to be retired and opportunities to be given to new members in the GC. This matter will be discussed and finalized in the forthcoming GC meeting, which will be scheduled in November 2022. The President thanked all invitee members to the Governing Council for the year 2021-22 for the support given by them during the last year and invited them to continue their support for the year 2022-23.as a member of the newly proposed stakeholders committee.

5. Recognition of Members/Contributing Customers and Long Service rendering employees:

At the 63rd AGM, the contributing customers based on their business value of transactions happened while availing services of IRMRA during the year were recognized and appreciated. Director thanked the members for their long association with IRMRA by way of utilizing the services of 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 list of members recognized is attached herewith Annexure – II.

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

Director IRMRA felicitated and congratulated the following employees, who have received the long service award for serving IRMRA under various categories:

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| >15 yrs <20 yrs No. of years in service at IRMRA | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Samji Victor 2. Vaishali Baburao Hodevdekar 3. Prasad Deepak Pakaye 4. Ameet Dattaram Raol |
| >20 yrs <25 yrs No. of years in service at IRMRA | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Santosh Chandrakant Jagdale 2. Suryavanshi Ekbahadur 3. Jayram Babu Shetty |
| >25 yrs No. of years in service at IRMRA | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Shankar Mahadev Abhang |

Director informed that the certificate of appreciation along with the award will be presented to the employees through the hands of President during the next physical GC meeting which is being scheduled in November. Employees shared their experience in IRMRA 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.

Members suggested to focus on research more.

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. President in his remarks suggested to focus on the mission and vision of IRMRA. To enter into technology transfer agreement with MSME sectors and also to strengthen IRMRAs Tyre centre. He informed the members that the next GC meeting will be scheduled during the month of November 2022.

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

Annexure 1

Members Present:

| Sr.No | Name | Company / Institute |
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| 1. | Dr. Mukhopadhyay | President, IRMRA |
| 2. | Dr. K.Rajkumar | Director IRMRA |
| 3. | Dr. R.K. Matthan | Past President, IRMRA |
| 4. | Dr.M.S.Banerji | Past Director, IRMRA |
| 5. | | Corrosion Protection Pvt. Ltd |
| 6. | Mukesh Rathod | |
| 7. | Rohit Millns | Triveni Rubber |
| 8. | Mohsin Ahmed Shaikh | FAMS |
| 9. | Sreekumaran Nair | MRF Tyres |
| 10. | Ganesh | Burckhardt Compression |
| 11. | Sanjay Suryawanshi | Burckhardt Compression |
| 12. | Rahul Miglani | Raajchem |
| 13. | Saravanan Chinniah | Michelin |
| 14. | Subhranshu Gupta | Elkem |
| 15. | Dipali | Yasho Industries |
| 16. | Aayush Kejriwal | Duratuf Products |
| 17. | Jacob | Focus Rubber |
| 18. | Yogen Lathia | Lathia Rubber |
| 19. | Kadam Vikrant Vijay | |
| 20. | Vineeta | |
| 21. | Ashutosh kawat | |
| 22. | Mitesh shinde | |
| 23. | Datta Sahane | |
| 24. | Vinod Simon | |
| 25. | Rajiv | |
| 26. | Dimple Maru | |
| 27. | Mahesh Velu | |
| 28. | Mitesh shinde | |
| 29. | Shivratan Agarwal | |
| 30. | Kishor Katkar | Finorchem |
| 31. | Kamuvel Kalpund | Pilot Gaskets |
| 32. | | PARTH RUBBER |
| 33. | Mrs. Suchismita Sahoo | IRMRA |
| 34. | Mr. Sethumadhavan | IRMRA |
| 35. | Dr. Debdipta Basu | IRMRA |
| 36. | Dr. Rupesh Rohan | IRMRA |
| 37. | Mr. Manohar Nawale | IRMRA |
| 38. | Mrs. Rajakantham Das | IRMRA |
| 39. | Mr. Chetan Deshmukh | IRMRA |
| 40. | Mr. Ravindra Badki | IRMRA |
| 41. | Mr. Hemant Khairnar | IRMRA |
| 42. | Mr. Kiran Shetty | IRMRA |
| 43. | Mr. Samji Victor | IRMRA |
| 44. | Vaishali Baburao Hodevdekar | IRMRA |
| 45. | Prasad Deepak Pakaye | IRMRA |
| 46. | Ameet Dattaram Raool | IRMRA |
| 47. | Santosh Chandrakant Jagdale | IRMRA |
| 48. | Suryavanshi Ekbahadur | IRMRA |
| 49. | Jayram Babu Shetty | IRMRA |

Annexure - II

List of members recognized] 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. TATA CHEMICALS 2. PIRELLI 3. MICHELLIN 4. APOLLO TYRES 5. CEAT LTD |
| 3 | Gold | IRMRA-Best Business Associate Award (Gold) | 1. MRF LTD 2. TVS SRICHAKRA LTD 3. LARSEN & TOUBRO LTD 4. RALSON INDIA LTD. 5. JK TYRES & INDUSTRIES LTD |
| 4 | Silver | IRMRA-Best Business Associate Award (Silver) | 1. CONTINENTAL INDIA PVT. LTD 2. ACE TYRES LIMITED 3. BRIDGESTONE INDIA PVT. LTD 4. KENDA RUBBER |
| 5 | MSME - Platinum | IRMRA-Best business associate (MSME- Platinum) | 1. HIND ELASTOMERS PVT LTD-NAVI MUM 2. FENNER CONVEYOR BELTING PVT. LTD. |
| 6 | MSME - Diamond | IRMRA-Best business associate (MSME- Diamond) | 1. BURCKHARDT COMPRESSION (INDIA) PVT. LTD 2. GVS CIBATECH PVT. LTD 3. SOMI CONVEYOR BELTING LTD 4. BOSTIK INDIA PVT.LTD. |
| 7 | MSME - Gold | IRMRA-Best business associate (MSME- Gold) | NIL |
| 8 | MSME - Silver | IRMRA-Best business associate (MSME- Silver) | 1. TRICON INDIA PVT. LTD 2. RAKSHA POLYCOATS PVT. LTD. |
