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Dear Sir,

Subject: Akzo Nobel CEO inaugurates Gwalior Plant

Further to our letter dated 01 October 2013, please find attached a press release issued today after the formal inauguration of our Gwalior plant by Akzo Nobel Group CEO Mr Ton Buchner.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,
for Akzo Nobel India Limited

R Guha
Company Secretary

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Press release

Oct 28, 2013

AkzoNobel opens new coatings plant in India

AkzoNobel has strengthened its manufacturing footprint in India by opening a new INR 140 crores, decorative paints plant in Gwalior, which will have an annual capacity of 55 million liters.

The eco-efficient Greenfield facility – AkzoNobel's sixth factory in India – will supply a range of decorative paints, and create improved distribution channels for the popular Dulux brand. The new site will also help speed up transportation time and reduce the cost of logistics.

Speaking at today's official inauguration, AkzoNobel CEO Ton Büchner said: "India plays an extremely important role in our growth strategy and the new Gwalior site underlines our commitment to creating a leading coatings powerhouse in India."

"As a global leader in sustainability, I'm also pleased that the plant has focused so heavily on energy, water and resource conservation, which will be vital in helping us to create more value from fewer resources."

Added Amit Jain, Managing Director of Akzo Nobel India: "The Gwalior plant will provide cost-effective access to key markets in the northern and central areas of India. This will greatly reinforce our strategy of expanding Dulux distribution, as well as improving customer service in these high growth regions."

The factory has been built on 9,000m² of land, with a greenbelt area of 9,000m², while sufficient infrastructure is in place to support future expansion plans. Provision has also been made to accommodate key suppliers, allowing for a smoother manufacturing process.

Special sustainability features include rainwater harvesting and energy efficient pumping systems, while 20 percent of the roofing area allows natural daylight to flood in, reducing the need for artificial lighting.

Akzo Nobel currently employs around 1,800 people in India.

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About Akzo Nobel India

Present in India for over 100 years and a significant player in the Paints industry. Over the years, it witnessed sustained expansion, growth and transformation. In 2008, the Company became a member of the AkzoNobel Group. Akzo Nobel India manufactures and markets a wide range of coatings covering Decorative, Powder, Marine, Protective, Automotive & Aerospace, Coil & Specialty Plastics as well as Specialty chemicals. Akzo Nobel India has manufacturing sites, offices and distribution network spread across the country. All its manufacturing facilities have state-of-the-art environmental management systems. Its commitment to Health, Safety, Environment & Security (HSE&S) has been amongst the best-in-class, with due care being taken to protect the people and the environment.
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