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PHILLIPS CARBON BLACK LIMITED

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The Secretary,
National Stock Exchange of India Ltd,
Exchange Plaza,
Bandra Kurla Complex,
Bandra East
Mumbai – 400 051.

29th May, 2012

Dear Sir,

Re: Press Release

Please find enclosed herewith a copy of Press Release on the outcome of Board Meeting held today.

This is for your information and record.

Yours faithfully,

For **PHILLIPS CARBON BLACK LIMITED**

K. Mukherjee
(Company Secretary)

Enclo : As above.

PRESS RELEASE

Operational Performance of FY12 compared to last year:

- Sales Volume increases by 2%
- EBIT levels at Rs 195 crores , same as last year.
- PAT drops by 25%

Projects Status:

- MOU signed with Tamilnadu Govt for setting up new carbon black & power plant
- Expansion of 12,000 MT of carbon black commissioned at Durgapur
- Expansion plan of 50,000 MT of soft line at Cochin progressing as per schedule
- Power plant of 8 MW at Mundra to commence on schedule

Phillips Carbon Black Limited (PCBL) is the largest producer of carbon black in India and 7th largest in the world having installed capacity of 410,000 MT and co-generation power capacity of 68.5 MW spread over four locations viz. Durgapur (in West Bengal), Mundra, Palej (in Gujarat) and Cochin (in Kerala). PCBL is continuing to be second fastest growing carbon black company in the world.

Net sales for the quarter has been at Rs 539.61 crores against Rs 443.27 crores of the same period last year, i.e increase of 22%. due to sales price increase on account of steep increase in raw material prices. The performance of the company has been impacted due to lower offtake by tyre companies and higher imports of carbon black in the country from China at dumping prices resulting in lower capacity utilization after commissioning of Mundra soft line in April 2011.

The debottlenecking at Durgapur has been successfully completed, increasing capacity by 12,000 MT of carbon black. Implementation of additional CPP of 8 MW at Mundra, and expansion of 50,000 MT of carbon black at Cochin are progressing as per schedule. All the projects are expected to be commissioned in next 3 months. Upon completion of aforesaid projects, PCBL's total power generation capacity will increase to 78.5 MW and carbon black capacity to 472,000 MT.

The project work at Vietnam is progressing as per schedule.
