



# GUJARAT ALKALIES AND CHEMICALS LIMITED

## PRESS NOTE

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The Board of Directors of GACL in their meeting held at Gandhinagar on 14<sup>th</sup> February, 2011 has approved the financial results for the third quarter ended on 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2010.

Shri Guruprasad Mohapatra, IAS, Managing Director of the Company stated that the Company has achieved Net Sales of ₹ 344.04 crore for the quarter ended on 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2010 against ₹ 309.38 crore in the corresponding quarter of the previous year. Net Sales for the nine months ended on 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2010 achieved at ₹ 1,022.45 crore against ₹ 971.86 crore in the corresponding period of the previous year. Shri Mohapatra said that this could be achieved despite keen competition.

The Profit Before Tax of third quarter is ₹ 18.30 crore as against ₹ 22.66 crore in the similar period of the previous year, which is mainly due to impact of erosion in price realizations for the Caustic Potash Group products in particular. Similarly, the Profit Before Tax is ₹ 62.09 crore for the nine months ended on 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2010, against ₹ 110.55 crore in the corresponding period of the previous year.

The Profit After Tax for the quarter remained at ₹ 19.19 crore as against ₹ 19.31 crore in the similar period of the previous year. Similarly, the Profit After Tax is ₹ 58.32 crore for the nine months ended on 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2010 as against ₹ 86.21 crore in the corresponding period of the previous year.

He further added that the financial ratios have improved significantly at the end of the third quarter as compared to the year ended on 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2010 :

- i) Price Earning Ratio - 13.15 times from 5.37 times
- ii) Current Ratio - 1.68 times from 1.56 times
- iii) Debt Equity ratio - 0.13 : 1 from 0.17 : 1 and
- iv) Book value per Share - ₹ 193.76 from ₹ 185.38

Shri Mohapatra further informed that during the current financial year, the Company has already commissioned 50 TPD Calcium Chloride Unit at Vadodara Complex and plans to commission 50 TPD Stable Bleaching Powder Project and expansion of Hydrogen Peroxide Unit from 38 TPD (100% Base) to 80 TPD (100% Base) at Dahej Complex, so as to further improve upon the top line and bottom line of the Company.

Shri Mohapatra informed that Company has added Toluene based products on job work basis like Benzyl Chloride, Benzaldehyde and Benzyl Alcohol in its product basket. The major activity of Aluminium Chloride expansion has been completed. This will enable the Company to meet additional export requirements. GACL aims to be a major player in the world with this expansion.

The Company's announced projects viz. 90 MW captive power project, 600TPD Chlor-Alkali expansion project, Hydrazine project and Polyols project involving an investment of about Rs.2,600 crore are progressing as scheduled and are expected to go on stream by FY 2014-15.

