



## CHAIRMAN'S SPEECH at the 94<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting on 29<sup>th</sup> September, 2021

Dear Members,

It is my privilege to address the 94th Annual General Meeting of Eastern Investments Limited

(EIL). On behalf of the Board of Directors, the Management and the Employees of the Company, I welcome you all to this AGM and I express my gratitude to all of you for your continuous trust, support and patronage.

The Annual Report, including Director's Report and the Audited Statements of Accounts along with Consolidated Accounts for the Year 2020-21 and the Notice have already been circulated to you and with your consent, I take them as read.

### Performance of the Company:

The income of the company is derived mainly from (i) Dividends from investments in shares of various companies including subsidiary companies OMDC and BSLC, (ii) Interest on term deposits with banks and deposits in bonds.

However, due to the existing financial position of The Orissa Minerals Development Company Limited and The Bisra Stone Lime Company Limited, no dividend was declared by these two Companies in the previous financial year, i.e 2019-20, therefore no dividend income was earned by Eastern Investments Limited from the Subsidiary Companies for the financial year 2020-21.

### Subsidiaries:

The Orissa Minerals Development Company Limited (OMDC) and The Bisra Stone Lime Company Limited (BSLC) are the subsidiaries of EIL.

#### The Orissa Minerals Development Company Limited (OMDC)

As there was no production and dispatch of Iron Ore and Manganese Ore during the year 2020-21, there was no operating income during this year and the main earning was interest from the term deposits. After payment of compensation for excess mining in the previous year the Fixed Deposits have reduced and the Finance Cost has increased leading the Company to incur net loss of Rs. (39.65) Cr. In the previous Financial Year a loss of Rs. (76.69) Cr was incurred. OMDC has been working towards resumption of mining operations in Bagiaburu, Belkundi & Bhadrāsahi mines.

#### The Bisra Stone Lime Company Limited (BSLC)

The company achieved turnaround during the year with a Net Profit of Rs.690.88 lakhs. This has been possible due to increase in production and sales. The Sales turnover of the Company during the year 2020-21 was Rs 84.14 Cr, 97% higher than Rs 42.65 Cr. in the previous year.

The company made a net profit of Rs. 6.91 Cr from a loss of Rs. (10.28) Cr. in the previous year. The accumulated loss came down to Rs. (235.51) Cr as on 31st March, 2021.



## Dividend for the year 2020-21:

Your Company has made a Net profit of Rs. 79.24 lacs and Net Worth is Rs. 27,119.25 lacs . But it includes an amount of 53.40 lacs from increase of market value of shares and benefit of Deferred Tax of Rs 33.03 lacs, so EIL has not earned any cash profit. Therefore, considering the same, your company will not pay any Dividend for the F.Y. 2020-21 as it has not earned any cash profit.

## Corporate Governance:

Your Company has put earnest efforts to achieve its objective of Corporate Governance by ensuring transparency in all its business transactions and strict compliance of regulatory and other guidelines of all government authorities. But in absence of Independent Directors on the Board we are not able to comply fully with the guidelines on Corporate Governance. However, we are in constant follow up with the Government to induct the requisite number of Independent Directors on the Board of the Company. Your Company always aims at:

- Complying all applicable laws both in letter and in spirit;
- Maintaining transparency in operation and a high level of disclosure.

A separate report on Corporate Governance along with Certificate on Compliance forms part of the Directors' Report.

## Consolidated Financial Statements:

The financial statements of your Company have been duly consolidated with its subsidiaries i.e. The Orissa Minerals Development Company Limited and The Bisra Stone Lime Company Limited in compliance with Section 129(3) of Companies Act

## Acknowledgement:

I am grateful to the various officials of the Government, especially from the Ministry of Steel and Ministry of Finance, Govt. of India and Govt. of Odisha for their co-operation and for their contribution towards the Company. With such continued support, I am sure, your Company will revive and turnaround at the earliest and contribute positively for better stakeholders' delight.

I also place on record my deep appreciation to our customers, suppliers, investors, partners, regulatory authorities and all others associated with the Company. Last but not the least; I would like to thank my colleagues on the Board who have given their valuable time and assistance in charting Company's progressive move.

I would also extend my sincere thanks to all our shareholders for the immense confidence you have reposed in the Company. I look forward to your continued support in the years to come.

**Thanking You and Jai Hind.**

**(Chairman)**

Place: Bhubaneswar  
Dated 29.09.2021