

BALDOTA GROUP'S UNFLINCHING COMMITMENT TO SUSTAINABILITY

MSPL Limited and Baldota Group have touched and improved the lives of people in and around Hospet, Karnataka and villages around their mines and wind farms. The group's belief in Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) resonates with the vision of their Founder Chairman, late Sri Abheraj H. Baldota, who believed in inclusive growth and strived for the health of communities alongside MSPL's growth. His ethos -

"I am not the owner of wealth, but a privileged trustee to serve the community with it"

continues to motivate the Baldota Group. The commitment, which started as social investment, has grown multifold over the years. MSPL Limited is the first mining company in India to publish sustainability report in accordance with GRI guidelines.

Baldota Group has adopted 18 villages around its mining area and wind farms to ensure a better quality life for the village people. While preparing the developmental initiatives, the Group considers 'family' as a unit and ensures benefit to each member.

Some of the highlights of the activities undertaken by the Group.

EDUCATION

- Encourage village children education by providing free notebooks, computers and trained teachers, organising special classes for students studying in 10th and 12th which is crucial for their educational attainment.
- Provide utensils, water, grain storage facility to 15 Pre-schools and six schools to facilitate Government's Mid Day Meals programme.
- Has instituted scholarship programme to encourage poor and talented students for their higher studies in Engineering and Medical disciplines.
- Running five Computer Training Centres for rural unemployed youth.
- Provided support to Sports meets organised by Education Department every year at Cluster and Taluk level.
- Assistance to construct a hostel for students at Danta.



HEALTH CARE AND SANITATION

ABCD: Established a super specialty Abheraj Baldota Cancer Detection Centre at Global Hospital, Mumbai. This centre is one-of-its-kind in the country and is installed with one of the latest endoscopy equipment to help early detection and cure of cancer ailments.

•BIDS: The Baldota Institute of Digestive Sciences (BIDS), India's premier Institute for Gastroenterology and GI Endoscopy located at Global Hospital Mumbai. So far, BIDS has treated 11,241 patients, provided subsidized treatment to 4,850 patients and its state-of-the-art technology enabled early detection of cancer in 933 patients.

- 1st Dedicated Acidity, Constipation, Stone and Cancer clinic.
- 1st to perform the special endoscopic procedure of Peroral Endoscopic Myotomy (POEM) for Achalasia Cardia in South East Asia.
- 1st Institute recognized by the Maharashtra University of Health Sciences to start fellowship course in advanced Endoscopy.
- 1st Institute to start the Indian College of Endoscopy to train young Gastroenterologists from India and abroad.
- Effective partnership with community resulted into a successful sanitation program in adopted villages. 1967 individual toilets have been constructed in 18 villages, where proper toilet facilities were not available, thus helping in reduction in open air defecation. Also constructed the drainage system to dispose waste water.
- Organised health, eye screening and operation camps in the villages on regular basis.
- Established Reverse Osmosis (RO) plants and provided

○ safe drinking water to seven villages, where there was acute shortage of potable water and with high levels of Fluoride. This project was implemented with 'Public-Private Partnership' (PPP).

○ HIV/AIDS awareness: Baldota Group has recognized the negative impact of HIV/AIDS on the community and economic activities. The Group has initiated an intervention programme targeting high risk group like truck drivers. The Group has supported more than 200 HIV Positive people for their supplementary food and medicines for a year.

○ Establishment of Smt. Vasantidevi Baldota Blood Bank to the needy people. The Blood Bank successfully completed ten years of dedicated service to the community of Hospet and its surrounding areas.

Today, the Blood Bank has come a long way since its inception, with a total of 46,005 Units of blood issued as on 31st March, 2013. The number of people availing the benefit of blood bank has increased year after year.



EMPOWERMENT OF WOMEN

- 107 Women's Self Help Groups (SHGs) were formed for women empowerment and to create alternative credit for 1,605 rural families and they were relieved from local money lenders.
- Provided revolving fund for SHGs of Rs.62,26,000.00 . Organised six months training to 670 women on tailoring and provided free Sewing machines to enable

them to generate income and also provided basic computer skills to 633 candidates.

- Created awareness about leadership and women rights.
- Assisted financially for 32 families to take up animal husbandry activities to enhance their family income.



SUPPORTING SOCIETY FOR WILDLIFE AND NATURE AND BNHS

MSPL actively supports local NGOs involved in the area of environmental protection and awareness. The Society for Wildlife and Nature (SWaN) is one of the main NGOs that Group supports. The main objective is to 'conserve wildlife and nature for sustainable human society'.

The Baldota Group has always supported the eco-friendly activities of "Bombay Natural History Society" (BNHS). The Group has sponsored the publication of "Important Bird Areas in India" (2004), "Potential & existing Ramsar Wetlands of India" (2007), "Threatened Birds of India" and "Birds of Hampi" in association with INTACH-Hampi. These publications will create awareness and bring sustainable solutions for the long term conservation of the threatened avifauna.

Under the aegis of MSPL, SWaN has founded 20 Nature Clubs in and around Hospet, initiating various awareness programs on nature and wildlife conservation.



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MSPL 'HASIRE USIRU'

MSPL has been sponsoring an interactive environmental awareness program in association with All India Radio (AIR), Hospet for the last six years. A 30-minute programme entitled 'MSPL Hasire Usiru' (Grow Greenery for Clean Breathing) is being broadcast on weekly basis. The program has been well received and is popular in Hospet and Koppal areas.

Baldota Group has demonstrated its concern for environmental health over a period of time and as a part of its Afforestation initiative, planted over 18,25,000 trees, transforming 190 hectares of harsh mining terrain into a lush green landscape.



PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENTS:

- A number of activities have been successfully completed by Baldota group in terms of development of children parks, widening and illumination of roads, construction of footpath, beautification of cross roads etc. in and around Hospet.
- Constructed a bus stop and a walk over bridge, near Vijayanagara College, Hospet.
- Established Public Parks in four places.



AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

- Jamnalal Bajaj Award for Fair Business Practices, Council for Fair Business Practices, 2006 & 2012
- NDTV Corporate Leadership Award, 2012
- Business World-FICCI-SEDF CSR Award, 2010
- FIMI-NMDC Social Awareness Award, 2011
- Lifetime Achievement Award, Federation of Indian Export Organisations, 2008
- Best Independent Power Producer under Wind Programme, Ministry of New and Renewable Energy, 2007.



UNWAVERING COMMITMENT:

Even though mining activity was suspended for three and half years, till January 2013, the group did not lay-off even a single employee from 2,540 strong workforce. The group neither reduced its annual CSR investment nor flinch from its commitment to environmental sustainability.

For more details, refer our CSR reports, visit www.mspllimited.com