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Bosch: Excelling in Safety & Environmental Performance

- World Environment Day observed across facilities in India
- A tradition of safety and environmental concern for over 100 years

Bangalore, June 12, 2006: Motor Industries Company Limited, a flagship of the Bosch Group in India recently announced the upgradation of the ISO 14001 certification in its four plants to comply with the latest 2004 version requirements. This certification is more stringent towards compliance to environment, safety and health protection. The 'Occupational Health & Safety, & Environmental protection' performance based on their relevant performance indicators have been exceptionally good during the year 2005 reaching an all-time high.

In the early 1970's, Bosch had setup a goal for itself, to make driving safer, more environment friendly and economical. The 3S program at Bosch – 'Sicher – safe', 'Sauber – clean' and 'Sparsam – economical' have been the guiding principle of all innovations from the Bosch portfolio until today. The 3S program has spurred the integration of environmental protection into the company's overall business strategy. The increasing acceptance of diesel as a clean fuel around the globe is the result of years of research pursued at Bosch.

According to Mr. M Lakshminarayan, Joint Managing Director, Motor Industries Co. Ltd. "The upgradation adds more responsibility on all of us to strive towards continued improvement in our performance. The company's performance with regards to being environment sensitive has been very good over the last four years."

Bosch's stringent internal norms and guidelines on occupational health and safety, fire and environmental protection ensure adherence to these requirements right from product design and development through manufacturing processes. Resource conservation, elimination of hazardous substances, reuse and recovery and environmentally sustainable manufacturing procedures are all an integral part.

The theme of this year's observance of World Environment Day (WED), "Deserts and Drylands" informs us all on the importance of caring for the world's vast areas of arid and semi-arid land. According to Mr. Lakshminarayan, "Community initiatives are very essential to improve the quality of the environment in which we live in. Our company has a strong role to play towards this."

In line with this, the Bangalore plant conducted a painting competition on the theme "Environment Protection" for employees' spouses, their children and for the neighboring schools. It also recognized and honored individuals and school teachers from rural areas who are rendering voluntary services to the environment. On this occasion, a booklet on "Clean Air for Bangalore," was also released. The Naganathapura plant observed the day with posters and banners displayed across its facility. The Nashik and Jaipur plants planted saplings within their premises in an effort to increase the tree population considerably.

Some of Bosch's initiatives towards Environment are:

- Prevention of contamination of soil and ground water
- Technologies like Reverse Osmosis and Ion Exchange processes employed for treatment and reuse of process waste water
- Sophisticated effluent treatment plants to treat process waste water
- Everyday, 763 thousand liters of treated effluent is reused for gardening and other secondary purposes
- The energy conservation measures taken during the year 2005 are estimated to save annually 2.28 Mio. kWh of electricity
- 4 Mio liters of rain water harvested at Jaipur plant during the year 2005

Other pollution control measures include:

- Ultra filtration plants separating oil from emulsion
- Air pollution control systems like scrubbers, mist collectors, electrostatic precipitators, bag filters, etc. are provided to control air emissions into the atmosphere from various processes
- Hazardous solid wastes generated are stored in concrete bunkers lined with leak proof HDPE sheets and designed as per Bosch guidelines
- Segregated recyclable solid wastes are sold to authorized vendors for recycling
- Incinerable solid wastes are disposed through state-of-the-art incinerators

About BOSCH

The Bosch Group is a leading global manufacturer of automotive and industrial technology, consumer goods, and building technology. In fiscal 2005, some 251,000 associates generated sales of 41.5 billion euros. Set up in Stuttgart in 1886 by Robert Bosch (1861-1942) as "Workshop for Precision Mechanics and Electrical Engineering," the Bosch Group today comprises a manufacturing, sales, and after-sales service network of more than 280 subsidiaries and more than 12,000 Bosch Service Centers in over 140 countries.

The special ownership structure of the Bosch Group guarantees its financial independence and entrepreneurial freedom. It makes it possible for the company to undertake significant up-front investments in the safeguarding of its future, as well as to do justice to its social responsibility in a manner reflective of the spirit and will of its founder. A total of 92% of the shares of Robert Bosch GmbH are held by the charitable foundation Robert Bosch Stiftung. The entrepreneurial ownership functions are carried out by Robert Bosch Industrietreuhand KG.

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About Motor Industries Company Limited

Motor Industries Company Limited is the flagship of the Bosch Group in India. Founded in 1951, it has grown over the years to become India's largest auto component manufacturer. It is also the largest Indo-German company.

The Bosch Group holds 60.55% stake in Motor Industries Company Limited. Access to state-of-the-art technologies from Bosch and a commitment to world-class quality have made it the country's largest manufacturer of Diesel Fuel Injection Equipment and one among the largest in the world. It is headquartered in Bangalore with facilities in Bangalore, Nashik, Naganathapura and Jaipur. All the 4 plants are TS 16949 and ISO 14001 certified. With strength of over 9800 associates, the company manufactures and trades products as diverse as fuel injection equipment, industrial equipment, auto-electricals, hydraulics, electric power tools, packaging machines, security systems and Blaupunkt car audio systems.

It has a strong after sales network spanning across 1000 towns and cities in India with over 4,000 authorised representations which ensure widespread availability of both products and after-sales services. As Bosch is focusing on India to develop it as a technology hub, the company is gearing up to meet the challenges.