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Gujarat Alkalies and Chemicals Limited

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30th August, 2024

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Dear Sir/Madam,

Reg.: 51st Annual Report of the Company for the Financial Year 2023-24 together with the Notice of 51st Annual General Meeting of the Company scheduled to be held on 26th September, 2024.

We submit herewith the 51st Annual Report of the Company for the Financial Year 2023-24 together with the Notice of 51st Annual General Meeting of the Company scheduled to be held on Thursday, the 26th September, 2024 at 11.30 a.m. through Video Conference (VC) / Other Audio Visual Means (OAVM).

The said Annual Report together with the Notice is also available on the Website of the Company at www.gacl.com.

A copy of 51st Annual Report is being emailed to all the Shareholders of the Company whose e-mail IDs are registered with the Company or R&T Agent or DPs.

Kindly take the above on record.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,

For GUJARAT ALKALIES AND CHEMICALS LIMITED

(S S BHATT)
COMPANY SECRETARY &
CHIEF GENERAL MANAGER (LEGAL, CC & CSR)

Encl. : as above

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51st Annual Report
2023-2024

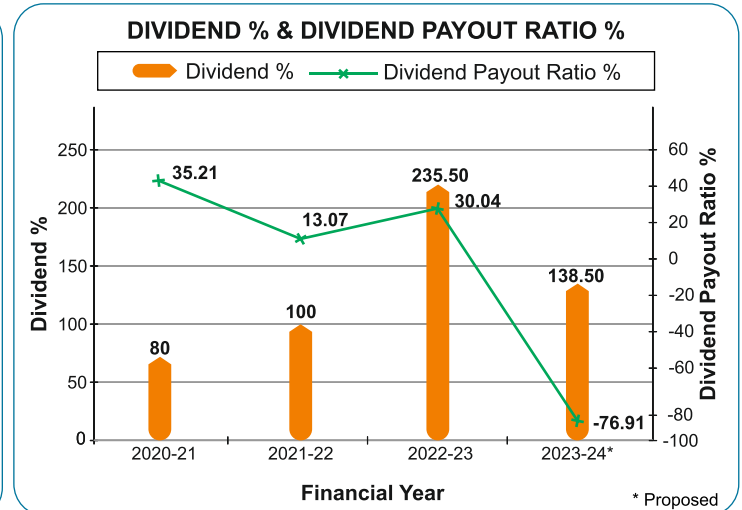
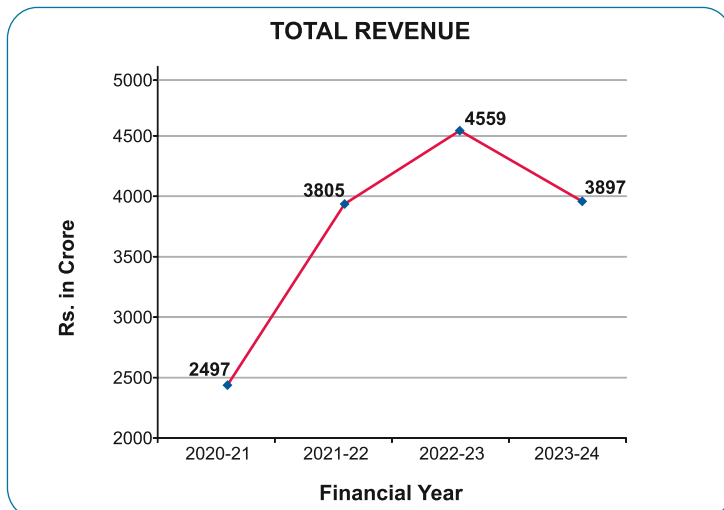
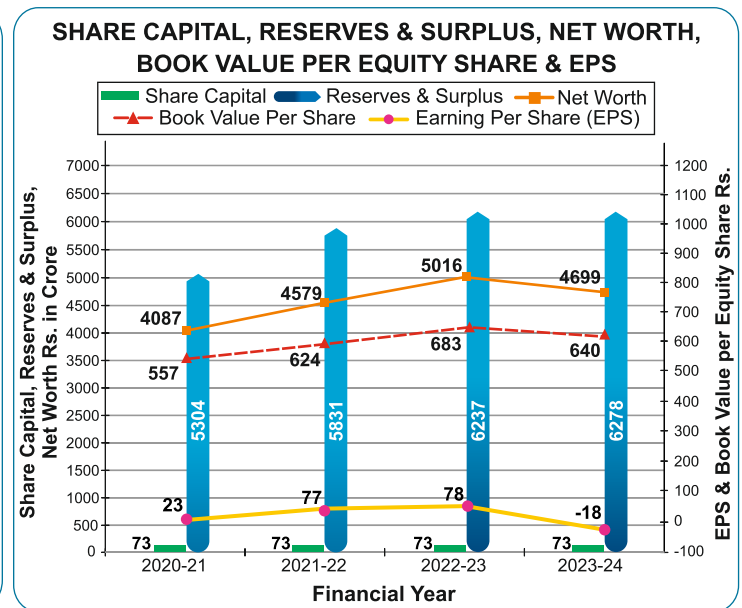
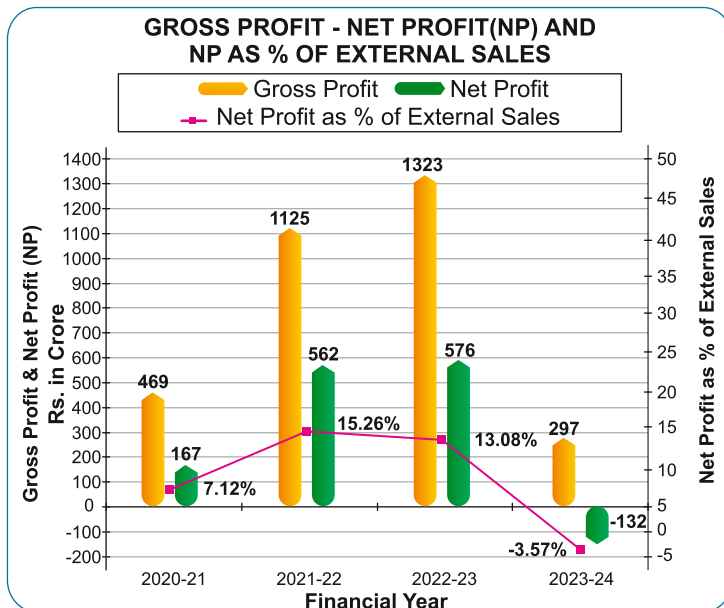
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MAIN PRODUCTS AND THEIR USERS

SR. NO.	PRODUCTS	PRODUCTION (MT)		INCREASE / (DECREASE) %	POTENTIAL END USERS
		2023-24	2022-23		
1.	Caustic Soda Lye	5,23,532	4,75,224	10.17	Soaps and Detergents, Rayon, Textiles, Pulp and Paper, Chemicals, Effluent Treatment, Pharmaceuticals, Dyes & Intermediates, Petroleum Refining, Alumina Integration, Polymer Industry.
2.	Caustic Soda Flakes / Prills	1,62,023	1,21,052	33.85	
3.	Potassium Hydroxide	42,070	39,739	5.87	
4.	Pottasium Carbonate	13,164	12,892	2.11	
5.	Caustic Potash Flakes	22,940	20,523	11.78	
6.	Chlorine Gas / Liquid	4,90,437	4,46,163	9.92	PVC, Chlorinated Paraffins, Pesticides and other chemicals, Hydrochloric Acid, Chloromethanes and Water Treatment.
7.	Hydrochloric Acid (30%)	4,05,644	3,73,174	8.70	Chemicals, Fertilizers, Water Treatment and Phosphoric Acid, Metal Treatment.
8.	Chloromethanes	1,24,839	75,657	65.01	Solvent, Fluorocarbon refrigerants, Pharmaceuticals, Aerosol Propellants, Paint Stripping.
9.	Phosphoric Acid (85%)	28,625	28,995	(1.28)	Phosphate salts and phosphating of metals, Pharmaceuticals and Fine Chemicals.
10.	Purified Phosphoric Acid Food Grade	10,490	-	-	Sugar Refining, Edible Oil Refining, Beverages Food Grade Phosphate.
11.	Hydrogen Peroxide (100%)	60,530	59,903	1.05	Textiles, Pulp and Paper, Chemicals, Pharmaceuticals, Pesticides, Dyes and Effluent Treatment.
12.	Hydrazine Hydrate	92	-	-	Pharmaceuticals, Agro Chemicals, Speciality Chemicals, Oxygen Scavengers and Rocket Propellants.
13.	Aluminium Chloride	47,400	48,712	(2.69)	Pesticides and Pharmaceuticals, Aromatic Chemicals, Friedel Crafts Reaction.
14.	Poly Aluminium Chloride (18%)	68,640	72,023	(4.70)	Water Treatment, Separation of slurry, Sizing in Paper Industry, Decolorisation & Decontamination of Dyes in Textile Industry and Sewage Water Treatment.
15.	Chlorinated Paraffin Wax	2,678	5,317	(49.63)	Secondary Plasticiser in PVC compounding for Pipes, Hoses, Cables, etc., Additive in Lubricating Oils and Paints.
16.	Chloro Tolune Products	10,650	220	4740.91	As general solvent for inks, paints, lacquers and epoxyresin, medication solution as preservative and photography industries, Vat Dyes, Pharmaceuticals.
17.	Stable Bleaching Powder	9,834	11,666	(15.70)	Bleaching agent in paper, textile industry, Household Bleaching / cleaning applications, Waste water Treatment and Sewage disposal, Oxidizing Agent and Disinfecting Agent.
18.	Sodium Chlorate	21,465	21,352	0.53	Bleaching agent in Pulp & paper industry & Manufacturing of Speciality Chemicals like Rocket Propellants.
19.	Anhydrous Sodium Sulphate	1,120	146	667.12	Detergent Industry, Pulp & Paper Processing, Food Industry, Textile Industry, Glass Industry, Pharma Industry.
TOTAL (1) to (19)		20,46,173	18,12,758	12.88	

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS (ON STANDALONE BASIS)

- Net External Sales of Rs.3,702.77 Crores during the year 2023-24 as against Rs.4,401.86 Crores in the previous year.
- EBITDA has decreased by 80.45% to Rs.226.10 Crores during the year 2023-24 from Rs.1,156.74 Crores in previous year.
- The Company incurred Loss of Rs.195.88 Crores during the year 2023-24 as against Profit Before Tax of Rs.861.19 Crores in previous year.
- Loss After Tax was Rs.132.24 Crores during the year 2023-24 as against Profit After Tax of Rs.575.70 Crores in previous year.





Responding to the Country's Needs with Strategic Expansions

As part of our strategic growth plan, we are pleased to announce the successful operation of several new plants, with some of them already at full capacity and others in the stabilization phase. A significant long-term initiative to enhance our in-house chlorine consumption is our 30 KTPA Chlorotoluenes Project at Dahej, which will produce a mix of benzyl chloride, benzaldehyde, and benzyl alcohol. This plant, currently under construction, is expected to be operational during FY 2024-25. To strengthen our position in the Caustic Soda market, we are upgrading our Caustic Soda Prills Plant at Dahej to increase production from 120 MT/day to around 200 MT/day, during FY 2024-25. Additionally, to fully utilize our Poly Aluminium Chloride (PAC) Plant at Vadodara, we are establishing a new PAC powder production facility at Coelho Complex, also expected to commence during FY 2024-25.



Greener Energy for the Future



At GACL, powering growth responsibly is integral to our corporate strategy. We have adopted various eco-friendly technologies and invested significantly in alternative energy sources, with a renewable energy capacity of 171.45 MW from wind power and 35 MW from solar power. To further optimize power costs, we are increasing our renewable energy capacity for captive use. A notable initiative includes a 75 MW Group Captive Solar Power Plant being developed in collaboration with GIPCL and GSFC, aimed at providing low-cost renewable energy. Additionally, we have entered into short-term agreements with M/s. NTPC Vidut Vyapar Nigam Limited (NVVNL) & Tata Power Trading Company Limited (TPTCL) to supply solar power, which will help reduce our energy expenses. We are also exploring partnerships with renewable energy developers for long-term captive Renewable Power.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS (AS ON 08.08.2024)

Dr. Hasmukh Adhia, IAS (Retd.)	Chairman
Dr. Rahul Gupta	Director
Shri Bimal Julka, IAS (Retd.)	Independent Director
Shri Rajiv Lochan Jain	Independent Director
Shri S B Dangayach	Independent Director (upto 08.08.2024)
Shri Nitin Shukla	Independent Director
Smt. Shridevi Shukla	Independent Director
Dr. Chinmay Ghoroi	Independent Director
Shri Swaroop P. IAS	Managing Director

COMPANY SECRETARY

Shri Sanjay S. Bhatt

CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

Shri Shailesh Damani

Shri Ram Gianani (upto 08.08.2024)

AUDITORS

Messrs K.C Mehta & Co LLP
Chartered Accountants
Vadodara

INTERNAL AUDITORS

Messrs Parikh Mehta & Associates
Chartered Accountants
Vadodara

COST AUDITORS

Messrs Y. S. Thakar & Co.
Cost Accountants in Practice
Vadodara

SECRETARIAL AUDITORS

Messrs Samdani Shah & Kabra
Company Secretaries in Practice
Vadodara

BANKERS

State Bank of India
IDBI Bank Ltd.
HDFC Bank Ltd.
Central Bank of India
AXIS Bank Ltd.
UCO Bank
Indian Bank

CIN : L24110GJ1973PLC002247

REGISTERED OFFICE

VADODARA COMPLEX AND COELHO COMPLEX :

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Dist. : Vadodara
GUJARAT (INDIA)
Phone : (0265) – 6111000/7119000

DAHEJ COMPLEX - 1 :

Village : Dahej - 392 130
Tal. : Vagra,
Dist. : Bharuch
GUJARAT (INDIA)
Phone : (02641) - 613100

DAHEJ COMPLEX - 2 :

Plot No. DII/9, GIDC Dahej,
PCPIR, Near GNFC-TDI Plant,
Village: Rahiad, Taluka: Vagra,
Dist.: Bharuch
Gujarat-392 130, India.

Company's Website : www.gacl.com

REGISTRAR & SHARE TRANSFER AGENT:

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**51st Annual General Meeting**Date : 26th September, 2024

Day : Thursday

Time : 11:30 a.m.

Through Video Conference/Other
Audio-Visual Means**Registered Office:**P.O. : Ranoli : 391 350,
Dist. : Vadodara
Gujarat, India**Vision**

To continue to be identified and recognized as a dynamic, modern and eco-friendly chemical company with enduring ethics and values.

Mission

- To manage our business responsibly and sensitively, in order to address the needs of our customers and stakeholders.
- To strive for continuous improvement in performance, measuring results precisely and ensuring GACL's growth and profitability through innovations.
- To demand from ourselves and others the highest ethical standards and to ensure products and processes to be of the highest quality.

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NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY given that the Fifty-First (51st) Annual General Meeting of the Shareholders of **GUJARAT ALKALIES AND CHEMICALS LIMITED (GACL)** will be held on Thursday, the 26th day of September, 2024 at 11:30 a.m. (IST) through Video Conferencing (“VC”) / Other Audio Visual Means (“OAVM”) to transact the following business:

ORDINARY BUSINESS :

1. To consider and adopt the (i) Audited Financial Statements of the Company for the Financial Year ended 31st March, 2024 together with the Reports of the Board of Directors and Auditors thereon; (ii) Audited Consolidated Financial Statements of the Company for the Financial Year ended 31st March, 2024 and the Report of Auditors thereon and in this regard, to consider and if thought fit, to pass with or without modification(s), the following resolutions as **Ordinary Resolutions** :
 - (i) **“RESOLVED THAT** the Audited Financial Statements of the Company for the Financial Year ended 31st March, 2024 together with the Reports of the Board of Directors and Auditors thereon, as circulated to the members, be and are hereby considered and adopted.”
 - (ii) **“RESOLVED THAT** the Audited Consolidated Financial Statements of the Company for the Financial Year ended 31st March, 2024 and the Report of Auditors thereon, as circulated to the members, be and are hereby considered and adopted.”
2. To declare Dividend on Equity Shares for the Financial Year ended 31st March, 2024 and, in this regard, to consider and if thought fit, to pass with or without modification(s), the following resolution as an **Ordinary Resolution** :

“RESOLVED THAT as recommended by the Board of Directors of the Company, a “Special Dividend” at the rate of Rs.13.85 per Equity Share (@138.50%) of Rs.10/- each fully paid-up, be and is hereby declared for the Financial Year ended 31st March, 2024 and the same be paid out of the free reserves of the Company.”
3. To appoint a Director in place of Dr. Hasmukh Adhia, IAS (Retd.) (DIN: 00093974) who retires by rotation at this Annual General Meeting and being eligible, offers himself for reappointment and in this regard, to consider and if thought fit, to pass with or without modification(s), the following resolution as an **Ordinary Resolution** :

“RESOLVED THAT in accordance with the provisions of Section 152 and other applicable provisions of the Companies Act, 2013, Dr. Hasmukh Adhia, IAS (Retd.) (DIN: 00093974), who retires by rotation at this Annual General Meeting, be and is hereby reappointed as a Director & Chairman of the Company.”

4. To consider and if thought fit, to pass with or without modification(s), the following Resolution as an **Ordinary Resolution** :

“RESOLVED THAT as per the provisions of Sections 139, 141, 142 and other applicable provisions, if any, of the Companies Act, 2013 and the Companies (Audit and Auditors) Rules, 2014 (including any statutory modification, amendment or enactment thereof, for the time being in force), M/s Prakash Chandra Jain & Co., Chartered Accountants, Vadodara (Firm Registration No. 002438C), be and are hereby appointed as the Statutory Auditors of the Company to hold office from the conclusion of this 51st Annual General Meeting (AGM) till the conclusion of 56th AGM i.e. for a period of five (5) consecutive years on such remuneration as may be approved by the Board of Directors of the Company, based on the recommendation of the Audit Committee plus reasonable out of pocket expenses incurred by them in connection with the audit of the Company.”

SPECIAL BUSINESS:

5. To consider and if thought fit, to pass with or without modification(s), the following Resolution as a **Special Resolution** :

“RESOLVED THAT pursuant to the provisions of Sections 149, 152, Schedule IV and other applicable provisions of the Companies Act, 2013 and the Rules made thereunder (including any statutory modification(s) and/or re-enactment(s) thereof for the time being in force) and Regulation 17, 25 and other applicable Regulations of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 (“SEBI Listing Regulations”), as amended from time to time, Shri Bimal Julka, IAS (Retd.) (DIN: 03172733) who was appointed as an Additional Director and also as an Independent Director with effect from 11th July, 2024 by the Board of Directors of the Company, based on recommendation of Nomination and Remuneration Committee and who holds the said office pursuant to the provisions of Section 161(1) of the Companies Act, 2013 and in respect of whom the Company has received a notice in writing from a Member pursuant to Section 160 of the Companies Act, 2013 signifying the intention to propose the candidature of Shri Bimal Julka, IAS (Retd.) for the office of Independent Director, be and is hereby appointed as an Independent Director of the Company, not liable to retire by rotation, to hold office for a term of five (5) consecutive years, effective from 11th July, 2024.”

6. To consider and if thought fit, to pass with or without modification(s), the following Resolution as a **Special Resolution** :

“RESOLVED THAT pursuant to the provisions of



Sections 149, 152, Schedule IV and other applicable provisions of the Companies Act, 2013 and the Rules made thereunder (including any statutory modification(s) and/or re-enactment(s) thereof for the time being in force) and Regulation 17, 25 and other applicable Regulations of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 ('SEBI Listing Regulations'), as amended from time to time, Dr. Chinmay Ghoroi, (DIN: 10697793) who was appointed as an Additional Director and also as an Independent Director with effect from 11th July, 2024 by the Board of Directors of the Company, based on recommendation of Nomination and Remuneration Committee and who holds the said office pursuant to the provisions of Section 161(1) of the Companies Act, 2013 and in respect of whom the Company has received a notice in writing from a Member pursuant to Section 160 of the Companies Act, 2013 signifying the intention to propose the candidature of Dr. Chinmay Ghoroi for the office of Independent Director, be and is hereby appointed as an Independent Director of the Company, not liable to retire by rotation, to hold office for a term of five (5) consecutive years, effective from 11th July, 2024."

7. To consider and if thought fit, to pass with or without modification(s), the following resolution as an **Ordinary Resolution** :

"RESOLVED THAT in accordance with the provisions of Section 148 and other applicable provisions, if any,

of the Companies Act, 2013 read with the Companies (Audit and Auditors) Rules, 2014 (including any statutory modification(s) and/or re-enactment(s) thereof for the time being in force), the remuneration as approved by the Board of Directors and set out in the statement annexed to the Notice, to be paid to M/s. Y. S Thakar & Co., Cost Accountants, Vadodara (Firm Registration No. 000318), the Cost Auditors appointed by the Board of Directors, on recommendation(s) of the Audit Committee to conduct the audit of Cost Records of the Company for the financial year commencing from 01.04.2024 and ending on 31.03.2025 be and is hereby ratified."

"RESOLVED FURTHER THAT the Board of Directors of the Company be and is hereby authorized to do all acts and take all such steps as may be necessary, proper or expedient to give effect to this resolution."

**By Order of the Board
for GUJARAT ALKALIES AND CHEMICALS LIMITED**

**Sd/-
SANJAY S. BHATT**
Company Secretary
& Chief General Manager (Legal, CC & CSR)

Place : Vadodara

Date : 8th August, 2024

ANNEXURE TO THE NOTICE OF THE 51ST ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

STATEMENT AS REQUIRED UNDER SECTION 102(1) OF THE COMPANIES ACT, 2013

The following explanatory statement set out all the material facts relating to Special Business mentioned in the Notice :

Item No. 4

The Shareholders of the Company at the 46th Annual General Meeting held on 27th September, 2019 had approved appointment of M/s. K C Mehta & Co., Chartered Accountants, Vadodara (Firm Registration No. 106237W) as the Statutory Auditors of the Company to hold office for a period of five (5) consecutive years from conclusion of 46th Annual General Meeting (AGM) till the conclusion of this 51st AGM. M/s. K C Mehta & Co LLP, Chartered Accountants, Vadodara will complete their present term on conclusion of 51st AGM in terms of the said approval and Section 139 of the Companies Act, 2013 ("the Act") read with the Companies (Audit and Auditors) Rules, 2014. The present remuneration of M/s. K C Mehta & Co LLP, Chartered Accountants, Vadodara for the Financial Year 2023-24 was Rs. 19.88 Lakhs for conducting the audit including out of pocket expenses excluding tax as applicable.

The Board of Directors of the Company, on the recommendation of the Audit Committee at their Meeting held on 30th May, 2024 have approved, appointment of M/s Prakash Chandra Jain & Co., Chartered Accountants (Firm Registration No. 002438C) as Statutory Auditors to carry out Statutory Audit and Limited Review of quarterly Financial Results of the Company, subject to the approval of Shareholders at this AGM for a term of five consecutive years from the conclusion of this 51st AGM up to the conclusion of 56th AGM. The total remuneration of Rs. 70.00 Lakhs plus applicable taxes and reasonable out of pocket expenses will be payable to M/s. Prakash Chandra Jain & Co., Chartered Accountants, Vadodara for the said term of five years.

The Company has received a consent letter from M/s Prakash Chandra Jain & Co., Chartered Accountants, Vadodara to the effect that their appointment if made, would be in accordance with the conditions prescribed under Section 139 (1) of the Companies Act, 2013 read with Rule 4 of the Companies (Audit and Auditors) Rules, 2014, and they are not disqualified for such appointment within the meaning of Section 141 of the said Act.

None of the Directors / Key Managerial Personnel of the Company and their relatives is/are, in any way, concerned or interested, financially or otherwise, in the aforesaid Resolution No.4 of the Notice.

This Statement may also be regarded as a disclosure under Regulation 36 (3) of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015.

The Board recommends the Resolution at Item No. 4 of the Notice for your approval.

Item No. 5

The Company has received a letter no. EPCD/0304/06/2024, dated 02.07.2024 from the Energy & Petrochemicals Department, Government of Gujarat for appointment of Shri Bimal Julka, IAS (Retd.) (DIN: 03172733) as an Independent Director on the Board of the Company.

Based on the recommendation of the Nomination and Remuneration Committee ('NRC'), the Board of Directors appointed Shri Bimal Julka, IAS (Retd.) as an Additional Director of the Company and also as an Independent Director not liable to retire by rotation, for a term of five consecutive years, i.e., from 11th July, 2024 to 10th July, 2029 (both days inclusive), subject to approval by the Members.

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 161(1) of the Companies Act, 2013 ('the Act') Shri Bimal Julka, IAS (Retd.) shall hold office up to the date of 51st AGM and is eligible to be appointed as an Independent Director. The Company has, in terms of Section 160(1) of the Act, received in writing, a notice from a Member, proposing Shri Bimal Julka's candidature for the office of Director.

Shri Bimal Julka, IAS (Retd.) has given his declaration to the Board, inter alia, that (i) he meets the criteria of independence as provided under Section 149(6) of the Act and the rules made thereunder, and Regulation 16(1) (b) of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 ('SEBI Listing Regulations'), (ii) is not restrained from acting as a Director by virtue of any Order passed by SEBI or any such authority and (iii) is eligible to be appointed as a Director in terms of Section 164 of the Act and (iv) he is not aware of any circumstance which exists or may be reasonably anticipated that could impair or impact his ability to discharge his duties with an objective independent judgement and without any external influence. He has also given his consent to act as a Director.

Brief profile of Shri Bimal Julka, IAS (Retd.) along with other details as required pursuant to Regulations 26 (4) & 36 (3) of SEBI Listing Regulations and Secretarial Standards as applicable is given in the **Annexure-I** forming part of this Notice.

The terms and conditions of appointment of Independent Director applicable to Shri Bimal Julka, IAS (Retd.) is available on the Website of the Company at www.gacl.com.

It is recommended to appoint Shri Bimal Julka, IAS (Retd.) as the Independent Director of the Company. In the opinion of the Board, Shri Bimal Julka, IAS (Retd.) fulfills the conditions specified in the Companies Act, 2013 and Rules made thereunder. Shri Bimal Julka's, IAS (Retd.) association would be of immense benefit to the Company and it is desirable to avail the services of Shri Bimal Julka, IAS (Retd.) as an Independent Director.



Except Shri Bimal Julka, IAS (Retd.), none of the other Directors / Key Managerial Personnel of the Company and his relatives is/are, in any way, concerned or interested, financially or otherwise, in the aforesaid Resolution No. 5 of the Notice. This Statement may also be regarded as a disclosure under Regulation 36 (3) of the SEBI Listing Regulations.

The Board recommends the Resolution at Item No. 5 of the Notice for your approval.

Item No. 6

The Company has received a letter no. EPCD/0304/06/2024, dated 02.07.2024 from the Energy & Petrochemicals Department, Government of Gujarat for appointment of Dr. Chinmay Ghoroi (DIN: 10697793) as an Independent Director on the Board of the Company.

Based on the recommendation of the Nomination and Remuneration Committee ('NRC'), the Board of Directors appointed Dr. Chinmay Ghoroi, as an Additional Director of the Company and also as an Independent Director not liable to retire by rotation, for a term of five consecutive years, i.e., from 11th July, 2024 to 10th July, 2029 (both days inclusive), subject to approval by the Members.

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 161(1) of the Companies Act, 2013 ('the Act') Dr. Chinmay Ghoroi shall hold office up to the date of 51st AGM and is eligible to be appointed as an Independent Director. The Company has, in terms of Section 160(1) of the Act, received in writing, a notice from a Member, proposing Dr. Ghoroi's candidature for the office of Director.

Dr. Chinmay Ghoroi has given his declaration to the Board, inter alia, that (i) he meets the criteria of independence as provided under Section 149(6) of the Act and the rules made thereunder, and Regulation 16(1)(b) of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 ('SEBI Listing Regulations'), (ii) is not restrained from acting as a Director by virtue of any Order passed by SEBI or any such authority and (iii) is eligible to be appointed as a Director in terms of Section 164 of the Act and (iv) he is not aware of any circumstance which exists or may be reasonably anticipated that could impair or impact his ability to discharge his duties with an objective independent judgement and without any external influence. He has also given his consent to act as a Director.

Brief profile of Dr. Chinmay Ghoroi along with other details as required pursuant to Regulations 26 (4) & 36 (3) of SEBI Listing Regulations and Secretarial Standards as applicable is given in the **Annexure-I** forming part of this Notice.

The terms and conditions of appointment of Independent Director applicable to Dr. Chinmay Ghoroi is available on the Website of the Company at www.gacl.com.

It is recommended to appoint Dr. Chinmay Ghoroi as the Independent Director of the Company. In the opinion of the

Board, Dr. Chinmay Ghoroi fulfills the conditions specified in the Companies Act, 2013 and Rules made thereunder. Dr. Chinmay Ghoroi's association would be of immense benefit to the Company and it is desirable to avail the services of Dr. Chinmay Ghoroi as an Independent Director.

Except Dr. Chinmay Ghoroi, none of the other Directors / Key Managerial Personnel of the Company and their relatives is/are, in any way, concerned or interested, financially or otherwise, in the aforesaid Resolution No. 6 of the Notice. This Statement may also be regarded as a disclosure under Regulation 36 (3) of the SEBI Listing Regulations.

The Board recommends the Resolution at Item No. 6 of the Notice for your approval.

Item No. 7

The Board of Directors at its Meeting held on 30.05.2024 have, on the recommendation of the Audit Committee at its Meeting held on 30.05.2024 subject to any other approval(s), approved the appointment of M/s. Y. S Thakar & Co., Cost Accountants, Vadodara (Firm Registration No. 000318) as Cost Auditors of the Company to conduct the Audit of the Cost Records of the Company for the financial year commencing from 01.04.2024 and ending on 31.03.2025 at a remuneration of Rs.3,19,000/- per annum plus applicable GST.

In accordance with the provisions of Section 148 of the Companies Act, 2013 read with the Companies (Audit and Auditors) Rules, 2014, the remuneration payable to M/s. Y. S Thakar & Co., Cost Auditor, as recommended by the Audit Committee and approved by the Board is required to be ratified by the Members of the Company.

Accordingly, ratification by the Members is sought for the remuneration payable to the Cost Auditor for the financial year commencing from 01.04.2024 and ending on 31.03.2025 by passing Ordinary Resolution as set out at Item No. 7 of the Notice.

None of the Directors / Key Managerial Personnel of the Company and their relatives is/are, in any way, concerned or interested, financially or otherwise, in the Resolution.

The Board recommends the Resolution at Item No. 7 of the Notice for your approval.

**By Order of the Board
for GUJARAT ALKALIES AND CHEMICALS LIMITED**

**Sd/-
SANJAY S. BHATT**

Company Secretary
& Chief General Manager (Legal, CC & CSR)

Place : Vadodara

Date : 8th August, 2024

NOTES:

1. The Ministry of Corporate Affairs (“MCA”) has vide its General Circular Nos. 14/2020 dated April 8, 2020 and 17/2020 dated April 13, 2020, in relation to “Clarification on passing of ordinary and special resolutions by companies under the Companies Act, 2013 and the rules made thereunder on account of the threat posed by COVID-19”, General Circular Nos. 20/2020 dated May 5, 2020, 02/2021 dated January 13, 2021, 21/2021 dated December 14, 2021, 02/2022 dated May 5, 2022, 10/2022 dated December 28, 2022 and 09/2023 dated September 25, 2023 in relation to “Clarification on holding of annual general meeting (AGM) through Video Conferencing (VC) or Other Audio Visual Means (OAVM)”, (collectively referred to as “MCA Circulars”) permitted the holding of the Annual General Meeting (“AGM”) through VC/OAVM, without the physical presence of the Members at a common venue. In accordance with the aforementioned MCA Circulars, provisions of the Companies Act, 2013 (“the Act”) and the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 (“SEBI Listing Regulations”), as amended from time to time, the 51st AGM of the Company will be held through VC /OAVM. The deemed venue for the AGM shall be Registered Office of the Company.
2. **A Member entitled to attend and vote at the Annual General Meeting (“the meeting”) is also entitled to appoint a proxy to attend and vote on a poll instead of himself and a proxy need not be a member of the Company. Since, this AGM is being held pursuant to the MCA Circulars, through VC/OAVM, Physical attendance of Members have been dispensed with. Accordingly, the facility for appointment of proxies by the Members will not be available for AGM and hence the Proxy Form and Attendance Slip are not annexed to this Notice.**
Institutional / Corporate Members are requested to send a scanned copy (PDF / JPEG format) of the Board Resolution authorizing its representatives to attend and vote at the AGM, pursuant to Section 113 of the Companies Act, 2013, at cosec@gacl.co.in.
3. In compliance with the MCA Circulars and SEBI’s Circulars, Notice of AGM along with Annual Report 2023-24 is being sent only through electronic mode to those Members whose E-mail addresses are registered with the Company/Depositories. Members may note that the Notice along with Annual Report 2023-24 has been uploaded on the website of the Company at www.gacl.com and on the websites of the Stock Exchanges at www.bseindia.com and www.nseindia.com and on the website of CDSL at www.evotingindia.com.
4. Members attending AGM through VC/OAVM shall be counted for the purpose of reckoning quorum under Section 103 of the Act.
5. Since the AGM will be held through VC/OAVM, the route map of the venue of the meeting is not annexed hereto.
6. A Statement pursuant to Section 102(1) of the Companies Act, 2013, in respect of business under Item No. 4 to 7 is annexed to the Notice.
The particulars of qualification, experience and other Directorships etc. of the Director proposed to be appointed / reappointed are given in the **Annexure - I** forming part of this Notice.
7. The Register of Members and Share Transfer Books of the Company shall remain closed from Friday, 20th September, 2024 to Thursday, 26th September, 2024 (both days inclusive).
8. The dividend on equity shares, if declared at the AGM, will be paid on or after Monday, 30th September, 2024 to the Members, whose names appear in the Register of Members / list of Beneficial Owners as on 19th September, 2024 i.e. the date prior to the commencement of book closure.
Effective from April 1, 2024, SEBI has mandated that the shareholders, who hold shares in physical mode and whose folios are not updated with (i) PAN (ii) Contact Details (iii) Mobile Number (iv) Bank Account Details and (v) Signature, shall be eligible to get dividend only in electronic mode. Accordingly, payment of Dividend, subject to approval at the AGM, shall be made to physical holders only after the above details are updated in their folios. Shareholders are requested to complete these details by writing to the Company’s RTA, Link Intime India Pvt. Ltd. at vadodara@linkintime.co.in. The forms for updating the same are available at <https://liiplweb.linkintime.co.in/KYC-downloads.html>. The said forms are also available at the website of the Company at <https://gacl.com/update-register-e-mail-pan-nomination-download-forms/>
9. (a) Members holding shares in electronic form may note that their bank details as may be furnished to the Company by respective Depositories will only be considered for remittance of dividend through NECS/ECS. Beneficial Owners holding Shares in demat form are requested to get in touch with their Depository Participants (DP) to update / correct their NECS/ ECS details to avoid any rejections and also give instructions regarding change of address, if any, to their DPs. It is requested to attach a photocopy of a cancelled cheque with your instructions to your DP.
(b) The Company has appointed Link Intime India Pvt. Ltd. as Registrar and Share-Transfer Agent (R&T Agent). Members are requested to send all future correspondence to the Link Intime India Pvt. Ltd. “Geetakunj”, 1, Bhakti Nagar Society, Behind ABS Tower, Old Padra Road, Vadodara, Gujarat - 390015. Members holding shares in physical mode are requested to notify immediately any change in their addresses, the Bank mandate or Bank details along with required



forms viz. Forms ISR-1, ISR-2, ISR-3 / SH-13 and supporting documents to the R&T Agent of the Company.

(c) Shareholders holding shares in physical form are requested to update/register their PAN, Nomination, Contact Details i.e. Postal address with PIN, Mobile number, E-mail address, Bank Account details and Specimen Signature by providing form ISR-1, ISR-2, ISR-3 / form SH-13 complete in all respects along with other required documents as prescribed in these forms. These forms are available on the website of the Company at <https://gacl.com/update-register-e-mail-pan-nomination-download-forms/> and also available on the website of Share Transfer Agent viz. <https://iiplweb.linkintime.co.in/KYC-downloads.html>. The said forms can be submitted by any one of the following modes:-

- (i) Sending hard copy of the said forms along with required documents to our RTA, Link Intime India Private Limited at C-101, 247 Park, L.B.S. Marg, Vikhroli (West), Mumbai - 400083, Unit: Gujarat Alkalies and Chemicals Limited; or
- (ii) In person verification (IPV) of the said forms and required documents at the office of our RTA, Link Intime India Private Limited at "Geetakunj", 1, Bhakti Nagar Society, Behind ABS Tower, Old Padra Road, Vadodara, Gujarat - 390015; or
- (iii) Through electronic mode, by downloading and filling the said forms with e-sign. The required documents should be uploaded at the website of the RTA of the Company at <https://web.linkintime.co.in/KYC/index.html>. Procedure for uploading is available at the said link.

Shareholders holding shares in dematerialized mode are also requested to update/register their KYC details including email address with the Depository Participants (DP).

10. The payment of unencashed dividend shall be made only after receipt of final list of unclaimed dividend and reconciliation of Dividend Account from Bank. The payment of unclaimed dividend will be made by electronic bank transfer or in case of failure/rejection, by issuing banker's cheque or Demand Draft incorporating the bank accounts details of security holder after receipt of required forms and supporting documents as mentioned in above notes by the Shareholder and verification thereof by the R & T Agent of the Company.

Pursuant to the Finance Act, 2020, dividend income is taxable in the hands of shareholders w.e.f. 1st April, 2020 and Company is required to deduct tax at source on payment of dividend at the prescribed rates. The Shareholders are requested to refer the Finance Act, 2020 and amendments thereof for

prescribed rates for various categories of shareholders. Shareholders may submit their forms for non-deduction of tax at source (TDS) viz. 15G/15H/10F and other relevant documents with RTA of the Company at <https://www.linkintime.co.in/formsreg/submission-of-form-15g-15h.html> latest by 5th September, 2024. For any query shareholder can send E-mail to vadodara@linkintime.co.in

11. (a) Pursuant to the provisions of Section 124(5) of the Companies Act, 2013 read with the Investor Education and Protection Fund Authority (Accounting, Audit, Transfer and Refund) Rules, 2016 as amended (hereinafter referred to as "IEPF Rules"), the Company has transferred the unclaimed dividend under Section 124 (5) of the Act to Investor Education and Protection Fund (IEPF) as detailed below:

Financial Year	Date of			
	Declaration of Dividend	Transferred to Un-paid Dividend A/c.	Transferred to IEPF	Amount Transferred (Rs.)
2015-16	29.09.2016	02.11.2016	09.11.2023	21,29,756.00

(b) Attention of the Members is drawn to the provisions of Section 124 (6) of the Act which requires the Company to transfer all Shares in respect of which dividend has not been paid or claimed for seven (07) consecutive years or more to IEPF Authority.

In accordance with the aforesaid provision of the Act read with the Investors Education and Protection Fund Authority (Accounting, Audit, Transfer and Refund) Rules, 2016, as amended, the Company has transferred 33,147 Equity Shares of 461 Shareholders of the Company in respect of which dividend declared for the Financial Year 2015-16 has remained unclaimed or unpaid for a period of seven (07) consecutive years or more through Corporate Actions to the Demat Account of IEPF Authority.

(c) The Members who have not encashed dividend warrant(s) for the years 2016-17, 2017-18, 2018-19, 2019-20, 2020-21, 2021-22 and 2022-23 are requested to claim payment immediately by registering the PAN, KYC details and nomination with Company's R&T Agent, Link Intime India Pvt. Ltd. at the modes specified above. After seven years, unclaimed dividend shall be transferred to the Investor Education and Protection Fund. Pursuant to provisions of the Investor Education and Protection Fund Authority (Accounting, Audit, Transfer and Refund) Rules, 2016, as amended, the details of unclaimed dividend amount lying with the Company as on 31.03.2023 has been uploaded on the Company's website www.gacl.com and also filed with the Ministry of Corporate Affairs.

12. Any person, whose unclaimed dividend or shares have been transferred to the IEPF Authority may claim back the same by making an application in Form IEPF 5 to the IEPF Authority, which is available on Website of IEPF

Authority at www.iepf.gov.in.

13. As on 31.03.2024, Share Certificates for 354 shares of 10 shareholders / allottees (returned undelivered by Post) are lying in Unclaimed Shares Suspense Account with the Stock Holding Corporation of India Ltd. (SHCIL), Vadodara in Demat form. As per SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) (Fourth Amendment) Regulations, 2018 and SEBI Circular No. PR No.: 51/2018 dated 3rd December, 2018 transfer of shares in physical mode were allowed up to 31.03.2019 and w.e.f. 01.04.2019, transfer of shares of Listed Company can only be affected in the dematerialized form.
14. Pursuant to the provisions of Section 72 of the Companies Act, 2013, Shareholders are entitled to make nomination in respect of the shares held by them in physical form. Shareholders desirous of making nominations are requested to send their requests in Form SH-13 (which is available at https://gacl.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/12/4b28a_form_sh_13.pdf) to the R&T Agent, Link Intime India Pvt. Ltd. at the address given above.
15. **Members who have not registered their E-mail addresses so far are requested to register their e-mail address for receiving all communication including Annual Report, Notices, Circulars, etc. from the Company electronically.**
16. Members who would like to seek any information on any matter to be placed at AGM with regard to Audited Annual Accounts or any other proposed Resolution(s) during the Meeting or would like to express their views, may register themselves as a speaker by sending their request from their registered E-mail address mentioning their name, DPID/Client ID/Folio number, PAN, Mobile Number at cosec@gacl.co.in on or before 14th September, 2024. Only those Members who have registered themselves as a speaker will be allowed to express their views/ask questions during the AGM. The Members who do not wish to speak during the AGM but have queries may send their queries in advance on or before 14th September, 2024 mentioning their name, Demat Account Number/Folio Number, e-mail ID, Mobile Number at cosec@gacl.co.in. The Company will reply to these queries suitably.

Inspection of documents:

All documents referred to in this Notice and Statement u/s. 102 of the Act will be available for inspection electronically by the Members of the Company from the date of circulation of this Notice upto the date of the AGM. Members seeking to inspect such documents may send an e-mail to cosec@gacl.co.in.

17. The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has mandated the submission of Permanent Account Number (PAN) by every participant in securities market. Members holding shares in electronic form are, therefore, requested to submit their PAN to their Depository Participants with whom they are maintaining their demat accounts. Members holding shares in physical form should submit their PAN to the Company / R&T Agent.

18. Procedure for Remote E-Voting, Attending the AGM through Video Conference/Other Audio Visual Means (VC/OAVM) and E-Voting facility during the AGM.

A. E-Voting facility:

- I. Pursuant to the provisions of Section 108 of the Companies Act, 2013, read with Rule 20 of the Companies (Management and Administration) Rules, 2014 as amended from time to time and Regulation 44 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 read with SEBI Circular on e-Voting facility provided by Listed Entities dated December 9, 2020 and the General Circulars issued by the Ministry of Corporate Affairs dated April 08, 2020, April 13, 2020, May 05, 2020, January, 13, 2021, December 14, 2021, May 05, 2022, December 28, 2022 and September 25, 2023 the Company is providing facility for voting by electronic means ("e-Voting") and the business in respect of all Shareholders' Resolutions may be transacted through such e-Voting. The facility is provided to the Shareholders to exercise their rights to vote by electronic means from a place other than the venue of AGM ("remote e-Voting") as well as e-Voting system on the date of AGM through e-Voting services provided by Central Depository Services (India) Limited (CDSL).

The Members who would have already cast their votes by remote e-Voting prior to the AGM date may attend the meeting through VC/OAVM but shall not be entitled to cast their votes again.

- II. The Company has fixed Thursday, 19th September, 2024 as a cut-off date to record the entitlement of the Shareholders to cast their votes electronically by remote e-Voting as well as by e-Voting system on the date of AGM.
- III. The remote e-Voting period commences on Monday, 23rd September, 2024 (09:00 a.m.) and ends on Wednesday, 25th September, 2024 (05:00 p.m.). During this period, Shareholders of the Company holding shares either in physical form or in dematerialized form as on the cut-off date, i.e., 19th September, 2024 may cast their vote electronically. The e-Voting module shall be disabled by CDSL for voting after 5:00 p.m. on 25th September, 2024. Once the vote on a resolution is cast by the Member, he/she shall not be allowed to change it subsequently.
- IV. Any person, who become Member of the Company after dispatch of the Notice of the meeting and holding shares as on the cut-off date i.e. Thursday, 19th September, 2024 may obtain USER ID and password by following e-Voting instructions which is part of Notice and the same is also placed in e-Voting Section of CDSL Website i.e. www.cdslindia.com / www.evotingindia.com and Company's Website i.e. www.gacl.com. For further



guidance, Members are requested to send their query by E-mail at helpdesk.evoting@cdslindia.com.

- V. In terms of SEBI Circular No. SEBI/HO/CFD/CMD/CIR/P/2020/242 dated December 9, 2020 on e-Voting facility provided by Listed Companies, Individual shareholders holding securities in demat mode are allowed to vote through their demat

account maintained with Depositories / Websites of Depositories and Depository Participants. Shareholders are advised to update their mobile number and email ID in their demat accounts in order to access e-Voting facility.

B. PROCEDURE FOR REMOTE E-VOTING AND FOR JOINING AGM THROUGH VC/OAVM – FOR

INDIVIDUAL SHAREHOLDERS HOLDING SECURITIES IN DEMAT MODE:

Type of shareholders	Login Method
<p>A. Individual Shareholders holding securities in demat mode with CDSL</p>	<p>a) Users already registered for CDSL’s Easi / Easiest facility may follow the following procedure :</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Users who have opted for CDSL Easi / Easiest facility, can login through their existing user id and password. Option will be made available to reach e-Voting page without any further authentication. The URL for users to login to Easi / Easiest are https://web.cdslindia.com/myeasitoken/Home/Login or visit www.cdslindia.com and click on Login icon and select New System Myeasi. 2) After successful login the Easi / Easiest user will be able to see the e-Voting option for eligible companies where the e-voting is in progress as per the information provided by the Company. On clicking the e-voting option, the user will be able to see e-Voting page of the e-Voting service provider for casting of vote during the remote e-Voting period or joining AGM through VC/OAVM & voting during the AGM. Additionally, there is also links provided to access the system of all e-Voting Service Providers i.e. CDSL/NSDL/KARVY/LINKINTIME, so that the user can visit the e-Voting service providers’ website directly. 3) If the user is not registered for Easi/Easiest, option to register is available at https://web.cdslindia.com/myeasitoken/Home/Login. <p>b) User may directly access the e-Voting module of CDSL as per the following procedure :</p> <p>The user can directly access e-Voting page by providing Demat Account Number and PAN No. from a e-Voting link available on www.cdslindia.com home page or click on https://evoting.cdslindia.com/Evoting/EvotingLogin.</p> <p>The system will authenticate the user by sending OTP on registered Mobile & Email as recorded in the Demat Account. After successful authentication, user will be able to see the e-Voting option where the e-voting is in progress and also able to directly access the system of all e-Voting Service Providers.</p>
<p>B. Individual Shareholders holding securities in demat mode with NSDL</p>	<p>a) Users already registered for NSDL’s IDeAS facility may follow the following procedure :</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) If you are already registered for NSDL IDeAS facility, please visit the e-Services website of NSDL. Open web browser by typing the following URL: https://eservices.nsd.com either on a Personal Computer or on a mobile. 2) Once the home page of e-Services is launched, click on the “Beneficial Owner” icon under “Login” which is available under ‘IDeAS’ section. 3) A new screen will open. You will have to enter your User ID and Password. 4) After successful authentication, you will be able to see e-Voting services. Click on “Access to e-Voting” under e-Voting services and you will be able to see e-Voting page. 5) Click on company’s name “Gujarat Alkalies and Chemicals Limited” or e-Voting service provider’s name.

	<p>On clicking any of the links, you will be re-directed to e-Voting service provider's website for casting your vote during the remote e-Voting period or joining AGM through VC/OAVM & voting during the AGM.</p> <p>b) Users not registered for NSDL's IDEAS facility may follow the following procedure :</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Option to register is available at https://eservices.nsd.com 2) Select "Register Online for IDEAS Portal" or click at https://eservices.nsd.com/SecureWeb/IdeasDirectReg.jsp 3) After successful registration, please follow steps given under Sr. No. B(a) above to cast your vote. <p>c) User may directly access the e-Voting module of NSDL as per the following procedure :</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Visit the e-Voting website of NSDL. Open web browser by typing the following URL: https://www.evoting.nsd.com/ either on a Personal Computer or on a mobile. 2) Once the home page of e-Voting system is launched, click on the icon "Login" which is available under 'Shareholder/Member' section. 3) A new screen will open. You will have to enter your User ID (i.e. your sixteen digit demat account number held with NSDL), Password/OTP and a Verification Code as shown on the screen. 4) After successful authentication, you will be redirected to NSDL Depository site wherein you can see e-Voting page. 5) Click on Company's name "Gujarat Alkalies and Chemicals Limited" or e-Voting service provider's name. On clicking any of the links, you will be redirected to e-Voting page of CDSL's website for casting your vote during the remote e-Voting period or joining AGM through VC/OAVM & voting during the AGM.
<p>C. Individual Shareholders (holding securities in demat mode) login through their Depository Participants</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) You can also login using the login credentials of your demat account through your Depository Participant registered with NSDL/CDSL for e-Voting facility. 2) After successful login, you will be able to see e-Voting option. 3) Once you click on e-Voting option, you will be redirected to NSDL/CDSL Depository site after successful authentication, wherein, you can see e-Voting features. 4) Click on Company's name "Gujarat Alkalies and Chemicals Limited" or e-Voting service provider's name and you will be re-directed to the e-Voting service provider's Website for casting your vote during the e-Voting period or joining AGM through VC/OAVM & voting during the AGM.

Important note: Members who are unable to retrieve User ID/Password are advised to use "Forget User ID" and "Forget Password" option available at abovementioned website(s).

Helpdesk for Individual Shareholders holding securities in demat mode for any technical issues related to login through Depository i.e. CDSL and NSDL.

Login type	Helpdesk details
Individual Shareholders holding Securities in Demat mode with CDSL	Members facing any technical issue in login can contact CDSL helpdesk by sending a request at helpdesk.evoting@cdslindia.com or contact at 1800 210 9911
Individual Shareholders holding Securities in Demat mode with NSDL	Members facing any technical issue in login can contact NSDL helpdesk by sending a request at evoting@nsdl.co.in or call at toll free no.: 1800 1020 990 and 1800 224 430



C. PROCEDURE FOR REMOTE E-VOTING AND FOR JOINING AGM THROUGH VC/OAVM – FOR (i) SHAREHOLDERS OTHER THAN INDIVIDUAL SHAREHOLDERS HOLDING SHARES IN DEMAT FORM; AND (ii) PHYSICAL SHAREHOLDERS.

1. The Shareholders should log on to the e-Voting Website www.evotingindia.com.
2. Click on “Shareholders” module.
3. Now, enter your User ID :
 - a. For CDSL: 16 digits beneficiary ID,
 - b. For NSDL: 8 Character DP ID followed by 8 Digits Client ID,
 - c. Members holding shares in Physical Form should enter Folio Number registered with the Company.
4. Next enter the Image Verification Code as displayed and Click on Login.
5. If you are holding shares in demat form and had logged on to www.evotingindia.com and voted on an earlier Voting of any company, then, your existing password is to be used.
6. If you are a first-time user, follow the steps given below:

	For Members holding shares in Demat Form other than individual
Permanent Account Number (PAN)	Enter your 10 digit alpha-numeric *PAN issued by Income Tax Department (Applicable for both Shareholders holding shares in demat as well as physical form). Members who have not updated their PAN with the Company/Depository Participant are requested to use the 10 Digits Sequence Number. The Sequence Number is communicated by e-mail indicated in the PAN field or contact Company / RTA.
Dividend Bank Details OR Date of Birth (DOB)	Enter the Dividend Bank Details or Date of Birth (in dd/mm/yyyy format) as recorded in your demat account or in the company records in order to login. If both the details (i.e. Dividend Bank Details and Date of Birth) are not registered with the Company or Depository, please enter the Member ID / Folio No. in the Dividend Bank details field mentioned in instruction (3) hereinabove.

7. After entering these details appropriately, click on “SUBMIT” tab.
8. Members holding shares in physical form will then directly reach the Company selection screen. However, Members holding shares in demat form will now reach ‘Password Creation’ menu wherein they are required to mandatorily enter their login password in the new password field. Kindly note that this password is to be also used by the demat holders for voting for resolutions of any other company on which they are eligible to vote, provided that company opts for e-voting through CDSL platform. It is strongly recommended not to share your password with any other person and take utmost care to keep your password confidential.
9. For Members holding shares in physical form, the details can be used only for e-Voting on the Resolutions contained in this Notice.
10. Click on the EVSN 240812023 for GUJARAT ALKALIES AND CHEMICALS LIMITED for which you choose to vote.
11. On the voting page, you will see “RESOLUTION DESCRIPTION” and against the same the option “YES/NO” for voting. Select the option YES or NO as desired by you. The option “YES” implies that you assent to the Resolution and option “NO” implies that you dissent to the Resolution.
12. Click on the “RESOLUTIONS FILE LINK” if you wish to view the entire Resolution details.
13. After selecting the resolution, you have decided to vote on, click on “SUBMIT”. A confirmation box will be displayed. If you wish to confirm your vote, click on “OK”, else to change your vote, click on “CANCEL” and accordingly modify your vote.
14. Once you “CONFIRM” your vote on the resolution, you will not be allowed to modify your vote.
15. You can also take a print of the votes cast by clicking on “Click here to print” option on the Voting page.
16. If a demat account holder has forgotten the login password then Enter the User ID and the image verification code and click on Forgot Password & enter the details as prompted by the system.
17. **Additional facility for Non – Individual Shareholders and Custodians – Remote e-Voting only:**
 - Non-Individual shareholders (i.e. other than Individuals, HUF, NRI etc.) and Custodians are required to log on to www.evotingindia.com and register themselves in the “Corporates” module.
 - A scanned copy of the Registration Form bearing the stamp and sign of the entity should be emailed to helpdesk.evoting@cdslindia.com.

- After receiving the login details a Compliance User will be created using the Admn. Login and Password. The Compliance User would be able to link the account(s) for which they wish to vote on.
- The list of accounts linked in the login should be mailed to helpdesk.evoting@cdslindia.com and on approval of the accounts they would be able to cast their vote.
- A scanned copy of the Board Resolution and Power of Attorney (POA) which they have issued in favour of the Custodian, if any, should be uploaded in PDF format in the system for the scrutinizer to verify the same.
- **Alternatively, Non Individual shareholders are required to send the relevant Board Resolution/ Authority letter etc. together with attested specimen signature of the duly authorized signatory who are authorized to vote, to the Scrutinizer and to the Company at the email address viz: cosec@gacl.co.in, if they have voted from individual tab & not uploaded same in the CDSL e-Voting system for the scrutinizer to verify the same.**

You can also update your mobile number and e-mail ID records with R&T Agent/Company (for physical shares) and with Depository Participants (for Demat Shares) before cut-off date i.e.19.09.2024, for e-Voting.

In case you have any queries or issues regarding e-Voting, you may refer the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) and e-Voting manual available at www.evotingindia.com under 'Help Section' or write an E-mail to helpdesk.evoting@cdslindia.com or contact at toll free no. 1800 210 9911.

All grievances connected with the facility for voting by electronic means may be addressed to Mr. Rakesh Dalvi, Manager, (CDSL) Central Depository Services (India) Limited, A Wing, 25th Floor, Marathon Futurex, Mafatlal Mill Compounds, N M Joshi Marg, Lower Parel (East), Mumbai : 400 013 or you may send an E-mail to helpdesk.evoting@cdslindia.com or call on 1800 210 9911.

D. Instructions for Shareholders for E-Voting during the AGM:

1. The procedure for e-Voting on the day of the AGM is same as the instructions mentioned in Points "A", "B" and "C" above for e-Voting.
2. Only those Shareholders, who are present in the AGM through VC/OAVM facility and have not casted their vote on the Resolutions through remote e-Voting and are otherwise not barred from doing so, shall be eligible to vote through e-Voting system available in the AGM.
3. If any Votes are cast by the Shareholders through the e-Voting available during the AGM and if the same shareholders have not participated in the meeting through VC/OAVM facility, then the votes cast by such shareholders shall be considered invalid as the facility of e-Voting during the meeting is available only to the shareholders participating in the meeting.
4. Shareholders who have voted through Remote e-Voting will be eligible to attend the AGM. However, they will not be eligible to vote at the AGM.
5. The voting rights of shareholders shall be in proportion to their shares of the paid-up equity share capital of the Company as on the cut-off date of 19th September, 2024.
6. Mr. Niraj Trivedi, Practicing Company Secretary, 218-221, Saffron Complex, Fatehgunj, Vadodara:390 002 (Gujarat) has been appointed as Scrutinizer to scrutinize the remote e-Voting process as well as the e-Voting system on the date of the AGM.
7. The result of the voting will be announced by the Chairman of the meeting within stipulated time as per the Scrutinizer's Report to be submitted to the Chairman. The results of voting will be communicated to the stock exchanges and will be placed on the CDSL's Website (under "Notices – Results section") i.e. www.evotingindia.com; on the Website of the Company i.e. www.gacl.com and also on the notice board of the Company.

E. Process for those Members whose E-mail IDs / Mobile No. are not registered:

1. For Members holding shares in Physical mode - please provide necessary details like Folio No., Name of Members by E-mail to vadodara@linkintime.co.in.
2. Members holding shares in Demat mode can get their E-mail ID / Mobile No. registered, which is mandatory while e-Voting and joining AGM through VC/OAVM, by contacting their respective Depository Participant.

F. Instructions for Members joining the AGM through VC/ OAVM:

1. The Members can join the AGM through VC/OAVM mode 15 minutes before and after the scheduled time of the commencement of the Meeting by following the procedure mentioned in the Notice. The facility of participation at the AGM through VC/OAVM will be made available for 1,000 Members on first come first served basis. This will not include large Shareholders (Shareholders holding 2% or more shareholding), Promoters, Institutional Investors, Directors, Key Managerial Personnel, the Chairpersons of the Audit Committee, Nomination and Remuneration Committee and Stakeholders Relationship Committee, Auditors etc. who are allowed to attend the AGM without restriction on account of first come first served basis.



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2. The link for VC/OAVM to attend AGM will be available where the EVSN of Company will be displayed after successful login as per the instructions mentioned at Sr. No. "A", "B" and "C" above for e-Voting.
3. Members are encouraged to join the Meeting through Laptops for better experience.
4. Members will be required to allow Camera and use Internet with a good speed to avoid any disturbance during the meeting.
5. Please note that Participants Connecting from Mobile Devices or Tablets or through Laptop connecting via Mobile Hotspot may experience Audio/Video loss due to fluctuation in their respective network. It is therefore recommended to use Stable Wi-Fi or LAN Connection to mitigate any kind of aforesaid glitches.

Contact Details

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Registrar & Share	:	Link Intime India Private Limited (Unit : GACL) Transfer Agent "Geetakunj" 1, Bhakti Nagar Society, Behind ABS Tower, Old Padra Road, Vadodara: 390 015 (Gujarat) Phone: (0265) 3566768 E-mail : vadodara@linkintime.co.in
e-Voting Agency	:	Central Depository Services (India) Limited E-mail: helpdesk.evoting@cdslindia.com Phone: 1800 210 9911
Scrutinizer	:	Mr. Niraj Trivedi Practicing Company Secretary, 218-221, Saffron Complex, Fatehgunj, Vadodara: 390 002 (Gujarat) E-mail: csneerajtrivedi@gmail.com

Introduction of "Swayam" to Shareholders:

'SWAYAM' is a secure, user-friendly web-based application, developed by "Link Intime India Pvt Ltd.", our Registrar and Share Transfer Agents, that empowers shareholders to effortlessly access various services. We request you to get registered and have first-hand experience of the portal.

This application can be accessed at <https://swayam.linkintime.co.in>

- Effective Resolution of Service Request -Generate and Track Service Requests/Complaints through SWAYAM.
- Features - A user-friendly GUI.
- Track Corporate Actions like Dividend/Interest/Bonus/split.
- PAN-based investments - Provides access to PAN linked accounts, Company wise holdings and security valuations.
- Effortlessly Raise request for Unpaid Amounts.
- Self-service portal – for securities held in demat mode and physical securities, whose folios are KYC compliant.
- Statements - View entire holdings and status of corporate benefits.
- Two-factor authentication (2FA) at Login - Enhances security for investors.

ANNEXURE - I

DETAILS OF DIRECTOR SEEKING APPOINTMENT / REAPPOINTMENT BY THE SHAREHOLDERS OF THE COMPANY AT THE ENSUING ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING IN PURSUANCE OF REGULATION 36 (3) OF SEBI (LISTING OBLIGATIONS AND DISCLOSURE REQUIREMENTS) REGULATIONS, 2015 AND APPLICABLE SECRETARIAL STANDARDS

Name of Director	Dr. Hasmukh Adhia, IAS (Retd.)	Shri Bimal Julka, IAS (Retd.)
DIN	00093974	03172733
Date of Birth	03.11.1958	27.08.1955
Date of first appointment on the Board	20.06.2023	11.07.2024
Terms and Conditions of Appointment	Dr. Hasmukh Adhia, IAS (Retd.) shall be liable to retire by rotation under the Companies Act, 2013.	Shri Bimal Julka, IAS (Retd.) shall not be liable to retire by rotation.
Details of Remuneration	Dr. Hasmukh Adhia, IAS (Retd.) is not drawing any remuneration including any sitting fees or out of pocket expenses.	Shri Bimal Julka, IAS (Retd.) shall not draw any remuneration from Company except sitting fees and out of pocket expenses for attending Board and Committee Meetings.
No. of Shares held in GACL either by self or any beneficial basis for any other person	NIL	NIL
Relationship with other Directors / Key Managerial Personnel	No relationship with other Directors / Key Managerial Personnel.	No relationship with other Directors/ Key Managerial Personnel.
Qualifications	IAS, 1981 Batch M. Com. (Adv. Busi. Mangt.) P. G. Diploma in Public Policy & Management (IIM) (Gold Medalist), Ph.D. in Yoga	IAS, 1979 Batch MA (Psychology) Fellowship of University of Oxford and Queen Elizabeth
Nature of Expertise in specific functional areas/ Experience	<p>Dr. Hasmukh Adhia, IAS (Retd.) has worked in various capacities covering a very wide spectrum of Government departments, both at State and Central level.</p> <p>Presently, he is Principal Advisor to Chief Minister of Gujarat. Before being appointed as Principal Advisor to Chief Minister of Gujarat, Dr. Hasmukh Adhia, IAS (Retd.) had worked as Union Finance Secretary & Revenue Secretary in Government of India.</p> <p>At Present, he is also a Chairman of Gujarat Mineral Development Corporation Limited and Gujarat International Finance Tec-City Company Limited.</p> <p>He is Chancellor of Central University of Gujarat. He serves as a member of Board of Governors of Indian Institute of Management Bangalore. He serves as Vice President in Gujarat Energy Research and Management Institute (GERMI) and Pandit Deendayal Energy University, Gandhinagar.</p>	<p>Shri Bimal Julka is an IAS officer of 1979 batch of Madhya Pradesh cadre. He completed his BA Hons in Industrial & Organizational Psychology from Delhi University in 1975, followed by MA in Psychology from Delhi University. Shri Bimal Julka has the University of Oxford, Queen Elizabeth Fellowship for Government interventions in the SME Sector.</p> <p>He is a highly experienced Civil Servant for 41 years with a demonstrated history of leading impactful projects across Ministry of Defence, Civil Aviation, Information & Broadcasting, External Affairs, Finance, Commerce and Public Relations in Govt. of India. Skilled in Strategic Planning, Business Development, Business Strategy and Service Delivery Management. Shri Bimal Julka is a strong legal professional with a MA – Master of Arts focused in Psychology from the University of Delhi.</p>



					<p>In the latter years of his career, Shri Bimal Julka held key positions in the Ministries of Defense and Finance. At the pinnacle of his career, he became Secretary to Government of India in the Ministry of I&B. From accomplishing a near impossible task as a young officer in charge of relief during the Bhopal Gas tragedy to successfully conducting FM radio auctions as Secretary, Shri Bimal Julka, is known to be a true “Karmayogi”.</p> <p>He has served as Nominee Director in Various Companies such as The New India Assurance Company Limited, Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Limited, IDFC Limited, National Skill Development Corporation, Security Printing and Minting Corporation of India Limited and as Independent Director in Reliance Power Limited.</p> <p>He also worked as Chief Information Commissioner, Government of India.</p>			
Names of other Companies in which Directorship is held	1	Gujarat Mineral Development Corporation Limited			Not Applicable			
	2	Gujarat International Finance Tec-City Company Limited						
	3	School Of Ultimate Leadership Foundation						
Names of the Committees of the Board of Companies in which Membership/ Chairmanship is held		Name of the Company	Name of the Committee of Board	Position as a Chairman / Member	Name of the Company	Name of the Committee of Board	Position as a Chairman / Member	
		Gujarat Alkalies and Chemicals Limited	Corporate Social Responsibility Committee	Chairman	Gujarat Alkalies and Chemicals Limited	Stakeholders Relationship-Cum-Investors' Grievance Committee	Chairman	
						Human Resources Committee	Chairman	
						Nomination & Remuneration Committee	Member	
						Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) Committee	Member	
Listed entities from which the person has resigned in the past three years	1	Bank of Baroda*			1	Reliance Power Limited		

* Dr. Hasmukh Adhia, IAS (Retd.) Ceased to be a Chairman w.e.f. 01.03.2024, upon completion of his tenure on 29.02.2024.

Name of Director	Dr. Chinmay Ghoroi
DIN	10697793
Date of Birth	25.11.1973
Date of first appointment on the Board	11.07.2024

Terms and Conditions of Appointment	Dr. Chinmay Ghoroi shall not be liable to retire by rotation.		
Details of Remuneration	Dr. Ghoroi shall not draw any remuneration from Company except sitting fees and out of pocket expenses for attending Board and Committee Meetings.		
No. of Shares held in GACL either by self or any beneficial basis for any other person	NIL		
Relationship with other Directors / Key Managerial Personnel	No relationship with other Directors / Key Managerial Personnel.		
Qualifications	PhD in Chemical Engineering, IIT -Bombay Masters in Chemical Engineering (2000) Bachelor in Chemistry (Hons) (1995)		
Nature of Expertise in specific functional areas/ Experience	<p>Dr. Chinmay Ghoroi is B. S. Gelot Chair Professor in the Department of Chemical Engineering, Associated Faculty in Dr. Kiran C. Patel Centre for Sustainable Development and Coordinator of Centre for Safety Engineering at IIT Gandhinagar. He completed his PhD from IIT Bombay. He was Research Associate at the New Jersey Institute of Technology (NJIT) and Visiting Scholar at Texas A&M University. Dr. Ghoroi also worked in the Process Industry and Simulation Industry for few years before moving to IIT Gandhinagar.</p> <p>His research focuses on Particle Engineering, Drug Delivery/Pharmaceutical Engineering, Functional Materials, Process Engineering, Sustainability, and Safety. He has established a Common Research & Technology Development Hub (CRTDH) at IIT Gandhinagar for MSME. Dr. Ghoroi is also the Associate Editor of Particulate Science and Technology and serving in several committees of Gujarat Pollution Control Board (GPCB), Member of multiple committees of National Green Tribunal (NGT) and Expert Committee Member of Hydrogen Safety Committee of Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE).</p> <p>He has received several Excellence Awards such as Excellence in Research Award, Excellence in Institution Building Award, Excellence in Outreach Activities Award at IIT Gandhinagar, R.G. Manudhane PhD Excellence Award for best PhD thesis from Chemical Engineering, IIT Bombay, and the Employee Excellence Award from Invensys Process System, HITEC City, Hyderabad.</p>		
Names of other Companies in which Directorship is held	Not Applicable		
Names of the Committees of the Board of Companies in which Membership/ Chairmanship is held	Name of the Company	Name of the Committee of Board	Position as a Chairman / Member
	Gujarat Alkalies and Chemicals Limited	Audit Committee	Member
		Risk Management-Cum-Safety Committee	Member
		Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) And Sustainability Committee	Member
Listed entities from which the person has resigned in the past three years	Not Applicable		

For details regarding the number of meetings of the Board / Committees attended by the above Directors during the year and remuneration drawn / sitting fees received, please refer to the Board's Report and the Corporate Governance Report forming part of this Annual Report.



BOARD'S REPORT

To
The Members,

Your Directors present this 51st Annual Report of the Company on the business and operations of the Company together with Standalone and Consolidated Audited Financial Statements (Ind AS based) for the Financial Year ended 31st March, 2024 and the report of the Auditors thereon.

PERFORMANCE AND FINANCIAL RESULTS

The financial performance of the Company for the year ended 31st March, 2024 is summarized below:

FINANCIAL RESULTS – SUMMARY AND HIGHLIGHTS

(Rs. in Crores)

Particulars	Standalone		Consolidated	
	2023-24	2022-23	2023-24	2022-23
Revenue from Operations	3,806.63	4,516.50	3,806.63	4,516.50
Other Income	90.07	42.15	90.07	42.15
Profit / (Loss) before Depreciation, Finance Cost and Tax Expense	226.10	1,156.74	226.10	1,156.74
Less: Depreciation / Amortisation / Impairment	377.41	276.09	377.41	276.09
Profit / (Loss) before Finance Cost and Tax Expense	(151.31)	880.65	(151.31)	880.65
Less: Finance Cost	44.57	19.46	44.57	19.46
Share of Profit / (Loss) of Joint Venture	-	-	(104.60)	(166.08)
Profit / (Loss) Before Tax Expense	(195.88)	861.19	(300.48)	695.11
Less: Tax Expense (Current & Deferred)	(63.64)	285.49	(63.64)	285.49
Profit / (Loss) for the year (1)	(132.24)	575.70	(236.84)	409.62
Total Other Comprehensive Income / (Loss) (2)	346.10	(96.26)	346.10	(96.26)
Total (1 + 2)	213.86	479.44	109.26	313.36
Balance of Profit / (Loss) for earlier years	2,408.32	1,973.80	2,237.08	1,968.65
Amount available for Appropriation	2,273.70	2,481.76	1,997.86	2,310.52
Less: Transfer to Reserves	-	-	-	-
Less: Dividend paid on Equity Shares	172.94	73.44	172.94	73.44
Less: Dividend Distribution Tax	-	-	-	-
Balance carried forward	2,100.76	2,408.32	1,824.92	2,237.08
Earning per Share	Rs.(18.01)	Rs.78.39	Rs.(32.25)	Rs.55.78
Dividend per Share	Rs.23.55*	Rs.10.00	Rs.23.55*	Rs.10.00
Book Value per Share	Rs.639.82	Rs.683.04	Rs.602.25	Rs.659.72

* Dividend per Share Rs.23.55 for the FY 2022-23 paid in FY 2023-24.

RESULTS OF OPERATIONS AND THE STATE OF COMPANY'S AFFAIRS

The highlights of the Company's performance for the year ended 31st March, 2024 are as under:

At Standalone Level

- The Company has achieved Net External Sales of Rs.3,702.77 Crores during the year 2023-24 as against Rs.4,401.86 Crores in the Previous Year.
- Total production of all products has increased by 12.88% to 20,46,173 MT during the year 2023-24 from 18,12,758 MT in previous year.
- Other Operating income has decreased by 9.40% to Rs.103.86 Crores during the year 2023-24 from Rs.114.64 Crores in previous year.
- Other income has increased by 113.69% to Rs.90.07 Crores during the year 2023-24 from Rs.42.15 Crores in previous year.
- EBITDA has decreased by 80.45% to Rs.226.10 Crores during the year 2023-24 from Rs.1,156.74 Crores in previous year.
- The Company incurred Loss of Rs.195.88 Crores during the year 2023-24 as against Profit Before Tax of Rs. 861.19 Crores in previous year.
- Loss After Tax was Rs. 132.24 Crores during the year 2023-24 as against Profit After Tax of Rs. 575.70 Crores in previous year.

At Consolidated Level

- EBITDA has decreased by 87.74% to Rs.121.50 Crores during the year 2023-24 from Rs.990.66 Crores in previous year.
- The Company incurred Loss of Rs.300.48 Crores during the year 2023-24 (on consolidation basis) as against Profit Before Tax of Rs. 695.11 Crores in previous year.
- Loss After Tax was Rs. 236.84 Crores during the year 2023-24 (on consolidation basis) as against Profit After Tax of Rs. 409.62 Crores in previous year.

TRANSFER TO RESERVES

The Company has not transferred any sum to the General Reserve Account during the Financial Year 2023-24.

DIVIDEND

Your Directors are glad to recommend a Special Dividend @ Rs.13.85 per share (i.e. 138.50%) to be paid out of Free Reserves of the Company on 7,34,36,928 Equity Shares of Rs.10/- each fully paid up for the year ended 31st March, 2024 (Previous Year – Dividend @ Rs.23.55 per share i.e. 235.50%). Special Dividend is subject to approval of members at this Annual General Meeting and shall be subject to deduction of TDS as per Income Tax Act, 1961.

The special dividend recommended is in accordance with the Company's "Dividend Distribution Policy".

MATERIAL CHANGES AND COMMITMENTS

There has been no other material changes and commitments, which affect the financial position of the Company which have occurred between the end of the Financial Year 2023-24 and the date of this Report. There has been no change in the nature of business of the Company.

The management does not see any risk to Company's ability to continue as a going concern and expects that the Company will be able to meet its liabilities in the foreseeable future as and when the same would become due.

SHARE CAPITAL

As on 31st March, 2024, the authorized share capital of the Company consisted of 250,00,00,000/- (Rupees Two Hundred Fifty Crores Only) divided into 25,00,00,000 (Twenty-Five Crore) Equity shares of Rs. 10/- (Rupees Ten Only) each, and the paid-up equity share capital as on 31st March, 2024, consisted of 7,34,36,928 equity shares of Rs. 10/- each. During FY 2023-24, the Company has not issued any shares, securities / instruments convertible into equity shares, sweat equity shares and shares with differential voting rights.

ENERGY CONSERVATION, TECHNOLOGY ABSORPTION, FOREIGN EXCHANGE EARNINGS AND OUTGO

Information pertaining to conservation of energy, technology absorption, foreign exchange earnings and outgo as required under Section 134(3)(m) of the Companies Act, 2013 read with Rule 8(3) of the Companies (Accounts) Rules, 2014 is given in the **Annexure - 1** to this report.

SUBSIDIARY, JOINT VENTURE OR ASSOCIATE COMPANY

GACL-NALCO Alkalies & Chemicals Pvt. Ltd.

The Company and National Aluminium Company Limited (NALCO), a Government of India Enterprise (a Navratna Company) have jointly incorporated a Joint Venture Company, viz., GACL-NALCO Alkalies & Chemicals Pvt. Ltd. (GNAL) (CIN U24100GJ2015PTC085247) on 4th December, 2015 for setting up 2,66,667 MTPA (100%) Caustic Soda Plant and 130 MW Coal based Power Plant at Dahej, Gujarat.

The Company holds 60% and NALCO holds 40% in GNAL. Accordingly, GNAL is a subsidiary of the Company. Effective from 1st April 2024, GNAL has become material subsidiary company of the Company.

The Managing Director of GACL is the Chairman of GNAL. The Managing Director of GACL does not draw any commission or any remuneration from GNAL except incidental expenses of Rs.2,500/- per day of meeting(s) for attending the meetings of the Board of Directors or Committees thereof.

As per Section 129(3) of the Companies Act, 2013 read with Rule 5 of the Companies (Accounts) Rules, 2014, a separate statement containing the salient features of financial statement of the Joint Venture / Subsidiary Company in



Form AOC-1 forms part of the Annual Report.

In accordance with the provisions of Section 136 of the Companies Act, 2013, the Annual Report of the Company, containing Standalone and Consolidated Financial Statements of the Company has been placed on the Website of the Company at www.gacl.com. Further, the Audited Financial Statements of GNAL for the year ended 31st March, 2024 are also placed on the Website of the Company at www.gacl.com and also at Website of GNAL at www.gnal.co.in

Interested Shareholders may obtain a physical copy of the audited financial statements of the Subsidiary Company by sending a request to the Company Secretary at the Company's Registered Office.

GNAL has successfully completed the start-up of all its units, including both the units of 130 MW Power Plant. The Caustic Soda Plant, Flaking Unit and Power plant are consistently operating in the range of 75-80% capacity.

Vadodara Jal Sanchay Pvt. Ltd.

The Government of Gujarat, vide Gazette Notification dated 28.05.2018, notified the "Policy for Reuse of Treated Waste Water" (TWW). As per the said Policy, Reuse of TWW was mandatory for industries consuming minimum 1 lakh litre per day (100 M³/day) of fresh water for Non-Potable purpose and which are situated within 50 km distance from STP or city limits.

In compliance of the said Policy, the Board of Directors of the Company at its Meeting held on 6th February, 2020 had approved formation of Special Purpose Vehicle / Joint Venture Company comprising of Gujarat State Fertilizers & Chemicals Limited (GSFC), Gujarat Alkalies and Chemicals Limited (GACL), Gujarat Industries Power Company Limited (GIPCL) and Vadodara Municipal Corporation (VMC) as its joint venture partners for establishment of a new secondary treated waste water plant (STP) of 50 MLD capacity in the state of Gujarat. Accordingly, a Special Purpose Vehicle / Joint Venture Company in the name of Vadodara Jal Sanchay Private Limited (VJSPL) was incorporated on 22.07.2020 for establishment of new secondary treated waste water plant (STP) of 50 MLD at Vadodara, Gujarat. The Company (GACL) had subscribed 3,00,000 equity shares of Rs.10/- each (i.e., Rs.30 lakhs) (15%) to the Memorandum of Association (MoA) of VJSPL on 15th July 2020.

Memorandum of Understanding / Term sheet between GACL and GAIL (India) Limited

In response to the Hon'ble Prime Minister of India's call for 'Atmanirbhar Bharat', the Company (GACL) and GAIL (India) Limited (GAIL) have signed Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for setting up a 500 KLD Bioethanol plant in Gujarat. The estimated project cost is to the tune of Rs.1000 Crores and it is expected to generate annual revenue of approximately Rs.1500 Crores. A Term Sheet for the same has been executed between the Parties. The techno economic feasibility study has been completed and

is being reviewed prior to proposing for investment decision. In the meantime, the process of identifying and acquiring suitable land is ongoing.

Memorandum of Understanding between GACL and NTPC Renewable Energy Ltd. (NTPC-REL)

Gujarat Alkalies and Chemicals Limited (GACL) and NTPC Renewable Energy Limited (NTPC REL), a wholly owned subsidiary of NTPC Limited have signed Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) on 6th July, 2022 at New Delhi to explore the business opportunities of mutual interest in the areas of sourcing of renewable power having optimum mix of solar, wind and other clean energy including energy storage solutions to the extent of about 100 MW, as required for the operations and manufacturing activities of GACL at Vadodara Complex and/or Dahej Complex or any of its other Complexes. The discussions with NTPC are going on for finalizing the project configuration and other terms. Actions were also initiated on jointly synthesizing Green Chemicals such as Methanol and Ammonia for captive use by GACL using Hydrogen and CO₂ available at GACL.

This is a first-of-its-kind novel initiative between leading CPSE and State Government Promoted Company to support country's commitment to achieve renewable energy targets and reduce greenhouse emissions.

A Term Sheet will be signed by both the Parties after concluding negotiations on the tariff and later on both the Parties will mutually decide to enter into definitive agreement(s).

INTERNAL CONTROL SYSTEM AND THEIR ADEQUACY

The Company has in place adequate internal financial controls commensurate with the size and nature of its business. The Company periodically reviews the internal financial controls in the light of new statutes, changes in business models, adoption of new technology solutions and suggestions for improvements received from employees. During the year, such controls were tested and no reportable material weakness in the design or operation was observed.

For all amendments to Indian Accounting Standards (Ind-AS) and the new standards notified, the Company carries out a detailed analysis and presents the impact on accounting policies, financial results including revised disclosures to the Audit Committee. The approach and changes in policies are also validated with the Statutory Auditors.

The Company has a stated process and periodicity for physical verification of its inventory and fixed assets. All variances are analyzed and accounted post necessary approvals.

The Company gets its financial statements reviewed every quarter by its Statutory Auditors. The accounts of GNAL are audited and certified by their Statutory Auditors for consolidation.

None of the auditors of the Company has reported any fraud as specified under second proviso of section 143(12) of the

Companies Act, 2013 including any statutory modifications or re-enactments thereof for the time being in force.

CREDIT RATING

The Company's financial discipline and prudence are reflected in the strong credit rating described by rating agency as per the following particulars:

Instrument	Rating Agency	Rating	Date of Rating
Long Term Bank Facilities	CARE Ratings Limited (CARE)	CARE AA (Double A)	CARE Letter No. CARE/ARO/RL/2024-25/3298 dated 30 th July, 2024
Short Term Bank Facilities	CARE Ratings Limited (CARE)	CARE A1+ (A One Plus)	
Commercial Paper Issue aggregating to Rs.100 Crore	CARE Ratings Limited (CARE)	CARE A1+ (A One Plus)	CARE Letter No. CARE/ARO/RL/2024-25/3298 dated 30 th July, 2024

CARE reaffirmed the above credit ratings and the same has been informed to the Stock Exchanges (BSE & NSE) vide letter dated 30th July, 2024 and also placed on the Company's Website at <https://gacil.com/credit-rating/>

RISK MANAGEMENT

The Company has constituted Risk Management Committee of Directors w.e.f. 11th February, 2016. Shri Nitin Shukla had been appointed as the Chairman of the said Committee w.e.f. 3rd February, 2024, by way of reconstitution of the Committee. As on 31st March, 2024, below are the Members of the Risk Management Committee:

1. Shri Nitin Shukla, Chairman;
2. Shri Rajiv Lochan Jain;
3. Shri S B Dangayach; and
4. Shri Swaroop P. IAS.

The Company has also constituted Internal Risk Management Committee comprising of Senior Executives of the Company who are heading respective departments viz. Finance, Manufacturing, Marketing, Purchase, Project, Safety, Information Technology, HR, Secretarial and Legal functions. The Managing Director is the Chairman of the Internal Risk Management Committee. The Internal Risk Management Committee reports to the Managing Director and the risks identified by the said Committee along with proposed mitigation actions are discussed periodically on quarterly basis with the Managing Director.

The Risk Management Committee of Directors was renamed as "Risk Management-cum-Safety Committee" w.e.f. 10th November, 2016 by the Board. The existing Internal Risk

Management Committee of Senior Executives of the Company continues to function. Out of the various risks identified by the Internal Risk Management Committee, the Audit Committee has identified certain critical risks, which are reviewed by the Risk Management-cum-Safety Committee, the Audit Committee and by the Board of Directors periodically. A Report on the steps taken to mitigate those critical risks is also submitted to the Risk Management-cum-Safety Committee, Audit Committee and the Board of Directors.

Pursuant to provisions of Regulations 17 & 21 of SEBI Listing Regulations and Sections 134 & 177 of the Companies Act, 2013 ("the Act") and other applicable provisions, if any, of the SEBI Listing Regulations and the Act, the Board of Directors of the Company have also approved and framed "Risk Management Policy" of the Company.

During the year, the Company has amended its Risk Management Policy and the amended Policy is available at <https://gacil.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/12/Risk-Management-Policy.pdf>

VIGIL MECHANISM / WHISTLE BLOWER MECHANISM

The Company has formulated a Vigil Mechanism-cum-Whistle Blower Policy ("Policy") as per the requirements of Section 177 of the Companies Act, 2013 and Regulation 22 of the SEBI Listing Regulations. The Policy is applicable to all Directors and Employees of the Company.

As per the Policy, a whistle blower can make protected disclosures to the Chairman of the Audit Committee. During the Financial Year 2023-24, no unethical and/or improper practice or any other wrongful conduct in the Company by any person was reported under the said Policy.

The Vigil Mechanism-cum-Whistle Blower Policy may be accessed on the Company's Website at the weblink:

https://gacil.com/wp-content/uploads/2024/04/VIGIL_MECHANISM_CUM_WHISTLE_BLOWER_POLICY-AS-PER-SEBI-LODR.pdf

CORPORATE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

As per the provision of Section 135 read with Schedule VII of the Companies Act, 2013 and the Companies (Corporate Social Responsibility Policy) Rules 2014, the Company has constituted Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) Committee and formulated Corporate Social Responsibility Policy (CSR Policy). The composition of CSR Committee is given in the Corporate Governance Report.

The CSR Committee has formulated and recommended to the Board, CSR Policy identifying the activities to be carried out by the Company and the said CSR Policy was approved by the Board of Directors at their Meeting held on 23.07.2014. The Board of Directors at their Meeting held on 26.05.2015 and 18.05.2021 had approved some modifications in the CSR Policy including to undertake CSR activities through GACL Education Society (GES), now GACL Foundation Trust (GFT). GFT is a Society registered under the Societies Registration Act, 1860 and under the Bombay Public Trust Act, 1950 and registered



under section 12A and 80G of the Income Tax Act, 1961. GES has also filed Form CSR-1 and got the required registration number from MCA in pursuance of the applicable provisions of Companies (CSR) Rules, 2014. The Charity Commissioner, Vadodara issued order on 22.11.2023 for merger/amalgamation of GACL Education Society (GES) and GACL Foundation Trust (GFT) and the name of the trust should be GACL Foundation Trust (GFT). GFT has also filed Form CSR-1 and got the required registration number from MCA in pursuance of the applicable provisions of Companies (CSR) Rules, 2014.

The details about various activities carried out by the Company under CSR through GFT as well as directly by the Company are given in the Management Discussion and Analysis which forms part of the Annual Report.

The CSR Policy may be accessed on the Company's Website at the weblink:

https://gacl.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/12/CSR_POLICY-1.pdf

As per the provisions of Section 135 of the Companies Act, 2013, the statutory amount (i.e. 2% of the average net profits of the last three Financial Years) that was required to be spent by the Company for various CSR activities during the Financial Year 2023-24 was Rs. 1254.00 Lakhs. The Company has spent Rs. 710.81 Lakhs towards various CSR activities during the Financial Year 2023-24. The unspent amount of Rs. 543.19 Lakhs towards various ongoing CSR projects was transferred to "GACL Unspent Corporate Social Responsibility Account 2023-24" within 30 days from the close of Financial Year 2023-24. The unspent amount transferred to such account will be utilized for the ongoing projects in next three Financial Years. The Company shall transfer unspent amount, if any, lying in this account at the end of third Financial Year to Fund(s) specified in Schedule VII, within statutory time limit, in accordance with the Companies (Corporate Social Responsibility Policy) Rules, 2014. Thus, the Company has met its obligation under Section 135 of the Companies Act, 2013.

The Annual Report on CSR activities for the Financial Year 2023-24 is annexed herewith as **Annexure - 2**.

DIRECTORS, KEY MANAGERIAL PERSONNEL AND SENIOR MANAGEMENT

A. Appointment / Reappointment / Cessation of Directors, Key Managerial Personnel and Senior Management

The Board of Directors at its Meeting held on 08.08.2023 noted cessation of Shri Raj Kumar, IAS, as Director & Chairman of the Company with effect from 19.06.2023.

The Board places on record its sincere appreciations and pays rich tributes for the valuable services rendered and contributions made by Shri Raj Kumar, IAS to the Company during his tenure as Director and Chairman of the Company.

As recommended by the Nomination-cum-Remuneration Committee and pursuant to Articles 7 and 11 of the Articles of Association of the Company, the Board of Directors appointed Dr. Hasmukh Adhia, IAS (Retd.) as Director & Chairman on the Board of Directors of the Company vice Shri Raj Kumar, IAS with effect from i.e., 20th June, 2023 vide Government of Gujarat's Resolution No. MIS/11-2016/1765/E dated 19th June, 2023.

In terms of the SEBI Listing Regulations, effective from January 1, 2022, the listed entity shall ensure that approval of shareholders for appointment of a person on the Board of Directors is taken at the next General Meeting or within a time period of three (3) months from the date of appointment, whichever is earlier and that the appointment of Director shall be subject to the approval of Members by way of an ordinary resolution. As the period of three months would conclude before AGM, the Company sought approval of Shareholders for following items of special business: (i) appointment of Dr. Hasmukh Adhia, IAS (Retd.) as Director & Chairman of the Company by means of electronic voting (remote e-voting) as mentioned in Postal Ballot Notice dated 08.08.2023. The Resolution contained in Postal Ballot Notice dated 08.08.2023 was approved by requisite majority of Members through remote e-voting. Accordingly, the Resolution was declared to be passed on 13.09.2023.

The Board of Directors at its Meeting held on 03.02.2024 noted cessation of Shri M K Das, IAS, as Director of the Company with effect from 21.11.2023.

The Board places on record its sincere appreciations and pays rich tributes for the valuable services rendered and contributions made by Shri M K Das, IAS to the Company during his tenure as Directors of the Company.

As recommended by the Nomination-cum-Remuneration Committee and pursuant to Articles 7 and 11 of the Articles of Association of the Company, the Board of Directors appointed Dr. Rahul Gupta, IAS as Director on the Board of Directors of the Company vice Shri M K Das, IAS with effect from i.e., 22nd November, 2023 vide letter No. GIIC-1087-4282-P dated 9th November, 2023 received from the Industries and Mines Department, Government of Gujarat.

In terms of the SEBI Listing Regulations, effective from January 1, 2022, the listed entity shall ensure that approval of shareholders for appointment of a person on the Board of Directors is taken at the next General Meeting or within a time period of three (3) months from the date of appointment, whichever is earlier and that the appointment of Director shall be subject to the approval of Members by way of an ordinary resolution.

As the period of three months would conclude before AGM, the Company sought approval of Shareholders for following items of special business: (i) appointment of Dr. Rahul Gupta, IAS as Director of the Company by means of electronic voting (remote e-voting) as mentioned in Postal Ballot Notice dated 21.11.2023. The Resolution contained in Postal Ballot Notice dated 21.11.2023 was approved by requisite majority of Members through remote e-voting. Accordingly, the Resolution was declared to be passed on 05.01.2024.

As recommended by the Nomination-cum-Remuneration Committee and pursuant to Articles 7 and 11 of the Articles of Association of the Company, the Board of Directors appointed Shri Bimal Julka, IAS (Retd.) (DIN: 03172733) and Dr. Chinmay Ghoroi (DIN: 10697793) as an Additional and Non-Executive Directors of the Company for 5 (five) consecutive years, with effect from 11th July, 2024, subject to approval by Shareholders of the Company. Brief profile of the Directors, are forming part of the Notice of this Annual General Meeting.

The Board of Directors at its Meeting held on 8th August, 2024 noted resignation of Shri J P Gupta, IAS (DIN: 01952821) as Director of the Company effective from 05.08.2024 and completion of tenure of five years of Shri S B Dangayach (DIN: 01572754) as an Independent Director of the Company with effect from 08.08.2024. The Board places on record its sincere appreciations and pays rich tributes for the valuable services rendered and contributions made by Shri J P Gupta, IAS as Director and Shri S B Dangayach, as an Independent Director of the Company during their tenure of the Company.

Dr. Hasmukh Adhia, IAS (Retd.) (DIN: 00093974), Director will retire by rotation at this Annual General Meeting, and being eligible, has offered himself for re-appointment. The Board recommends his re-appointment as Director & Chairman of the Company.

Brief profile of Dr. Hasmukh Adhia, IAS (Retd.) Director is forming part of the Notice of this Annual General Meeting.

Pursuant to provisions of Section 203 of the Companies Act, 2013, Shri Swaroop P. IAS Managing Director was appointed as Key Managerial Personnel of the Company effective from 29.07.2022. Shri Sanjay S Bhatt, Company Secretary and Shri Shailesh Damani, Chief Financial Officer, are the Key Managerial Personnel of the Company effective from 14.05.2014 and 08.08.2024 respectively. Shri Ram Gianani, AGM (Finance) was appointed as Chief Financial Officer with effect from 18.11.2023, who ceased to be Chief Financial Officer with effect from 08.08.2024. Shri Ram Gianani will continue to serve as Additional General Manager (Finance) of the Company.

Pursuant to the provisions of SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015, as amended time to time, there was following change in the Senior Management.

During the year, Shri Vinayak Kudtarkar, GM (F) & CFO resigned on 18.11.2023 and therefore he has ceased, as employee of the Company. Shri Manish Shah, GM (CP & P) has ceased to be employee of the Company due to retirement on 30.01.2024. The Company has retained him as "Consultant" upto 31.01.2025.

B. Independent Directors

Attributes, Qualifications & Independence of Directors and their Appointment

The Nomination-cum-Remuneration Committee adopted the criteria for determining qualifications, positive attributes and independence of Directors, including Independent Directors, pursuant to the Act and the Rules made thereunder and the SEBI Listing Regulations. The brief particulars of the Directors are provided in the 'Report on Corporate Governance' forming part of this Annual Report.

The Company has received declarations from the Independent Directors confirming that (a) they meet the criteria of Independence as prescribed under Section 149 of the Act and Regulation 16 of the SEBI Listing Regulations; (b) they are not aware of any circumstance or situation, which could impair or impact their ability to discharge duties with an objective independent judgement and without any external influence; and (c) they have registered/renewed their names in the Independent Directors' Databank, pursuant to the provisions of the Companies Act, 2013 and Rules made thereunder. Further, in the opinion of the Board, the Independent Directors fulfill the conditions prescribed under the SEBI Listing Regulations and are independent of the management of the Company.

C. Board Evaluation

Pursuant to applicable provisions of the Companies Act, 2013 and the SEBI Listing Regulations, the Board carried out an annual performance evaluation of the Board, its Committees, Individual Directors, Managing Director and Chairperson. The manner in which the evaluation is carried out has been explained in the Corporate Governance Report.

D. Nomination and Remuneration Policy

The Board has on the recommendation of the Nomination-cum-Remuneration Committee, formulated a Nomination & Remuneration-cum-Board Diversity Policy for selection, appointment of Directors and Senior Management and their remuneration.



Information about the Policy is provided in the Corporate Governance Report and the said Policy may be accessed on the Company's Website at the weblink:

<https://gacil.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/12/Nomination-Remuneration-Cum-Board-Diversity-Policy.pdf>

E. Meetings

During the year, four (04) Board Meetings and four (04) Audit Committee Meetings were held. The details of which are given in the Corporate Governance Report. The intervening gap between the Meetings held was within the period prescribed under the Companies Act, 2013 and SEBI Listing Regulations. Further, the composition and terms of reference of Audit Committee and other Committees are given in the Corporate Governance Report.

During the year under review, all recommendations of Audit Committee were accepted by the Board.

AUDITORS

A. Internal Auditors

As per the recommendation of the Audit Committee, the Board of Directors of the Company at its Meeting held on 18th June, 2020 appointed M/s. Parikh Mehta & Associates, Chartered Accountants, Vadodara as Internal Auditors for conducting Internal Audit of the Company for the period from 1st July, 2020 to 30th June, 2025.

The Internal Auditors independently evaluate the internal controls, adherence to and compliance with the procedures, guidelines and statutory requirements. The Audit Committee of Directors periodically reviews the reports of the Internal Auditors and the corrective actions if any, are taken by the Management.

B. Statutory Auditors

M/s. K C Mehta & Co LLP, Chartered Accountants, Vadodara (Firm Reg. No. 106237W/W100829) were appointed as the Statutory Auditors of the Company for a period of five years i.e., from the conclusion of 46th Annual General Meeting till the conclusion of 51st Annual General Meeting.

On completion of five years tenure, Board of Directors of the Company has on recommendation of the Audit Committee in its Meeting held on 30th May, 2024 recommended for the appointment of M/s. Prakash Chandra Jain & Co., Chartered Accountants, Vadodara (Firm Registration No. 002438C) as the Statutory Auditors of the Company for a period of five (5) consecutive years from the conclusion of 51st AGM till the conclusion of 56th AGM. You are, therefore, requested to appoint M/s. Prakash Chandra Jain & Co., Chartered Accountants, Vadodara as the Statutory Auditors of the Company to hold office for the said period.

The Auditor's Report to the Members for the year under review does not contain any qualification, reservation or adverse remark or disclaimer.

C. Cost Auditors

The Board of Directors of the Company at its Meeting held on 30th May, 2024 has approved the appointment of M/s. Y. S. Thakar & Co., Cost Accountant in practice, Vadodara (Firm Registration No. 000318) as Cost Auditors for the next three financial years i.e. F.Y.2024-25, 2025-26 & 2026-27 as per the provisions of the Companies Act, 2013, subject to the approval of shareholders of the Company, to conduct the audit of Cost Records maintained by the Company at annual remuneration of Rs. 3,19,000/- plus applicable GST.

As per the provisions of the Companies Act, 2013, your Directors propose the Resolution in the Notice in respect of remuneration payable to the Cost Auditors for the financial years 2024-25 for your ratification and approval.

The Company maintains necessary cost records as specified by the Central Government under sub-section (1) of Section 148 of the Companies Act, 2013 read with the Companies (Cost Records and Audit) Rules, 2014.

D. Secretarial Auditors

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 204 of the Companies Act, 2013 and the Companies (Appointment and Remuneration of Managerial Personnel) Rules, 2014, the Board of Directors have appointed M/s. Samdani Shah & Kabra, Practicing Company Secretaries to undertake the Secretarial Audit of the Company for the Financial Year 2023-24. The Report of the Secretarial Auditors is annexed herewith as **Annexure - 3**. The Report does not contain any qualification, reservation or adverse remark or disclaimer.

The Company has complied with Regulation 24A of the Listing Regulations. GNAL has got Secretarial Audit carried out by Practicing Company Secretary. Copy of Secretarial Audit Report of GNAL is annexed at **Annexure - 4** and is also available on the website of the Company. The Secretarial Audit Report of GNAL does not contain any qualification, reservation, adverse remark or disclaimer.

As per SEBI Circular No. CIR/CFD/CMD1/27/2019 dated 8th February, 2019 read with Regulation 24A of the Listing Regulations, Annual Secretarial Compliance Report for the year ended on 31st March, 2024 given by M/s. Samdani Shah & Kabra, Practicing Company Secretaries, Secretarial Auditors was submitted to Stock Exchanges (BSE & NSE) within prescribed time limit.

INVESTOR EDUCATION AND PROTECTION FUND (IEPF)

Transfer of Dividend and corresponding Equity Shares to the Investor Education and Protection Fund

During the Financial Year 2023-24, unclaimed dividend for the Financial Year 2015-16 aggregating Rs.21,29,756/- had been transferred to Investor Education and Protection Fund (IEPF).

The Company has also transferred Rs. 62,01,823/- (Net of Tax) to the bank account of the IEPF towards dividend declared by the Company for the Financial Year 2022-23, for such shares which were transferred to the IEPF earlier.

During the Financial Year 2023-24, the Company has also transferred 33,147 Equity Shares to the IEPF in respect of which dividends remained unclaimed for seven consecutive years, pursuant to the provisions of Section 124 of the Companies Act, 2013 read with the Investor Education and Protection Fund Authority (Accounting, Audit, Transfer and Refund) Rules, 2016, as amended.

Shareholders may claim their unclaimed dividend for the years prior to and including the Financial Year 2015-16 and the corresponding shares, if any, from the IEPF Authority by applying in the prescribed Form No. IEPF-5.

This form can be downloaded from the Website of the IEPF Authority at www.iepf.gov.in. The access link of which is also available on the Company's Website at www.gacl.com under the section 'Investors'.

Attention of the Members is drawn that the unclaimed dividend for the Financial Year 2016-17 and the corresponding shares will be due for transfer to the IEPF on 16th October, 2024 for which purpose communication has been sent to all the concerned Shareholders advising them to claim their dividends, failing which the said shares will be transferred to IEPF Authority within 30 days from the said due date. Notices in this regard have also been published in newspapers. Details of such shares are available on the Company's Website under the section 'Investors'.

Details of Nodal Officer

In accordance with Rule 7(2A) of Investor Education and Protection Fund Authority (Accounting, Audit, Transfer and Refund) Rules, 2016, the details of Nodal Officer of the Company, for the purpose of coordination with Investor Education and Protection Fund Authority are as under:

Name: Shri Sanjay S Bhatt
 Designation: Company Secretary & CGM (Legal, CC & CSR)
 Postal Address: PO : Ranoli : 391 350, Dist.: Vadodara (Gujarat)
 Telephone No.: 0265-6111453 / 0265-6111000
 Mobile No.: 7069053850
 E-mail ID: cosec@gacl.co.in

The Company has also displayed the above details of Nodal Officer at its Website at www.gacl.com.

CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

The Company has been following the principles and practices of good Corporate Governance and has ensured compliance of all the requirements stipulated under the SEBI Listing Regulations.

A detailed report on Corporate Governance for the year under review along with Certificate issued by Practicing Company Secretary in terms of provisions of the SEBI Listing Regulations is attached herewith forming part of this Annual Report.

BUSINESS RESPONSIBILITY AND SUSTAINABILITY REPORT

As per the provisions of the SEBI Listing Regulations, the Business Responsibility and Sustainability Report (BRSR) containing initiatives taken by the Company from environmental, social and governance perspective is annexed herewith as **Annexure - 5** as part of this Annual Report.

PARTICULARS OF EMPLOYEES

The information pertaining to remuneration and other details of employees as required pursuant to Section 197 of the Companies Act, 2013 read with Rule 5(1) of the Companies (Appointment and Remuneration of Managerial Personnel) Rules, 2014, as amended, are provided in the **Annexure - 6**, forming part of this Report. Details of employee remuneration as required under the provisions of Section 197 of the Act and Rule 5(2) and 5(3) of the Rules are available to any Shareholder for inspection.

Further, there was no employee holding 2% or more of the Equity Shares of the Company during the Financial Year 2023-24.

PARTICULARS OF CONTRACTS OR ARRANGEMENTS WITH RELATED PARTIES

The Audit Committee of Directors at its Meeting held on 3rd February, 2024 has accorded omnibus approval to execute transactions with related parties up to the value of Rs.1 Crore. During the Financial Year, the transactions entered into by the Company with Related Parties were in the ordinary course of business at arm's length price and/or within the omnibus approval granted by the Audit Committee. The Company has not entered into contracts / arrangements / transactions with Related Parties which could be considered material in accordance with Section 188 of the Act read with the Companies (Meetings of Board and its Powers) Rules, 2014 and the Policy of the Company on Related Party Transactions.

Since, all the contracts / arrangements / transactions with Related Parties during the year were in the ordinary course of business and/or the same were at arm's length as well as under the special omnibus approval route and not being material transaction as defined under the Act / Rules, disclosure in Form AOC-2 under Section 134(3)(h) of the Act read with Rule 8(2) of the Companies (Accounts) Rules, 2014 is not required.



Policies may be accessed on the Company's Website at the weblink:

<https://gacl.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/12/Related-Party-Transactions-Policy.pdf> and <https://gacl.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/12/Policy-On-Material-Subsidiaries.pdf>

Your Directors draw attention of the Members to Note No. 38 to the Financial Statements which sets out Related Party disclosures.

LOANS, GUARANTEES AND INVESTMENTS

Details of Loans, Guarantees and Investments covered under the provisions of Section 186 of the Companies Act, 2013 are given in the Note No. 5,6,7,17 & 43(i)(g) of the Notes to the Financial Statements.

INSURANCE

The Company has taken adequate insurance for all its properties. The Company has also taken necessary insurance cover as required under the Public Liability Insurance Act, 1991.

The Company has D & O Liability Insurance Policy which is reviewed in terms of the quantum and risk coverage as per the Regulation 25(10) of the SEBI Listing Regulations.

LISTING REGULATIONS COMPLIANCE

The Company's Equity Shares are listed on BSE Ltd. (BSE) and National Stock Exchange of India Ltd. (NSE) and their listing fees for the Financial Years 2023-24 and 2024-25 have been paid and the provisions of the SEBI Listing Regulations have been complied with.

ANNUAL RETURN

The Draft Annual Return of the Company as on March 31, 2024 is available on the Company's Website and can be accessed at weblink: https://gacl.com/wp-content/uploads/2024/08/Draft-Form-MGT-7_VV.pdf

The Annual Return of 2022-23 in prescribed Form No. MGT-7, as required under Section 92(1) of the Companies Act, 2013 read with Rule 11 of the Companies (Management and Administration) Rules, 2014 has been placed on the Company's Website at the weblink:

<https://gacl.com/wp-content/uploads/2024/02/Form-MGT-7-Annual-Return-for-FY-ended-on-31.03.2023.pdf>

The same was filed with the Registrar of Companies, Gujarat (ROC) on Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA) portal within prescribed time limit.

DIVIDEND DISTRIBUTION POLICY

The Board of Directors of the Company at its Meeting held on 26th May, 2017 has adopted "Dividend Distribution Policy" effective from 26th May, 2017. The Company has further amended its "Dividend Distribution Policy" approved by the Board of Directors on 22nd May, 2023 which is applicable with effect from 22nd May, 2023 is available on the Company's Website at the weblink:

<https://gacl.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/12/Dividend-Distribution-Policy.pdf>

The dividend recommended by the Board for the year ended 31st March, 2024 is in accordance with the said Dividend Distribution Policy.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Your Directors state that no disclosure or reporting is required in respect of the following items since there were no transactions in these matters and/or they are not applicable to the Company during the year under review:

1. Details relating to deposits covered under Chapter V of the Act.
2. Issue of equity shares with differential rights as to dividend, voting or otherwise.
3. Issue of shares (including sweat equity shares) to employees of the Company under ESOP.
4. Issue of shares, Issue of debentures, warrants, bonds, other convertible securities or any non-convertible securities.
5. No significant or material orders were passed by the Regulators / Courts or Tribunals which would impact the going concern status of the Company and its future operations and No application made or proceeding pending under the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, 2016 (31 of 2016).
6. No fraud has been reported by the Auditors to the Audit Committee or the Board.
7. There has been no change in the nature of business of the Company.
8. There was no instance of one-time settlement with any Bank or Financial Institution.

Your Directors further state that the Company has constituted a Committee for prevention of Sexual Harassment of Women at Work place named as "Internal Complaint Committee-cum-Gender Equality Committee" under the provisions of the Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Act, 2013 (hereinafter referred as "the said Act") to enquire into complaints and recommend appropriate action, wherever required. During the year under review, the Committee had not received any complaint of sexual harassment.

SECRETARIAL STANDARDS

During the year under review, the Company has complied with the applicable Secretarial Standards issued by the Institute of Company Secretaries of India and approved by the Central Government under Section 118(10) of the Act.

DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITY STATEMENT

Your Directors state that:

- a) in the preparation of the Annual Accounts for the Financial Year ended 31st March, 2024, the applicable accounting standards have been followed;
- b) the Directors had selected such accounting policies and applied them consistently and made judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent so as to give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Company as at 31st March, 2024 and of the profit of the Company for the year ended on that date;

- c) the Directors had taken proper and sufficient care for the maintenance of adequate accounting records in accordance with the provisions of the Act for safeguarding the assets of the Company and for preventing and detecting fraud and other irregularities;
- d) the Directors have prepared the annual accounts on a going concern basis;
- e) the Directors have laid down internal financial controls to be followed by the Company and that such internal financial controls are adequate and are operating effectively; and
- f) the Directors have devised proper systems to ensure compliance with the provisions of all applicable laws and that such systems are adequate and operating effectively.

MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

A report on Management Discussion and Analysis forms part of the Board's Report and it deals inter-alia with the Business, Operations & Financial Performance, Research & Development, Expansion & Diversification, Risk Management, Outlook, Safety & Environment, Corporate Social Responsibility, Material Development in Human Resources etc. as stipulated under the SEBI Listing Regulations.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The Board expresses its gratitude and appreciation to the Government of India, Government of Gujarat, Financial Institutions, Insurance Companies, Banks, other business associates, Promoters, Shareholders and employees of the Company for their continued support. The Directors also gratefully acknowledge all stakeholders of the Company viz.: customers, members, dealers, vendors, banks and other business partners for the excellent support received from them during the year.

The Directors place on record their sincere appreciation to all employees of the Company for their unstinted commitments and continued contribution to the Company.

For and on behalf of the Board

Sd/-
DR. HASMUKH ADHIA, IAS (Retd.)
CHAIRMAN

Place : Vadodara

Date : 8th August, 2024



ANNEXURE – 1 to Board's Report

Particulars of Energy Conservation, Technology Absorption and Foreign Exchange Earnings and Outgo required under Section 134(3)(m) of the Companies Act, 2013 read with Rule 8(3) of the Companies (Accounts) Rules, 2014:

A. CONSERVATION OF ENERGY:

(i) Steps taken or impact on conservation of energy:

1. Remembraning of 206 Nos. 5B Gen. elements.
2. Installation of VFD in CCU III combustion blower.
3. Replacement of Air Preheater in Caustic Concentration unit.
4. Recoating of Electrolyzer – M in Caustic Soda Plant (CSP). The energy saving is 1957500 KWH Per Annum.
5. Installation and running of newly established Back Pressure Turbine (BPT) in CPP in place of existing extraction cum condensing Steam Turbine & Generator (STG) (with 1 GTG Running). The total energy saving is 75356 MKCAL Per Annum (The equivalent energy saving on NG consumption is 940 SM3 Per Hour at the Dahej Plant).

(ii) Steps taken by the Company for utilizing alternate sources of energy:

The Company has already installed various Wind Mills having total Wind Power capacity of 171.45 MW. In addition, the Company has also installed 35 MW Solar Power Plant to meet the Solar Renewable Purchase Obligations. The Company has installed 563 KW Solar Rooftop Power Plant at Vadodara Complex and 220 KW Solar Rooftop Power Plant and 640 KW floating solar Power Plant at Dahej. At the Dahej Plant, the Company has also installed and running of newly established Back Pressure Turbine (BPT) and got economical benefit of Rs. 32.5 Crore per annum. The Company had executed a PPA with M/s NVVNL for 50 MW capacity solar power as short term arrangement. The Company had also executed a PPA with M/s TATA Power for 70 MW capacity solar power as short term arrangement.

(iii) The Capital Investment on Energy Conservation Equipment:

The Company has invested Rs. 274 Lakhs as capital investment on Energy conservation equipment and during the financial year 2023-2024, saving of Rs.113 Lakhs have been achieved at Vadodara Complex.

The Company has invested Rs. 2,800 Lakhs as capital investment on Energy conservation equipment and during the financial year 2023-2024, saving of Rs.3,415 Lakhs have been achieved at Dahej Complex.

Further savings would be achieved during current and subsequent financial years.

B. TECHNOLOGY ABSORPTION

(i) Major efforts made towards technology absorption

For the production of Caustic Soda through electrolysis process, the Company has adopted Membrane Cell technology for which Electrolysers were imported from ThyssenKrupp, Germany. As a part of modernization/upgradation, the Company had replaced old generation Electrolysers with the latest generation Electrolysers, which has given benefit of lower power consumption & thereby reduction in manufacturing cost. The Company has absorbed technologies imported for other plants also.

(ii) The benefits derived like product improvement, cost reduction, product development or import substitute.

R&D objective is to create and implement systematic processes and projects aimed at developing technology-based assets that deliver real value to the Company. We innovate and introduce new products and services while enhancing our existing business through process development, improvement, import substitution, waste minimization, and water conservation initiatives.

R&D works on different projects, which is based on utilization of Chlorine and produce Chlorine derivative based new products, and also conducts studies on raw materials like different grades of Rock Phosphate and Solvents used in Phosphoric Acid Plant. Waste utilization by effluent recycling of Hydrogen Peroxide plant, utilization of HCl generated from Chloromethanes plant in Phosphoric Acid Plant etc.

In-house developed Cooling Water Treatment formulations are used for captive consumption and recycling cooling water to conserve water by increasing the Cycle of Concentration (COC). This controls corrosion, improves heat transfer, and reduces maintenance issues.

Working on development of In-house Defoamer (Antifoam) & metal removal chemical for new phosphoric acid plant, indigenous raw material for extraction section of Phosphoric Acid Plant, cleaning formulations etc. R&D is also involved in technical support for implementation of new products & services.

(iii) Information regarding imported technology (imported during last three years)

Details of Technology imported	Technology Imported from	Year of Import	Status
Phosphoric Acid Plant at Dahej	Tenova Advanced Technology, Israel.	September 2016	Commissioned in April 2023.
Chloromethanes Plant at Dahej	Shin Etsu Chemical Company Ltd, Japan.	October 2017	Commissioned in August 2022.
Caustic Soda Expansion at Dahej	Thyssenkrupp AG, Germany.	September 2019	Commissioned in September 2022.

(iv) Expenditure incurred on Research & Development

Sr. No.	Particulars	Amount (Rs. in Lakhs)
a)	Capital	50.00
b)	Revenue	266.80
	Total (a+b)	316.80

C. FOREIGN EXCHANGE EARNINGS AND OUTGO

1. Activities relating to export, initiatives to increase exports, Development of New export markets for Products and Services and Export Plan.

The Company has continued to maintain focus and avail of export opportunities based on market conditions. During the year under review, the Company has exported goods worth Rs.74,575.84 Lakhs (FOB Value).

2. Total Foreign Exchange Earned and Used during the Financial Year 2023-24 (including Merchant Exports)

(Rs. in Lakhs)

Foreign Exchange earned in terms of Actual Inflow	Rs.74,575.84
Foreign Exchange outgo in terms of Actual Outflows	Rs.41,281.28

**ANNEXURE – 2 to Board’s Report****ANNUAL REPORT ON CSR ACTIVITIES FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2023-24****1. A brief outline on CSR Policy of the Company:**

GACL has always been, as a conscious corporate citizen, serving the community around its business locations ever since its origin and even much before the concept of CSR took legal frame-work through Companies Act, 2013. GACL initiated various community developmental activities which are aligned with the Sustainable Development Goals and addressing National priority issues.

The CSR Policy of GACL was formed with a noble objective to ensure an increased commitment at all levels in the organization towards CSR, to operate its business in an economically, socially and environmentally sustainable manner, while recognizing the interests of all its stakeholders. GACL has aligned with the vision of the Company, through its CSR initiatives enhanced value creation in the society and in the community in which it operates. The CSR Policy, pursuant to Section 135 of the Companies Act, 2013 read with Schedule VII to the Companies Act, 2013 and the

Companies (Corporate Social Responsibility Policy) Rules, 2014 as amended, directs the Company, inter-alia, towards conducting CSR initiatives in the core focus areas of promoting education, including special education, enhancing vocational skills especially among differently-abled children, promoting health care including preventive health care and sanitation, generating livelihoods for people in rural areas, promoting and preserving traditional art, culture and heritage and conserving water and ensuring environmental sustainability. The CSR Policy of the Company may be accessed on the Company’s Website at the Weblink : https://gacl.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/12/CSR_POLICY-1.pdf

GACL Foundation Trust (GFT) (erstwhile known as GACL Education Society (GES)) is our CSR arm, through which various CSR initiatives of the Company are implemented. The Company also implements CSR projects directly in line with its CSR Policy.

Detailed projects/programs can be accessed on GFT Website <https://gaclfoundationtrust.org/>

2. Composition of CSR Committee :

Sr. No.	Name of Director	Designation / Nature of Directorship	Number of Meetings of CSR Committee held during the year	Number of Meetings of CSR Committee attended during the year
1	Dr. Hasmukh Adhia, Chairman*	Non- Executive Non-Independent Director	02	1
2	Shri Raj Kumar, IAS*	Non- Executive Non-Independent Director	02	-
3	Shri M K Das, IAS *	Non- Executive Non-Independent Director	02	0
4	Shri J P Gupta, IAS	Non- Executive Non-Independent Director	02	1
5	Dr. Rahul Gupta, IAS*	Non- Executive Non-Independent Director	02	0
6	Shri S B Dangayach	Non- Executive Independent Director	02	1
7	Smt. Shridevi Shukla	Non- Executive Independent Director	02	2
8	Shri Swaroop P. IAS	Executive Director	02	2

* Shri Raj Kumar, IAS ceased to be Director & Chairman w.e.f. 19.06.2023. Dr. Hasmukh Adhia, IAS (Retd.) was appointed as Director & Chairman w.e.f. 20.06.2023. Shri M K Das, IAS ceased to be Director w.e.f. 21.11.2023. Dr. Rahul Gupta, IAS was appointed as a Director w.e.f. 22.11.2023.

3. Provide the Web-link(s) where composition of CSR Committee, CSR Policy and CSR Projects approved by the Board are disclosed on the Website of the Company.

Web-link where composition of CSR Committee on Company’s website is available on <https://gacl.com/wp-content/uploads/2024/02/List-of-Commtee-Website.pdf>

CSR Policy: https://gacl.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/12/CSR_POLICY-1.pdf

CSR projects approved by the Board:

<https://gacl.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/12/CSR-Projects-Approved-By-The-Board-For-F-Y-2023-24-1.pdf>

4. Provide the executive summary along with web-link(s) of Impact Assessment of CSR Projects carried out in pursuance of sub-rule (3) of Rule 8, if applicable.

Not Applicable

5. (a) Average Net Profit of the Company as per sub-section (5) of Section 135: Rs. 62,700.09 Lakhs
 (b) Two percent of average Net Profit of the Company as per sub-section (5) of Section 135: Rs.1254.00 Lakhs
 (c) Surplus arising out of the CSR Projects or Programmes or activities of the previous Financial Years: Nil
 (d) Amount required to be set off for the Financial Year, if any: Nil
 (e) Total CSR obligation for the Financial Year ((b)+(c) – (d)): Rs.1254.00 Lakhs
6. (a) Amount spent on CSR Projects (both Ongoing Projects and other than Ongoing Projects): Rs. 6,75,62,636.61/-
 (b) Amount spent in Administrative Overheads : Rs. 35,18,823.39/-
 (c) Amount spent on Impact Assessment, if applicable : Not Applicable
 (d) Total amount spent for the Financial Year (a+b+c) : Rs. 7,10,81,460/-
 (e) CSR amount spent or unspent for the Financial Year :

Total Amount Spent for the Financial Year (In Rs.)	Amount Unspent (in Rs.)				
	Total Amount transferred to Unspent CSR Account as per sub-section (6) of Section 135.		Amount transferred to any fund specified under Schedule VII as per second proviso to sub-section (5) of Section 135.		
	Amount	Date of transfer	Name of the Fund	Amount	Date of transfer
7,10,81,460/-	5,43,18,540/-	24/04/2024	NIL		

- (f) Excess amount for set off, if any

Sr. No.	Particular	Amount (in Rs.)
(1)	(2)	(3)
(i)	Two percent of average Net Profit of the Company as per sub-section (5) of section 135	Rs.12,54,00,000.00
(ii)	Total amount spent for the Financial Year	Rs.7,10,81,460.00
(iii)	Excess amount spent for the Financial Year [(ii)-(i)]	NIL
(iv)	Surplus arising out of the CSR projects or programmes or activities of the previous Financial Years, if any	NIL
(v)	Amount available for set off in succeeding Financial Years [(iii)-(iv)]	NIL

7. Details of Unspent CSR amount for the preceding three Financial Years:

Sr. No.	Preceding Financial Year(s)	Amount transferred to Unspent CSR Account under sub-section (6) section 135 (in Rs.)	Balance Amount in Unspent CSR Account under sub-section (6) of section 135 (in Rs.)	Amount spent in the Financial Year (in Rs.)	Amount transferred to a fund as specified under Schedule VII as per second proviso to sub-section (5) of Section 135, if any		Amount remaining to be spent in succeeding Financial Years (in Rs.)	Deficiency, if any
					Amount (in Rs.)	Date of Transfer		
1	2020-21	99,42,510	99,42,510	86,09,929.00	13,32,581	18-04-2023	NIL	NIL
2	2021-22	6,02,96,000	6,02,96,000	3,22,38,131.50	NIL	NIL	2,80,57,868.50	NIL
3	2022-23	2,68,83,000	2,68,83,000	1,05,05,608.00	NIL	NIL	1,63,77,392.00	NIL



8. Whether any capital assets have been created or acquired through Corporate Social Responsibility amount spent in the Financial Year:

No

9. Specify the reason(s), if the company has failed to spend two per cent of the average net profit as per sub-section (5) of Section 135.

As per the provisions of Section 135 of the Companies Act, 2013, the statutory amount (i.e., 2% of the average net profits of the last three Financial Years) that was required to be spent by the Company for various CSR activities during the Financial Year 2023-24 was Rs.1254.00 Lakhs. The Company had spent Rs.710.81 Lakhs towards various CSR activities during the Financial Year 2023-24. Rs.543.19 Lakhs of ongoing projects were transferred to "GACL Unspent Corporate Social Responsibility Account 2023-24". In this manner, GACL had met its obligation under Section 135 of the Companies Act, 2013.

Date : 8th August, 2024

Sd/-
(Swaroop P. IAS)
Managing Director

Sd/-
(Dr. Hasmukh Adhia, IAS (Retd.))
Chairman - CSR Committee

ANNEXURE – 3 to Board's Report

Form MR-3 SECRETARIAL AUDIT REPORT

For the Financial Year ended 31st March, 2024
[Pursuant to Section 204(1) of the Companies Act, 2013, Rule 9
of the Companies (Appointment and Remuneration of Managerial Personnel) Rules, 2014
and Regulation 24A of SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements), Regulations, 2015]

To,
The Members,
Gujarat Alkalies and Chemicals Limited
P.O.: Ranoli – 391 350,
District: Vadodara.
Gujarat, India

We have conducted the Secretarial Audit of the compliance of applicable statutory provisions and the adherence to good corporate practices by Gujarat Alkalies and Chemicals Limited ("Company"). Secretarial Audit was conducted in a manner that provided us a reasonable basis for evaluating the corporate conducts / statutory compliances and expressing our opinion thereon.

Based on our verification of the Company's Books, Papers, Minute Books, Forms and Returns filed and other records maintained by the Company and also the information provided by the Company, its officers, agents and authorized representatives during the conduct of Secretarial Audit, we hereby report that, in our opinion, the Company has, during the audit period covering the Financial Year ended on March 31, 2024 ("review period"), complied with the statutory provisions listed hereunder and also that the Company has proper Board-Processes and Compliance-Mechanism in place to the extent, in the manner and subject to the reporting made hereinafter:

We have examined the Books, Papers, Minute Books, Forms and Returns filed and other records maintained by the Company for the review period, according to the provisions of:

- i. The Companies Act, 2013 ("Act") and the rules made thereunder;
- ii. The Securities Contracts (Regulation) Act, 1956 ("SCRA") and the rules made thereunder;
- iii. The Depositories Act, 1996 and the Regulations and Bye-laws framed thereunder;
- iv. Foreign Exchange Management Act, 1999 and the rules and regulations made thereunder to the extent of Foreign Direct Investment, Overseas Direct Investment and External Commercial Borrowings;
- v. The following Regulations and Guidelines prescribed under the Securities and Exchange Board of India Act, 1992 ("SEBI Act"): -
 - (a) SEBI (Issue of Capital and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2018; However, there were no actions/ events pursuant to these regulations, hence not applicable;
 - (b) SEBI (Substantial Acquisition of Shares and Takeovers) Regulations, 2011;
 - (c) SEBI (Buyback of Securities) Regulations, 2018; However, there were no actions/ events pursuant to these regulations, hence not applicable;
 - (d) SEBI (Share Based Employee Benefits and Sweat Equity) Regulations, 2021; However, there were no actions/ events pursuant to these regulations, hence not applicable;
 - (e) SEBI (Prohibition of Insider Trading) Regulations, 2015;
 - (f) SEBI (Registrars to an Issue and Share Transfer Agents) Regulations, 1993 regarding the Companies Act and dealing with client;
 - (g) SEBI (Delisting of Equity Shares) Regulations, 2021; However, there were no actions/ events pursuant to these regulations, hence not applicable;
 - (h) SEBI (Depositories and Participants) Regulations, 2018;
 - (i) SEBI (Issue and Listing of Non-Convertible Securities) Regulation, 2021; However, there were no actions/ events pursuant to these regulations, hence not applicable;

We have also examined compliance with the applicable clauses / regulations of the following:

- (i) Secretarial Standards issued by The Institute of Company Secretaries of India; and
- (ii) Listing Agreements entered into by the Company with BSE Limited and National Stock Exchange of India Limited read with SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015.

During the review period, the Company has complied with the provisions of the applicable Acts, Rules, Regulations, Guidelines, Standards, etc. as mentioned above.



We further report that;

- A. The Board of Directors of the Company is duly constituted with proper balance of Executive Directors, Non- Executive Directors and Independent Directors. The changes in the composition of the Board of Directors that took place during the period under review were carried out in compliance with the provisions of the Act;
- B. Adequate notice is given to all the Directors to schedule the Board Meetings, Agenda and detailed notes on Agenda were sent at least seven days in advance and a system exists for seeking and obtaining further information and clarification on the agenda items before the meeting and for meaningful participation at the meeting;
- C. As per the minutes of the meetings duly recorded and signed by the Chairman, the decisions of the Board were unanimous and no dissenting views have been recorded;
- D. There are adequate systems and processes in the Company commensurate with the size and operations of the Company to monitor and ensure compliance with all the applicable laws, rules, regulations and guidelines;
- E. During the period under review, there were no specific instances / actions in pursuance of the above referred Laws, Rules, Regulations, Guidelines, etc., having a major bearing on the Company's affairs.

Suresh Kumar Kabra

Partner

Samdani Shah & Kabra

Company Secretaries

ACS No. 9711, CP No. 9927

Place : Vadodara

Date : 8th August, 2024

UDIN : A009711F000899556

Peer Review Certificate No. 1079/2021

This Report is to be read with our letter of even date which is annexed as Appendix A and forms an integral part of this report.

Appendix - A

The Members,

Gujarat Alkalies and Chemicals Limited

P.O.: Ranoli – 391 350,

District: Vadodara

Gujarat, India

Our Secretarial Audit Report of even date is to be read along with this letter, that:

- i. Maintenance of secretarial records and compliance of the provisions of Corporate and other applicable Laws, Rules, Regulations, Standards is the responsibility of the management of the Company. Our examination was limited to the verification and audit of procedures and records on test basis. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these secretarial records and compliances based on such verification and audit.
- ii. We have followed the audit practices and processes as were appropriate to obtain reasonable assurance about the correctness of the contents of secretarial records. The verification was done on test basis to ensure that correct facts are reflected in secretarial records. We believe that the processes and practices we followed provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.
- iii. Wherever required, we have obtained the management representation about the Compliance of Laws, Rules and Regulations and happening of events, etc.
- iv. The Secretarial Audit Report is neither an assurance as to the future viability of the Company nor of the efficacy or effectiveness with which the management has conducted the Company's affairs.

Suresh Kumar Kabra

Partner

Samdani Shah & Kabra

Company Secretaries

ACS No. 9711, CP No. 9927

Place : Vadodara

Date : 8th August, 2024

UDIN : A009711F000899556

Peer Review Certificate No. 1079/2021

ANNEXURE – 4 to Board's Report

FORM NO. MR – 3

SECRETARIAL AUDIT REPORT

FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2024

[Pursuant to Section 204(1) of the Companies Act, 2013 and Rule No. 9 of The Companies (Appointment and Remuneration of Managerial Personnel) Rules, 2014]

10th May, 2024

To,
The Members,
GACL-NALCO Alkalies & Chemicals Private Limited
GACL Corporate Building – 391 350, Dist. Vadodara

I have conducted the secretarial audit of the compliance of applicable statutory provisions and the adherence to good corporate practices by **GACL-NALCO Alkalies & Chemicals Private Limited** (CIN:U24100GJ2015PTC085247)(hereinafter called 'the Company'). Secretarial Audit was conducted in a manner that provided me a reasonable basis for evaluating the corporate conducts/statutory compliances and expressing my opinion thereon.

Based on my verification of **GACL-NALCO Alkalies & Chemicals Private Limited's** books, papers, minute books, certificates, forms and returns filed and other records maintained by the Company and also the information provided by the Company, its officers, agents and authorized representatives during the conduct of secretarial audit, I hereby report that in my opinion, the Company has, during the audit period covering the financial year ended March 31, 2024, complied with the statutory provisions listed hereunder and also that the Company has proper Board-processes and compliance mechanism in place to the extent, in the manner and subject to the reporting made hereinafter.

I have examined the books, papers, minute books, forms and returns filed, and other records maintained by the Company for the financial year ended on March 31, 2024 according to the provisions of:-

- (i) The Companies Act, 2013 ('the Act') and the rules made thereunder;
- (ii) The Securities Contracts (Regulation) Act, 1956 ('SCRA') and the rules made thereunder;
- (iii) The Depositories Act, 1996 and the Regulations and bye-laws framed thereunder;
- (iv) Foreign Exchange Management Act, 1999 and the rules and regulations made thereunder to the extent of External Commercial Borrowings;
- (v) The following applicable Regulations prescribed under the Securities and Exchange Board of India Act, 1992 ('SEBI Act'):
 - a) The Securities and Exchange Board of India (Registrars to an Issue and Share Transfer Agents) Regulations, 1993, regarding the Companies Act and dealing with client;

As the Company is not listed on any Stock Exchange, none of the other Regulations under the SEBI Act are applicable to the Company except as mentioned in this report.
- (vi) Environment Protection Act, 1986 and other environmental laws;
- (vii) Explosive Act, 1864;
- (viii) Labour Laws; and
- (ix) Public Liability Insurance Act, 1991;
- (x) Electricity Act, 2003 and the Rules and Regulations notified thereunder;

I have also examined compliance with the applicable clauses of the following:-

- i) the Secretarial Standards issued by The Institute of Company Secretaries of India; and
- ii) The Securities and Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015;

The Company is not a listed entity, but the Company became a material subsidiary of Gujarat Alkalies and Chemicals Limited ('GACL'), a listed Company, w.e.f. 1st April, 2020 and continued to be so upto Financial Year 2022-23, as per Regulations 16 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. As the income or net worth of the Company as on 31st March, 2023 did not exceed 10% of the consolidated income or net worth of GACL as on 31st March, 2023, the Company was not a material subsidiary for FY 2023-24.

During the period under review the Company has complied with the provisions of the Act, Rules, Regulations, Guidelines, Standards, etc., mentioned above.

I further report that –

The Board of Directors of the Company is duly constituted and all the Directors are Non-Executive Directors. The Company has appointed Smt. Tamanna Patel as a Woman Director of the Company w.e.f. 01st May, 2023. The Company is not required to appoint any Independent Director as per Rule 4(2) of the Companies (appointment and Qualifications of Directors) Rules, 2014 and the explanation given under Regulation 24 (1) of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. During the period under review the changes in the composition of the Board of Directors were carried out in compliance with the provisions of the Act;



Adequate notice is given to all Directors to schedule the Board Meetings, agenda and detailed notes on agenda were sent at least seven days in advance, and a system exists for seeking and obtaining further information and clarifications on the agenda items before the meeting and for meaningful participation at the meeting. Urgent business, if any, is considered at a shorter notice with the consent of the Directors present. Majority decision is carried through while the dissenting members' views, if any, are captured and recorded as part of the minutes. Recording of meetings held by video conferencing are maintained by the Company.

I further report that there are adequate systems and processes in the Company commensurate with the size and operations of the Company to monitor and ensure compliance with applicable laws, rules, regulations and guidelines. I have relied on the representations made by the Company and its officers in respect of the systems and processes and mechanism formed for compliances under the applicable laws.

I further report that during the audit period, -

- i) the Company had not made any issue of equity shares or Debt Instruments during the year under report;
- ii) at the Extra Ordinary General Meeting held on 17th October, 2023, the members have passed Special Resolutions pursuant to Section 179 and Section 180 (1)(c) & 180(1)(a) of the Companies Act, 2013 to for increasing borrowing powers of the Company from Rs. 1900 Crores to Rs. 2150 Crores and for creation of charge or mortgage on the Company's properties of the Company to secure the borrowings up to the said limit;
- iii) There were no instances of (a) Merger / amalgamation / reconstruction etc.; and (b) Foreign technical collaborations

CS VIJAY L VYAS

COMPANY SECRETARY IN PRACTICE
FCS No.: 1602; C P No.: 13175
UDIN NO.F001602F000350896
Peer Review Certificate: 1836/22

Place : VADODARA
Date : 10th May, 2024

10th May, 2024

To,
GACL-NALCO Alkalies & Chemicals Private Limited
GACL Corporate Building,
P.O. Ranoli-391350,
Dist. Vadodara.

My report of even date is to be read along with this letter –

1. Maintenance of Secretarial record is the responsibility of the management of the company. My responsibility is to express an opinion on these secretarial records based on my audit.
2. I have followed the audit practices and processes as were appropriate in the prevalent pandemic situation to obtain reasonable assurance about the correctness of the contents of the Secretarial records. The verification was done on test basis to ensure that correct facts are reflected in secretarial records. I believe that the processes and practices, I followed provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.
3. I have relied on the registers and records required for audit along with a declaration from the CEO and Company Secretary regarding completeness and correctness of the records and registers so provided by the Company, for the purpose of the Secretarial Audit Report for the year 2023-24.
4. I have not verified the correctness and appropriateness of financial records and Books of Accounts of the company.
5. Where ever required, I have obtained the Management Representation about the compliance of laws, rules and regulations and happening of events etc.
6. The compliance of the provisions of Corporate and other applicable laws, rules, regulations, standards is the responsibility of management. My examination was limited to the verification of procedures on test basis.
7. The Secretarial Audit report is neither an assurance as to the future viability of the company nor of the efficacy of effectiveness with which the management has conducted the affairs of the company.

Thanking you,
Yours faithfully,

CS VIJAY L VYAS

COMPANY SECRETARY IN PRACTICE
FCS: 1602 :CP: 13175
Peer Review Certificate : 1836/22

ANNEXURE – 5 to Board’s Report
BUSINESS RESPONSIBILITY AND SUSTAINABILITY REPORTING
SECTION A: GENERAL DISCLOSURES
I. Details of the Listed Entity

S.No.	Requirement	Company Details
1.	Corporate Identity Number (CIN) of the Listed Entity	L24110GJ1973PLC002247
2.	Name of the Listed Entity	Gujarat Alkalies and Chemicals Limited
3.	Year of Incorporation	1973
4.	Registered office address	P.O. Ranoli - 391350, Dist. Vadodara, Gujarat, India
5.	Corporate address	P.O. Ranoli - 391350, Dist. Vadodara, Gujarat, India
6.	E-mail	investor_relations@gacl.co.in cosec@gacl.co.in
7.	Telephone	+91 265 6111000 / 7119000
8.	Website	www.gacl.com
9.	Financial year for which reporting is being done	1 st April 2023 – 31 st March 2024
10.	Name of the Stock Exchange(s) where shares are listed	National Stock Exchange (NSE) of India Limited Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE)
11.	Paid-up Capital	734369280
12.	Name and contact details (telephone, email address) of the person who may be contacted in case of any queries on the BRSR report	
	Name	Shri Swaroop P. IAS
	Designation	Managing Director
	Telephone Number	0265 –6111210
	Email Address	md@gacl.co.in
13.	Reporting boundary - Are the disclosures under this report made on a standalone basis (i.e. only for the entity) or on a consolidated basis (i.e. for the entity and all the entities which form a part of its consolidated financial statements, taken together).	
	Disclosures under this Report are made on Standalone Basis.	
14.	Name of assurance provider	Not Applicable as per SEBI’s criteria.
15.	Type of assurance obtained	Not Applicable.

II. Products/services

16. Details of business activities (accounting for 90% of the turnover):			
S. No.	Description of Main Activity	Description of Business Activity	%Of Turnover of the entity
1	Bulk Chemical Products	Manufacturing and Marketing of Chemicals	100%

17. Products/Services sold by the entity (accounting for 90% of the entity’s Turnover):			
S. No.	Products / Services	NIC Code	% of total Turnover Contributed
1	Caustic Soda Lye	201	28.15%
2	Caustic Soda Flakes	201	13.42%
3	Methylene Chloride	201	7.31%
4	Phosphoric Acid	201	6.84%
5	Hydrogen Peroxide	201	6.80%



6	Aluminium Chloride	201	6.05%
7	Caustic Potash Flakes	201	5.03%
8	Sodium Chlorate-Powder	201	4.50%
9	Caustic Soda Prills	201	3.93%
10	Potassium Carbonate Granule	201	3.26%
11	Caustic Potash Lye	201	2.53%
12	Hydrogen Gas Compressed in Cylinder	201	2.10%
13	Poly Aluminium Chloride	201	1.54%

III. Operations

18. Number of locations where plants and/or operations/offices of the entity are situated:

Location	Number of plants	Number of offices	Total
National	3	1	4
International	Nil	Nil	Nil

19. Markets served by the entity:

a. Number of locations

Location	Number
National (No. of states)	26*
International (No. of Countries)	55

* No. of states also includes 4 union territories.

19. b. What is the contribution of exports as a percentage of the total turnover of the entity?

20.14 %

19. c. A brief on types of customers

The Company serves soaps and detergents, glass, chemicals, fertilizers, textiles, alumina refining, water treatments, paper, pharma customers, etc. both directly as well as through dealers. Our Chlor-Alkali business supports varied range of applications including the production of pulp and paper, soaps, detergents, viscose fibre, zeolites, food additives, textile processing and more. The business largely serves the need of diverse and critical industries. (B2B).

IV. Employees

20. Details as at the end of Financial Year:

a. Employees and workers (including differently abled):

S. No.	Particulars	Total(A)	Male		Female	
			No. (B)	% (B / A)	No. (C)	% (C / A)
EMPLOYEES						
1.	Permanent (D)	655	635	96.95	20	3.05
2.	Other than Permanent (E)	7	7	100.00	0	0.00
3.	Total employees (D + E)	662	642	96.98	20	3.02
WORKERS						
4.	Permanent (F)	710	691	97.32	19	2.68
5.	Other than Permanent (G)	3252	3104	95.45	148	4.55
6.	Total workers (F + G)	3962	3795	95.78	167	4.22

20. b. Differently abled Employees and workers:						
S. No.	Particulars	Total(A)	Male		Female	
			No. (B)	% (B / A)	No. (C)	% (C / A)
DIFFERENTLY ABLED EMPLOYEES						
1.	Permanent (D)	5	5	100	0	0
2.	Other than Permanent (E)	0	0	0	0	0
3.	Total differently abled employees (D + E)	5	5	100	0	0
DIFFERENTLY ABLED WORKERS						
4.	Permanent (F)	4	4	100	0	0
5.	Other than permanent (G)	0	0	0	0	0
6.	Total differently abled workers (F + G)	4	4	100	0	0

21. Participation/ Inclusion/ Representation of women			
	Total (A)	No. and percentage of Females	
		No. (B)	% (B / A)
Board of Directors	8	1	12.5
Key Management Personnel (other than MD)	2*	0	0

* Other than MD as on 31.03.2024.

22. Turnover rate for permanent employees and workers									
	FY 2023-24 (Turnover rate in current FY)			FY 2022-23 (Turnover rate in previous FY)			FY 2021-22 (Turnover rate in Year prior to Previous FY)		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
Permanent Employees	9.28	15.00	9.46	8.45	26.92	9.24	4.58	9.52	4.75
Permanent Workers	0.86	5.26	0.97	0.14	0	0.14	0	0	0

V. Holding, Subsidiary and Associate Companies (including joint ventures)

23. a. Names of holding / subsidiary / associate companies / joint ventures				
S. No.	Name of the holding /subsidiary / associate companies / joint ventures (A)	Indicate whether holding/ Subsidiary/ Associate/ Joint Venture	% of shares held by listed entity	Does the entity indicated at column A, participate in the Business Responsibility initiatives of the listed entity?(Yes/No)
1	GACL-NALCO Alkalies and Chemicals Private Limited	Subsidiary	60%	Yes
2	Vadodara Jal Sanchay Private Limited	Joint Venture	15%	No*

*The JV company is yet to start its operations. Therefore, there is no direct participation by the JV in the BR initiatives of the Company, at present.

VI. CSR Details

24. (i) Whether CSR is applicable as per section 135 of Companies Act, 2013:	Yes
(ii) Turnover (in Rs.)	INR 370277.04 lakhs
(iii) Net worth (in Rs.)	INR 469860.87 lakhs

VII. Transparency and Disclosures Compliances

25. Complaints/Grievances on any of the principles (Principles 1 to 9) under the National Guidelines on Responsible Business Conduct:

	Grievance Redressal Mechanism in Place (Yes/No)	FY 2023-24 (Current Financial Year)			FY 2022-23 (Previous Financial Year)		
		Number of complaints filed during the year	Number of complaints pending resolution at close of the year	Remarks	Number of complaints filed during the year	Number of complaints pending resolution at close of the year	Remarks
Stakeholder group from whom complaint is received	(If Yes, then provide web-link for grievance redress policy)						
Communities	Yes	Nil	Nil	NA	Nil	Nil	NA
	https://gacl.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/12/Grievance-Handling-Policy.pdf						
Investors (other than shareholder)	Yes	Nil	Nil	NA	Nil	Nil	NA
	https://gacl.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/12/Investor-Grievance-Redressal.pdf						
Shareholders	Yes	40	0	NA	37	0	NA
	https://gacl.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/12/Investor-Grievance-Redressal.pdf						
Employees and workers	Yes	Nil	Nil	NA	Nil	Nil	NA
	https://gacl.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/12/Grievance-Handling-Policy.pdf						
Customers	Yes	Nil	Nil	NA	Nil	Nil	NA
	https://gacl.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/12/Grievance-Handling-Policy.pdf						
Value Chain Partners	Yes	Nil	Nil	NA	Nil	Nil	NA
	https://gacl.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/12/Grievance-Handling-Policy.pdf						

26. Overview of the entity's material responsible business conduct issues
Please indicate material responsible business conduct and sustainability issues pertaining to environmental and social matters that present a risk or an opportunity to your business, rationale for identifying the same, approach to adapt or mitigate the risk along-with its financial implications, as per the following format

S. No.	Material issue identified	Indicate whether risk or opportunity (R/O)	Rationale for identifying the risk / opportunity	In case of risk, approach to adapt or mitigate	Financial implications of the risk or opportunity (Indicate positive or negative implications)
1	Climate Change	R	The Company may encounter Significant environmental risks due to climate change, including water scarcity and extreme weather events.	GACL has opted for climate resilient infrastructure and appropriate strategies are in place to prevent any kind of disruptions to business.	N

2	Energy Consumption	R	Higher energy consumption poses significant risks to a company like GACL from environmental and financial perspectives. It increases the greenhouse gas emissions, resulting in a negative image of the company. This can also impact the company's efficient energy management.	GACL has controls & procedures in place to monitor and control the energy consumption. The Company continuously monitors the energy consumption across its operations.	N
3	GHG & Air Emission	R	Higher carbon emissions substantially contribute to air pollution and adverse environmental impact. This has significant risks to the Company from regulatory and reputational perspective.	GACL has initiated the transition to renewable energy sources to reduce carbon footprints and emissions. GACL has been capturing CO ₂ from flue gas to produce a value-added product, namely Potassium Carbonate. Additionally, the Company has developed 40 hectares of Mangrove at the Dahej location.	N
4	Renewable Energy	O	GACL is gradually shifting towards renewable energy, which will help reduce operating costs, increase profitability, and meet regulatory compliances through reduced emissions.	The Company has installed various Windmills having total Wind Power capacity of 171.45 MW. In addition, the Company has also installed 35 MW Solar Power Plant to meet the Solar Renewable Purchase Obligations. The Company has also installed 563 KW Solar Rooftop Power Plant at Vadodara Complex and 220 KW Solar Rooftop Power Plant and 640 KW floating solar Power Plant at Dahej. In addition to this, during the first quarter of FY 2024-25 GACL has successfully tied up with NTPC Vidyut Vyapar Nigam Limited (NVVNL) and Tata Power Trading Company Limited (TPTCL) for supply of solar power to the Company from their 50 MW and 70 MW solar power installations respectively. This will result into reduction of the cost of electric power by increasing renewable power content to about 40% on annual basis. The Company is in process of targeting to achieve 80% of green power out of its total requirements in next 2-3 years.	P

5	Water consumption and waste generation	R	<p>Water consumption in an excessive quantity is a potential risk for a chemical company. This will impact water availability leading to water scarcity, and dependency on local water supplies. Further, this will be resulting in environmental concerns, reputational damage and cost escalation in the company's reputation. Waste generation poses risk to regulatory compliances and increases operating costs.</p>	<p>GACL has adopted responsible usage of water by tracking water withdrawal, consumption and discharge. Also, a part of the water is recycled and reused. The Company has also planned to purify the sewage water of Vadodara Municipal Corporation and use it in the plant. A floating solar power plant has been installed in one of the water reservoirs to reduce evaporation losses.</p> <p>The Company has also participated in desalination project of 100 MLD water set up by GIDC at Dahej. GACL share in this project is 10 MLD water. This amounts to about 75 – 80% of water requirement at Dahej complex met through desalinated water, thereby reducing use of surface water.</p>	N
6	Compliance Management	R	<p>Any non-compliance to the statutory requirements by the Company may result into disruptions in operations, penalties, and loss of reputation.</p>	<p>GACL has established a system to track and address all the statutory compliances. The Company has adopted Compliance Management System and places report on compliances before the Board quarterly. During the year 2023-24, GACL had conducted a quiz on Prohibition of Insider Trading in questionnaire form for Designated Employees to create awareness. The Designated employee had to get minimum 80% marks to qualify the quiz. All the Designated Employees have completed the same.</p>	N
7	Labour standard, Human rights grievances & working conditions	R	<p>Reported incidents of human rights breach, unethical labour practices within the Company leads to disruptions in operations, fine, penalties and reputational risk.</p>	<p>GACL has adopted policies to comply with labour laws, respect human rights and maintain healthy working conditions. Mechanisms are also in place to cater needs of the workforce and address grievances of the employees and workers.</p>	N
8	Corruption & Bribery	R	<p>Reported instances of corruption and bribery pose significant risks by loss of credibility, ethical standards and corporate governance.</p>	<p>GACL has adopted and implemented ABAC policy to ensure that appropriate procedures are in place to avoid any instance of corruption and bribery.</p> <p>The policy can be accessed at – https://gacl.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/12/Anti-Bribery-Anti-Corruption-Policy.pdf</p> <p>There was no event of Corruption & Bribery during the year 2023-24.</p>	N

			It also adversely affects the business, by reputational damage, ending stakeholders' trust and losing business opportunities and partnerships.		
9	Occupational health & safety	R	GACL operates in chemical industry, hence OHS is one of the major risks for the employees and workers handling chemicals.	GACL has implemented OHS Management System and OHSEE policy. https://gac1.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/12/aea7e_human_resource.jpg Regular safety training, toolbox talk, and third-party safety audits are conducted. Kindly refer to Principle 3 for more details. During the first quarter of FY 2024-25 GACL has successfully launched "Sawasthya Setu" application under Intranet module of the Company in which employees of the Company can see his / her medical history / reports.	N
10	Community Relations & Engagement	O	Continuous and regular engagement with the community around GACL, helps the company to operate smoothly, and implement it's programs for the community effectively. This helps the company to become socially responsible.	The company has taken several initiatives under its CSR activities for the upliftment of communities around its operation. Those initiatives include the right to education, skill development, Career guidance to youth, health care, sanitation, nutrition, women empowerment, and Animal husbandry etc. Please refer to principle 8 for more details.	P
11	Sustainable Supply Chain Management	O	The Company having more than 35 products and corresponding raw materials, proximity to consumers, source of major raw materials and connectivity to rail, road and ports are vital for efficient and sustainable supply chain management	The major raw material, Salt, is largely sourced from surrounding areas (within radius of 200 km), key customers are served through dedicated pipelines, a country wide dealers' network is established for reaching out to all consumers through the most efficient rail, road or sea route.	P



SECTION B: MANAGEMENT & PROCESS DISCLOSURES

This section is aimed at helping businesses demonstrate the structures, policies and processes put in place towards adopting the NGRBC Principles and Core Elements.

Disclosure	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Questions	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Policy and management processes									
1. a. Whether your entity's policy/policies cover each principle and its core elements of the NGRBCs. (Yes/No)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
b. Has the policy been approved by the Board? (Yes/No)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
c. Web Link of the Policies, if available	All Policies of GACL can be accessed at: https://gac1.com/other-financial-information/ Kindly refer to Note 1								
2. Whether the entity has translated the policy into procedures. (Yes / No)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
3. Do the enlisted policies extend to your value chain partners? (Yes/No)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
4. Name of the national and international codes/certifications/labels/ standards (e.g. Forest Stewardship Council, Fairtrade, Rainforest Alliance, Trustea) standards (e.g. SA 8000, OHSAS, ISO, BIS) adopted by your entity and mapped to each principle.	Yes, GACL is ISO 14001, 45001, 50001, and 9001 certified.								
5. Specific commitments, goals and targets set by the entity with defined timelines, if any.	Kindly refer to note 2								
6. Performance of the entity against the specific commitments, goals and targets along-with reasons in case the same are not met.									

Note:1. a. The Company has formulated and implemented following policies in accordance with the Principles of NGRBC-

NGRBC Principle	Name of Policy	Link of the Policy
Principle 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Anti Bribery and Anti Corruption Policy Nomination & Remuneration-Cum-Board Diversity Policy Business Responsibility and Sustainability Policy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> https://gac1.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/12/Anti-Bribery-Anti-Corruption-Policy.pdf https://gac1.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/12/Nomination-Remuneration-Cum-Board-Diversity-Policy.pdf https://gac1.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/12/Business-Responsibility-And-Sustainability-Policy.pdf
Principle 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supply Chain Policy Business Responsibility and Sustainability Policy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> https://gac1.com/wp-content/uploads/2024/02/86543_supply_chain.pdf https://gac1.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/12/Business-Responsibility-And-Sustainability-Policy.pdf
Principle 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Business Responsibility and Sustainability Policy Human Resource Policy Training and Development Policy QHSEE Policy Risk Management Policy Grievance Handling Policy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> https://gac1.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/12/Business-Responsibility-And-Sustainability-Policy.pdf https://gac1.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/12/aea7e_human_resource.jpg https://gac1.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/12/25810_training.jpg https://gac1.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/12/QHSEn_Policy_Eng.jpg https://gac1.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/12/Risk-Management-Policy.pdf https://gac1.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/12/Grievance-Handling-Policy.pdf

Principle 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Risk Management Policy Grievance Handling Policy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> https://gacl.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/12/Risk-Management-Policy.pdf https://gacl.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/12/Grievance-Handling-Policy.pdf
Principle 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Risk Management Policy Grievance Handling Policy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> https://gacl.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/12/Risk-Management-Policy.pdf https://gacl.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/12/Grievance-Handling-Policy.pdf
Principle 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> QHSEE Policy Business Responsibility & Sustainability Policy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> https://gacl.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/12/QHSEEn_Policy_Eng.jpg https://gacl.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/12/Business-Responsibility-And-Sustainability-Policy.pdf
Principle 7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Business Responsibility & Sustainability Policy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> https://gacl.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/12/Business-Responsibility-And-Sustainability-Policy.pdf
Principle 8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Corporate Social Responsibility Policy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> https://gacl.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/12/CSR_POLICY-1.pdf
Principle 9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Information Technology Cyber Security Policy Risk Management Policy Grievance Handling Policy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> https://gacl.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/12/Information-Technology-Cyber-Security-Policy.pdf https://gacl.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/12/Risk-Management-Policy.pdf https://gacl.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/12/Grievance-Handling-Policy.pdf

Note 2 : Please refer to the following table.

Principles	Objectives	Commitments
Principle 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All employees shall be trained on the company's ethics policy and code of conduct 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> GACL is Committed towards ethical standards and avoiding any instances related to bribery, corruption, and unethical practices.
Principle 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All major suppliers shall be assessed basis on the environmental and social parameters 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> GACL is committed to engaging with major suppliers.
Principle 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensure zero incidents in all operations. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> GACL is committed to fostering employee well-being through strong emphasis on mental health, and employee assistance programs.
Principle 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensure enhancement in stakeholder engagement 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> GACL is committed to engaging with stakeholders on periodic basis to boost the confidence of all the stakeholders.
Principle 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All employees shall be trained on the company's human rights policy. <p>https://gacl.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/12/aea7e_human_resource.jpg</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> GACL is committed to upholding and respecting the rights of employees and workers with respect to equal opportunity, non-discrimination, safety and security
Principle 6	<p>Waste</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adopt 4R strategy (Reduce, Reuse, Recycle and Recovery) for managing non-hazardous and hazardous waste across our operations <p>Water</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Engage with communities' water stewardship program <p>Energy & Emission</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Invest in renewable sources of energy across all the operations. 	<p>Waste</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> GACL is committed to minimising waste by co-processing which can be used as input or others. We intent to collaborate with premier institutes for exploring reuse of brine sludge and under discussion with few of them. <p>Water</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> GACL is committed to reducing our water footprint and across our operations. We have conducted water study and are in process to implement observations / suggestions mentioned in the report. <p>Energy & Emission</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> GACL is committed to reducing GHG emissions in operations by creating GHG inventory of scope 1 and 2 emissions. We have target of increasing renewable energy share by more than 30 % by financial year 2024-25 as compared to existing 25 %.



Principle 7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensure to participate more with public and regulatory policy, in a manner that is responsible and transparent 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> GACL is committed to enabling more initiative to participate more with various trade representation for this purpose in a responsible and transparent manner.
Principle 8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensure enhancement in inclusive growth and equitable development 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> GACL is committed to enabling initiatives towards community development.
Principle 9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensure enhancement in value addition to the consumers. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> GACL is committed to enhance value to its customers by periodically engaging with them to identify their needs and expectations.

II. Governance, Leadership and Oversight

7. Statement by director responsible for the business responsibility report, highlighting ESG related challenges, targets and achievements (listed entity has flexibility regarding the placement of this disclosure)

Established in 1973, in its 51st year since inception, Gujarat Alkalies and Chemicals Limited (GACL) has witnessed another productive and eventful year in the chemical manufacturing sector, striving towards a sustainable future. GACL has consistently placed a strong emphasis on the well-being of both people and the planet in its business pursuits, resulting in sustained operations in a highly competitive market. The Company has a track record of giving importance to its core values, which enabled it to be an undisputed leader in chemical manufacturing segments where it operates. The Company has grown into one of the leaders with an aggregate capacity of 8,52,750 MTA of caustic soda from the modest beginning made in 1976 at 37425 MTA.

GACL is deeply committed to integrating Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) principles into its core operations. The Company prioritizes ethical conduct, upholds rigorous standards for its products and processes, and consistently seeks avenues for improvements directed towards conservation of natural resources. GACL diligently adheres to all applicable regulations and steadfastly works towards nurturing a sustainable and promising future.

Transparency and Governance:

GACL is committed towards robust corporate governance through high ethical standards, integrity, excellence, and responsibility. The Company ensures stringent ethical standards across all its interactions, prioritizing transparency, honesty, and fairness in its every endeavour.

Learning, Development and Innovation:

The Company embraces continuous learning and development as a catalyst for driving innovation within its operations. This commitment to ongoing learning has facilitated the integration of new technologies and enhanced process efficiencies, resulting into reduced wastages and a more environmentally responsible approach. Consequently, these endeavours have led to optimized operational costs for the Company.

As a part of its R&D efforts, the Company has developed improved processes for manufacturing high-purity guaiacol, cold-water-soluble methyl cellulose, High Purity Vanillin, Cold Water-Soluble Hydroxy Propyl Methyl Cellulose. In addition to this, it has also developed an improved process for the crystallization for manufacturing sodium percarbonate powder treating sodium cyanide-containing liquid effluent on Industrial scale. Also, the Company has developed an improved process to produce hydrazine hydrate, for which commercial production has commenced. Contributing towards "AatmaNirbhar Bharat Abhiyan", GACL has set up a plant to manufacture Hydrazine Hydrate (N₂-H₄.H₂O) for which our country is mostly dependent on imports from other countries. The indigenous environment-friendly technology developed by us is our contribution towards the dream of our nation i.e., "Make in India". For this, we had collaborated with the Indian Institute of Chemical Technology (Hyderabad), one of the leading CSIR laboratories, and have received joint patents in India and USA for this process. The plant, based on indigenously developed and patented technology, is currently under stabilization for optimized operations.

The Company implemented a water recycling plan and water conservation strategies overseen by the Research and Development (R&D) Department. It has developed In-house Scale Corrosion Inhibitors (i.e Scalewins) and Biocides (i.e. Biowins) formulations, serving as scale corrosion inhibitors and biocides, respectively, to manage scale, corrosion, fouling and biological growth in the cooling water system. Tailored formulations are applied for the treatment of the cooling water systems, with technical support provided by the R&D team. These formulations play a critical role in mitigating scale and corrosion in the cooling water system, contributing to significant water conservation efforts by increasing the Cycle of Concentration (COC) of cooling towers. This treatment has successfully enabled the achievement of a high COC.

The Company has invested in a joint desalination water plant to meet most of its water requirement at its Dahej Complex, thereby conserving surface and ground water for agriculture purpose.

Vadodara Jal Sanchay Pvt. Ltd.

A Special Purpose Vehicle / Joint Venture Company in the name of Vadodara Jal Sanchay Private Limited (VJSPL) was incorporated on 22.07.2020 for establishment of new secondary treated waste water plant (STP) of 50 MLD at Vadodara, Gujarat jointly by Gujarat Alkalies and Chemicals Limited (GACL), Gujarat State Fertilizers & Chemicals Limited (GSFC), Gujarat Industries Power Company Limited (GIPCL) and Vadodara Municipal Corporation (VMC).

Efficient Supply chain

The Company procures a substantial volume of raw materials from a large number of Micro, Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (MSME) within India. One of the primary raw materials, salt, is sourced from nearby MSMEs. The Company capacitated these salt producers for efficient salt farming and the production of high-quality salt. These arrangements not only ensure the best quality requiring minimum consumption of chemicals for further purifications, but also a dependable supply chain. Further, the company benefits from its close proximity to rail, road, and sea transportation infrastructure, allowing cost-effective transportation of products to distant locations. Additionally, the company has established a robust nationwide network of dealers, serving as extended arms of the company to reach all end-users. Moreover, the company caters to nearby customers through dedicated pipelines.

GACL Foundation Trust (GFT), a CSR arm of GACL, initiated welfare activities of salt workers and their children. GFT in partnership with Gram Vikas Trust, Bharuch initiated "Vidhya Sathi" education project. Under this project education classes are conducted at three salt pan areas of Dahej, Gandhar and Paniyadara of Vagra Taluka of Bharuch District catering around 81 children.

Diversified Energy Sourcing

As a Chemical manufacturing company, Company's operations are heavily reliant on energy. The Company has installed various Windmills for captive use having total Wind Power capacity of 171.45 MW. In addition, the Company has also installed a 35 MW Solar Power Plant to meet its own requirements and to also meet its Renewable Purchase Obligations. The Company has installed a 563 KW Solar Rooftop Power Plant at Vadodara Complex and 220 KW Solar Rooftop Power Plant & a 640 KW floating solar Power Plant at its Dahej Complex. Both at Vadodara and Dahej complexes the Company has also installed Back Pressure Turbines (BPT) which helps in recovering energy from high pressure steam in the form of electric power. The Company has executed PPAs with M/s NVVNL for supply of solar power from a 50 MW capacity solar power installation and with M/s Tata Power for supply of solar power from a 70 MW solar park as a short to medium term measure.

The Company is also in discussions with M/s NTPC Renewable Energy and other developers for supply of more than 100 MW Renewable power on Hybrid/Round-The-Clock (RTC) basis.

GACL hosted a sectoral workshop on "Best Practices in Energy Efficiency in the Chlor-Alkali Sector: A Path for Decarbonization," under the UK-India Technical Assistance Programme, ASPIRE, initiated by the Foreign Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO), UK Government, in collaboration with the Bureau of Energy Efficiency, Ministry of Power, Government of India, at its Dahej Complex.

Responsible Corporate Citizenship

GACL believes in the importance of community development. To create a positive and enduring impact on society, the company has undertaken various CSR projects through its CSR arm viz. GACL Foundation Trust. Those projects include the promotion of education, HMDC/Special children, Health, Nutrition Hygiene & sanitation, Sustainable livelihood & Skill development, promotion of Art Culture & Heritage, Water conservation and Environmental projects.

The Company aspires to serve as an exemplary organisation in facilitating social progress and enhancing community welfare.



8. Details of the highest authority responsible for implementation and oversight of the Business Responsibility policy(ies).

The Managing Director, Company Secretary and Chief Financial Officer of the Company shall be jointly and severally responsible for implementing the Business Responsibility and Sustainability Policy. The Managing Director of GACL shall be the Head of Business Responsibility and Sustainability and will oversee the implementation of the Policy.

9. Does the entity have a specified Committee of the Board/ Director responsible for decision making on sustainability related issues? (Yes / No). If yes, provide details.

Yes. The Board of Directors of the Company have constituted the ESG Committee.
The said Committee is responsible for reviewing and approving the action plan formulated by the Company to carry out its Business Responsibility and Sustainability Report (BRSR) and Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) obligations and to recommend the same to the Board, from time to time.

10. Details of Review of NGRBCs by the Company:

Subject for Review	Indicate whether review was undertaken by Director / Committee of the Board/ Any other Committee									Frequency (Annually/ Half yearly/ Quarterly/ Any other – please specify)								
	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Performance against above policies and follow up action	All the ESG Policies are reviewed by the Managing Director, Company Secretary and Chief Financial Officer of the Company on periodic basis.																	
Compliance with statutory requirements of relevance to the principles, and, rectification of any non-compliances	All the policies are evaluated to determine their effectiveness in accordance with the latest developments in ESG space pertaining to applicable national/international standards and legislative requirements. If required, appropriate changes are made to the policies and the same are duly communicated to all stakeholders.																	

11. Has the entity carried out independent assessment/ evaluation of the working of its policies by an external agency? (Yes/No). If yes, provide name of the agency.

P1	P2	P3	P4	P5	P6	P7	P8	P9
GACL is looking forward to carrying out an independent assessment/ evaluation of the implemented policies by an external agency.								

12. If answer to question (1) above is “No” i.e. not all Principles are covered by a policy, reasons to be stated:

Questions	P1	P2	P3	P4	P5	P6	P7	P8	P9
The entity does not consider the Principles material to its business (Yes/No)	Not Applicable. GACL has formulated policies in accordance with nine NGRBC principles. Kindly refer to the explanation of Question 1, Section B of BRSR.								
The entity is not at a stage where it is in a position to formulate and implement the policies on specified principles (Yes/No)									
The entity does not have the financial or/human and technical resources available for the task (Yes/No)									
It is planned to be done in the next financial year (Yes/No)									
Any other reason (please specify)									

SECTION C : PRINCIPLE WISE PERFORMANCE DISCLOSURE

This section is aimed at helping entities demonstrate their performance in integrating the Principles and Core Elements with key processes and decisions. The information sought is categorized as “Essential” and “Leadership”. While the essential indicators are expected to be disclosed by every entity that is mandated to file this report, the leadership indicators may be voluntarily disclosed by entities which aspire to progress to a higher level in their quest to be socially, environmentally and ethically responsible.

PRINCIPLE 1 BUSINESSES SHOULD CONDUCT AND GOVERN THEMSELVES WITH INTEGRITY, AND IN A MANNER THAT IS ETHICAL, TRANSPARENT AND ACCOUNTABLE.

ESSENTIAL INDICATORS

1. Percentage coverage by training and awareness programmes on any of the principles during the financial year:			
Segment	Total number of training and awareness programmes held	Topics / principles covered under the training and its impact	%age of persons in respective category covered by the awareness programmes
Board of Directors	5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Vigil Mechanism-cum-whistle blower policy Prohibition of Insider Trading Code of Conduct of the Company Training on the principles of BRSR and GACL policies Training on Cyber Security Awareness 	100%
Key Managerial Personnel	8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> POSH Insider Trading Cyber Security Awareness on Indian Constitution Negotiation Skills Emergency Response Plan 	100%
Employees other than BoD and KMPs	210	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Negotiation Skills Presentation Skills Supervisory Skills Development Managerial Skills Development Neuro Linguistic Programming The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People Behavior Based Safety Emergency Response Plan Safety in Chemical Plant Health Awareness Sessions on Diabetes, Hypertension, Skin Diseases and Skin care, know your heart. 	82%
Workers	210	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Time Management Negotiation Skills Emergency Response Plan Safety in Chemical Plant Fire Fighting Training 	83%



2. Details of fines / penalties /punishment/ award/ compounding fees/ settlement amount paid in proceedings (by the entity or by directors / KMPs) with regulators/ law enforcement agencies/ judicial institutions, in the financial year, in the following format (Note: the entity shall make disclosures on the basis of materiality as specified in Regulation 30 of SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 and as disclosed on the entity's website):

Monetary					
	NGRBC Principle	Name of the regulatory/ enforcement agencies/judicial institutions	Amount (In INR)	Brief of the Case	Has an appeal been preferred? (Yes/No)
Penalty/ Fine	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	No
Settlement	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	No
Compounding fee	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	No

Non-Monetary				
	NGRBC Principle	Name of the regulatory/ enforcement agencies/judicial institutions	Brief of the Case	Has an appeal been preferred? (Yes/No)
Imprisonment	NIL	NIL	NIL	No
Punishment	NIL	NIL	NIL	No

GACL has not received any fines/penalties /punishment/ award/ compounding fees in the reporting period.

3. Of the instances disclosed in Question 2 above, details of the Appeal/ Revision preferred in cases where monetary or non-monetary action has been appealed

Case Details	Name of the regulatory/ enforcement agencies/ judicial institutions
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Not Applicable. GACL has not received any form of fines/ penalties/ punishment/ award/ compounding fees against any of the NGRBC principles for the reporting period.

4. Does the entity have an anti-corruption or anti-bribery policy? If yes, provide details in brief and if available, provide a web-link to the policy.

Yes, the Company has Anti Bribery and Anti-Corruption policy in place that applies to all employees (whether permanent, fixed-term or temporary), personnel resources provided by third parties on a contractual basis, Business Partners including consultants, contractors, their respective employees, trainees, seconded staff, casual workers, volunteers and interns working for GACL at all levels. The policy ensures appropriate anti-corruption and anti-bribery procedures are in place across GACL to avoid any violations of applicable laws and regulations. The Anti-corruption and Anti-bribery policy has been publicly available on the official website of GACL which can be accessed at <https://gacl.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/12/Anti-Bribery-Anti-Corruption-Policy.pdf>

5. Number of Directors/KMPs/employees/workers against whom disciplinary action was taken by any law enforcement agency for the charges of bribery/ corruption:

	FY 2023-24 (Current Financial Year)	FY 2022-23 (Previous Financial Year)
Directors	Nil	Nil
KMPs	Nil	Nil
Employees	Nil	Nil
Workers	Nil	Nil

6. Details of complaints with regard to conflict of interest:				
	FY 2023-24 (Current Financial Year)		FY 2022-23 (Previous Financial Year)	
	Number	Remarks	Number	Remarks
Number of complaints received in relation to issues of Conflict of Interest of the Directors	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Number of complaints received in relation to issues of Conflict of Interest of the KMPs	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

7. Provide details of any corrective action taken or underway on issues related to fines / penalties / action taken by regulators/ law enforcement agencies/ judicial institutions, on cases of corruption and conflicts of interest.	
Not Applicable. GACL has not received any form of penalties for any NGRBC principles for the reporting period.	

8. Number of days of accounts payables ((Accounts payable *365) / Cost of goods/services procured) in the following format:		
	FY 2023-24 (Current Financial Year)	FY 2022-23 (Previous Financial Year)
Number of days of accounts payables	48.20	49.21

9. Open-ness of business Provide details of concentration of purchases and sales with trading houses, dealers, and related parties along with loans and advances & investments, with related parties, in the following format:			
Parameter	Metrics	FY 2023-24 (Current Financial Year)	FY 2022-23 (Previous Financial Year)
Concentration of Purchases	a. Purchases from trading houses as % of total purchases	Nil	Nil
	b. Number of trading houses where purchases are made from	Nil	Nil
	c. Purchases from top 10 trading houses as % of total purchases from trading houses	Nil	Nil
Concentration of Sales	a. Sales to dealers / distributors as % of total sales	65.07%	66.51%
	b. Number of dealers / distributors to whom sales are made	50 Nos.	50 Nos.
	c. Sales to top 10 dealers / distributors as % of total sales to dealers / distributors	72.44	74.17
Share of RPTs in	a. Purchases (Purchases with related parties / Total Purchases)	11.49	8.73
	b. Sales (Sales to related parties / Total Sales)	2.23	3.16
	c. Loans & advances (Loans & advances given to related parties / Total loans & advances)	Nil	Nil
	d. Investments (Investments in related parties / Total Investments made)	Nil	Nil



LEADERSHIP INDICATORS

1. Does the entity have processes in place to avoid/ manage conflict of interests involving members of the Board? (Yes/No) If Yes, provide details of the same

Yes, The Company has processes in place to avoid conflict of interest involving members of the board in its "Code of Conduct for the Directors of Gujarat Alkalies and Chemicals Limited". The same can be accessed at - <https://gacl.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/12/For-Directors.pdf>

PRINCIPLE 2 - BUSINESSES SHOULD PROVIDE GOODS AND SERVICES IN A MANNER THAT IS SUSTAINABLE AND SAFE.

ESSENTIAL INDICATORS

1. Percentage of R&D and capital expenditure (capex) investments in specific technologies to improve the environmental and social impacts of product and processes to total R&D and capex investments made by the entity, respectively.

	FY 2023-24 (Current Financial Year)	FY 2022-23 (Previous Financial Year)	Details of improvement in environmental & social impacts
R&D	-	-	NA
Capex	15.82%*	0.6%**	* Installation of Inductive Coupling Plasma for monitoring & controlling metal content in products and waste streams. ** Modification in CCU, installation of dual-fire burner, installation of steam turbine and other VFDs.

2. a. Does the entity have procedures in place for sustainable sourcing? (Yes/No)

Yes. GACL has established practices to ensure sustainable sourcing of key raw materials. A supply chain and purchase policy is in place. The policy is available at https://gacl.com/wp-content/uploads/2024/02/86543_supply_chain.pdf

A brief of the sustainable sourcing practice by GACL is mentioned below:

The Company has considered economical aspects, environmentally friendly processes and giving due weightage to social aspects which reflects sustainable sourcing in the procurement policy.

The Company has appealed to all its major suppliers to adopt sustainable sourcing in their business.

One of the major raw materials is Salt, a natural product produced from either sea water or subsoil water by natural evaporation process in sunlight. No chemical which may harm the environment is used during the manufacturing process of Salt. It is transported in bulk in the vehicle and no packaging material is used. Considering environment-friendly usage, we had changed the specifications of Salt from July 2017 and washed Salt is used at both complexes. By using improved quality salt, chemical consumption and sludge generation has reduced considerably. We procure about 8 (eight) lakhs MT of Salt for Baroda & Dahej complexes from the manufacturers who have salt works spread over different locations within State and these comprise very small to large manufacturers. We have been using Rail rakes instead of Trucks for transportation of major quantity of Salt from faraway places like Maliya, Gandhidham which is an eco-friendly means of transportation.

Another major raw materials are Potassium Chloride and Rock Phosphate which are natural materials available in the mines. Both these are imported materials from Canada & Jordan and annual consumption is about 0.60 Lakhs MT & 1.60 Lakhs MT respectively for manufacturing of Potassium Hydroxide & Phosphoric Acid respectively.

Being natural material no processing is required for meeting our requirement and hence no chemicals are consumed. Both the materials are transported in bulk by ship by aggregating the requirement of multiple users thus saving in fuel consumption. Local transportation of Rock Phosphate is also done in bulk. However, local transportation of Potassium Chloride is done in bags which are reusable & recycled. Both these materials are nonhazardous and not harmful to the operating people.

Packaging materials like carboys, barrels, bags etc. which are used for filling the finished products are procured from the nearby sources and from small vendors. These packaging materials can be recycled & reused for other purposes. In procurement of certain raw materials like Lime, Alumina Tri Hydrate we have changed packaging size from 50 kg to jumbo bag of 1 MT. Jumbo bags can be reused for other purposes.

We support MSME vendors, procure material from them, strive to release payment to them as per government directives and indirectly help to create employment.

GACL Foundation Trust (GFT), a CSR arm of GACL, initiated welfare activities of salt workers and their children. GFT in partnership with Gram Vikas Trust, Bharuch initiated "Vidhya Sathi" education project. Under this project education classes are conducted at three salt pan areas of Dahej, Gandhar and Paniyadara of Vagra Taluka of Bharuch District catering around 81 children.

GFT had provided free medical services to 599 patients by conducting medical health camps at Dahej, Gandhar and Paniyadara salt pan areas in partnership with Shrimati Jayaben Mody Hospital, Ankleshwar. Thus, GACL Foundation Trust also focused on Agariya's health issues.

We have multiple sources of power viz. renewable energy and state grid. We are sourcing natural gas from GAIL and GSPL.

For entire (100%) procurement of our Company, we follow Procurement Policy of our Company that supports sustainable sourcing.

2. b. If yes, what percentage of inputs were sourced sustainably?

Majority inputs were sourced sustainably. GACL is committed to ensure further sustainable sourcing to optimize the sources of supply.

3. Describe the processes in place to safely reclaim your products for reusing, recycling and disposing at the end of life, for (a) Plastics (including packaging) (b) E-waste (c) Hazardous waste and (d) other waste.

We are manufacturing basic chemicals which are used by other manufacturing industries and thus our products become part of the final product being manufactured by them. The Plastic waste and E-waste (used as packing material and/or electronic items) are safely handed over to the authorised recyclers. Metal containers are sent back to us for refilling. The plastic waste generated from the packaging of raw materials and equipments is sold through authorised dealers.

4. Whether Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) is applicable to the entity's activities (Yes / No). If yes, whether the waste collection plan is in line with the Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) plan submitted to Pollution Control Boards? If not, provide steps taken to address the same.

Yes, EPR is applicable to GACL. EPR under Plastic waste management rules is applicable. As per target mandated by CPCB, EPR credit is obtained from authorised PWP's for the plastic waste generated from the import of chemicals in the form of packaging materials.

PRINCIPLE 3 - BUSINESSES SHOULD RESPECT AND PROMOTE THE WELL-BEING OF ALL EMPLOYEES, INCLUDING THOSE IN THEIR VALUE CHAINS

ESSENTIAL INDICATORS

1. a. Details of measures for the well-being of employees:

Category	% Of employees covered by										
	Total (A)	Health insurance		Accident Insurance		Maternity Benefits		Paternity Benefits		Day Care facilities	
		Number (B)	% (B/A)	Number (C)	% (C/A)	Number (D)	% (D/A)	Number (E)	% (E/A)	Number (F)	% (F/A)
Permanent Employees											
Male	635	635	100	635	100	0	0	635	100	0	0
Female	20	20	100	20	100	20	100	0	0	0	0
Total	655	655	100	655	100	20	3.05	635	96.95	0	0
Other than Permanent Employees											
Male	7	7	100	7	100	0	0	7	100	0	0
Female	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	7	7	100	7	100	0	0	7	100	0	0



1. b. Details of measures for the well-being of workers:

Category	% Of workers covered by										
	Total (A)	Health insurance		Accident Insurance		Maternity Benefits		Paternity Benefits		Day Care facilities	
		Number (B)	% (B/A)	Number (C)	% (C/A)	Number (D)	% (D/A)	Number (E)	% (E/A)	Number (F)	% (F/A)
Permanent workers											
Male	691	691	100	691	100	0	0	691	100	0	0
Female	19	19	100	19	100	19	100	0	0	0	0
Total	710	710	100	710	100	19	2.68	691	97.32	0	0
Other than Permanent workers											
Male	3104	3104	100	3104	100	0	0	0	0	0	0
Female	148	148	100	148	100	148	100	0	0	0	0
Total	3252	3252	100	3252	100	148	4.55	0	0	0	0

1. c. Spending on measures towards well-being of employees and workers (including permanent and other than permanent) in the following format –

	FY 2023-24 (Current Financial Year)	FY 2022-23 (Previous Financial Year)
Cost incurred on well- being measures as a % of total revenue of the company	0.25%	0.21%

2. Details of retirement benefits, for Current Financial Year and Previous Financial Year.

Benefits	FY 2023-24 (Current Financial Year)			FY 2022-23 (Previous Financial Year)		
	No. of employees covered as a % of total employees	No. of workers covered as a % of total workers	Deducted and deposited with the authority (Y/N/N.A.)	No. of employees covered as a % of total employees	No. of workers covered as a % of total workers	Deducted and deposited with the authority (Y/N/N.A.)
PF	99.55%	100%	Yes	99.18%	100%	Yes
Gratuity	99.55%	26%	Yes	99.18%	23%	Yes
ESI	NA	100%	Yes	-	100%	Yes
Others – please specify	-	-	-	-	-	-

Note: (1) Workers sourced through 3rd Party are provided PF and ESI benefits.
 (2) Employees retained as Consultants / Advisors after attaining superannuation age are not covered under PF and Gratuity.

3. Accessibility of workplaces

Are the premises / offices of the entity accessible to differently abled employees and workers, as per the requirements of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016? If not, whether any steps are being taken by the entity in this regard

Yes, the Premises of GACL are accessible to differently abled employees and workers.

4. Does the entity have an equal opportunity policy as per the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016? If so, provide a web-link to the policy.

BRSR policy which states that “The Company shall provide and maintain equal opportunities at the time of recruitment as well as during the course of employment irrespective of caste, creed, gender, race, religion, disability or sexual orientation”. The policy can be accessed at the given link:
<https://gacl.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/12/Business-Responsibility-And-Sustainability-Policy.pdf>
 Additionally, GACL is in the process of establishing and implementing the equal opportunity policy.

5. Return to work and Retention rates of permanent employees and workers that took parental leave.

Gender	Permanent Employees		Permanent Workers	
	Return to work rate (%)	Retention rate (%)	Return to work rate (%)	Retention rate (%)
Male	100%	100%	N.A	N.A
Female	100%	100%	100%	100%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%

6. Is there a mechanism available to receive & redress grievances for the following categories of employees & workers? If yes, give details of the mechanism in brief.

	Yes/No (If Yes, then give details of the mechanism in brief)
Permanent Workers	<p>Yes, GACL has a grievance redressal mechanism in place and Industrial Relation Committee comprising of Sr. Executives and Representatives of Permanent Workers.</p> <p>GACL has a Grievance Redressal Procedure for all the stakeholders available at https://gacl.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/12/Grievance-Handling-Policy.pdf</p> <p>GACL has established Grievance Handling Committee and the Committee is responsible for investigating the grievance and liaising with the stakeholders, developing resolutions and actions to rectify any issues. All grievances are received by HR and the Grievance Handling committee are acknowledged within 5 days of receiving. The committee is responsible to investigate the matter in coordination with the concerned employee and communicate with relevant stakeholders to resolve the complaint. During the year 2023-24, the Company has not received any grievance under this policy.</p>
Other than Permanent Workers	
Permanent Employees	
Other than Permanent Employees	

7. Membership of employees and worker in association(s) or Unions recognised by the listed entity:

Category	FY 2023-24 (Current Financial Year)			FY 2022-23 (Previous Financial Year)		
	Total employees / workers in respective category (A)	No. of employees / workers in respective category, who are part of association(s) or Union (B)	% (B / A)	Total employees / workers in respective category (C)	No. of employees / workers in respective category, who are part of association(s) or Union (D)	% (D / C)
Total Permanent Employees	662	0	0	608	0	0
Male	655	0	0	589	0	0
Female	7	0	0	19	0	0
Total Permanent Workers	710	686	96.62	731	693	94.80
Male	691	671	97.11	712	678	95.22
Female	19	15	78.95	19	15	78.95



8. Details of training given to employees and workers:

Category	FY 2023-24 (Current Financial Year)					FY 2022-23 (Previous Financial Year)				
	Total (A)	On Health and Safety Measures		On Skills upgradation		Total (D)	On Health and Safety Measures		On Skills upgradation	
		No. (B)	% (B/A)	No. (C)	% (C/A)		No. (E)	% (E/D)	No. (F)	% (F/D)
Employees										
Male	642	642	100	642	100	594	594	100	594	100
Female	20	20	100	20	100	19	19	100	19	100
Total	662	662	100	662	100	613	613	100	613	100
Workers										
Male	3795	3795	100	3795	100	3778	3778	100	3778	100
Female	167	167	100	167	100	162	162	100	162	100
Total	3962	3962	100	3962	100	3940	3940	100	3940	100

9. Details of performance & career development reviews of employees & workers:

Category	FY 2023-24 (Current Financial Year)			FY 2022-23 (Previous Financial Year)		
	Total (A)	No. (B)	% (B/A)	Total (D)	No. (C)	% (D/C)
Employees						
Male	642	642	100	594	594	100
Female	20	20	100	19	19	100
Total	662	662	100	613	613	100
Workers						
Male	889	889	100	899	899	100
Female	20	20	100	20	20	100
Total	909	909	100	919	919	100

10. Health and safety management system:

a. Whether an occupational health and safety management system has been implemented by the entity? (Yes/ No). If yes, the coverage of such system?

Yes, GACL has established an Occupational Health and Safety Management System in line with ISO 45001:2018 standard requirements. All the business units of GACL are certified with ISO 45001:2018. GACL has established a QHSEE policy: https://gacl.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/12/QHSEEn_Policy_Eng.jpg to carry out daily operations in line with all the applicable legal requirements on health & safety. GACL also organizes various health and safety trainings for the employees including contractors for the effective implementation of health and safety management system. GACL has constituted a safety committee that meets quarterly and has participation from management and non-management. Proper measures are taken concerning the use of PPEs within the site. Every month safety trainings are conducted for employees and workers. Toolbox talks are organized as and when required. GACL has implemented an emergency response plan and training on the same is imparted.

b. What are the processes used to identify work-related hazards and assess risks on a routine and non-routine basis by the entity?

GACL has implemented HIRA as per ISO requirements which is yearly reviewed. Job safety analysis is conducted by the safety team to identify work-related risks. All the information is manually recorded. GACL has an incident accident reporting mechanism. The plant head is informed of the incident from the workers and an investigation is conducted against it. Subsequently, suggestions and corrective actions are taken. Additionally, safety inspection and auditing programs, safety observation programs, process hazard analysis and plant safety rounds has been taking place across units.

c. Whether you have processes for workers to report the work related hazards and to remove themselves from such risks. (Y/N)

Workers can report work-related hazards and remove themselves from such risks by communicating with safety officers during daily plant rounds. GACL has also implemented safety permit system. Additionally, the company has nearmiss / potential incident observation reporting program having its linkage to reward and recognition program that also cover addressing such work related hazards.

As on 31.03.2024, the Vadodara Complex of the Company has completed 612 accident-free days, and Dahej Complex-1 and Dahej Complex-2 have completed 291 and 594 accident-free days respectively.

In order to inculcate safety culture, we had celebrated National Safety Day on 4th March, 2024 by organizing various competitions.

d. Do the employees/ worker of the entity have access to non-occupational medical and healthcare services? (Yes/No)

GACL Employees and Permanent Workers as well as their dependent family members have either access to non-occupational medical and health care services at empanelled hospitals and medical centres or reimbursement of Mediclaim premium subject to a ceiling amount. The non-permanent workers are covered under the Employees State Insurance Scheme and Workmen Compensation Policy for non-occupational medical assistance. The Company also reimburses Mediclaim insurance premiums subject to a ceiling amount to all its retired employees and surviving spouses.

11. Details of safety-related incidents in the following format:

Safety Incident/Number	Category	FY 2023-24 (Current Financial Year)	FY 2022-23 (Previous Financial Year)
Lost Time Injury Frequency Rate (LTIFR) (per one million-person hours worked)	Employees	0	0.08
	Workers	0.11*	
Total recordable work-related injuries	Employees	16	12
	Workers		
No. of fatalities	Employees	0	0
	Workers	0	0
High consequence work-related injury or ill-health (excluding fatalities)	Employees	0	0
	Workers	1	1

*Only for the worker category at Dahej location.

12. Describe the measures taken by the entity to ensure a safe and healthy workplace.

GACL is IMS-certified company and complies with the requirements as prescribed in the relevant standards e.g ISO 45001 including complying with all applicable legislation and other obligations to which the company subscribe related to ensuring a safe and healthy workplace. GACL has a dedicated team to take decisions to ensure safe and healthy workplace. GACL organizes quiz competitions, poster making, elocution on safety topics and celebrating safety week. All the winners are provided with certificates and prize money. Apart from these activities, the company conducts training and awareness sessions on safety in the chemical industry, emergency response plan, toolbox talks, fire safety etc. GACL has a robust firefighting system comprising fire hydrants, smoke detectors, fire extinguishers, public address system. Mock drill on fire safety is also organized by GACL that provides first-hand experience to the employees and workers. The company has published a pocketbook on safety for quick reference to employees and workers. All the departments including contractors have taken safety oath to adhere to the safety measures within the GACL's premises. An annual external audit of the safety system is being conducted and a monthly internal safety audit is also being conducted to review the performance of Occupational Health and Safety Management System.



13. Number of Complaints on the following made by employees & workers:

	FY 2023-24 (Current Financial Year)			FY 2022-23 (Previous Financial Year)		
	Filed during the year	Pending resolution at the end of year	Remarks	Filed during the year	Pending resolution at the end of year	Remarks
Working Conditions	Nil	Nil	NA	Nil	Nil	NA
Health & Safety	Nil	Nil	NA	Nil	Nil	NA

14. Assessments for the year:

	% Of your plants and offices that were assessed (by entity or statutory authorities or third parties)
Health and safety practices	100%
Working Conditions	100%
Annually as per MSISC requirement safety audit is conducted by a third party.	

15. Provide details of any corrective action taken or underway to address safety-related incidents (if any) and on significant risks / concerns arising from assessments of health & safety practices and working conditions.

GACL has implemented corrective actions suggested in the safety audit conducted by the third party. Such as, bag stacking was eliminated because it caused injury. The safety manual and on-site emergency plans were updated. Assembly points were shifted from the centre to the boundary of the company to make it more convenient.

PRINCIPLE 4 - BUSINESSES SHOULD RESPECT THE INTERESTS OF AND BE RESPONSIVE TO ALL ITS STAKEHOLDERS.

ESSENTIAL INDICATORS

1. Describe the processes for identifying key stakeholder groups of the entity.

GACL has identified stakeholders as individuals or groups that have interests that are affected or could be affected by our business activities. Based on the identification, GACL has categorized them into internal and external groups. GACL believes in engaging with stakeholders on a periodic basis to understand their expectations and concerns and address them. GACL has identified the following stakeholder groups:

S.No.	Stakeholder Group	Importance
1	Shareholders and Investors	Shareholders and investors help to drive overall business growth for our company by providing capital investment.
2	Customers	Customers are the foundation for the growth of a company. Customer satisfaction is key to our growth and their negative feedback may cause reputational damage. Impactful and positive feedback from customers is key to growing gradually.
3	Employees and Contractual workforce	Employees and the contractual workforce ensure the smooth functioning of the day-to-day operations of the company. Employees help our organisation by bringing innovative ideas and various perspectives, which lead to innovation and the development of new products and processes. This results in sustainable growth and boost the profit of the company.
4	Regulatory bodies	Engaging periodically with the regulatory bodies allows us to remain compliant with the latest rules and regulations and gives us access to guidance and protocols to safely manage chemicals produced at our sites.
5	NGOs & Local Communities	NGOs help us to better implement our social and environmental initiatives for the local communities and to reach the last mile through our various CSR initiatives. Engaging with local communities gives us the social license to operate.

6	Contractors (Who provide manpower)	Contractors support us with contract workers providing us with greater flexibility to scale up or down as needed for our operations.
7	Suppliers	Our suppliers help us procure high-quality raw materials required for our end-products and ensure timely delivery of our products to our consumers.
8	Logistics Partners	Our logistics partners facilitate the uninterrupted transportation of our products to our consumers.

2. List stakeholder groups identified as key for your entity & the method, frequency & purpose of engagement with each stakeholder group.

Stakeholder group	Whether identified as Vulnerable & Marginalized Group (Yes/ No)	Channels of communication (Emails, SMS, Newspapers, Pamphlets, Advertisement, Community meetings, Notices Board, Website)	Frequency of engagement (Annually/ Half yearly/ Quarterly/ others)-Please specify	Purpose and scope of engagement including key topics and concerns raised during such engagements
Shareholders / Investors	No	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Annual reports, Annual General Meeting, Newsletter, Emails, Advertisement 	Annually/ Quarterly/ Periodically	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> State of affairs of the Company
Customers	No	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Emails, Customer satisfaction survey, through direct interaction 	Quarterly/ Annually	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ethical business practices Increased awareness for partnering in green initiatives Safe handling of products Customer complaints redressal
Employees and Contractual workforce	No	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Notice Boards, emails, regular training, one-to-one meetings 	Continuous	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Work-life balance Transparent appraisal and promotion policy Fair remuneration structure Career Development Plan Productivity enhancement Training & Skill development Safe working practices General welfare of the workforce
Government Bodies / Regulatory Bodies	No	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Annual reports, Compliance reports, Meeting, Newsletter, Emails 	Periodically	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ethical governance, Compliance Contribution to Nation Building
NGOs & Local Communities	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Annual reports, Meeting, Newsletter, Emails, through direct interaction 	Continuous	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Need assessment Infrastructure development Training community members Community involvement



Contractors	No	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Notice Boards, emails, regular trainings, one-to-one meetings, notices, formal agreements 	Daily	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Work-life balance Statutory compliance requirements Fair remuneration structure Safe working practices General welfare of the workforce.
Logistics Partners	No	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Emails, Annual General Meeting, Newsletter, Emails, through direct interaction 	Daily	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ethical business practices Increased awareness for partnering in green initiatives Safe and efficient transit/transport

PRINCIPLE 5 - BUSINESSES SHOULD RESPECT AND PROMOTE HUMAN RIGHTS

ESSENTIAL INDICATORS

1. Employees and workers who have been provided training on human rights issues and policy(ies) of the entity, in the following format:

Category	FY 2023-2024 (Current Financial Year)			FY 2022-2023 (Previous Financial Year)		
	Total (A)	No. of employees/workers covered (B)	% (B/A)	Total (C)	No. of employees/workers covered (D)	% (D/C)
Employees						
Permanent	655	655	100	608	608	100
Other than permanent	7	7	100	5	5	100
Total Employees	662	662	100	613	613	100
Workers						
Permanent	710	710	100	731	731	100
Other than permanent	3252	3252	100	3209	3209	100
Total Workers	3962	3962	100	3940	3940	100

2. Details of minimum wages paid to employees & workers in the following format:

Category	FY 2023-24 (Current Financial Year)					FY 2022-23 (Previous Financial Year)				
	Total (A)	Equal to Minimum Wage		More than Minimum Wage		Total (D)	Equal to Minimum Wage		More than Minimum Wage	
		No. (B)	% (B / A)	No.(C)	% (C / A)		No.(E)	% (E / D)	No.(F)	% (F / D)
Employees										
Permanent	655	0	0	655	100	608	0	0	608	100
Male	635	0	0	635	100	589	0	0	589	100
Female	20	0	0	20	100	19	0	0	19	100
Other than Permanent	7	0	0	7	100	5	0	0	5	100
Male	7	0	0	7	100	5	0	0	5	100
Female	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Workers										
Permanent	710	0	0	710	100	731	0	0	731	100
Male	691	0	0	691	100	712	0	0	712	100
Female	19	0	0	19	100	19	0	0	19	100
Other than Permanent	3252	Please refer note				3209	Please refer note			
Male	3104					3066				
Female	148	Please refer note				143	Please refer note			

Note: Workers (Other than permanent) in the Company are engaged through third-party contractor.

3. Details of remuneration/salary/wages in the following format:

a. Median remuneration / wages:

	Male		Female	
	Number	Median remuneration/ salary/ wages of respective category	Number	Median remuneration/ salary/ wages of respective category
Board of Directors (Executive Directors)	7*	NA	1	NA
Key Managerial Personnel	2	49.62	0	0
Employees other than BoD and KMP	640	13.77	20	11.52
Workers	889**	13.46	20	10.65

*Directors are not paid remuneration except sitting fees for attending Board/Committee Meetings. The Managing Director is appointed by the Government of Gujarat and he does not draw any remuneration from the Company except charge allowance and other perquisites/reimbursement as per the Government's order.

**Workers (Other than permanent workers) in the Company are engaged through third-party contractor.

b. Gross wages paid to females as % of total wages paid by the entity, in the following format:

	FY 2023-24 (Current Financial Year)	FY 2022-23 (Previous Financial Year)
Gross wages paid to females as % of total wages	2%	2.06%

4. Do you have a focal point (Individual/ Committee) responsible for addressing human rights impacts or issues caused or contributed to by the business? (Yes/No).

Yes, a committee has been formed to address such issues.

5. Describe the internal mechanisms in place to redress grievances related to human rights issues.

GACL has established a Grievance Handling Committee and the Committee is responsible for investigating the grievance and liaising with the stakeholders to develop resolutions and actions to rectify any issues. All grievances are received by HR and the Grievance Handling Committee are acknowledged within 5 days of receiving. The committee is responsible for investigating the matter in coordination with the concerned employees and communicating with relevant stakeholders to resolve their complaints.



6. Number of Complaints on the following made by employees and workers:

	FY 2023-24 (Current Financial Year)			FY 2022-23 (Previous Financial Year)		
	Filed during the year	Pending resolution at the end of the year	Remarks	Filed during the year	Pending resolution at the end of the year	Remarks
Sexual Harassment	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Discrimination at workplace	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Child Labour	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Forced Labour/Involuntary Labour	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Wages	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Other human rights related issues	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

7. Complaints filed under the Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Act, 2013, in the following format.

	2023-24 (Current Financial Year)	FY 2022-23 (Previous Financial Year)
Total Complaints reported under Sexual Harassment on of Women at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Act, 2013 (POSH)	0	0
Complaints on POSH as a % of female employees / workers	0	0
Complaints on POSH upheld	0	0

8. Mechanisms to prevent adverse consequences to the complainant in discrimination and harassment cases.

The Company has formulated the Whistle Blower Policy that facilitates a mechanism where employees can raise their concerns without any hesitation or fear. The suggestion box present at each project site and office premises provides an anonymous channel to raise any concern. GACL also has a POSH Policy in place. There are SHE boxes present in the office premise for female employees and workers to report any grievances anonymously. The Whistle Blower Policy can be accessed at:

https://gacl.com/wp-content/uploads/2024/04/VIGIL_MECHANISM_CUM_WHISTLE_BLOWER_POLICY-AS-PER-SEBI-LODR.pdf

9. Do human rights requirements form part of your business agreements and contracts? (Yes/No).

Yes, the Supplier Code of Conduct and other business agreements have human rights requirements.

10. Assessments for the year:

	% Of your plants and offices that were assessed (by entity or statutory authorities or third parties)
Child labour	100
Forced/involuntary labour	100
Sexual harassment	100
Discrimination at workplace	100
Wages	100
Others – please specify	Nil

11. Provide details of any corrective actions taken or underway to address significant risks / concerns arising from the assessments at Question 10 above.

Not Applicable.

There were no incidents of human rights reported across all the plant sites of GACL. There were no instances of child labour and sexual harassment reported at the workplace.

PRINCIPLE 6 - BUSINESSES SHOULD RESPECT AND MAKE EFFORTS TO PROTECT AND RESTORE THE ENVIRONMENT.

ESSENTIAL INDICATORS

1. Details of total energy consumption (in Joules or multiples) and energy intensity, in the following format:		
Parameter	FY 2023-24 (Current Financial Year)	FY 2022-23 (Previous Financial Year)
From renewable sources in GJ		
Total electricity consumption (A)	1007751.22	1054935.98
Total fuel consumption (B)	303470.36	446873.00
Energy consumption through other sources (C)	0	0
Total energy consumed from renewable sources (A+B+C)	1311221.58	1501808.98
From non-renewable sources in GJ		
Total electricity consumption (D)	3705640.61	3252814.36
Total fuel consumption (E)	5115534.05	4565285.33
Energy consumption through other sources (F)	0	0
Total energy consumed from non- renewable sources (D+E+F)	8821174.66	7818099.69
Total energy consumed (A+B+C+D+E+F)	10132396.24	9319908.66
Energy intensity per rupee of turnover (Total energy consumed -GJ / Turnover in million INR)	273.57*	211.73
Energy intensity per rupee of turnover adjusted for Purchasing Power Parity (PPP)** (Total energy consumed - GJ/ Revenue from operations adjusted for PPP)	0.005*	0.004
Energy intensity in terms of physical Output (Total energy consumed – GJ/ Total Production in MT)	4.95*	5.14
Energy intensity (optional) – the relevant metric may be selected by the entity	Not Applicable	Not Applicable

Note: Indicate if any independent assessment/ evaluation/assurance has been carried out by an external agency? (Y/N) If yes, name of the external agency. - No

<p>2. Does the entity have any sites / facilities identified as designated consumers (DCs) under the Performance, Achieve and Trade (PAT) Scheme of the Government of India? (Y/N) If yes, disclose whether targets set under the PAT scheme have been achieved. In case targets have not been achieved, provide the remedial action taken, if any.</p> <p>Yes, GACL has been identified as DC under the Performance, Achieve and Trade Scheme of the government of India. GACL has achieved the PAT Target. Vadodara unit has achieved 1387 Escers during PAT Cycle-II. The company's Dahej unit received 8603 Nos ESCerts. The Company's Dahej unit received Top Performer Designated Consumer Award for Chlor Alkali Sector of PAT Cycle II in 2022-23.</p>



3. Provide details of the following disclosures related to water, in the following format:

Parameter	FY 2023-24 (Current Financial Year)	FY 2022-23 (Previous Financial Year)
Water withdrawal by source (in kilolitres)		
(i) Surface water	2318879.00	5633886.00
(ii) Groundwater	0	0
(iii) Third party water	0	0
(iv) Seawater / desalinated water	3496970.00	0
(v) Others	0	0
Total volume of water withdrawal (in kilolitres) (i + ii + iii + iv + v)	5815849.00	5633886.00
Total volume of water consumption (in kilolitres)	5815849.00	5633886.00
Water intensity per rupee of turnover (Total water consumption KL / Turnover in million INR)	157*	128
Water intensity per rupee of turnover adjusted for Purchasing Power Parity (PPP) (Total water consumption / Revenue from operations adjusted for PPP)	0.003*	0.002
Water intensity in terms of physical Output (Water consumption in KL/ Total Production in MT)	2.84*	3.11
Water intensity (optional) –the relevant metric may be selected by the entity	Not Applicable	Not Applicable

Note: Indicate if any independent assessment/ evaluation/assurance has been carried out by an external agency? (Y/N) If yes, name of the external agency. - No

4. Provide the following details related to water discharged

Parameter	FY 2023-24 (Current Financial Year)	FY 2022-23 (Previous Financial Year)
Water discharge by destination and level of treatment (in kilolitres)		
(i) To Surface water	0	0
- No treatment	0	0
- With treatment – please specify level of treatment	0	0
(ii) To Groundwater	0	0
- No treatment	0	0
- With treatment – please specify level of treatment	0	0
(iii) To Seawater	1849222	1436439
- No treatment	0	0
- With treatment – Primary and tertiary treatment	1849222	1436439
(iv) Sent to third-parties	516786	539360
- No treatment	0	0
- With treatment – Primary and tertiary treatment	516786	539360
(v) Others	0	0
- No treatment	0	0
- With treatment – please specify level of treatment	0	0
Total water discharged (in kilolitres)	2366008	1975799

Note: Indicate if any independent assessment/ evaluation/assurance has been carried out by an external agency? (Y/N) If yes, name of the external agency. - No

5. Has the entity implemented a mechanism for Zero Liquid Discharge? If yes, provide details of its coverage and implementation.

GACL Plot DII/9 Dahej Site has implemented ZLD.

6. Please provide details of air emissions (other than GHG emissions) by the entity, in the following format:

Parameter	Please specify unit	FY 2023-24 (Current Financial Year)	FY 2022-23 (Previous Financial Year)
NOx	MT	56.94	63.67
SOx	MT	16.27	14.64
Particulate matter (PM)	MT	22.94	15.16
Persistent organic pollutants (POP)	MT	NA	NA
Volatile organic compounds (VOC)	MT	NA	NA
Hazardous air pollutants (HAP)	MT	NA	NA
Others – please specify	NA	NA	NA

Note: Indicate if any independent assessment/ evaluation/assurance has been carried out by an external agency? (Y/N) If yes, name of the external agency- No

NA-Not Applicable

7. Provide details of greenhouse gas emissions (Scope 1 and Scope 2 emissions) & its intensity, in the following format:

Parameter	Unit	FY 2023-24 (Current Financial Year)	FY 2022-23 (Previous Financial Year)
Total Scope 1 emissions (Break-up of the GHG into CO ₂ , CH ₄ , N ₂ O, HFCs, PFCs, SF ₆ , NF ₃ , if available)	Metric tonnes of CO ₂ equivalent	287267.05	256874
Total Scope 2 emissions (Break-up of the GHG into CO ₂ , CH ₄ , N ₂ O, HFCs, PFCs, SF ₆ , NF ₃ , if available)	Metric tonnes of CO ₂ equivalent	735981.40	646045.07
Total Scope 1 and Scope 2 emission intensity per rupee of turnover (Total Scope 1 and Scope 2 GHG emissions / Turnover in Million INR)		27.63*	20.51
Total Scope 1 and Scope 2 emission intensity per rupee of turnover adjusted for Purchasing Power Parity (PPP) (Total Scope 1 and Scope 2 GHG emissions / Revenue from operations adjusted for PPP)		0.0005*	0.0004
Total Scope 1 and Scope 2 emission intensity in terms of physical output		0.501*	0.498
Total Scope 1 and Scope 2 emission intensity (optional) – the relevant metric may be selected by the entity		Not Applicable	Not Applicable

Note: Indicate if any independent assessment/ evaluation/assurance has been carried out by an external agency? (Y/N) If yes, name of the external agency- No



8. Does the entity have any project related to reducing Green House Gas emission? If Yes, then provide details.

Yes, GACL has taken following steps to reduce Green House Gas emissions:

- Remembraning of 206 Nos. cell elements.
- Installation of VFD in CCU combustion air blower.
- Replacement of Air Preheater in Caustic Concentration unit.
- 171.45 MW of Wind Power installation for captive use.
- 35 MW Solar Power generation capacity for captive use.
- Floating solar panels of 640 KW at Dahej.
- Installation of 630 KWH rooftop solar panel.
- Utilization of hydrogen as a fuel.
- Back Pressure Turbine of 6 MW at Dahej Complex.

Additionally, GACL has undertaken a mangrove conservation and restoration project near the coastal stretch of Paniyadra village in 50 Hectares of area.

9. Provide details related to waste management by the entity, in the following format:

Parameter	FY 2023-24 (Current Financial Year)	FY 2022-23 (Previous Financial Year)
Total Waste generated (in metric tonnes)		
Plastic waste (A)	314.58	287.63
E-waste (B)	13.81	15.02
Bio-medical waste (C)	0.02	0.01
Construction and demolition waste (D)	0	0
Battery waste (E)	0.5	5.5
Radioactive waste (F)	0	0
Other Hazardous waste. Please specify, if any. (G) (Chemical Sludge, Spent alumina, High Boiling Waste, Used Oil etc.)	31351.22	26819.69
Other Non-hazardous waste generated (H) . Please specify, if any. (Break-up by composition i.e. by materials relevant to the sector) (Brine Sludge)	8872.5	13020
Total (A+B + C + D + E + F + G + H)	40552.63	40147.86
Waste intensity per rupee of turnover (Total waste generated-MT/Turnover in million INR)	1.10*	0.912
Waste intensity per rupee of turnover adjusted for Purchasing Power Parity (PPP) (Total waste generated / Revenue from operations adjusted for PPP)	0.00002*	0.00001
Waste intensity in terms of physical output (Total waste generated – MT/ Total production - MT)	0.020*	0.022
Waste intensity (optional) – the relevant metric may be selected by the entity	Not Applicable	Not Applicable

For each category of waste generated, total waste recovered through recycling, re-using or other recovery operations (in metric tonnes)

Category of waste		
(i) Recycled	0	0
(ii) Re-used	0	0
(iii) Other recovery operations	0	0
Total	0	0
For each category of waste generated, total waste disposed by nature of disposal method (in metric tonnes)		
Category of waste		
(i) Incineration	97.68	157.44
(ii) Landfilling	39509.80	39254.7
(iii) Other disposal operations	928.30	600.14
Total	40535.78	40012.28

Note: Indicate if any independent assessment/ evaluation/assurance has been carried out by an external agency? (Y/N) If yes, name of the external agency. No

10. Briefly describe the waste management practices adopted in your establishments. Describe the strategy adopted by the Company to reduce usage of hazardous and toxic chemicals in your products and processes and the practices adopted to manage such wastes.

The Company has a well-structured waste management practice across all its sites. The waste management practice is as per the consent order of the Gujarat Pollution Control Board (GPCB). The recyclable waste has been sent to authorised recyclers. The organic waste generated is sent to approved waste incinerators while the inorganic waste sent to its own or captive landfill site. Captive Secured landfill (SLF) has been developed within the premises of Dahej unit and landfillable wastes such as ETP sludge, process sludge and brine sludge generated from the industrial activity are being disposed securely in the captive SLF. Hazardous waste including spent alumina, high boiling material and spent carbon is sent to authorized pre-processor as well as to cement industries for Co-processing.

11. If the entity has operations/offices in/around ecologically sensitive areas (such as national parks, wildlife sanctuaries, biosphere reserves, wetlands, biodiversity hotspots, forests, coastal regulation zones etc.) where environmental approvals / clearances are required, please specify details in the following format:

S.No.	Location of operations/offices	Type of operations	Whether the conditions of environmental approval / clearance are being complied with? (Y/N) If no, the reasons thereof and corrective action taken, if any.
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Not Applicable.

GACL has no operations/offices in/around ecologically sensitive areas (such as national parks, wildlife sanctuaries, biosphere reserves, wetlands, biodiversity hotspots, forests, coastal regulation zones etc.)

12. Details of environmental impact assessments of projects undertaken by the entity based on applicable laws, in the current financial year:

Name and brief details of project	EIA Notification No.	Date	Whether conducted by independent external agency (Yes / No)	Results communicated in public domain (Yes / No)	Relevant Web link
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Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) has not been conducted for any of the projects for this reporting period.

13. Is the entity compliant with the applicable environmental law/ regulations/ guidelines in India; such as the Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, Environment protection Act and rules thereunder (Y/N). If not, provide details of all such non-compliances, in the following format:

S.No.	Specify the law / regulation / guidelines which was not complied with	Provide details of the non-compliance	Any fines / penalties / action taken by regulatory agencies such as pollution control boards or by courts	Corrective action taken if any
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Yes, GACL is compliant with applicable environmental laws and regulations.

LEADERSHIP INDICATORS

1. With respect to the ecologically sensitive areas reported at Question 11 of Essential Indicators above, provide details of significant direct & indirect impact of the entity on biodiversity in such areas along-with prevention and remediation activities.

GACL doesn't have any operational sites in ecologically sensitive areas. Hence, there were no direct or indirect impacts on bio-diversity.

2. If the entity has undertaken any specific initiatives or used innovative technology or solutions to improve resource efficiency, or reduce impact due to emissions / effluent discharge / waste generated, please provide details of the same as well as outcome of such initiatives, as per the following format:

S. No.	Initiative undertaken	Details of the initiative (Web-link, if any, may be provided along-with summary)	Outcome of the initiative
1	Waste Water recycle	Installed wastewater recycling UF+RO plant in order to reduce water and wastewater.	Water consumption and wastewater is reduced by 494097 KL for FY 2023-24.
2	Use of renewable source of energy	We have installed 171 MW wind farm and 35 MW solar plant. Installed 563 KW Solar Rooftop Power Plant at Vadodara Complex and 220 KW Solar Rooftop Power Plant and 640 KW floating solar Power Plant at Dahej.	The company has increased resources for renewable energy consumption.

3. Does the entity have a business continuity and disaster management plan? Give details in 100 words/ web link.

Yes. GACL has established and implemented a Disaster Management Plan. The Disaster Management Plan involves an Onsite Emergency Plan in line with the statutory guidelines. The disaster management plan defines mechanisms to deal with possible Environment and Social risks, mitigation plan, levels of emergencies, details of assembly points. It also highlights the roles and responsibilities during emergencies, firefighting details, communication protocols and details of emergency preparedness.

* The Company has successfully completed expansions programme last year. During Financial Year 2023-24, the new plants are gradually being stabilized and the productions of these new plants are being ramped up. Since the new plants were running at lower capacity and were under stabilization, the consumption norms (including electricity consumption) were gradually being improved. During the current Financial Year i.e. 2024-25 most of them (except Hydrazine Hydrate) have achieved optimum capacities or some of them reached to near optimum capacity and therefore there is improvement in consumption norms.

Some of the consumptions and emissions in per Rupee term have apparently showing higher values as compared to in terms per MT output. This is because the revenue generated per MT of products had significantly reduced during the year due to subdued markets.

** The revenue from operations has been adjusted for PPP based on the latest PPP conversion factor published for 2023 by the World Bank for India which is 20.22. (<https://data.worldbank.org/indicator/PA.NUS.PPP?end=2022&start=2022&view=bar>)

PRINCIPLE 7 - BUSINESSES, WHEN ENGAGING IN INFLUENCING PUBLIC AND REGULATORY POLICY, SHOULD DO SO IN A MANNER THAT IS RESPONSIBLE AND TRANSPARENT

ESSENTIAL INDICATORS

1. a. Number of affiliations with trade and industry chambers/ associations.

There are twelve affiliations with trade and industry chambers/associations.

b. List the top 10 trade and industry chambers/ associations (determined based on the total members of such body) the entity is a member of/ affiliated to.

S. No.	Name of the trade and industry chambers/ associations	Reach of trade and industry chambers/ associations (State/National)
1	Alkali Manufacturers Association of India	National
2	Dahej Industries Association	State
3	Indian Chemical Council	National
4	Gujarat Chemical Association	State
5	National Safety Council	National
6	Gujarat Safety Council	State
7	Federation of Gujarat Industries	State
8	Exim Club	State
9	CHEMEXCIL - Basic Chemicals, Cosmetics & Dyes Export Promotion Council (Set up by the Ministry of Commerce & Industry Government of India)	National
10	The Institute of Company Secretaries of India	National
11	Gujarat Employers' Organization	State
12	Society for Clean Environment, Baroda- Institute (Life Member)	State

2. Provide details of corrective action taken or underway on any issues related to anti- competitive conduct by the entity, based on adverse orders from regulatory authorities.

Name of authority	Brief of the case	Corrective action taken
Nil. There were no such issues reported on anti-competitive conduct from regulatory authorities during the reporting period.		

PRINCIPLE 8 - BUSINESSES SHOULD PROMOTE INCLUSIVE GROWTH AND EQUITABLE DEVELOPMENT.

ESSENTIAL INDICATORS

1. Details of Social Impact Assessments (SIA) of projects undertaken by the entity based on applicable laws, in the current financial year.

Name and brief details of project	SIA Notification No.	Date of notification	Whether conducted by independent external agency (Yes/No)	Results communicated in public domain (Yes/No)	Relevant web link
Not Applicable.					



2. Provide information on project(s) for which ongoing Rehabilitation and Resettlement (R&R) is being undertaken by your entity, in the following format:

S. No.	Name of project for which R&R is ongoing	State	District	No. of projects affected Families (PAFs)	% of PAFs covered by R&R	Amounts paid to PAFs in the FY (in INR)
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Not Applicable.

GACL doesn't acquire any land for its business which requires Rehabilitation and Resettlement.

3. Describe the mechanisms to receive and redress grievances of the community.

Yes, GACL has a Grievance Redressal Procedure for all the stakeholders (including the community) and the same is available on the website –

<https://gacl.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/12/Grievance-Handling-Policy.pdf>

GACL has established Grievance Handling Committee and the committee is responsible for investigating the grievance and liaising with the stakeholders' for developing resolutions and actions to rectify such issues.

4. Percentage of input material (inputs to total inputs by value) sourced from suppliers:

	FY 2023-2024 (Current Financial Year)	FY 2022-2023 (Previous Financial Year)
Directly sourced from MSMEs/small producers	15%	14%
Directly from within India	90.85%	92.81%

5. Job creation in smaller towns – Disclose wages paid to persons employed (including employees or workers employed on a permanent or non-permanent / on contract basis) in the following locations, as % of total wage cost.

Location	FY 2023-2024 (Current Financial Year)	FY 2022-2023 (Previous Financial Year)
Rural	Nil	Nil
Semi-urban	52.31	50.90
Urban	47.63	49.05
Metropolitan	0.06	0.06

(Place to be categorized as per RBI Classification System - rural / semi-urban / urban / metropolitan)

LEADERSHIP INDICATORS

1. Provide details of actions taken to mitigate any negative social impacts identified in the Social Impact Assessments (Reference: Question 1 of Essential Indicators above):

Details of negative social impact identified	Corrective action taken
Not Applicable. GACL has not undertaken social impact assessment in the reporting financial year.	

2. Provide the following information on CSR projects undertaken by your entity in designated aspirational districts as identified by government bodies:

S. No.	State	Aspirational District	Amount spent (In INR)
1	Gujarat	Narmada	0.996 million
2	Gujarat	Dahod	2.144 million

3. Details of beneficiaries of CSR Projects:			
Sr. No	CSR project	No. of persons benefited from CSR Projects	% of beneficiaries from vulnerable and marginalized groups
1	Development of Smart Aanganwadi in Keshrol Village of Dahej Area.	22	100
2	Refurbishment of Anagawadi Building at Samatpor Gram Panchayat Ta. Vagra Dist. Bharuch .	34	100
3	Refurbishment of Anganwadi Buliding at Dahej Gram Panchayat Ta. Vagra Dist. Bharuch.	44	100
4	Construction of sanitation block at Pipaliya, Padariya and Narnavi Primary Schools, Ta vagra & Dist. Bharuch	147	100
5	Smart Classroom Development in 76 Government Primary Schools and 09 Government Education Training Centre at Netrang taluka Dist. Bharuch.	2084	100
6	Science Education and Awareness in rural area of Bharuch and Vadodara Dist. through Community Science Center, Vadodara	6759	100
7	Drinking water project at Atali ITI, Ta. Vagra.	212	100
8	Financial Assistance to Neev Shikshan Sansthan for improving quality of services in Early Childhood Education Centers at Vadodara.	56	100
9	Financial Assistance for one class room construction in school building at Shree P.J Chheda Janta Vidyalaya Dahej village (managed by Dahej Vibhag Kelvani Madal)	60	100
10	Drinking water facility at Trankal High School & Paniyadra High School Ta Vagra Bharuch	146	100
11	Created Mid-Day Meal Sheds at Government Primary School Keshrol Ta. & Dist. Bharuch	96	100
12	Construction of Multi-Purpose Shed (MDM) in Karachiya Primary School Vadodara.	165	100
13	Refurbishment of Anganwadi near Mota Mahadev , Ranoli Village.	30	100
14	Education related activities with Agariyas of nearby Dahej Salt Pan Areas.	67	100
15	Developed Ceramic Embossed Education Charts for Enhancing learning out comes in 25 school of Vagra Taluka Bharuch District.	4978	100
16	Financial assistance to Bal Bhavan Society for Organizing quiz contests and sports meet at Vadodara	500	100
17	Rooftop Solar plant systems in Vegani Gram Panchayat Ta Vagra, Dist. Bharuch.	908	49.12
18	Mid-Day Meal Project in 15 Schools of Vadodara	3036	100
19	Conducted 05 Medical Camp at GACL Dahej Plant nearby Villages and Salt areas.	990	50
20	Menstrual Health & Hygiene Management Awareness Sessions in 36 villages at Dahej area and 20 Villages of Vadodara area	4870	100
21	Refurbishment of Kitchen at Shri Jalaram Seva Mandal Trust Old Age Home, Bharuch.	52	100
22	Nutrition Project with Janpath in 10 villages of Poshina and Danta taluka.	700	100
23	Vocational Training for youth candidates under forklift operator, backhoe operator and Geriatric Care assistance trade.	162	100
24	Management and Operations of Home for Mentally Differently abled Children (HMDC, Vadodara)	59	100
25	Created safe drinking facility for children home for girls at Narmada District.	41	100



26	Mandwa Wadi Project with pregnant and lactating mothers of Dahod District.	125	100
27	Nutrition support kits to TB patients in Vadodara	100	100
28	Construction of Crematorium at Manad Village Taluka & District Bharuch.	1076	49.91
29	Water conservation work at pond site at Lakhigam Village Ta Vagra, Dist. Bharuch	4938	36.33

PRINCIPLE 9 - BUSINESSES SHOULD ENGAGE WITH AND PROVIDE VALUE TO THEIR CONSUMERS IN A RESPONSIBLE MANNER.

ESSENTIAL INDICATORS

1. Describe the mechanisms in place to receive and respond to consumer complaints and feedback.

Yes, GACL has a Grievance Redressal Procedure for all the stakeholders (including the community) and the same is available on the website <https://gacl.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/12/Grievance-Handling-Policy.pdf>

GACL has established a Grievance Handling Committee and the committee is responsible for investigating the grievance and liaising with the stakeholders for developing resolutions and actions to rectify such issues. GACL has a systematic approach to receiving and responding to consumer complaints and addressing their feedback.

The company has a hybrid business model which caters to direct consumers as well as dealers and sub-dealers. Complaints of various types are received including material specific and material packaging. The consumer can contact the Marketing Team at GACL and raise their respective concerns. The Marketing department immediately transfers the concern to the Production and Quality control department. Initially, the concerns are discussed with the customer, if required the company visits the customer site and conducts a root cause analysis, and appropriate corrective actions are taken to avoid reoccurrence.

GACL also ensures feedback from customers, through its customer satisfaction survey which is rolled out for all locations once in a year.

2. Turnover of products &/ services as a percentage of turnover from all products/service that carry information about:

	As a percentage to total turnover
Environmental and social parameters relevant to the product	100%
Safe and responsible usage	
Recycling and/or safe disposal	

3. Number of consumer complaints in respect of the following:

	FY 2023-24 (Current Financial Year)			FY 2022-23 (Previous Financial Year)		
	Received during the year	Pending resolution at end of year	Remarks	Received during the year	Pending resolution at end of year	Remarks
Data privacy	NIL	Nil	NA	Nil	Nil	NA
Advertising	Nil	Nil	NA	Nil	Nil	NA
Cyber-security	Nil	Nil	NA	Nil	Nil	NA
Delivery of essential services	NIL	NIL	NA	NIL	NIL	NA
Restrictive Trade Practices	NIL	NIL	NA	NIL	NIL	NA
Unfair Trade Practices	NIL	NIL	NA	NIL	NIL	NA
Other - Quality Control	Nil	Nil	NA	3	0	Complaint resolved successfully within stipulated time

4. Details of instances of product recalls on account of safety issues:		
	Number	Reasons for recall
Voluntary recalls	Nil	Nil
Forced recalls	Nil	Nil

5. Does the entity have a framework/ policy on cyber security and risks related to data privacy? (Yes/No) If available, provide a web-link of the policy.

Yes.GACL's approach to cyber security is included in its Cyber Security Policy and the same is available on the website.The policy can be accessed here: <https://gacl.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/12/Information-Technology-Cyber-Security-Policy.pdf>

6. Provide details of any corrective actions taken or underway on issues relating to advertising, and delivery of essential services; cyber security and data privacy of customers; re-occurrence of instances of product recalls; penalty / action taken by regulatory authorities on safety of products / services.

There were no issues related to advertising and delivery of essential services reported in the reporting period. There were no actions by any regulatory authority, and no issues on safety of the product reported in the reporting period.

7. Provide the following information relating to data breaches:

- Number of instances of data breaches
- Percentage of data breaches involving personally identifiable information of customers
- Impact, if any, of the data breaches:

Nil. There were no incidents related to data breaches at GACL in the reporting financial year

LEADERSHIP INDICATORS

1. Channels / platforms where information on products and services of the entity can be accessed (provide web link, if available).

Information relating to all products of GACL is available on the Company's website. All details can be accessed at the given link-
<https://gacl.com/caustic-soda-group/>

2. Steps taken to inform and educate consumers about safe and responsible usage of products and/or services.

GACL ensures that its consumers are well-informed about the safe and responsible use of its products. GACL shares Transport Emergency Cards (TREM cards) and Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDS) containing critical information for the safe handling of the products with all the consumers.

GACL also ensures 24/7 Customer Support service through its Central Control room and the number is displayed on the website.

GACL also shares the relevant details about products including safe and responsible usage of products through frequent mailers.

3. Mechanisms in place to inform consumers of any risk of disruption/discontinuation of essential services.

GACL has a systematic approach to informing consumers about any changes in the plant operations. In case of a planned plant shutdown, customers are informed well in advance about non availability of the materials. In case of sudden plant breakdowns, customers are informed immediately.

4. Does the entity display product information on the product over and above what is mandated as per local laws? (Yes/No/Not Applicable) If yes, provide details in brief. Did your entity carry out any survey with regard to consumer satisfaction relating to the major products / services of the entity, significant locations of operation of the entity or the entity as a whole? (Yes/No)

GACL abides by the laws and regulations and ensures compliance with the same. At GACL, we ensure to display of product information as per mandated laws. Details related to product net weight, material description and safe handling of material is displayed on the packaging of the product. Additionally, Transport Emergency Cards, Certificate of analysis, BIS Standards certification, MSDSM and Hazardous Chemical Panel are also displayed on the product.

Note: In case of any deviation/ difference of data presented in the XBRL and this report, the data presented in this report should be considered as final.

ANNEXURE – 6 to Board’s Report

STATEMENT OF DISCLOSURE OF REMUNERATION PURSUANT TO SECTION 197 OF THE COMPANIES ACT, 2013 AND RULE 5(1) OF THE COMPANIES (APPOINTMENT AND REMUNERATION OF MANAGERIAL PERSONNEL) RULES, 2014.

Sr. No.	Requirement	Details																							
1.	Ratio of remuneration of each Director to the median remuneration of the employees of the Company.	<p>Non-Executive Directors are paid remuneration by way of Sitting Fees only for attending the Meetings of the Board of Directors and various Committees of the Company.</p> <p>Appointment of Managing Director (MD) (Executive Director) is made by the Board of Directors as per the direction of Government of Gujarat (GoG) and he/she is usually a Senior IAS Officer. MD is paid remuneration as per the terms and conditions prescribed and notified by GoG and as determined by the Board of Directors in accordance with the Articles of Association of the Company, the Companies Act, 2013 ('the Act') and the relevant Rules framed thereunder as amended from time to time and subject to the approval of Shareholders.</p> <p>Shri Swaroop P. IAS, Commissioner of Land Reforms & Ex-officio Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Government of Gujarat is nominated as Government Director on the Board of the Company with effect from 29th July, 2022. He is holding additional charge as Managing Director of the Company and therefore he does not draw any regular remuneration from the Company. The Company has received Order No. AIS-45-2023-0872-G dated 13th February, 2024 from General Administration Department, Government of Gujarat, Gandhinagar sanctioning Special Pay/Charge Allowance payable at 5% of the Basic Pay as per Sixth Pay Commission to Shri Swaroop P. IAS, as Managing Director of the Company w.e.f. 01.02.2023 to 31.01.2024. Such payment of Special Pay/Charge Allowance will be subject to the ceiling of not exceeding the limit specified in Schedule-V of the Act.</p> <p>In view of the above, ratio of remuneration of each Director to median remuneration of the employees is not comparable and hence details are not furnished under this column.</p>																							
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3.	Percentage increase in the median remuneration of employees.	<p>Yearly increments are given to all the employees as per the grades/category of employments as narrated under:</p> <p>The Management Personnel at GACL are categorized under 03 major Groups and their increment practice is as follows –</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Senior Management (level M-0 to M-4A) : Annual increment of 5% of Base Pay or Rs. 1900/- whichever is higher 2. Middle Management (level M-4B to M-7) : Annual increment of 4% of Base Pay or Rs. 1900/- whichever is higher 3. Junior Management (level M-08 to M-10A) : Annual increment of 3% of Base Pay or Rs. 1900/- whichever is higher <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • KMPs (CS & CFO) are covered under Senior Management Category. <p>In addition to the normal annual increments, the management personnel are eligible to get performance pay which is part of CTC (10% of CTC). Based on the per individual ratings and organization's performance rating, the performance pay is paid annually.</p> <p>For Non-Management Staff members, the annual increments are based on pre-defined scales as decided under long Term Settlement with GAC Employees Union.</p> <p>In addition to the normal annual increments, the non-management staff members are also eligible for payment of bonus & ex-gratia based on the formula of organization's performance.</p>
4.	Number of permanent employees on the rolls of Company at the end of the year.	1564
5.	Average percentile increases already made in the salaries of employees other than the managerial personnel in the last Financial Year and its comparison with the percentile increase in the managerial remuneration and justification thereof and point out if there are any exceptional circumstances for increase in the managerial remuneration.	<p>The remuneration of Management and Non-Management personnel is subject to revision every four years other than annual increments. The next revision will be in the Financial Year 2025. Therefore, there is no direct relationship between performance of the Company and remuneration of employees except that in case of performance pay to management employees & bonus/ ex-gratia to non-management employees. In addition to this, during the periodical revision of remuneration at every four years, the performance of the Company is considered.</p>
6.	Affirmation that the remuneration is as per the remuneration policy of the Company.	<p>Yes, the remuneration is as per the remuneration policy of the Company. The remuneration paid to the Managing Director is as per the terms and conditions prescribed and notified by GoG with requisite approval of Board of Directors and members of the Company under Law. The Company has in place different remuneration bands for Senior Management Employees. There is a Cost-to-Company(CTC) concept adopted by the Company in which 10% of the CTC is payable based on the Performance criteria fixed by the Company. KMPs being senior management employees are eligible for Performance based pay as a part of CTC. The remuneration of non-management staff members is as per the settlement arrived at with GAC Employees Union at every four years.</p>



MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

AN OVERVIEW OF ECONOMY - INDUSTRY STRUCTURE AND DEVELOPMENTS

GLOBAL ECONOMY#

India is estimated to be the fastest growing economy at 6.8 percent in 2024 and 6.5 percent in 2025 as per IMF latest estimates. As per IMF's World Economic Outlook (WEO) April 2024, global economy to continue growing at 3.2 percent during 2024 and 2025, at the same pace as in 2023. A slight acceleration for advanced economies, where growth is expected to rise from 1.6 percent in 2023 to 1.7 percent in 2024 and 1.8 percent in 2025, will be offset by a modest slowdown in emerging market and developing economies from 4.3 percent in 2023 to 4.2 percent in both 2024 and 2025. The forecast for global growth five years from now at 3.1 percent is at its lowest in decade. Global inflation is forecast to decline steadily, from 6.8 percent in 2023 to 5.9 percent in 2024 and 4.5 percent in 2025, with advanced economies returning to their inflation targets sooner than emerging market and developing economies. Core inflation is generally projected to decline more gradually. The global economy has been resilient, despite significant central bank interest rate hikes to restore price stability.

INDIAN ECONOMY

The growth in GDP has touched the \$3.94 trillion-mark in 2024 and its position as the fifth largest economy in the world. At current prices, India's GDP ranks above the UK, France, Brazil, Italy and Canada.##

As per Economic Survey 2023-24 - July 2024 issued by Ministry of Finance, Government of India, the Indian economy is on a strong wicket and stable footing, demonstrating resilience in the face of geopolitical challenges. High economic growth in FY24 came on the heels of growth rates of 9.7% and 7.0%, respectively, in the previous two financial years. The headline inflation rate is largely under control, although the inflation rate of some specific food items is elevated. The trade deficit was lower in FY24 than in FY23, and the current account deficit for the year is around 0.7% of GDP.§

The chemical industry is expected to contribute US\$ 383 billion to India's GDP by 2030. India is the 6th largest producer of chemicals in the world and 3rd in Asia, contributing 7% to India's GDP. India's chemical sector is anticipated to grow to US\$ 300 billion by 2025 and US\$ 1 trillion by 2040.§§

As per Chemical Industry Report issued by IEBF, India's proximity to the Middle East, the world's source of petrochemicals feedstock, enables it to benefit on economies of scale.§§§

An investment of Rs. 8 lakh crore (US\$ 107.38 billion) is estimated in the Indian chemicals and petrochemicals sector by 2025. Specialty chemicals account for 20% of the global chemicals industry's US\$ 4 trillion, with India's market expected to increase at a CAGR of 12% to US\$ 64 billion by 2025. This gain would be driven by a healthy demand growth (CAGR of 10-20%) in the export/end-user industries.§§

The Indian chemical industry is expected to further grow with a CAGR of 11-12% by 2027, increasing India's share in the global specialty chemicals market to 4% from 3%. A shift in the global supply chain brought on by the China+1 strategy and a resurgence in domestic end-user demand was expected to fuel significant revenue growth of 18-20% in 2022 and 14-15% in 2023.§§

In the Indian chemical industry, alkali chemicals have the largest share with ~73.3% of the total production from April to March (2022-23). India holds a strong position in exports and imports of chemicals at a global level and ranks 14th in exports and 8th in imports at the global level (excluding pharmaceuticals). The industry is expected to grow at 9.3% to reach US\$ 304 billion by 2025 on the back of rising demands in the end-user segments for specialty chemicals and petrochemicals. The specialty chemicals sector is expected to reach US\$ 64 billion by 2025.§§

As per PIB Release issued by Ministry of Commerce & Industry, Department of Commerce, Government of India, Despite persistent global challenges, India's overall exports (merchandise + services) estimated to surpass last year's highest record. It is estimated to reach USD 776.68 Billion in FY 2023-24 as compared to USD 776.40 Billion in FY 2022-23. FY 2023-24 closes with highest monthly merchandise exports of the current FY in March 2024 at USD 41.68 Billion. Main drivers of merchandise export growth in FY 2023-24 include Electronic Goods, Drugs & Pharmaceuticals, Engineering Goods, Iron Ore, Cotton Yarn/Fabs. /made-ups, Handloom Products etc. and Ceramic products & glassware.§§§

INDIAN ALKALI INDUSTRY AT A GLANCE

The installed capacity of Caustic Soda in the country is about 60.90 Lakhs MTPA as on 31.03.2024 as compared to 59.39 Lakhs MTPA as on 31.03.2023. Now, all the medium & large-scale Chlor-Alkali units have converted their plants to Membrane Cell Technology. The Membrane Cell process is energy efficient, as the power requirement is much less i.e. in the range of 2150-2200 kwh/MT, as compared to Mercury Cell Technology, where it is around 3150-3300 kwh/MT.

<https://www.imf.org/en/Publications/WEO/Issues/2024/04/16/world-economic-outlook-april-2024>

https://www.imf.org/external/datamapper/NGDPD@WEO/WEO_WORLD

§ <https://www.indiabudget.gov.in/economicsurvey/doc/eschapter/epreface.pdf>

§§ <https://www.ibef.org/industry/chemical-industry-india>

§§§ <https://www.commerce.gov.in/wp-content/uploads/2024/04/PIB-Release-1.pdf>

The additional capacity expansion during FY 2023-24 was approx. 6.98 Lakhs MTPA in India, by new start-up as well as expansion of existing Plants (Source: AMAI).

The products of Chlor-alkali industry are the basic raw materials for various industries like Alumina, Paper & Pulp, Soaps & Detergents, Dyes, Pharmaceuticals, Water Treatment chemicals, Pesticides, and other Agrochemicals etc.

THE CAUSTIC SODA MARKET SCENARIO

At present, there are 34 active Chlor-Alkali Units in India. The production of Caustic Soda during the FY 2023-24 has been about 45.89 Lakhs MT as against the total installed capacity of 60.90 Lakhs MTPA (as on 31.03.2024) i.e., capacity utilization is approx. 75%. As against this, during the same period GACL has produced 5.24 Lakhs MT against the installed capacity of 5.86 Lakhs MTPA and achieved capacity utilization 89.4%, which includes Vadodara Plant producing 1.85 lacs MT as against the installed capacity of 1.53 lacs MT, thus achieving 120.4% capacity utilization, and Dahej Plant producing 3.39 lacs MT as against the installed capacity of 4.32 lacs, thus achieving the capacity utilization of 78.4%. The capacity utilization at Vadodara remained higher due to better chlorine utilization for captive use and supply through pipe line to a consumer in close vicinity. Our joint venture Company, GNAL, which is still under stabilization phase, produced 1.73 lacs MT as against the installed capacity of 2,67,000 MT, thereby achieving capacity utilization of 64.9%.

Out of total 34 active Chlor-Alkali Units in India, GACL stands at second position with a market share of about 16% having capacity utilization of 81.7% (including GNAL). GACL is the largest producer on "Marchant Sale" basis, during the FY 2023-24.

Out of India's total Caustic Soda capacity of 60.90 Lakhs MTPA as on 31.03.2024, alone West zone has 39.02 Lakhs MT i.e. 64.07% while East has 4.63 Lakhs MT (7.60%), North has 5.73 Lakhs MTPA (9.41%) and South has 11.52 Lakhs MTPA (18.91%).

During FY 2023-24, the Caustic Soda (CSL, CSF & CSP) Exports were about 4.39 Lakhs MT as compared to 4.25 Lakhs MT in FY 2022-23, i.e. an increase of about 3%.

During FY 2023-24, the Caustic Soda (CSL & CSF) imports were about 2.37 Lakhs MT as compared to 1.40 Lakhs MT in FY 2022-23 i.e. an increase of about 69%.

Throughout the FY 2023-24, the prices of Chlor-Alkali have been under tremendous pressure due to poor demand from all key segments. However, by the end of the year, Caustic Soda segment shows slight improvement and recovered from US\$ 330 to 400 PMT, in rupee terms, it has now Rs.33000/MT from Rs.28000/MT or lower.

As GACL is a multi-product Company, having more than 36 products in the basket, yet the major revenues are coming from Caustic Soda group and therefore market scenario of Caustic Soda and Chlorine market is of utmost important to GACL.

Looking to the market scenario, there will be a good growth is expected in coming years, from all the key segments of Caustic Soda.

ABOUT GACL

The Company was established in 1973 and over a period of time, it has emerged as one of the largest producers of Caustic Soda in India with present installed production capacity of 5,85,750 lakhs MTPA of Caustic Soda as on 31st March, 2024 and enjoys the economies of scale. The Company has about 16% share in the domestic Caustic Soda market.

The Company has implemented elaborate Environment Management System (EMS), Quality Management System (QMS), Occupational Health & Safety management System (OH&S) & Energy Management System (EnMS) and has embarked on continual improvement. The Company has achieved ISO 9001:2015, ISO 14001:2015, 45001:2018 and ISO 50001:2018 Integrated Management System Certificates.

The Quality Policy of the Company reflects its emphasis and commitments. Since inception, the Company has from time to time, expanded its operations in Chlor-Alkali Sector and also diversified into several higher end products, through forward & backward integrations. GACL was the first Indian Company to replace the Mercury Cell Technology with environment friendly and energy efficient Membrane Technology way back in the year 1989.

GACL has always ensured upgrading and adapting to eco-friendly & green technologies while it ensured the optimum capacity utilization during the FY 2023-24 at Vadodara Complex. The Company has achieved capacity utilization of 82% and in some other products viz. Chloromethanes (80), Hydrogen Peroxide (110%), Phosphoric Acid (108%), Sodium Chlorate (107%), Poly Aluminum Chloride (94%), Potassium Carbonate (100%) & Anhydrous Aluminum Chloride (88%). Being a chemical manufacturing Company, GACL carries its passion for protecting the environment at every stage of its operations, keeping in view the interests of Customers, Shareholders, Employees, Society, other Stakeholders and Mother Nature.

The Company's products basket comprises of Caustic Soda (Lye, Flakes/ Prills), Chloromethanes, Liquid Chlorine, Hydrochloric Acid, Hydrogen Peroxide, Anhydrous Aluminum Chloride, Caustic Potash (Lye & Flakes), Potassium Carbonate (Granules & Powder), Aluminium Chloride, Phosphoric Acid, Food Grade Phosphoric Acid, Chlorinated Paraffin, Poly Aluminium Chloride (various grades), Chlorotoluene, Sodium Chlorate, Hydrazine Hydrate etc. The major revenues are derived from Caustic Soda Group and therefore, Caustic Soda and Chlorine market scenario has a wide impact on the Company's performance.

The Company's products are used by various industries like Textiles, Pulp & Paper, Alumina, Soaps & Detergents, Water Treatment, Petroleum, Plastics, Fertilizers, Pharmaceuticals, Agrochemicals, Plant Protection, Dyes & Dyes Intermediates, Refrigeration Gases, Epoxy etc. and it has marked its



presence across the globe even against stiff international competition by exporting its world class products viz. Caustic Soda Flakes, Caustic Soda Prills, Potassium Carbonate, Potassium Hydroxide Flakes, Hydrogen Peroxide, Liquid Chlorine, Phosphoric Acid, Aluminium Chloride, PAC, Hydrochloric Acid and CPW to Europe, West Asia, South East Asia, Africa, Middle East/Far East, SAARC countries etc.

Production of Caustic Soda by electrolysis process is highly power intensive and the Company devised a sustainable strategy to meet its growing energy demands. Besides 90 MW Gas based Captive Co-generation Power Plant and participation in a 145 MW Joint Captive Gas based Power Plant of GIPCL, the Company has taken major initiative for green energy by setting up Wind Farms for a total installed capacity of 171.45 MW as on 31st March 2024. The Company has already installed 35 MW of Solar Power Plant. With this, the aggregate renewable energy capacity is 206.45 MW including 171.45 MW of Wind Power capacity generating more than 330 million units of renewable power during the year. The Company has also installed floating Solar Power Plant having capacity of 640 KW and Solar Rooftop installations having 220 KW Solar Rooftop installations at Dahej complex and 563 KW Solar Rooftop Power Plants installed at Vadodara Complex.

BUSINESS, OPERATIONS & FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

The total production has increased by 12.88% to 20,46,173 MT during the Financial Year 2023-24 from 18,12,758 MT in previous year.

The Production of Caustic Soda Lye, Caustic Soda Flakes, Caustic Soda Prills, Chloromethanes, Potassium Hydroxide, Potassium Carbonate, Caustic Potash Flakes, Hydrogen Peroxide, Sodium Chlorate Granules and Chlorotoluene has increased during the Financial Year 2023-24 as compared to the previous year.

However, the production of Phosphoric Acid, Aluminium Chloride, Poly Aluminium Chloride, Chlorinated Paraffin Wax and Stable Bleaching Powder has decreased during the Financial Year 2023-24 as compared to the previous year.

During the Financial Year 2023-24, the Company on standalone basis has achieved Net External Sales of Rs.3,702.77 Crores as against Rs.4,401.86 Crores in the previous year.

The Other Operating Income, for the financial year 2023-24 had been Rs.103.86 Crores as against Rs.114.64 Crores in the previous year and the Other Income increased to Rs.90.07 Crores from Rs.42.15 Crores in the previous year. The Other income includes Rs.29.64 Crores towards interest income and Rs.45.63 Crores towards dividend income.

The Earning Per Share was negative of Rs.18.01 for FY 2023-24, as compared to Positive of Rs.78.39 for FY 2022-23. Cash Earning Per share was Rs.24.72 for FY 2023-24, as compared to Rs.154.86 for FY 2022-23. Book value of Share has decreased to Rs.639.82 per share for FY 2023-24, as compared to Rs.683.04 per share for FY 2022-23. The Return on Capital Employed was at negative

2.45% for FY 2023-24, as compared to Positive 14.45% for FY 2022-23.

During the year, total debt level has decreased to Rs.543.43 Crores as on 31.03.2024 as compared to Rs.595.81 Crores as on 31.03.2023, which resulted into Debt: Equity ratio to 0.12:1 as on 31.03.2024, as compared to 0.12:1 as on 31.03.2023.

The overall Raw Material expenses have increased to Rs.1,650.98 Crores during the financial year as compared to Rs.1,507.84 Crores for the previous year, mainly due to increase in production of Caustic Soda Lye, Caustic Soda Flakes, Caustic Soda Prills, Chloromethanes, Potassium Hydroxide, Potassium Carbonate, Caustic Potash Flakes, Hydrogen Peroxide, Sodium Chlorate Granules and Chlorotoluene. Net External Electricity charges have increased by 17.75% to Rs.1,042.08 Crores during the financial year from Rs.885.01 Crores in the previous financial year mainly due to increase in Production as well as increase in power purchased from external sources.

The cost of Fuel, Natural Gas and Water charges increased to Rs.234.81 Crores during the financial year from Rs.233.43 Crores. Employees' remuneration has increased to Rs.265.04 Crores during the financial year from Rs.252.40 Crores in the previous financial year mainly due to Provisioning requirements as per Ind AS 19. Depreciation and amortization expense has increased to Rs.377.41 Crores during the financial year from Rs.276.09 Crores in the previous year due to full year depreciation charged with respect to commissioning of Chloromethanes, Hydrazine Hydrate, Caustic Soda Expansion and Tank Farm projects at Dahej during previous financial year and commissioning of Purified Phosphoric Acid project during the current financial year. Other expenses have increased by 2.70% to Rs.535.66 Crores during the financial year from Rs.521.57 Crores in the previous financial year. The Finance cost has increased to Rs.44.57 Crores during the financial year from Rs.19.46 Crores in the previous financial year mainly due to charging of interest on ECB loan in revenue due to commissioning of plants at Dahej Complex.

EBITDA has decreased to Rs.226.10 Crores in Financial Year 2023-24 from Rs.1,156.74 Crores in the previous year.

The Profit after finance cost but before depreciation and amortization (Cash Profit) has decreased to Rs.181.53 Crores in Financial Year 2023-24 from Rs.1,137.28 Crores in the previous year. Profit before tax (PBT) has decreased to negative Rs.195.88 Crores during the year 2023-24 from Positive Rs.861.19 Crores in previous year. Profit After Tax for the year decreased to negative Rs.132.24 Crores as compared to Positive Rs.575.70 Crores of the previous year.

At Consolidated Level, EBITDA has decreased by 87.74% to Rs.121.50 Crores during the year 2023-24 from Rs.990.65 Crores in previous year. Profit before tax has decreased by 143.23% to negative Rs.300.48 Crores during the year 2023-24 from Positive Rs.695.10 Crores in previous year.

Profit after tax has decreased by 157.82% to negative Rs.236.84 Crores during the year 2023-24 from Positive Rs.409.62 Crores in previous year.

KEY FINANCIAL RATIOS

Key Financial Ratios (Standalone) for the Financial Year ended 31st March, 2024, are provided here-below:

Ratio	Unit	FY 2023-24	FY 2022-23	% Inc. / (Dec.)
Debtors Turnover	Times	16.02	14.99	6.87
Inventory Turnover	Times	8.09	7.85	3.06
Interest Coverage	Times	5.07	59.43	(91.47)
Current Ratio	Times	1.23	1.68	(26.79)
Debt Equity Ratio	Times	0.12	0.12	-
Operating Profit Margin	%	6.11	26.28	(20.17)
Net Profit Margin	%	(3.57)	13.08	(16.65)
Return on Net Worth	%	(2.72)	12.00	(14.72)

Explanation for significant changes (i.e. more than 25%) in above mentioned ratios as compared to previous year:

- Interest Coverage ratio has decreased by 91.47% mainly due to interest on ECB loan charged to revenue with respect to commissioning of various projects at Dahej Complex.
- Current ratio has decreased by 26.79% mainly due to decrease in current assets like Inventory, Trade Receivables etc.

Explanation for Change in Return on Net Worth as compared to previous year:

- Return on Net Worth has decreased by 14.72% mainly due to Loss during current financial year.

RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT

Research and Development involves innovating and introducing new products and services, or enhancing existing ones. R&D drives innovation, helping companies stay competitive in the market.

R&D activities are like new product development / import substitutes development, process improvement / cost reduction / cooling water treatment chemicals / formulations development/ effluent treatment / waste utilization, work on the existing products for quality improvement. The goal is to design and implement systematic processes that develop valuable, technology-based assets, benefiting the company significantly.

R&D Department of the Company is also working on new products like Sodium Benzoate, Benzo trichloride, as well as import substitute of raw materials like Iso Amyl Alcohol, Alamine -336, Antifoam and other auxiliary chemicals, Regeneration of Spent Alumina & Palladium Catalyst, waste utilization for our Plants.

R&D for in-house cooling water treatment, includes production of customized formulations as per need of cooling water

system, technical services/trouble shooting, support for corrosion & microbiological growth monitoring for running & new projects, which results in appreciable savings and water conservation. R&D is also engaged in production of disinfectant & cleaning formulations for sanitization of plant premises.

EXPANSION AND DIVERSIFICATION

As a part of its ambitious growth plan, the Company had taken up various projects. We are pleased to inform that all these new plants are now operative with a few already to its full capacity and some under stabilization. The Company, as a long-term strategic measure, to enhance its in-house chlorine consumption, has taken up a 30 KTPA Chlorotoluene Project at Dahej to produce mix of benzyl chloride, benzaldehyde, and benzyl alcohol. The plant is presently under construction and is planned for commissioning in January 2025, with the commercial production expected by end of February 2025.

In order to create niche place in Caustic Soda market, debottlenecking of existing Caustic Soda Prills Plant at Dahej has been taken up to enhance production from 120 MT/day to about 200 MT/day. The project is expected to be completed by December, 2024. Similarly, to achieve 100% capacity utilization of Poly Aluminium Chloride (PAC) Plant at Vadodara, as PAC being seasonal product, Company has taken up the project for PAC (powder) production at Coelho Complex. The Plant is expected to be operational by December, 2024.

The Company, due to its power intensive operations has taken up a drive to optimize its power cost. As a part of these initiative, the Company is planning long term measures for sourcing renewable power in group captive/captive mode and, in the meantime, has taken up measures for sourcing solar power on bilateral basis from available sources on short to medium term basis.

The assessment for Bio-ethanol project in JV with GAIL is underway. The Company is working with M/s Vedanta Aluminium for projects in the areas of common Interest.

The Company already have more than 36 different variants of products. To add further variants, the Company has added manufacturing of H₂O₂ (35%) at Dahej Complex, developed 35% HCL at its Dahej Complex. Production of 35% H₂O₂ has already started and 35% HCl production is expected to be started from August, 2024. The Company is also working on adding several value-added variants in its product portfolio for enhancing the product profile.

The Company look forwards to continuing its growth journey in the years to come.

SHORT TERM/ LONG TERM POWER ARRANGEMENTS

The Company has taken up various measures for significantly reducing the cost of electric power, largely through increasing the contribution of renewable energy in its energy-sourcing basket. The long-term measures in this direction would require sourcing of renewable power, preferably on Round



-The-Clock (RTC) basis and as captive power, by getting associated with suitable RE developers by forming special purpose vehicles. The Company is in discussions with NTPC for tying up 100 MW RE RTC for which an MoU was signed earlier. Possibilities of further such tie-ups are also being explored with other RE developers. The Company has engaged M/s IDBI Capital Markets & Securities Limited for carrying out due diligence of Individual techno-commercial offers received from potential RE suppliers/developers and to provide most suitable options for RE addition. In the meantime, in order to bringdown the power cost in short to medium term, the Company has continued looking for opportunities of tying-up RE supply, especially solar power on real-time consumption & on short-term basis, with available sources from RE developers. As a result of its endeavors to source such short-term supply, during the first quarter of FY 2024-25, the Company has successfully tied up with NTPC Vidyut Vyapar Nigam Limited (NVTNL) and Tata Power Trading Company Limited (TPTCL) for supply of solar power to the Company from their 50 MW and 70 MW solar power installations respectively. This will result into reduction of the cost of electric power.

SEGMENT-WISE OR PRODUCT-WISE PERFORMANCE

The operations of the Company are under one segment only i.e., Chemical Manufacturing. The total production (excluding power generation) of the Company has increased by 12.88% to 20,46,173 MT during the Financial Year 2023-24 from 18,12,758 MT in previous year.

Product-wise production details are given in back side of the cover page of the Annual Report. Further, the quantitative product-wise data relating to production and sales for last ten years are also given in the Annual Report.

OPPORTUNITIES & THREATS, RISKS & CONCERNS

The strengths of the Company are economies of scale, state of the art eco-friendly technologies, extensive usage of renewable energy, integrated downstream plants, strong network for Marketing and Distribution, In-house Research and Development facilities, proximity to major raw material source and markets etc. Economic power supply has remained a major area of concern for the Company, during the year under review, the weighted average cost of electrical power continued remaining high because of higher fuel cost (natural gas & coal) and reduced availability of wind power, leading to increased dependence on grid power sourced from DISCOMs.

The Company has been following business plan for growth and therefore, continued sustaining operating performance. The Company has continued to concentrate both on enhancement of top line and bottom line. The Net External Sales has decreased by 15.88%, increase in Finance Cost by 129.03%, Net External Electricity Charges by 17.75%, Insurance Cost by 15.16% and Job work/ processing charges by 73.00% are the major factors contributing to the profitability of the Company, during the Financial Year 2023-24. However, due to decrease in Other Operating Income, increase in Raw Material Consumption, Natural Gas Consumption, Net External Electricity charges, Water,

Fuel & Natural Gas costs, Employee Benefits Expense, Depreciation and Amortization expense, Stores and Spare Parts consumed and Repairs & Maintenance Expense and Packing Materials Cost the profitability of the Company for the year under review was affected.

To augment its power resource with eco-friendly renewable energy in 2023-24, the Company's total Wind Energy Generation Capacity stood at 171.45 MW. The Company has already installed 35 MW Solar Power Projects for captive use, 640 kW (AC) Floating Solar Power Plant on the reservoir of captive power plant, 220 kW (AC) Solar Roof top at Dahej Complex and 563 kW AC (630 DC) Solar Roof Top at Vadodara Complex and 275 kW AC back pressure steam turbine generator at Vadodara Complex for the availability of power at cheaper rate. A back pressure turbine having capacity of 6.5MW is installed to optimize power cost at Dahej Complex.

DISPUTE WITH DELHI BOARD

An investigation was conducted by the Director General of the Competition Commission of India (CCI) against the Company, for alleged contravention of the provisions of Section 3(1) read with 3(3)(d) of the Competition Act, 2002, in respect of sales of chemical products to Delhi Jal Board (DJB). The Competition Commission of India vide its order dated 05.10.2017 imposed penalty Rs.1.88 Crores. The Company had filed an Appeal before the NCLAT Challenging the order of the CCI. The Hon'ble NCLAT through its order dated 04.12.2017 granted stay on the operation of the impugned order of the CCI subject to a deposit of 10% of the penalty amount. The Delhi Jal Board has filed its Reply to the Appeal. The Company has also filed its Rejoinder to the Reply of the DJB. The Company had submitted convenience compilation and Note of Submission before NCLAT. The Delhi Jal Board had also submitted their Note of Submission. The matter is at the stage of final arguments. The Company will strongly defend the case. The Company believes that it had not indulged in any such activity.

ECB LOAN

To part finance the cost of the expansion, the Company has from time-to-time availed following financial assistance by way of External Commercial Borrowing (ECB) instead of Rupee Term Loan with a view to minimize the interest outgo. These ECB Loans are not hedged, there being natural hedge available due to exports and considering low risk profile of the Company:

1. ECB loan of US \$ 20 Million equivalent to Rs.133.25 crores from ICICI Bank Limited in F.Y.2016-17.
2. ECB loan of US \$ 68.70 Million equivalent to Rs.500.22 crores (Rs.362.35 Crores in F.Y. 2020-21 and Rs 137.87 Crores in F.Y. 2021-22) Crores from State Bank of India.

RISK MANAGEMENT

The Company has constituted Internal Risk Management Committee comprising of Senior Executives of your Company who are heading respective departments viz. Finance, Manufacturing, Marketing, Purchase, Project,

Safety, Information Technology, HR, Secretarial and Legal functions. The Managing Director is the Chairman of the Internal Risk Management Committee. The Internal Risk Management Committee reports to the Managing Director and the risks identified by the said Committee along with proposed mitigation actions are discussed periodically on quarterly basis with the Managing Director.

The Company has constituted the Risk Management Committee of Directors w.e.f. 11th February, 2016. Shri Nitin Shukla has been appointed as the Chairman of the said Committee w.e.f. 3rd February, 2024. As on 31st March, 2024, below were the Members of the Risk Management Committee:

1. Shri Nitin Shukla, Chairman;
2. Shri Rajiv Lochan Jain;
3. Shri S B Dangayach; and
4. Shri Swaroop P. IAS.

The said Committee was reconstituted by the Board at their Meeting held on 3rd February, 2024. The said Risk Management Committee was renamed as "Risk Management-cum-Safety Committee" w.e.f. 10th November, 2016 by the Board. The existing Internal Risk Management Committee of Senior Executives of the Company continues to function. Out of the various risks identified by the Internal Risk Management Committee, the Audit Committee has identified certain critical risks, which are reviewed by the Risk Management-cum-Safety Committee, the Audit Committee and by the Board of Directors. A Report on the steps taken to mitigate those critical risks is also submitted to the Risk Management-cum-Safety Committee, Audit Committee and the Board of Directors.

INTERNAL CONTROL SYSTEM AND THEIR ADEQUACY

The Company has in place adequate internal financial controls commensurate with the size and nature of its business. The Company periodically reviews the internal financial controls in the light of new statutes, changes in business models, adoption of new technology solutions and suggestions for improvements received from employees. During the year, such controls were tested and no reportable material weakness in the design or operation was observed. For all amendments to Indian Accounting Standards (Ind-AS) and the new standards notified, the Company carries out a detailed analysis and presents the impact on accounting policies, financial results including revised disclosures to the Audit Committee. The Approach and changes in policies are also validated with the Statutory Auditors.

The Company has a stated process and periodicity for physical verification of its inventory and fixed assets. Any variances are analysed and accounted post necessary approvals.

The Company gets its financial statements reviewed every quarter by its Statutory Auditors. The accounts of GNAL are audited and certified by their Statutory Auditors for consolidation.

None of the auditors of the Company have reported any fraud as specified under second proviso of section 143

(12) of the Companies Act, 2013 including any statutory modifications or re-enactments thereof for the time being in force.

OUTLOOK

The Company deals in marketing of Caustic Soda (Lye, Flakes/ Prills), Chloromethanes, Liquid Chlorine, Hydrochloric Acid, Hydrogen Peroxide, Anhydrous Aluminum Chloride, Caustic Potash (Lye & Flakes), Potassium Carbonate (Granules & Powder), Aluminum Chloride, Phosphoric Acid, Food Grade Phosphoric Acid, Chlorinated Paraffin, Poly Aluminum Chloride (various grades), Chlorotoluene, Sodium Chlorate, Hydrazine Hydrate etc.

Plants are integrated in such a way that, part of finished product of one plant is being consumed as raw material in other plant to produce further value added products.

The Company thus advantage of its forward integration philosophy.

As, approx. 64% of the total production capacity of India is located in Western region, it has been observed that - there is 20-25% surplus supply available than the actual current demand in the region.

In order to balance the Western market, we used to cater the market of Eastern India. Accordingly, we have successfully executed supplies of CS Lye to M/s. National Aluminum Company Ltd. (NALCO) and M/s. Vedanta Ltd., M/s. Utkal Alumina International Ltd. as well as M/s. Hindalco Industries Ltd. in the tune of approx. 119019 MT i.e. 97851 MT through Rail Racks and 21168 MT through Ship/Coastal (including GNAL).

In addition to this, we have Exports approx. 34736 MT to bridge the demand-supply gap in Western India during FY 2023-24, as compared to 38048 MT during FY 2022-23.

Out of total seven active Chloromethanes manufacturers in India, GACL is the market leader with a market share of about 23.5%, having capacity utilization of 80% i.e. 1.25 Lakhs MT of Chloromethanes produced during the FY 2023-24, against the total installed capacity of 1.56 Lakhs MTPA (as on 31.03.2024).

India has successfully transitioned into a net exporter with the commissioning of GACL new Chloromethanes capacity; GACL is exporting Methylene Chloride (MDC) to more than 20 countries, and within a short period, we have achieved remarkable sales growth. This accomplishment highlights India's expanding presence in the global market and the company's success in capitalizing new opportunities by consistently supplying quality products.

In addition to this, captive consumption of Hydrogen Gas is maximized through expanded Hydrogen Peroxide plant, which is also fetching additional revenue. GACL is one of the largest sellers of Hydrogen Gas to domestic and SEZ market.

Further, the Company has successfully optimized its Sodium Chlorate plant at Dahej, which is the first & only



manufacturing plant in India, which finds applications primarily in Pulp & Paper Industry for “Elemental Chlorine Free Bleaching of Pulp & Paper”.

New Food Grade Phosphoric Acid plant is running at 100% capacity and is consuming large quantity of HCl, where HCl is one of the concerns of disposal.

GACL has started its long-awaited product “Food Grade Phosphoric Acid” at Dahej Complex and currently running at 100% capacity, which consuming large quantity of HCl, where HCl is one of the concerns of disposal. By start-up of this “Food Grade Phosphoric Acid”, GACL entered into new market segments of Edible Oil, Food Grade Phosphates, Carbonated Drinks.

GACL has successfully commissioned “Hydrazine Hydrate” plant at Dahej under the mission of “Make in India”, which is the first & only manufacturing plant in India. This product finds its applications primarily in Pulp & Paper Industry, Agrochemicals, Water Treatments and Space Industry.

The plant, based on indigenously developed and patented technology, is currently under stabilization for optimized operations.

As a value addition to Hydrochloric Acid (HCl), we had commissioned Poly Aluminum Chloride (PAC) at our Vadodara (Coelho) Complex and able to capture sizable domestic market for various grades of PAC. The physical Exports of PAC (Powder) has also been increased, wherein realizations are promising.

Gujarat is predominantly an industrial state, which contains a number of large, medium & small business units in the Chemical, Petrochemical, Plastics, Textile, Fertilizer and other Industries.

As part of market development, the emphasis is to interact with customers and develop new market for the products. Providing prompt after sales service as & when required is part of this strategy and this helps the company to increase its volume especially for new products.

GACL is also exporting many of its products viz. Caustic Soda Lye, Flakes, Prills, Potassium Carbonate, Caustic Potash Flakes, Hydrogen Peroxide, Phosphoric Acid, liquid Chlorine, Aluminum Chloride, PAC (Powder), Stable Bleaching Powder, Benzyl Alcohol, Benzyl Chloride, Hydrochloric Acid and CPW to Europe, West Asia, South-East Asia, Africa, Middle-East/Far East, SAARC countries etc.

Company is facing import threat and dumping of various products at low prices, which affects capacity utilization, prices etc. and is pro-actively taking corrective action for imposition of Anti-Dumping Duty within the WTO guidelines.

GACL has introduced “Channel Financing/Advance Payment System” and all our existing authorized Dealers are now under “Channel Financing/Advance Payment System”. Hence, there is no credit risk attached for sales with our authorized Dealers. In addition to this, now outstanding Avg. No. of Days have reduced to 7 days (as on 31.03.2024) from 16 days (as on 31.03.2023) i.e. ₹ 101 Crores compared to ₹ 239 Crores as on 31.03.2023.

GACL has successfully launched “Digital Product Booking Platform” effective from March 2024, to book products through Online Portal to make system more transparent and to explore market price.

FOREIGN EXCHANGE EARNINGS AND OUTGO

GACL has consistently embraced a proactive approach in undertaking various activities to sustainably export volume, boost revenues, and explore new export market for both existing and new products. These proactive stances showcase dedication to continue growth and the expansion of global presence.

The Company has expanded its presence across globe, exporting its products to total 55 Countries.

GACL has experienced a quantum leap in Export capabilities. The Company has achieved ever-highest Exports of Rs.753 Crores, surpassing all previous records and with GNAL, our total Exports turnover reached at Rs.899 Crores.

The Company has accomplished a significant increase in foreign currency earnings, details of which are given in Board’s Report at [Annexure - 1](#).

In the running financial year also, the Company targets at wider markets for Exports of various products with the help of company’s accreditation of IS/ISO 9001, 14001, 18001 & 50001 and having registration of Benzyl Alcohol and Aluminium Chloride with ‘REACH’ while for Poly Aluminium Chloride and Caustic Soda registration have been made with NSF International, USA and Halal India.

SAFETY & ENVIRONMENT

Our commitment to safety and preservation of environment has been encompassed in our “Quality, Health, Safety, Environment and Energy (QHSE En) Policy”.

The Company has implemented elaborate Environment Management System (EMS), Quality Management System (QMS), Occupational Health & Safety Management System (OH&S) and Energy Management System (EnMS) and has embarked on continual improvement. TUV(India) Pvt. Ltd. has granted ISO 9001: 2015, ISO 14001: 2015, ISO 45001: 2018 and ISO 50001: 2018 Integrated Management System Certificates to the Company.

The Company has continued its emphasis on safety awareness not only for its employees and contract labourers but also for customers handling our products and community in neighbourhood of our plants. The Company regularly organizes public awareness programs in surrounding villages emphasizing the importance of safety and focusing on industrial hazards. Safety awareness programme for the employees as well as for contract workers are also organized regularly. The Company has also adopted a unique concept of “Plant Healthiness Check-up” to identify and address areas for improvement of the manufacturing facility.

The Company has also its Emergency Response and Contingency Plan (ERCP) in place to control and minimize

effect of any emergency situations. The ERCP is also reviewed and updated by considering various Maximum Credible Scenarios. Preparedness and response to this ERCP is evaluated periodically by conducting different levels of Mock-Drills on emergency scenario.

The Company also conducts third-party Safety Audit and allows fresh eyes and a different approach to assess, review, and analyse company's safety management programs of prevention of an incident.

Adequate steps have been taken for Pollution Control, Green Belt Development etc. besides due compliance with statutory requirements for the protection of environment. At Vadodara Complex, green belt has been developed and maintained in 25 out of total 29 acres of land having various varieties of total 7,000 trees like teak, bamboo, neem, babul, etc. at TSDF site. Company has also developed and maintained about 24000 sq. mts. area of green patches having 1,700 trees and lawns, shrubs etc. inside the Caustic Soda & Coelho complex. At Vadodara Complex, we have total 8,700 nos. of trees being planted & maintained. Also, we have developed vertical garden by way of plantation in 550 big pots, on vertical peripheral area of our corporate office building. The canteen and garden waste is being converted into the best organic manure through in-house vermicomposting facility on regular basis at both the Complexes.

In the field of water conservation, GACL has installed wastewater recycling RO Plant for converting wastewater into reusable water. Daily 400 to 500 M³ of wastewater is treated and converted to reusable water which is recycled back to the Plant. We have ground water recharging system at our TSDF site, where total rainfall and surface run off is being recharged into ground.

In Dahej Complex, large area has been covered by development and maintenance of green belt, landscaping, flora & fauna, rainwater harvesting through earthen ponds. The Company has installed facility for recycling part of its liquid effluent stream, using RO System in Dahej Complex. The Company has undertaken water conservation by channelizing Cooling Tower Water Spillage, treated sewage and drip irrigation. Nearly 24,000 nos. of trees have been planted and 50 hectares of green belt has been developed in nearby Paniyadra village.

The Company regularly sends hazardous waste for Co-processing to cement industry through third party pre-processing facilities for utilisation of wastes as AFR (Alternate Fuel and Raw Material). The canteen and garden waste are being converted into organic manure through in-house vermicomposting facility on regular basis at both the Complexes.

GACL is one of the Promoters of Vadodara Enviro Channel Limited (VECL). VECL was formed by various nearby industries for the purpose of safe discharge of treated effluent in sea. Thus, entire treated liquid effluents of Caustic Soda & Coelho Complex are being discharged through VECL.

Gujarat Pollution Control Board (GPCB) had issued a closure direction to VECL under The Water Act, 1974. VECL has submitted compliance report to GPCB for permanent revocation. There is no adverse comment received from GPCB in the matter so far.

CORPORATE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

During the year under review, the Company has continued to fulfill its Corporate Social Responsibilities to enhance Human Development Index (HDI) by undertaking thematic activities viz. (a) Promotion of Education and related activities (b) Care for Special Children (c) Healthcare, Hygiene and Sanitation (d) Livelihood and skill development activities (e) Art, Culture and Heritage (f) Water Conservation and Environment related activities.

Promoting inclusive growth has been a priority for GACL from both a social and business perspective. The Company strives to make a difference to its customers, to the society and to the nation's development directly through its products and services, as well as through its development initiatives and community outreach.

During the Financial Year 2023-24, The Company had carried out various CSR activities. Kindly refer [Annexure - 2](#) of Board's Report i.e. Annual Report on CSR activities, for more details on various CSR Activities.

MATERIAL DEVELOPMENT IN HUMAN RESOURCES

Harnessing the incredible power of chemistry & people, GACL has embarked on a mission to produce the crème de la crème of chemical products in the country along with eco-friendly technology that provides value to the Industrial productions and common lives every day. The Company's Human Resources Department identifies itself as the Process Department of People, it formulates strategies, executes human resource policies and practices which directly contribute to enhancing employee competencies and behaviours which would help Company reach greater heights.

Today all organizations are struggling to deal with external pressures such as globalization, aggressive competition and the increasing pace of change. This is compounded by internal pressures to lower costs, ability to strategize effectively, demonstrate business impact and maintain accountability for results. The only way to counter all of this is by developing a talent and leadership pool that acts as a path paver for achieving greater results. For this, the Company has Succession Planning in place for its Senior Management Personnel.

As the organization gets older, clock begins to tick for the old generation of employees to retire and a new generation of employees to step in. This comes with a lot of challenges -along with that of retention - as the Nextgen performers are eager to expand their horizons and enhance their capabilities. Hence, we at GACL have developed an indigenous platform of Learning Management System (LMS), customized to cater organizational needs for skill



development through upskilling and reskilling at all levels. This platform provides knowledge sharing opportunities from experienced technocrats and enables young entrants to gain life-long learning opportunities with innovation through Knowledge Transfer.

‘Welfare of each is bound up in the welfare of all’. We at GACL see to it that our policies reach not only the employees but their families as well. We have one of the best of medical schemes, such as Covid welfare facility, Children education fund, Post-retirement Medical Insurance, Housing Loan Insurance, Extra leave & Flexi leave benefit for Maternity, Paternity leave policy and so on for all category of employees. Our separation benefits are the most lucrative that ensures social security beyond statutes. GACL is one family when it comes to Welfare & Wellness.

GACL HR operates in allyship at workplace, for every employee-oriented processes there is a committee consisting of members from all category of employees from helpers to Executive Director level to collaborate and maintain harmonious Industrial Relations.

HR Digitization, HR policies, transparency towards and active participation of employees has made it possible for GACL to keep the pace of exponential growth and establish a culture of esprit de corps. Even at the time of adversity of pandemic/lockdown, Operations & Business were running with the same zeal of catering to the society. The Company also achieved remarkable record of nearly 22,100 training hours (Virtual & Offline) during the year under review, which reflects its people orientation and its aim to become a learning organization in near future by nurturing knowledge and paving a way for innovation, making GACL truly an idea-land of Chemical Companies.

AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

The Company has adopted a constant pursuit of growth and prosperity. In an effort to do so, it is important to acknowledge the Company’s achievements and recognitions. This not only boosts your employees’ confidence and zeal but also enables the company to push its limits and aim higher always. GACL continued its impressive run and added new awards and recognitions.

GACL has been awarded Gujarat Employers’ Organisation (GEO) Excellence Awards 2024, where it secured the esteemed winner position in the Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) category for Large Enterprises. This accolade stands as evidence of GACL’s unwavering dedication to fostering positive societal change through sustainable development initiatives.

The GEO Excellence Award, underscores GACL’s commitment to making meaningful contributions towards

societal upliftment. The Company believe in the importance of actively engaging with communities and spearheading transformative initiatives which brings positive social and environmental changes.

At the 51st Flower, Fruits, and Vegetables Exhibition & Competition, GACL has been awarded First prize in Miniature category and Second prize in Display category. The event was organized by The Baroda Agri Horticulture Committee (BAHC) with the Department of Horticulture, Govt. of Gujarat. This achievement of GACL reinforces its commitment to developing a culture of growing plants and inculcating environmental consciousness amongst the people.

To foster lasting societal transformation, active community engagement is essential. GACL is transcending the traditional boundaries of Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) and embracing the role of a Socially Responsible Corporate (SRC). The organization’s approach to CSR goes beyond mere compliance, emphasizing a comprehensive dedication to giving back to society in every conceivable manner. The Company actively operates in various domains including healthcare, hygiene, education, support to special children, sanitation, sustainable livelihoods, skill development, women’s empowerment, water and environmental conservation, as well as the promotion of art, culture, and heritage. Its CSR initiatives and programs aim to integrate deserving rural communities into the broader fabric of society. GACL aligns its endeavours with government programs and initiatives, consistently striving to create a better world for all.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Information Technology (IT) solutions have played a pivotal role in forging a more unified and interconnected organization. We persistently refine our processes and harness the power of emerging technologies to bolster our productivity and efficacy, thereby fostering the growth plans of our organization. The enhancement of our IT infrastructure and automation capabilities across our entire value chain is a top priority for the Company. Our goal is to create an all-encompassing digital ecosystem that meets the requirements of all our stakeholders. To ensure the secure utilization of the Company’s digital resources, we conduct regular training sessions for our employees.

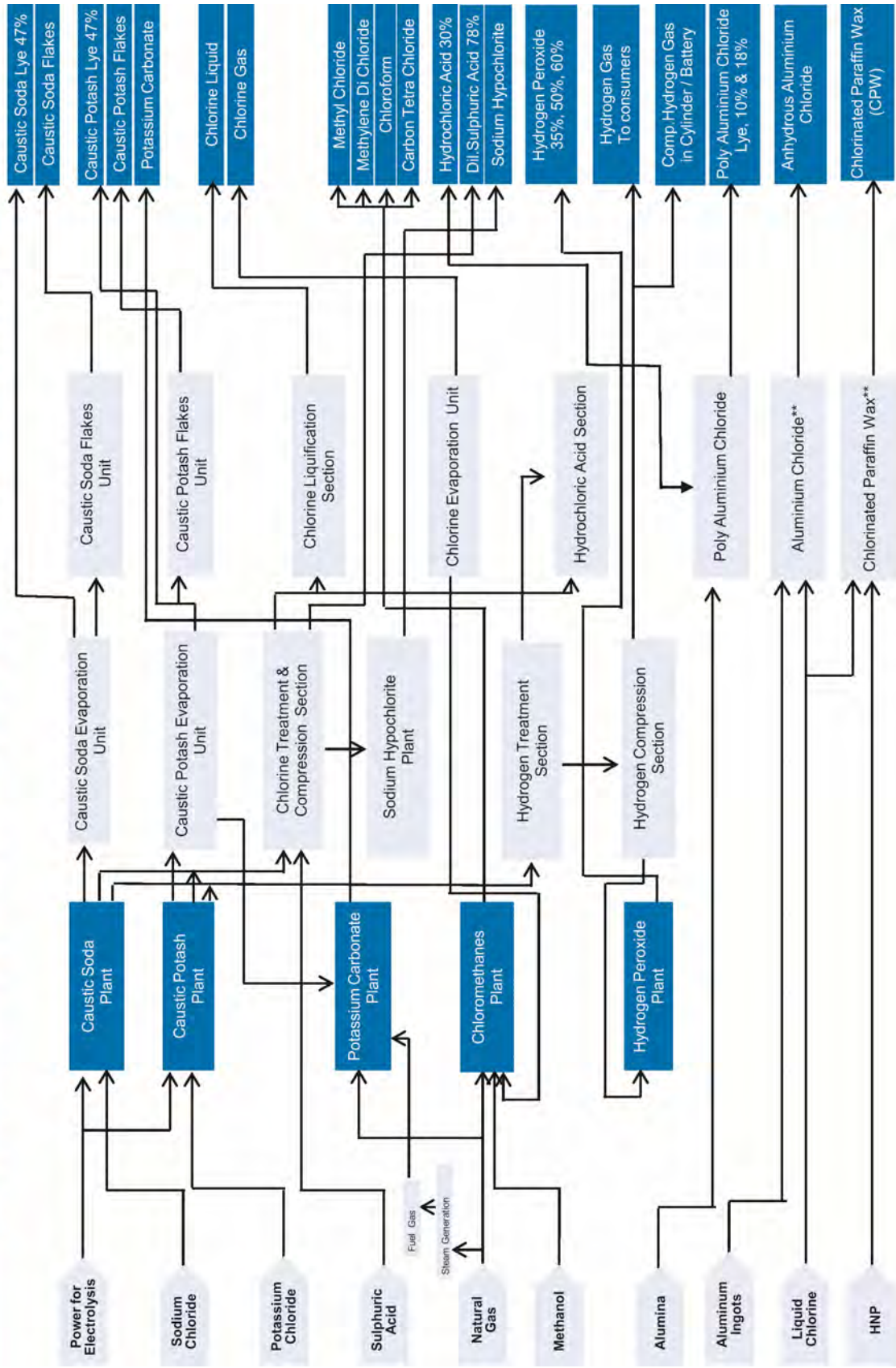
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The Company assumes no responsibility in respect of forward-looking statements, expectations and assumptions herein which may undergo changes in future on the basis of subsequent development, information, or unforeseen circumstances or force majeure events. This shall not be considered as investment guidance or advice or invitation. The readers are advised to make their own independent assessment and judgement.

QUANTITATIVE DATA FOR TEN YEARS

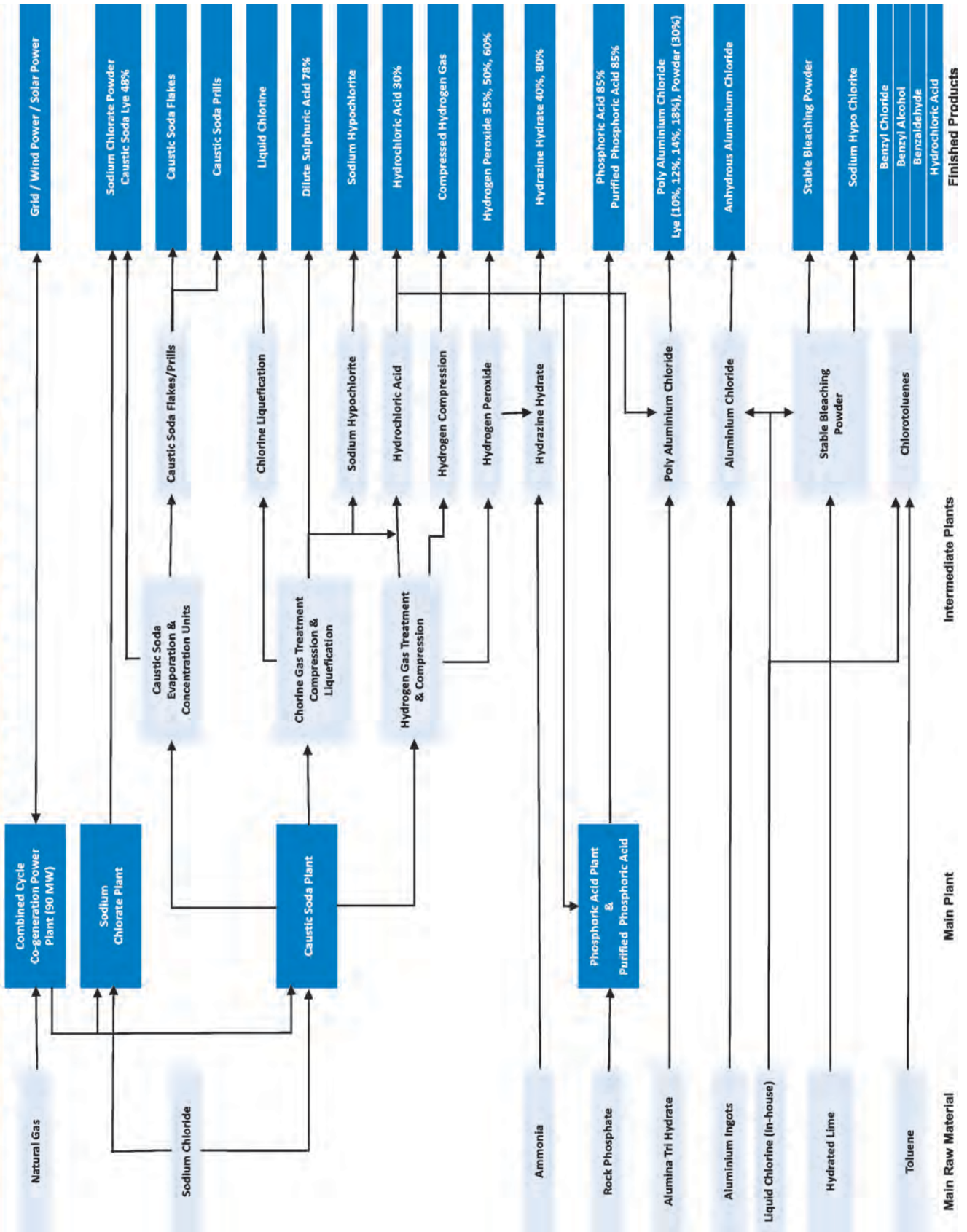
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PRODUCTION :											
CAUSTIC SODA LYE	MT	523532	475224	454765	417312	436445	432407	403090	403847	384925	383834
CAUSTIC SODA FLAKES	MT	133123	103127	101133	115813	123754	122267	108214	125994	127376	124531
CAUSTIC SODA PRILLS	MT	28900	17925	16040	21165	17596	11330	8595	5981	9104	9237
CHLORINE GAS / LIQUID	MT	490437	446163	427107	392465	406039	398762	372361	372420	355921	353295
HYDROCHLORIC ACID (30%)	MT	405644	373174	329277	299100	324769	310216	374675	377866	341220	338211
CAUSTIC POTASH LYE	MT	42070	39739	38268	35959	30615	24761	24087	23120	23540	20915
POTASSIUM CARBONATE	MT	13164	12892	10806	11620	8782	7872	7870	8512	8058	5912
CAUSTIC POTASH FLAKES	MT	22940	20523	22054	19992	16983	13508	13263	12115	13323	13025
CHLOROMETHANES	MT	124839	75657	55860	58100	58020	51325	32742	36097	38000	38530
SODIUM CYANIDE	MT	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	102	1549
PHOSPHORIC ACID (85%)	MT	28625	28995	28459	25054	27700	27555	27418	27517	27392	25732
PURIFIED PHOSPHORIC ACID	MT	10490	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
HYDROGEN PEROXIDE (100%)	MT	60530	59903	57027	49336	55819	48414	45017	45318	43028	38127
HYDRAZINE HYDRATE	MT	92	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
ALLUMINIUM CHLORIDE	MT	47400	48712	55059	44419	37417	37494	35085	33887	31265	29573
CALCIUM CHLORIDE	MT	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6889
POLY ALUMINIUM CHLORIDE (18%)	MT	68640	72023	65872	59661	66198	51919	37989	35775	33481	30022
CHLORINATED PARAFFIN WAX	MT	2678	5317	2542	4662	5370	5621	3572	3267	3911	7860
CHLORO TOLUENE PRODUCTS	MT	10650	220	16562	14094	10010	11606	9134	8451	7873	6570
STABLE BLEACHING POWDER	MT	9834	11666	16208	19705	17107	17030	16200	12830	10108	8999
SODIUM CHLORATE	MT	21465	21352	21144	17917	19200	20006	20118	17575	11570	4977
ANHYDROUS SODIUM SULPHATE	MT	1120	146	652	1096	1019	-	-	-	-	-
POWER GENERATION	MU KWH	266.19	255.78	444.05	563.01	458.06	365.99	361.86	336.00	258.56	199.82
POWER GENERATION - WIND FARM	MU KWH	287.34	291.18	314.50	265.25	366.95	387.15	357.76	340.38	259.28	207.63
POWER GENERATION - SOLAR	MU KWH	45.89	56.30	60.02	63.14	44.11	19.08	-	-	-	-
SALES :											
CAUSTIC SODA LYE	MT	347923	342643	327402	278314	283701	293465	271296	268563	244492	237720
CAUSTIC SODA FLAKES	MT	133673	102735	101428	116767	122587	122462	108332	125884	128870	125811
CAUSTIC SODA PRILLS	MT	28394	18002	16049	21602	17843	11089	8120	5954	9146	9764
CHLORINE GAS / LIQUID	MT	391215	350454	342159	311205	315864	315744	261712	276816	273103	268066
HYDROCHLORIC ACID(30%)	MT	398607	346844	285520	257636	288589	277197	336680	343044	302874	301045
CAUSTIC POTASH LYE	MT	8884	9027	8343	6850	7110	5049	5208	4231	3828	3637
POTASSIUM CARBONATE	MT	12848	12894	11227	10996	9066	7624	8128	8627	7152	6414
CAUSTIC POTASH FLAKES	MT	22886	20539	22129	19880	17290	13188	13573	12299	12983	13104
CHLOROMETHANES	MT	124467	72763	56060	58265	58478	50379	33715	35786	37923	39990
SODIUM CYANIDE	MT	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	280	1448
PHOSPHORIC ACID (85%)	MT	28525	29064	28542	24861	28066	27636	28154	27180	27029	27228
PURIFIED PHOSPHORIC ACID	MT	8957	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
HYDROGEN PEROXIDE (100%)	MT	60703	59730	57191	49373	55953	48410	44132	45264	43856	37735
HYDRAZINE HYDRATE	MT	92	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
ALLUMINIUM CHLORIDE	MT	47690	49329	56655	42311	37886	36759	35358	35066	31112	29988
CALCIUM CHLORIDE	MT	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1500	7376
POLY ALUMINIUM CHLORIDE	MT	55704	66135	60647	53018	65778	48651	36584	37774	35337	29647
CHLORINATED PARAFFIN WAX	MT	2673	5466	2339	4762	5268	5592	3688	3259	3798	8410
HYDROCHLORIC ACID - CP	MT	4730	9432	3944	7646	8609	8980	5936	5559	6489	13193
BENZYL CHLORIDE	MT	5543	31	8475	6480	4475	4744	3391	3467	2955	2698
BENZYL DEHYDE	MT	1559	76	2495	2350	1946	1654	1555	1364	1170	968
BENZYL ALCOHOL	MT	3251	167	5690	5252	4488	4421	4433	3649	3519	3062
HCL FROM HBC	MT	14831	359	23586	20376	14472	15971	13033	12087	14710	11701
SODIUM CHLORATE	MT	21383	21354	21186	18222	18850	20151	20121	17667	11389	4879
STABLE BLEACHING POWDER	MT	9986	11623	16283	19545	17137	16949	16203	12990	9981	8998
ANHYDROUS SODIUM SULPHATE	MT	1116	121	667	1092	1068	-	-	-	-	-
POWER TO GRID	MU KWH	33.33	32.97	34.49	34.66	50.01	40.87	38.93	7.83	10.21	5.91
SALES VOLUME (EXCL. INTER-UNIT)	Rs./Cr.	3702.77	4401.86	3683.40	2344.49	2654.20	3102.32	2417.70	2020.25	1955.97	1931.81

VADODARA COMPLEX WITH UNIQUE - PRODUCT MIX



Main Raw Material **Main Plant** **Intermediate Plants** **Finished Products**
**** By Job Work**

DAHEJ COMPLEX WITH UNIQUE - PRODUCT MIX





STANDALONE FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS OF TEN YEARS

PARTICULARS	2023-24	2022-23	2021-22	2020-21	2019-20	2018-19	2017-18	2016-17	2015-16	2014-15
OPERATING RESULTS										
	(Rs. in Lakhs)									
GROSS INCOME / TOTAL REVENUE	389,670	455,865	380,513	249,694	281,437	322,215	261,964	235,844	226,462	199,707
EBITDA	22,610	115,674	103,256	42,562	66,749	117,593	89,244	50,554	38,007	32,287
FINANCE COSTS	4,457	1,946	615	1,546	1,404	2,094	1,490	1,283	993	933
DEPRECIATION AND AMORTIZATION EXPENSE	37,741	27,609	19,778	17,436	16,183	13,997	12,732	11,092	10,744	9,806
PROFIT/(LOSS) BEFORE INVESTMENT ALLOWANCE RESERVE & TAXATION	(19,588)	86,119	82,863	23,580	49,162	101,502	75,022	38,178	26,270	21,548
PRIOR PERIOD ADJUSTMENTS (NET)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
PROFIT/(LOSS) BEFORE TAX	(19,588)	(19,588)	82,863	23,580	49,162	101,502	75,022	38,178	26,270	21,548
PROVISION FOR TAXATION :										
- CURRENT INCOME TAX-MAT	-	15,121	-	-	-	-	-	8,140	5,425	4,333
- DEFERRED INCOME TAX	(6,230)	12,818	(456)	1,682	3,444	4,456	3,335	4,424	4,003	(1,195)
- PROVISION FOR TAXATION INCLUDING WEALTH TAX	-	-	26,947	5,662	12,357	26,938	18,481	-	-	-
- MAT CREDIT ENTITLEMENT	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(5,196)	(5,147)	(4,333)
- EXCESS PROVISION FOR INCOME TAX OF EARLIER YEARS WRITTEN BACK	(134)	610	174	(449)	77	1,143	(296)	-	-	(43)
PROFIT/(LOSS) AFTER TAX	(13,224)	57,570	56,198	16,685	33,284	68,965	53,502	30,810	21,989	22,786
OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME	34,610	(9,626)	2,363	67,198	3,879	(15,808)	(2,498)	16,035	(76)	-
TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME	21,386	47,944	58,561	83,883	37,163	53,157	51,004	46,845	21,913	22,786
SOURCES AND APPLICATION OF FUNDS										
	(Rs. in Lakhs)									
SOURCE OF FUNDS :										
SHARE CAPITAL	7,344	7,344	7,344	7,344	7,344	7,344	7,344	7,344	7,344	7,344
RESERVES & SURPLUS	627,793	623,702	583,101	530,415	452,407	422,322	374,919	328,334	285,467	267,531
BORROWINGS (NET)	54,343	59,581	59,334	49,692	13,924	18,751	23,414	29,118	22,522	9,238
OTHER LONG TERM LIABILITIES	65	66	67	68	69	-	-	-	-	-
LONG TERM PROVISIONS	14,098	13,247	14,902	11,253	10,421	9,688	9,071	8,050	7,030	6,464
DEFERRED TAX (NET)	71,887	76,368	64,438	62,186	52,522	44,591	35,098	30,642	32,537	33,348
TOTAL FUNDS EMPLOYED	775,530	780,308	729,186	660,958	536,687	502,696	449,846	403,488	354,900	323,925
APPLICATION OF FUNDS :										
FIXED ASSETS (GROSS)	637,820	608,405	550,384	451,753	370,676	309,787	268,988	244,571	200,897	363,654
DEPRECIATION	166,614	129,048	101,485	82,125	65,176	49,017	33,375	22,151	10,507	190,880
FIXED ASSETS (NET)	471,206	479,357	448,899	369,628	305,500	260,770	235,613	222,420	190,390	172,774
INVESTMENTS	236,917	200,219	211,474	209,534	124,414	106,634	114,716	101,716	85,467	84,426
LONG TERM LOANS AND ADVANCES	10,709	2,343	2,540	2,456	2,260	2,264	2,030	2,049	1,989	1,948
OTHER NON-CURRENT ASSETS	21,752	29,769	28,213	30,407	19,957	22,671	17,606	17,319	22,883	19,277
CURRENT ASSETS (NET)	34,946	68,620	38,060	48,933	84,556	110,357	79,881	59,984	54,171	45,500
TOTAL FUNDS APPLIED	775,530	780,308	729,186	660,958	536,687	502,696	449,846	403,488	354,900	323,925
DEBT EQUITY RATIO (TIMES)	0.12 : 1	0.12 : 1	0.13 : 1	0.12 : 1	0.04 : 1	0.05 : 1	0.08 : 1	0.11 : 1	0.10 : 1	0.03 : 1
AMOUNT PER EQUITY SHARE OF RS.10/-										
EARNING PER SHARE	-18.01	78	77	23	45	94	73	42	30	31
SALES PER SHARE	504	599	502	319	361	422	329	275	266	263
DIVIDEND	13.85	23.55	10.00	8.00	8.00	8.00	6.50	5.00	4.50	4.50
BOOK VALUE	640	683	624	557	541	505	418	350	313	369
MARKET PRICE :										
HIGH	868.80	1045	926	387	595	792	932	434	210	237
LOW	585.15	556	338	215	180	416	380	162	143	155

CORPORATE GOVERNANCE REPORT

The disclosure report on compliance of Corporate Governance in accordance with the provisions contained in Regulations 17 to 27 and clauses (b) to (i) of sub-regulation (2) of Regulation 46, 34(3) and Schedule V Para C, D, E and other relevant provisions of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 (hereinafter referred as “Listing Regulations”) is set out below:

A. MANDATORY REQUIREMENTS

1. COMPANY’S PHILOSOPHY ON CODE OF GOVERNANCE:

At Gujarat Alkalies and Chemicals Ltd. (“GACL”), the Corporate Governance philosophy stems from the belief that good and sound Corporate Governance practices are necessary for sustainable business that aims at generating long-term value for all the stakeholders. As a value-driven organization, it has adopted a transparent, ethical and robust Governance framework, which helps enhance efficiency as an important catalyst in driving business growth across all parameters and boost stakeholders’ confidence. Our Corporate Governance principles are fairness, transparency, ethical processes and good practices. The core values of the organization include Safety & Environment, Quality, Trust, Social Responsibility, Leadership and Excellence.

GACL recognizes the importance of transparency and integrity in dealing at all levels. The Company believes that the goodwill resulting from implementing a code of business ethics will, in perpetuity, translate into economic gains. Stakeholders rate on higher scale those companies that are managed properly and have better Corporate Governance, which ensures the optimum usage of the human, physical and financial resources of an enterprise. We have integrated ethics into our corporate culture and we concentrate on putting appropriate Corporate Governance mechanisms in place. The Company has intertwined the ethical and social elements with its operating philosophy business model. The Corporate Social Responsibility of the Company is the unmistakable deliberate inclusion of public interest into corporate decision making and honoring the Mother Nature besides the interests of the other stakeholders. The Company achieves its objective of being socially responsible through sustainable business practices, by meeting or exceeding the expectations of all its stakeholders, including neighboring villages.

2. BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

2.1 COMPOSITION OF THE BOARD:

Dr. Hasmukh Adhia, IAS (Retd.), Chairman, Non-Executive Nominee Director (DIN: 00093974):

Dr. Hasmukh Adhia, IAS (Retd.) is a Gujarat Cadre officer of Indian Administrative Services belonging to 1981 batch. He possesses a degree of M. Com. (Adv. Busi. Mangt.) P. G. Diploma in Public Policy & Management (IIM) (Gold Medalist) and Ph.D. in Yoga. He commands a very vast and varied experience.

As an IAS officer, Dr. Hasmukh Adhia, IAS (Retd.) has worked in various capacities covering a very wide spectrum of Government departments, both at State and Central level. Presently, he is Principal Advisor to Chief Minister of Gujarat. Before being appointed Principal Advisor to Chief Minister of Gujarat, Dr. Hasmukh Adhia, IAS (Retd.) had worked as Union Finance Secretary & Revenue Secretary in Government of India.

He is the Chancellor of Central University of Gujarat. He serves as a member of Board of Governors of Indian Institute of Management Bangalore. He serves as Vice President in Gujarat Energy Research and Management Institute (GERMI) and Pandit Deendayal Energy University, Gandhinagar.

The Board of Directors of the Company, pursuant to Letter No. MIS/11-2016/1765/E dated 19th June, 2023 issued by Energy & Petrochemicals Department, Government of Gujarat and as recommended by Nomination-cum-Remuneration Committee, had appointed Dr. Hasmukh Adhia, IAS (Retd.) (DIN: 00093974) as Director and Chairman w.e.f. 20.06.2023, subject to the approval of shareholders of the Company. The Shareholders of the Company had approved his appointment on 13th September, 2023 through Postal Ballot dated 8th August, 2023.

Apart from his responsibility as Principal Advisor to Chief Minister of Gujarat and Chairman of the Company, he is also Chairman of Gujarat Mineral Development Corporation Limited, Gujarat International Finance Tec-City Company Limited (GIFT City) and Director at School of Ultimate Leadership Foundation.

Directorships in other Listed Company as on 31.03.2024:

Sr. No.	Name of the Company	Position
1.	Gujarat Mineral Development Corporation Limited	Chairman & Nominee Director



Shri J P Gupta, IAS, Non-Executive Director (DIN: 01952821) : Shri J. P. Gupta is a senior IAS officer, with distinguished academic background of being alumni Jodhpur University and M. Tech from IIT, New Delhi.

Shri J P Gupta joined the Indian Administrative Service in 1991. He has wide experience of various departments such as Land Revenue, Urban Development, Transport, Education Department and Commercial Tax, Government of Gujarat. He has also served in the state PSUs like Gujarat Water Infrastructure Limited, The Gujarat State Civil Supplies Corporation Limited, Gujarat Medical Services Corporation Limited, Gujarat State Investment Limited, Gujarat Urban Development Company Limited etc. Presently, he is Additional Chief Secretary, Finance Department, Government of Gujarat.

In addition to his responsibility as Additional Chief Secretary (Finance Department), he is also Managing Director of Gujarat State Financial Services Limited, Chairman of Gujarat State Investment Limited and Director in Gujarat Narmada Valley Fertilizers & Chemicals Limited, Gujarat State Fertilizers & Chemicals Limited, Gujarat Gas Limited, Gujarat State Petroleum Corporation Limited, Sardar Sarovar Narmada Nigam Limited, Gujarat Metro Rail Corporation (GMRC) Limited and Gujarat International Finance Tec-City (GIFT City) Company Limited.

Directorships in other Listed Companies as on 31.03.2024:

Sr. No.	Name of the Company	Position
1.	Gujarat Narmada Valley Fertilizers & Chemicals Limited	Director
2.	Gujarat State Fertilizers & Chemicals Limited	Director
3.	Gujarat Gas Limited	Director

Dr. Rahul Gupta, Non-Executive Director (DIN: 08572955): Dr. Rahul Gupta is senior IAS officer of 2004 batch. He has done Bachelor of Commerce and is qualified Chartered Accountant. He has done his Ph.D. in Human Development Index.

He has worked as Collector-Rajkot and as Industries Commissioner, Industries & Mines Department, Government of Gujarat.

He is a Vice Chairman & Managing Director of Gujarat Industrial Development Corporation (GIDC) since 2022. He is also working as Chairman & Managing Director of Gujarat Industrial Investment Corporation Limited. He holds Directorships in GVFL Limited, Gujarat State Machine Tools Corporation Limited, Vapi Green Enviro Limited, Dahej SEZ Limited, PM Mitra Park Gujarat Limited, Gujarat Chemical Port Limited, Sayakha Clean Initiative Foundation, Dahej Clean Initiative Foundation, Narmada Clean Tech and Dahej Desal Foundation.

The Board of Directors of the Company, pursuant to Letter No. GIIC-1087-4282-P dated 9th November, 2023 received from the Industries and Mines Department, Government of Gujarat and as recommended by Nomination-cum-Remuneration Committee, had appointed Dr. Rahul Gupta, IAS (DIN: 08572955) as Director w.e.f. 22.11.2023, subject to the approval of shareholders of the Company. The Shareholders of the Company had approved his appointment on 5th January, 2024 through Postal Ballot Notice dated 21st November, 2023.

Shri Rajiv Lochan Jain, Independent Director (Non-Executive) (DIN: 00161022): Shri Rajiv Lochan Jain, is B. Tech. (Hons.) in Chemical Engineering from IIT, Kharagpur and MBA from the University of New Hampshire, USA. He served as Chief Executive Officer and Managing Director of Akzo Nobel India Limited from April, 2003 to May, 2009. He successfully led the portfolio of reshaping of ICI India Ltd. from a diversified chemical Company to a focused and fastest growing player in the paints business. He was also the Chairman of both ICI's Research Company in India and the joint-venture company of ICI with Orica, Australia. He advises global and local companies on their entry and growth strategies for India and serves as Director on the Board of Goodyear India Limited.

Directorships in other Listed Company as on 31.03.2024:

Sr. No.	Name of the Company	Position
1.	Goodyear India Limited	Independent Director

Shri S B Dangayach, Independent Director (Non-Executive) (DIN: 01572754): Shri S B Dangayach has done B.Sc. (Physics) from Bombay University and MBA from IIM, Ahmedabad. He is founder trustee of Innovative Thought Forum an India centric “think+act” tank. He is an accomplished and versatile professional with “India Centric” mindset focused on continuous development of products and solutions that blend appropriate elements for optimum benefit to India specific needs in holistic and integrative manner. Under his leadership, he has pioneered and created products and solutions in nationally vital domains like water storage and harvesting, building and construction, affordable housing, solid and liquid waste management, renewable energy and environment, education, resource efficiency, finance and industrial development, health and social infrastructure.

He has helped in building brand “Sintex” into a formidable entity offering innovative and affordable solution across sectors.

He has received the ‘Best Manager’ award instituted by Ahmedabad Management Association (AMA) for the year 1998. He has held many other positions like Member-Advisory Committee, Vibrant Gujarat Summit and Chairman, National Advisory Board of Plastindia Foundation, part of many foreign delegations of Government of India and Government of Gujarat. He has conceptualized and anchored popular series of lectures at AMA under title of “New Paradigm in Health – Illness to Wellness and Beyond”. He is also featured in best-selling book “Stay Hungry Stay Foolish” of Rashmi Bansal as the only “intrapreneur”.

He has a proven track record of innovation and entrepreneurship and has the ability to ideate, strategize and implement projects, programmes and plans by proper interdisciplinary coordination and leadership.

He is holding directorships in various companies including Member of Board of Governors of Auro University, Surat and Independent Director on Board of Gujarat Mineral Development Corporation Limited, Director at Narita Trade Links Private Limited and Nominee Director at Gujarat Foundation for Entrepreneur Excellence.

Directorships in other Listed Company as on 31.03.2024:

Sr. No.	Name of the Company	Position
1.	Gujarat Mineral Development Corporation Limited	Independent Director

Shri Nitin Shukla, Independent Director (Non-Executive) (DIN: 00041433): Shri Nitin Shukla has done B.E. (Mechanical). Shri Nitin Shukla’s career spans over four decades and nearly half as CEO-MD with JVs of MNCs in India.

He successfully implemented two large green-field projects in energy sector in Gujarat, India.

He retired from Shell Group in September, 2016 as Managing Director & CEO of Hazira LNG Pvt. Ltd. & Hazira Port Pvt. Ltd. (Shell Group companies). He led this business since FID (Final Investment decision) taken by Shell in December, 2001. He successfully developed LNG business based on a novel spot cargo model and later based on combination of service provider coupled with spot cargoes/short term contracts. He played key role in development of non-LNG cargo port development of Hazira port through sub- concession route through international competitive bidding process.

Prior to his leadership role with Shell Group Shri Nitin Shukla was the Managing Director of Gujarat Power-Gen Energy Corporation Limited (PowerGen, UK Group Company) from July 1999 to February 2002. He served as an Executive Director, Gujarat Torrent Energy Corporation Ltd. (GTEC), for nearly last two years during his tenure from November, 1992 till July, 1999. He played key role in developing 655 MW gas based dual fuel power plant within budget and on schedule during his tenure with GTEC.

He had been associated as office bearer or Executive Committee member with various business and social organizations including CII, FICCI, AMA, GCCI.

He was Chairman of CII-Gujarat and member of National Hydrocarbon Council of CII and FICCI, Member of Advisory Council of CSIR-NEERI (Council of Scientific and Industrial Research, National Environment Engineering Research Institute.)

He is an Independent Director on the Board of Gujarat Mineral Development Corporation Ltd., and also on the Board of Gujarat Industries Power Company Ltd. He has also served as Director on the Board of Dahej SEZ Ltd.

He is also associated with not-for profit organizations such as Gujarat Vishwakosh Trust, Sabarmati Ashram Preservation Trust (Gandhi Ashram), Anuvad Academy and Research Foundation as Trustee & Director and Nominee Director at Gujarat Foundation for Entrepreneur Excellence.

Directorships in other Listed Companies as on 31.03.2024:

Sr. No.	Name of the Company	Position
1.	Gujarat Mineral Development Corporation Limited	Independent Director
2.	Gujarat Industries Power Company Limited	Independent Director
3.	ACC Limited	Independent Director

Smt. Shridevi Shukla, Independent Director (Non-Executive) (DIN: 02028225): Smt. Shridevi Shukla has done B.A in Economics. She has wide administrative and corporate experience. Prior to her retirement, she held various senior level positions in Government of Gujarat Departments viz., Industries and Mines, Finance, Science and Technology and General Administration etc. Subsequent to her retirement, she was appointed as Officer on Special Duty (Industries and Mines) and Appellate Authority (Mines), Industries and Mines Department from September, 2010 to February, 2014. Thereafter, she was appointed as State Information Commissioner, Gujarat Information Commission from May, 2014 to February, 2015. She had also served as Independent Director in Other Government Companies.

Shri Swaroop P. IAS, Managing Director (Executive) (DIN: 08103838) : Shri Swaroop P is IAS Officer of 2003 batch. He has done Bachelor of Physiotherapy and Master of Science in Applied Psychology. He did his Master's in International Development Policy from Sanford School of Public Policy, Duke University, U.S.A. Presently, he is Commissioner of Land Reforms & Ex-officio Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Gandhinagar.

He has held various important positions in Government of Gujarat (GoG) like Assistant Collector in Rajula in Amreli District; District Development Officer (DDO), Panchmahals; Municipal Commissioner, Jamnagar; District Collector, Gandhinagar; Additional Commissioner, Industries Department; Collector & District Magistrate, Sabarkantha; Secretary, Tribal Development, Gandhinagar; Municipal Commissioner, Vadodara.

He is holding Directorships in various companies viz., GACL-NALCO Alkalies & Chemicals Private Limited, Gujarat State Energy Generation Limited, Gujarat Energy Transmission Corporation Limited, Gujarat Industries Power Company Limited and Gujarat Chemical Port Limited.

Directorships in other Listed Company as on 31.03.2024:

Sr. No.	Name of the Company	Position
1.	Gujarat Industries Power Company Limited	Nominee Director

The Board comprises of qualified members who possess required skills, expertise and competencies that allow them to make effective contributions to the Board and its Committees. While all the Board Members possess the skills identified, their area of core expertise is given below :

Name of the Director	Area of Expertise
Dr. Hasmukh Adhia, IAS (Retd.)	Leadership, Corporate Governance, Finance, Management, Legal Compliances & Risk Management, Human Resources
Shri J P Gupta, IAS	Leadership, Corporate Governance, Management, Finance, Legal Compliances & Risk Management, Human Resources
Dr. Rahul Gupta, IAS	Leadership, Corporate Governance, Management, Finance, Legal Compliances & Risk Management, Human Resources
Shri Rajiv Lochan Jain	Leadership, Corporate Governance, Production, Finance, Management, Sales and Marketing, Supply Chain, Quality Assurance, Legal Compliances & Risk Management, Research and Development, Human Resources
Shri S B Dangayach	Leadership, Corporate Governance, Production, Finance, Management, Sales and Marketing, Supply Chain, Quality Assurance, Legal Compliances & Risk Management, Research and Development, Human Resources
Shri Nitin Shukla	Leadership, Corporate Governance, Production, Finance, Management, Sales and Marketing, Supply Chain, Quality Assurance, Legal Compliances & Risk Management, Research and Development, Human Resources

Smt. Shridevi Shukla	Leadership, Corporate Governance, Management, Finance, Legal Compliances & Risk Management, Human Resources
Shri Swaroop P. IAS	Leadership, Corporate Governance, Management, Legal Compliances & Risk Management, Sales and Marketing, Supply Chain, Research and Development, Human Resources

During the year, Shri Raj Kumar, IAS (DIN: 00294527) ceased as Director and Chairman of the Company w.e.f. 19th June, 2023. The Board of Directors of the Company appointed Dr. Hasmukh Adhia, IAS (Retd.) as a Director and Chairman of the Company w.e.f. 20th June, 2023 subject to the approval of shareholders of the Company. The Shareholders of the Company had approved his appointment on 13th September, 2023 through Postal Ballot.

Shri M K Das, IAS, Director of the Company ceased from the Board of Directors of the Company w.e.f. 21st November, 2023. The Board of Directors of the Company appointed Dr. Rahul Gupta, IAS as a Director of the Company w.e.f. 22nd November, 2023, subject to the approval of shareholders of the Company. The Shareholders of the Company had approved his appointment on 5th January, 2024 through Postal Ballot.

Information placed before the Board

The Company places all the required information before the Board, as required under Regulation 17(7) read with Part A of Schedule II of the Listing Regulations.

Appointment of Independent Directors

Appointment of Independent Directors are made as per letter received from the Government of Gujarat and in accordance with the provisions of the Companies Act, 2013 read with the Rules framed there under and the Listing Regulations. Pursuant to the said provisions, the Letters of Appointment to the Independent Directors were issued by the Company. The terms and conditions of the appointment of the Independent Directors are available on the Website of the Company.

(Weblink: <https://gacl.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/12/Terms-Of-Appointment-Of-Independent-Directors.pdf>)

In the opinion of the Board, the Independent Directors fulfil the conditions specified in Listing Regulations and they are independent of the Management.

Familiarization Programme

The Company has formulated policy on Familiarization Program to familiarize the Independent Directors with the Company, their roles, rights, responsibilities in the Company, nature of the industry in which the Company operates, business model of the Company etc. through various programmes from time to time. The said Policy along with the details of familiarization programmes is available on the Website of the Company.

(Weblink: <https://gacl.com/wp-content/uploads/2024/07/Familirisation-Program-2023-24.pdf>)

The Company also imparts familiarization programme to the Non-Independent Directors (on need basis) inducted during the year on the Board.

Separate meetings of the Independent Directors and of the Non-Independent Directors are convened to familiarize them with Company's operations wherein presentation is made covering details about the organizational set up of the Company, its promoters, shareholding pattern, Directors on the Board, accreditations / recognitions received by the Company, the nature of industry in which it operates, details about its plant operations like installed capacity v/s production achieved, production capacity in Chlor-Alkali industries, financial highlights of Company's performance, market share of major products, export share of major products, strategic advantages etc.

The Company also arranges plant visit(s) for the Directors upon their appointments.

Further, on appointment of an Independent Director, a formal letter of appointment is issued, which inter-alia explains the role, function, duties and responsibilities of the Independent Director under the provisions of the Companies Act, 2013 and other applicable laws. Directors are also issued Introduction Kit on their appointment, which covers the following:

- List of existing Board of Directors of the Company;
- List of existing Committees of Directors of the Company;
- Details of past and present Chairman / Chairperson;
- Details of past and present Managing Director;



- Code of Conduct for the Directors and Vigil Mechanism-cum-Whistle Blower Policy approved by the Board of Directors of the Company;
- Statement of Unaudited / Audited Financial Results of the latest period;
- Shareholding Pattern of the Company of the latest period;
- Annual Reports of the Company for the last 3 financial years immediately preceding the date of appointment of the Director;
- Memorandum and Articles of Association of the Company;
- Company's Product Profile / Brochure/Corporate Film;
- A book - "Salt of the Earth - the GACL Saga" which has documented story of GACL for benefit of general public and other stakeholders.
- A brief presentation on the Company.

MEETING OF INDEPENDENT DIRECTORS

As per Regulation 25 of the Listing Regulations and under the provisions of the Companies Act, 2013, a separate Meeting of the Independent Directors was held on 22nd May, 2023 inter-alia, to review the performance of Non-Independent Directors, Chairperson, Managing Director and the Board as a whole and to assess quality, quantity and timeliness of flow of information between Management and the Board for ensuring effective participation by the Board Members. Shri Rajiv Lochan Jain, Shri Nitin Shukla and Smt. Shridevi Shukla, Independent Directors were present at the Meeting.

CODE OF CONDUCT

The Board of Directors of the Company on 29th December, 2005, has approved and adopted 'Code of Conduct' for the Directors as well as Senior Management Personnel of the Company. The 'Code of Conduct' for the Directors was further amended to include the Code for Independent Directors along with their duties pursuant to Schedule IV of the Companies Act, 2013 by the Board at its Meeting held on 5th February, 2015.

The Code of Conduct for the Directors and Senior Management Personnel is available on the Company's Website. (weblinks: <https://gacl.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/12/For-Directors.pdf> and <https://gacl.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/12/For-Executives.pdf>)

All the Board Members and the Senior Management Personnel have affirmed compliance with the 'Code of Conduct' during the Financial Year 2023-24. A declaration by the Managing Director/ Chief Executive Officer to this effect is provided at **Annexure 'I'** which forms part of this Annual Report.

BRIEF RESUME OF DIRECTORS UNDER APPOINTMENT / REAPPOINTMENT:

The brief resume as required under Regulation 36(3) of the Listing Regulations covering details about the nature of expertise, directorships and the membership of the Committees of the Board held by them on the Board on their appointment / reappointment are given in the Annexure attached with the Notice convening 51st Annual General Meeting of the Company, forming part of this Annual Report.

RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN DIRECTORS INTER-SE:

The Directors of the Company are not inter-se related as defined under the provisions of the Companies Act, 2013 and the Listing Regulations.

NUMBER OF BOARD MEETINGS HELD AND DATES THEREOF:

During the Financial Year 2023-24, four (4) Board Meetings were held, as per the following details:

Quarter	Date(s) of Meeting
1st Quarter – From April to June, 2023	22 nd May, 2023
2nd Quarter – From July to September, 2023	8 th August, 2023
3rd Quarter – From October to December, 2023	8 th November, 2023
4th Quarter – From January to March, 2024	3 rd February, 2024

ATTENDANCE OF DIRECTORS AT THE BOARD MEETINGS, LAST ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND THEIR DIRECTORSHIPS AND COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIPS IN OTHER COMPANIES:
(During FY 2023-24)

Name and Category of Directors	No. of Board Meetings of GACL attended	Attendance at last AGM of GACL held on 26.09.2023	Directorships in other Companies (Other than Pvt. Ltd.)	Audit Committee and Stakeholders' Relationship-cum-Investors' Grievance Committee in other Companies	
				Membership	Chairmanship out of Membership in Column No. 5
1	2	3	4	5	6
Dr. Hasmukh Adhia, IAS (Retd.), Non -Executive Chairman (from 20.06.2023)	3	Yes	2	0	0
Shri Raj Kumar, IAS* Non-Executive Chairman (up to 19.06.2023)	1	N.A.	9	3	2
Shri J. P Gupta, IAS Non-Executive Director	3	No	9	6	1
Shri M K Das, IAS** Non-Executive Director (upto 21.11.2023)	2	No	1	0	0
Dr. Rahul Gupta, IAS Non- Executive Director (from 22.11.2023)	0	N.A.	7	1	0
Shri Rajiv Lochan Jain Independent Director	3	Yes	1	2	2
Shri S B Dangayach Independent Director	2	Yes	1	2	2
Shri Nitin Shukla Independent Director	4	Yes	3	3	0
Smt. Shridevi Shukla Independent Director	4	Yes	1	1	0
Shri Swaroop P IAS Managing Director (from 29.07.2022)	4	Yes	5	0	0

* Shri Raj Kumar, IAS was appointed as Director and Chairman of the Company w.e.f. 21.02.2023. He ceased as Director and Chairman of the Company on 19.06.2023 pursuant to the order of Government of Gujarat. Therefore, his particulars are taken as on date of his cessation.

** Shri M K Das, IAS was appointed as Director of the Company w.e.f. 03.08.2017. He ceased as Director of the Company on 21.11.2023 pursuant to the order of Government of Gujarat. Therefore, his particulars are taken as on date of his cessation.

Video conferencing facilities are provided to facilitate the Directors to participate in the meeting who could not attend the meeting in person.

NUMBER OF SHARES AND CONVERTIBLE INSTRUMENTS HELD BY NON-EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS:

During the Financial Year 2023-24 and as on 31.03.2024, none of the Directors including Non-Executive Directors was holding any Equity Share or convertible instrument in the Company.



3. BOARD COMMITTEES:

The Board of Directors of the Company has constituted following Committees of Directors as on 31.03.2024:

- (A) Audit Committee;
- (B) Nomination-cum-Remuneration Committee;
- (C) Stakeholders’ Relationship-cum-Investors’ Grievance Committee;
- (D) Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) Committee;
- (E) Risk Management-cum-Safety Committee;
- (F) Human Resources Committee (erstwhile known as Selection Committee); and
- (G) Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) and Sustainability Committee

(A) AUDIT COMMITTEE:

(i) BROAD TERMS OF REFERENCE

The scope of the functions and broad terms of reference of the Audit Committee are commensurate with provisions of Section 177 of the Companies Act, 2013 and Regulation 18 of the Listing Regulations. It includes review of the reports and performance of Internal Auditors, actions taken by concerned departments on report of internal auditors, review of outstanding position, review of the Corporate Budget, review of the Cost Audit Report with the Cost Auditors, review of the Quarterly and Annual Financial Results with the Statutory Auditors, review of adequacy of internal control system and procedures with the Internal Auditors, evaluation of financial controls and risk management systems including functioning of whistle blower mechanism, approval of the Related Party Transactions (RPTs), reviewing utilization of loans, advances or investments by the Company in its subsidiary and recommendation of the same for necessary approval, recommendation of appointment of Statutory Auditors, Cost Auditors and Internal Auditors for approval of the Board etc.

(ii) COMPOSITION

As at 31.03.2024, the Audit Committee comprised of five (5) Members viz. Shri Rajiv Lochan Jain as the Chairman of the Committee and Shri S B Dangayach, Shri Nitin Shukla, Smt. Shridevi Shukla and Shri Swaroop P IAS as members of the Committee.

The Company Secretary acts as the Secretary to the Audit Committee.

(iii) MEETINGS AND ATTENDANCE

During the Financial Year 2023-24 four (4) Meetings of Audit Committee were held, i.e., on 22.05.2023, 08.08.2023, 08.11.2023 and 03.02.2024. The number of Meetings attended by Directors are as under:

Name	Category of Directorship	No. of Meetings attended
Shri Rajiv Lochan Jain Chairman	Non-Executive Independent Director	4
Shri S B Dangayach	Non-Executive Independent Director	3
Shri Nitin Shukla	Non-Executive Independent Director	4
Smt. Shridevi Shukla	Non-Executive Independent Director	4
Shri Swaroop P. IAS	Executive Director	4

(B) NOMINATION-CUM-REMUNERATION COMMITTEE:

The scope of the functions and broad terms of reference of the Nomination-cum-Remuneration Committee are commensurate with provisions of Section 178 of the Companies Act, 2013 and Regulation 19 of the Listing Regulations, the Board has renamed the “Remuneration Committee” as the “Nomination-cum-Remuneration Committee” w.e.f. 1st August, 2014.

(i) BROAD TERMS OF REFERENCE

The role of Nomination-cum-Remuneration Committee would broadly encompass the following:

- (1) to formulate the criteria for determining qualifications, positive attributes and independence of a Director and to recommend to the Board a policy relating to the remuneration of Directors, Key Managerial Personnel (KMP) and other employees;
- (2) to formulate criteria for evaluation of Directors including Independent Directors and the Board;
- (3) to devise a policy on Board diversity;
- (4) to identify persons who are qualified to become Directors and who may be appointed in Senior Management in accordance with the criteria laid down;
- (5) to recommend to the Board, appointment and removal of Director, KMP and Senior Management Personnel; and all remuneration in whatever form, payable to senior management;
- (6) to extend or continue the term of appointment of Independent Director, on the basis of the report of performance evaluation of Independent Directors.
- (7) recommend to the board, all remuneration, in whatever form, payable to senior management.

Accordingly, to enable the Committee to execute its role and responsibilities, the Committee had formulated "Nomination & Remuneration-cum-Board Diversity Policy" and the said Policy was approved by the Board. The said policy was further amended on 26.05.2016, 21.07.2021 and on 07.02.2023 to align with the provisions of the Listing Regulations and the same is available on Company's Website at weblink:

<https://gacl.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/12/Nomination-Remuneration-Cum-Board-Diversity-Policy.pdf>

(ii) COMPOSITION

As at 31.03.2024, there were Five (5) Members in this Committee viz. Shri Nitin Shukla as the Chairman of the Committee and Dr. Rahul Gupta, IAS, Shri Rajiv Lochan Jain, Shri S B Dangayach and Smt. Shridevi Shukla as members of the Committee.

(iii) MEETINGS AND ATTENDANCE

During the Financial Year 2023-24, four (4) Meetings of the Committee were held i.e. on 22.05.2023, 07.08.2023, 08.11.2023 and 03.02.2024.

The number of Meetings attended by Directors are as under:

Name	Category of Directorship	No. of Meetings attended
Shri Nitin Shukla# Chairman	Non-Executive Independent Director	0
Shri Rajiv Lochan Jain	Non-Executive Independent Director	4
Shri M K Das, IAS*	Non-Executive Non- Independent Director	0
Dr. Rahul Gupta, IAS*	Non-Executive Non- Independent Director	0
Shri S B Dangayach	Non-Executive Independent Director	3
Smt. Shridevi Shukla	Non-Executive Independent Director	4

Shri Nitin Shukla, was appointed as Chairman by way of reconstitution of committee by the Board in its meeting held on 3rd February, 2024.

* Shri M K Das, IAS ceased to be Director w.e.f. 21.11.2023. Dr. Rahul Gupta, IAS, was appointed as a Director on the Board w.e.f. 22.11.2023.

(iv) BOARD EVALUATION

The Nomination & Remuneration-cum-Board Diversity Policy lays down criteria for performance evaluation of the Directors. The relevant extract of the Nomination & Remuneration-cum-Board Diversity Policy is reproduced below:



Criteria for Performance Evaluation

Following are the criteria for evaluation of performance of Directors and the Board:

(A) Executive Directors

The Executive Directors shall be evaluated on the basis of targets / criteria given to Executive Directors by the Board from time to time.

(B) Non-Executive Directors including Independent Directors

The Non-Executive Directors including Independent Directors shall be evaluated on the basis of the following criteria, i.e. whether they:

- (a) act objectively and constructively while exercising their duties;
- (b) exercise their responsibilities in a bona fide manner in the interest of the Company;
- (c) devote sufficient time and attention to their professional obligations for informed and balanced decision making;
- (d) do not abuse their position to the detriment of the Company or its Shareholders or for the purpose of gaining direct or indirect personal advantage or advantage for any associated person;
- (e) refrain from any action that would lead to loss of his/her independence;
- (f) inform the Board immediately when they lose their independence;
- (g) assist the Company in implementing the best Corporate Governance practices;
- (h) strive to attend all meetings of the Board of Directors and the Committees;
- (i) participate constructively and actively in the committees of the Board in which they are chairpersons or members;
- (j) strive to attend the general meetings of the Company;
- (k) keep themselves well informed about the Company and the external environment in which it operates;
- (l) do not unfairly obstruct the functioning of a proper Board or Committee of the Board;
- (m) moderate and arbitrate in the interest of the Company as a whole, in situations of conflict between management and member's interest;
- (n) abide by Company's Memorandum and Articles of Association, Company's policies and procedures including code of conduct, insider trading guidelines etc.

The Nomination-cum-Remuneration Committee adopted specific formats in form of checklists for performance evaluation of Executive & Non-Executive Directors, evaluation of Board and its various Committees and the Chairman. The said checklists were circulated to all the Board members for their feedbacks. The performance evaluation of the individual Director was done by all Directors excluding the Director being evaluated and performance evaluation of the Board and its Committees was done by all the members of Board.

(v) REMUNERATION POLICY

The Board of Directors of the Company amended the "Nomination & Remuneration-cum-Board Diversity Policy" in line with SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) (Third Amendment) Regulations, 2021.

Weblink of Nomination-cum-Remuneration & Board Diversity Policy:

<https://gacl.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/12/Nomination-Remuneration-Cum-Board-Diversity-Policy.pdf>

(vi) DETAILS OF REMUNERATION PAID TO DIRECTORS

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Pursuant to the Articles of Association of the Company, the Managing Director is nominated and appointed by the Government of Gujarat. He is being paid remuneration as per the terms and conditions prescribed by the Government and approval accorded by the Members of the Company.

The Government of Gujarat (GoG) in exercise of the powers vested in it under the Articles 11 and 14-A of the Articles of Association of the Company has vide its Order No. AIS/35.2022/24/G dated 26th July, 2022 ("GoG Order") communicated to the Company that Shri Swaroop P. IAS (DIN: 08103838) would hold charge of the post of Managing Director of the Company, until further orders, vice Shri Harshad R Patel, IAS, transferred. Shri Swaroop P., IAS assumed the charge of Managing Director of the Company w.e.f. 29th July, 2022 until

further orders by GoG. Thus, he is nominated as Government Director on the Board of the Company with effect from 29th July, 2022.

In pursuance of the provisions of Section 203 of the Companies Act, 2013 (“the Act”), GoG Order and as recommended by the Nomination-cum-Remuneration Committee held on 3rd August, 2022, the Board of Directors of the Company had in its Meeting held on 4th August, 2022, unanimously appointed Shri Swaroop P. IAS as Managing Director of the Company with effect from 29th July, 2022. The Shareholders have approved the appointment and remuneration payable to Shri Swaroop P. IAS in 49th Annual General Meeting held on 29th September, 2022. Further, the Company has received Order No. AIS-45-2023-0872-G dated 13th February, 2024 from General Administration Department, Government of Gujarat, Gandhinagar sanctioning Special Pay (Charge Allowance) payable at 5% of the Basic Pay as per Sixth Pay Commission to Shri Swaroop P. IAS, as Managing Director of the Company w.e.f. 01.02.2023 to 31.01.2024. Special Pay (Charge Allowance) of Rs. 38,733/- was paid to him during the Financial Year ended on 31st March, 2024.

The remuneration payable to the Managing Director is decided by the Government of Gujarat. Such remuneration is fixed as per the Government’s Rules and is not linked with the performance criteria of the Company.

NON-EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS

CRITERIA FOR PAYMENT TO NON-EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS

The Company pays Rs. 17,500/- per meeting to the Non-Executive Directors as Sitting Fees for attending Meetings of the Board of Directors or Committees thereof.

The Company pays Rs. 4,000/- per day of Meeting towards reimbursement of incidental / out-of-pocket expenses to the Non-Executive Directors for attending Meetings of the Board of Directors or Committees thereof.

Details of Sitting Fees paid to Directors during the Financial Year 2023-24 are as under:

Name	Relationship with other Directors	Business relationship with the Company, if any	Sitting Fees Paid		
			For Board Meetings (Rs.)	For Committee Meetings (Rs.)	Total (Rs.)
Dr. Hasmukh Adhia (from 20.06.2023)	No	No	Nil	Nil	Nil
Shri Raj Kumar, IAS (upto 19.06.2023)	No	No	17,500/-	17,500	*35,000/-
Shri M K Das, IAS (upto 21.11.2023)	No	No	35,000/-	70,000/-	*1,05,000/-
Shri J P Gupta, IAS	No	No	52,500/-	70,000/-	*1,22,500/-
Dr. Rahul Gupta, IAS (from 22.11.2023)	No	No	Nil	Nil	Nil
Shri Rajiv Lochan Jain	No	No	52,500/-	3,50,000/-	**4,02,500/-
Shri S B Dangayach	No	No	35,000/-	2,27,500/-	**2,62,500/-
Shri Nitin Shukla	No	No	70,000/-	3,85,000/-	**4,55,000/-
Smt. Shridevi Shukla	No	NO	70,000/-	2,62,500/-	**3,32,500/-
			4,55,000/-	16,97,500/-	21,52,500/-

* Sitting Fees deposited in Government Treasury.

** The sitting fees shown above are gross payment, out of which, TDS @ 10% was deducted.

None of the Non-Executive Directors has any other pecuniary relationship or transactions with the Company during Financial Year 2023-24.

SERVICE CONTRACTS, SEVERANCE FEE AND NOTICE PERIOD

The appointment of the Executive Director and Non-Executive Non-Independent Directors (Government Directors) is governed by the Articles of Association of the Company, resolutions passed by the Board and the Shareholders of the Company, which cover the terms and conditions of such appointments. No separate Service Contract inter-alia containing details of notice period and severance fees is entered into by the Company



with these Executive and Non-Executive Non-Independent Directors.

There is no provision for payment of severance fee governing the appointment of Executive Director. The statutory provisions will, however, apply.

The Company did not have any Stock Option Scheme as on 31.03.2024.

PARTICULARS OF SENIOR MANAGEMENT PERSONNEL [SMP]

The details of Senior Management Personnel of the Company as on 31.03.2024, along with the changes therein, during the financial year are as follow:

Sr. No.	Name of SMP	Designation
1.	Shri Pankaj Pujara	Advisor to Managing Director
2.	Shri Sanjay Bhatt	Company Secretary & Chief General Manager (Legal, Corporate Communication & CSR)
3.	Shri Vasant Tupsamundre	Chief General Manager (Material Management)
4.	Shri Rajesh Patil	Chief General Manager (Complex Head - Dahej)
5.	Shri Vishwajit Gaekwad	General Manager (Human Resources, Industrial Relations & Admin, Training & Development)
6.	Shri Vishnukumar Patel	General Manager (Complex Head - Vadodara)
7.	Shri Pankaj Mittal	General Manager (Marketing)
8.	Shri Ram Gianani	Additional General Manager (Finance) & Chief Financial Officer

During the year, Shri Vinayak Kudtarkar, GM (F) & CFO resigned on 18.11.2023 and Shri Ram Gianani, AGM (Finance) appointed as Chief Financial Officer w.e.f. 18.11.2023.

(C) STAKEHOLDERS’ RELATIONSHIP – CUM - INVESTORS’ GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE:

The scope of the functions and broad terms of reference of the Stakeholders’ Relationship-cum-Investors’ Grievance Committee are commensurate with provisions of Section 178 of the Companies Act, 2013 and Regulation 20 of the Listing Regulations, the Board has renamed the “Shares / Debentures Transfers and Investors’ Grievance Committee” as the “Stakeholders’ Relationship-cum-Investors’ Grievance Committee.”

(i) BROAD TERMS OF REFERENCE

The Committee considers and approves all securities related transactions, issue of certificates and also looks into the shareholding pattern, redressal of the Investors’ complaints / grievances, reviews the redressal mechanism and recommends measures to improve the level of Investor related services.

The Board has designated Shri S S Bhatt, Company Secretary & Chief General Manager (Legal, CC & CSR) as the Compliance Officer and his contact details are:

Gujarat Alkalies and Chemicals Ltd.

P.O. : Ranoli : 391 350 Dist. : Vadodara

e-mail: investor_relations@gacl.co.in; cosec@gacl.co.in

(ii) COMPOSITION

As at 31.03.2024, the Committee comprised of five (5) Members viz. Shri S B Dangayach as the Chairman of the Committee and Dr. Rahul Gupta, IAS, Shri Rajiv Lochan Jain, Shri Nitin Shukla and Shri Swaroop P. IAS as members of the Committee.

The Company Secretary acts as Secretary of Stakeholders’ Relationship-cum-Investors’ Grievance Committee.

(iii) MEETINGS AND ATTENDANCE

During the Financial Year 2023-24, four (4) Meetings of the Committee were held, i.e., on 22.05.2023, 08.08.2023, 08.11.2023 and 03.02.2024.

The number of Meetings attended by Directors are as under:

Name	Category of Directorship	No. of Meetings attended
Shri S B Dangayach [#] Chairman	Non-Executive Independent Director	0
Shri Rajiv Lochan Jain	Non-Executive Independent Director	4
Shri M K Das, IAS*	Non-Executive Non-Independent Director	1
Dr. Rahul Gupta, IAS*	Non-Executive Non-Independent Director	0
Shri Nitin Shukla	Non-Executive Independent Director	4
Shri Swaroop P. IAS	Executive Director	4

[#] Shri S B Dangayach, was appointed as Chairman by way of reconstitution of committee by the Board in its meeting held on 3rd February, 2024.

* Shri M K Das, IAS ceased to be Director w.e.f. 21.11.2023. Dr. Rahul Gupta, IAS, was appointed as a Director on the Board w.e.f. 22.11.2023.

(iv) Details of Shareholders' Complaints received and resolved or pending during the Financial Year 2023-24:

Nature of complaints	Received	Satisfactorily Resolved
Non receipt of Share Certificates / Demat Credit	13	13
Letters/Complaints from SEBI / Stock Exchanges	15	15
Non receipt of Dividend	12	12
Non receipt of Annual Reports	-	-
Others	-	-
Total	40	40

Number of pending Share Transfer as on 31.03.2024 – Nil

(D) CORPORATE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY (CSR) COMMITTEE:

The scope of the functions and broad terms of reference of the Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) Committee are commensurate with provisions of Section 135 read with Schedule VII of the Companies Act, 2013 and Companies (Corporate Social Responsibility Policy) Rules, 2014, the Board has constituted Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) Committee.

(i) BROAD TERMS OF REFERENCE

The role of CSR Committee mainly covers:

- (1) to formulate and recommend to the Board a CSR Policy indicating activities proposed to be carried out;
- (2) to recommend the amount of expenditure to be incurred for CSR activities; and
- (3) to monitor periodically, the CSR Policy and its implementation.

(ii) COMPOSITION

As at 31.03.2024, the Committee comprised of six (6) Members viz. Dr. Hasmukh Adhia, IAS (Retd.) as the Chairman of the Committee and Shri J P Gupta, IAS, Dr. Rahul Gupta, IAS, Shri S B Dangayach, Smt. Shridevi Shukla and Shri Swaroop P. IAS as members of the Committee.

The Company Secretary acts as Secretary of Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) Committee.

(iii) MEETINGS AND ATTENDANCE

During the Financial Year 2023-24, two (2) Meetings of the Committee were held i.e., on 22.05.2023 and 03.02.2024.



The number of Meetings attended by Directors are as under:

Name	Category of Directorship	No. of Meetings attended
Dr. Hasmukh Adhia* Chairman	Non- Executive Non-Independent Director	1
Shri Raj Kumar, IAS*	Non- Executive Non-Independent Director	0
Shri M K Das, IAS *	Non- Executive Non-Independent Director	0
Shri J P Gupta, IAS	Non- Executive Non-Independent Director	1
Dr. Rahul Gupta, IAS*	Non- Executive Non-Independent Director	0
Shri S B Dangayach	Non- Executive Independent Director	1
Smt. Shridevi Shukla	Non- Executive Independent Director	2
Shri Swaroop P. IAS	Executive Director	2

* Shri Raj Kumar, IAS ceased to be Director & Chairman w.e.f. 19.06.2023. Dr. Hasmukh Adhia, IAS (Retd.) was appointed as Director & Chairman w.e.f. 20.06.2023. Shri M K Das, IAS ceased to be Director w.e.f. 21.11.2023. Dr. Rahul Gupta, IAS, was appointed as a Director on the Board w.e.f. 22.11.2023.

(E) RISK MANAGEMENT-CUM-SAFETY COMMITTEE:

The Board of Directors of the Company at its Meeting held on 11.02.2016 had constituted Risk Management Committee of Directors. The Board at its Meeting held on 10.11.2016 has renamed "Risk Management Committee" as "Risk Management-cum-Safety Committee" as recommended by the Audit Committee.

The Company has constituted Internal Risk Management Committee comprising of Senior Executives of the Company who are heading respective departments viz. Finance, Manufacturing, Marketing, Purchase, Project, Safety, Information Technology, HR, Secretarial and Legal functions. The Managing Director is the Chairman of the Internal Risk Management Committee. The Internal Risk Management Committee reports to the Managing Director and the risks identified by the said Committee along with proposed mitigation actions are discussed periodically on quarterly basis with the Managing Director. Out of the various risks identified by the Internal Risk Management Committee, the Audit Committee has identified certain critical risks, which are reviewed by the Risk Management-Cum-Safety Committee, the Audit Committee and by the Board of Directors periodically. A Report on the steps taken to mitigate those critical risks is also submitted to the Risk Management-Cum-Safety Committee, Audit Committee and the Board of Directors.

Pursuant to provisions of Regulations 17 & 21 of Listing Regulations and Sections 134 & 177 of the Companies Act, 2013 ("the Act") and other applicable provisions, if any, of the Listing Regulations and the Act, the Board of Directors of the Company at its meeting held on 2nd November, 2018 has framed and approved "Risk Management Policy" of the Company. The Company has further amended its Risk Management Policy in line with amendments under SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) (Second Amendment) Regulations, 2021.

(i) BROAD TERMS OF REFERENCE

The scope of the Committee includes to review and monitor the various risks and safety hazards concerning the Company in particular including financial, operational, sectoral, information, cyber security risks or any other risk as may be determined by the Committee and its mitigation plan and such other functions as required under the regulations or other applicable laws, as amended from time to time.

(ii) COMPOSITION

As at 31.03.2024, the Committee comprised of four (4) Members viz. Shri Nitin Shukla, as the Chairman of the Committee and Shri Rajiv Lochan Jain, Shri S B Dangayach, Shri Swaroop P. IAS, Managing Director as members of the Committee.

The Company Secretary acts as Secretary of Risk Management-Cum-Safety Committee.

(iii) MEETINGS AND ATTENDANCE

During the Financial Year 2023-24, two (2) Meeting of the Committee was held on 07.08.2023 and 03.02.2024. The number of Meetings attended by Directors are as under:

Name	Category of Directorship	No. of Meetings attended
Shri Nitin Shukla* Chairman	Non- Executive Independent Director	2
Shri Rajiv Lochan Jain	Non- Executive Independent Director	2
Shri S B Dangayach	Non- Executive Independent Director	2
Shri Swaroop P. IAS	Executive Director	2

* Shri Nitin Shukla, was appointed as Chairman by way of reconstitution of committee by the Board in its meeting held on 3rd February, 2024.

(F) HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE (ERSTWHILE KNOWN AS SELECTION COMMITTEE):

The Board of Directors of the Company at its Meeting held on 29th September, 2016 reconstituted "Personnel-cum-Selection Committee" by forming two separate committees viz. (1) "Selection Committee" and (2) "Personnel Committee of Directors" for smooth functioning of interview process of Senior Management candidates/employees by the Company. The Board of Directors in its meeting held on 8th August, 2023 changed nomenclature of Selection Committee to Human Resources Committee.

The Company Secretary acts as Secretary of Human Resources Committee.

(i) BROAD TERMS OF REFERENCE

The Selection Committee meets to conduct interviews for the promotions of Sr. Executives of the Company and selection of external candidates for the position of Sr. Executives of the Company i.e., for Additional General Manager (AGM) & above, as and when required.

(ii) COMPOSITION

As at 31.03.2024, the Committee comprised of three (3) Members viz. Managing Director, any one Independent Director of the Board as per convenience indicated to the Managing Director and One outside expert as may be decided by the Managing Director.

(iii) MEETINGS AND ATTENDANCE

During the Financial Year 2023-24, seven (7) Meetings of the Committee were held on 21.07.2023, 15.09.2023, 20.10.2023, 05.12.2023, 27.02.2024, 11.03.2024 and 22.03.2024.

The details of the Meeting attended by Directors / outside experts are as under:

Name	Category of Directorship	No. of Meetings attended
Shri Rajiv Lochan Jain	Non- Executive Independent Director	1
Shri Nitin Shukla	Non- Executive Independent Director	6
Outside expert(s)	N.A.	7
Shri Swaroop P. IAS	Managing Director	7

(G) ENVIRONMENTAL, SOCIAL, AND GOVERNANCE (ESG) AND SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE

The Board of Directors of the Company in its meeting held on 22nd May, 2023 has constituted Environmental, Social & Governance ("ESG") and Sustainability Committee of Directors to review and approve the action plan formulated by the Company to carry out its Business Responsibility and Sustainability Report (BRSR) and Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) obligations and to recommend the same to the Board, from time to time.



(i) BROAD TERMS OF REFERENCE

- a) To review and approve the action plan formulated by the Company to carry out its Business Responsibility and Sustainability Report (BRSR) and Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) obligations and to recommend the same to the Board, from time to time;
- b) To review and monitor on periodical basis the implementation of BRSR and ESG obligations to be carried out by the Company as approved by the Committee and to inform the same to the Board, from time to time;
- c) To review and monitor the other compliances with respect to BRSR and ESG obligations to be made by the Company;
- d) To oversee the implementation of policies contained in the Business Responsibility and Sustainability requirements and to make any changes / modifications, as may be required from time to time and to review and recommend the Business Responsibility and Sustainability Report (BRSR) to the Board; and
- e) To exercise such powers as the Committee may be required to exercise under the applicable laws to ensure that BRSR and ESG obligations of the Company are carried out in accordance with the applicable laws.

(ii) COMPOSITION

The Committee comprised of Four (4) Members viz. Shri S B Dangayach as the Chairman of the Committee and Shri Rajiv Jain, Shri Nitin Shukla and Shri Swaroop P. IAS as members of the Committee.

The Company Secretary acts as Secretary of Environmental, Social & Governance (“ESG”) and Sustainability Committee.

(iii) MEETINGS AND ATTENDANCE

During the Financial Year 2023-24, one (1) Meeting of the Committee was held on 07.08.2023.

The number of Meetings attended by Directors are as under:

Name	Category of Directorship	No. of Meetings attended
Shri S B Dangayach* Chairman	Non- Executive Independent Director	1
Shri Rajiv Lochan Jain	Non- Executive Independent Director	1
Shri Nitin Shukla	Non- Executive Independent Director	1
Shri Swaroop P. IAS	Executive Director	1

* Shri S B Dangayach, was appointed as Chairman by way of reconstitution of committee by the Board in its meeting held on 3rd February, 2024.

(H) PERSONNEL COMMITTEE:

The Board of Directors of the Company at its Meeting held on 29th September, 2016 reconstituted “Personnel-cum-Selection Committee” by forming two separate committees viz. (1) “Selection Committee” and (2) “Personnel Committee of Directors” for smooth functioning of interview process by the Company.

The Company Secretary acts as Secretary of Personnel Committee.

(i) BROAD TERMS OF REFERENCE

The Personnel Committee meets as and when proposals and recommendations of the Selection Committee are to be considered for approval of appointments of external candidates and promotions of Sr. Executives of the Company. The Committee is delegated with all matters relating to Company’s Personnel that has not been delegated to Managing Director of the Company. The Committee also reviews the delegated powers to Managing Director and make suitable modifications as deemed fit for smooth functioning of interview process of the Company. The Board members are informed about the decisions of the Personnel Committee by circulating the Minutes of the Meetings of Personnel Committee. The Committee also recommend to the Board for its approval Personnel and HR related policies / matters.

(ii) COMPOSITION

The Committee comprised of four (4) Members viz. Shri Rajiv Lochan Jain as the Chairman of the Committee and Shri S B Dangayach, Smt. Shridevi Shukla and Shri Swaroop P. IAS as members of the Committee.

(iii) MEETINGS AND ATTENDANCE

During the Financial Year 2023-24, one (1) Meeting of the Committee was held on 07.08.2023.

The number of Meetings attended by Directors are as under:

Name	Category of Directorship	No. of Meetings attended
Shri Rajiv Lochan Jain Chairman	Non- Executive Independent Director	1
Shri S B Dangayach	Non- Executive Independent Director	1
Smt. Shridevi Shukla	Non- Executive Independent Director	1
Shri Swaroop P IAS	Managing Director	1

The Personnel Committee was merged with Nomination cum Remuneration Committee by the Board in its meeting held on 8th August, 2023.

(I) CORPORATE ENVIRONMENT RESPONSIBILITY COMMITTEE:

During the Financial Year 2021-22, the Board of Directors of the Company has constituted Corporate Environment Responsibility (CER) Committee to ensure that CER obligations of the Company would be carried out as per the Environment Clearance (ECs) and/or other permissions/licenses issued for various projects and would be implemented and monitored on regular basis. Members of CSR Committee formed CER Committee.

(i) BROAD TERMS OF REFERENCE

- To review and approve the action plan formulated by the Company to carry out its CER obligations as per the Environment Clearances (ECs) issued for various Projects by the appropriate authority and to recommend the same to the Board, from time to time;
- To review and monitor on periodical basis the implementation of CER obligations to be carried out by the Company as approved by the Committee and to inform the same to the Board, from time to time;
- To review and monitor the other compliances with respect to CER obligations to be made by the Company including but not limited to submission of half yearly monitoring report to the regional office and to the District Collector and its uploading on the website of the Company;
- To exercise such powers as the Committee may be required to exercise under the applicable laws to ensure that CER obligations of the Company are carried out in accordance with the respective ECs / permissions / licenses etc.

(ii) COMPOSITION

The Committee comprised of Six (6) Members viz. Shri Raj Kumar, IAS* as the Chairman of the Committee and Shri M K Das, IAS, Shri J P Gupta, IAS, Shri S.B Dangayach, Smt. Shridevi Shukla and Shri Swaroop P. IAS as members of the Committee.

The Company Secretary acts as Secretary of Corporate Environment Responsibility Committee.

(iii) MEETINGS AND ATTENDANCE

During the Financial Year 2023-24, one (1) Meeting of the Committee was held on 08.08.2023.

Name	Category of Directorship	No. of Meetings attended
Shri Raj Kumar, IAS* Chairman	Non- Executive Non Independent Director	0
Shri M K Das, IAS	Non- Executive Non Independent Director	1



Shri J P Gupta, IAS	Non- Executive Non Independent Director	1
Shri S B Dangayach	Non- Executive Independent Director	1
Smt. Shridevi Shukla	Non- Executive Independent Director	1
Shri Swaroop P. IAS	Executive Director	1

*Shri Raj Kumar, IAS ceased to be Director & Chairman w.e.f. 19.06.2023. Dr. Hasmukh Adhia, IAS (Retd.) was appointed as Director & Chairman w.e.f. 20.06.2023.

The Corporate Environment Responsibility (CER) Committee was merged with Environmental, Social & Governance ("ESG") and Sustainability Committee by the Board in its meeting held on 8th August, 2023.

(J) PROJECT COMMITTEE :

(i) BROAD TERMS OF REFERENCE

The Committee meets as and when proposals for new projects, expansions and debottlenecking etc. are to be considered and to recommend the same to the Board for approval and reviews the progress of various projects on hand for timely implementation.

(ii) COMPOSITION

The Committee comprised of Eight (8) Members viz. Shri Raj Kumar, IAS* as the Chairman of the Committee and Shri M K Das, IAS, Shri J P Gupta, IAS, Shri Rajiv Lochan Jain, Shri S. B. Dangayach, Shri Nitin Shukla, Smt. Shridevi Shukla and Shri Swaroop P. IAS as members of the Committee.

(iii) MEETINGS AND ATTENDANCE

During the Financial Year 2023-24, two (2) Meetings of the Committee were held, i.e. on 22.05.2023 and 08.08.2023.

The number of Meetings attended by Directors are as under:

Name	Category of Directorship	No. of Meetings attended
Shri Raj Kumar, IAS* Chairman	Non- Executive Non-Independent Director	1
Shri M K Das, IAS	Non- Executive Non-Independent Director	2
Shri J P Gupta, IAS	Non- Executive Non-Independent Director	2
Shri Rajiv Lochan Jain	Non- Executive Independent Director	2
Shri S.B Dangayach	Non- Executive Independent Director	1
Shri Nitin Shukla	Non- Executive Independent Director	2
Smt. Shridevi Shukla	Non- Executive Independent Director	2
Shri Swaroop P IAS	Executive Director	2

* Shri Raj Kumar, IAS ceased to be Director & Chairman w.e.f. 19.06.2023. Dr. Hasmukh Adhia, IAS (Retd.) was appointed as Director & Chairman w.e.f. 20.06.2023.

The Project Committee was dissolved by the Board in its meeting held on 8th August, 2023 due to Completion of Projects of the Company.

4. GENERAL BODY MEETINGS:

The details as to the timings, date and venue of the last three Annual General Meetings (AGM) of the Company held are as under:

Financial Year	2022-23	2021-22	2020-21
AGM No.	50 th AGM	49 th AGM	48 th AGM
Date	26.09.2023	29.09.2022	23.09.2021
Time	at 11:30 a.m.	at 11:30 a.m.	at 11:00 a.m.
Venue	Meeting conducted through Video-Conference / Other Audio Visual Means pursuant to MCA Circular	Meeting conducted through Video-Conference / Other Audio Visual Means pursuant to MCA Circular	Meeting conducted through Video-Conference / Other Audio Visual Means pursuant to MCA Circular
Special Resolutions Passed	In 48th AGM , there was no Special Resolution proposed. In 49th AGM , there was no Special Resolution proposed. In 50th AGM , Two Special Resolutions were passed by the Shareholders.		

POSTAL BALLOT

During the Financial Year 2023-24, the Company has passed following Resolutions by Postal Ballot.

a) Postal Ballot Notice dated 21st March, 2023

- i. To appoint Shri Raj Kumar, IAS (DIN: 00294527) as Chairman & Director of the Company (Ordinary Resolution).

Procedure adopted for Postal Ballot:

The Board of Directors had approved the appointment of Mr. Niraj Trivedi, Practicing Company Secretary to act as Scrutinizer for conducting Postal Ballot process including scrutinizing the Remote E-voting process to be provided to the Shareholders to cast their votes on the Resolutions proposed in the Postal Ballot Notice and also approved appointment of Central Depository Services (India) Limited ("CDSL") for facilitating remote e-voting to enable the Shareholders to cast their votes electronically.

Pursuant to Sections 108 and 110 and other applicable provisions, if any, of the Companies Act, 2013, ("the Act"), read with the Companies (Management and Administration) Rules, 2014 ("Rules") and further read with General Circulars No.14/2020 dated April 8, 2020, General Circular No.17/2020 dated April 13, 2020 and other relevant circulars, including General Circular No.20/2021 dated December 8, 2021, General Circular No. 3/2022 dated May 5, 2022 and General Circular No. 11/2022 dated December 28, 2022, issued by the Ministry of Corporate Affairs ("MCA Circulars"); the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 ("SEBI Listing Regulations"), Secretarial Standard issued by the Institute of Company Secretaries of India on General Meetings ("SS-2") and other applicable laws, Rules, Regulations (including any statutory modification(s) or re-enactment(s) thereof, for the time being in force and as amended from time to time) ("applicable laws"), the Postal Ballot Notice dated 21st March, 2023 ("the Notice") together with the Explanatory Statement seeking approval of the Members of the Company for the aforementioned Resolution by way of Postal Ballot through remote e-voting was dispatched and circulated on 5th April, 2023. The Notice was submitted to the Stock Exchanges and uploaded on the websites of the Company and CDSL on 5th April, 2023.

The Notice was sent to the Shareholders who already had their email address registered with the Company/ Depositories and whose names appeared in the Register of Shareholders/List of Beneficial Owners as received from Depositories i.e. National Securities Depository Limited ("NSDL")/ Central Depository Services (India) Limited ("CDSL") as on Friday, March 31, 2023 ("cut-off date").

Intimation regarding completion of dispatch of Postal Ballot through email and details of e-voting were published in newspapers on 6th April, 2023 in Business Standard, All Edition (In English) and Loksatta Jansatta, All Gujarat Edition (In Gujarati).

Electronic voting (Remote e-Voting) by Members of the Company commenced on Friday, April 7, 2023 (9:00 a.m. IST) and ended on Saturday, May 6, 2023 (5:00 p.m. IST).

Shri Niraj Trivedi, Scrutinizer had carried out scrutiny of e-votes received upto Saturday, May 6, 2023 (5:00 p.m.



IST), being the last day of e-voting for Postal Ballot voting and prepared a Scrutinizer’s Report on the basis of data / reports received by him.

Thereafter, the Scrutinizer had submitted his Report dated 8th May, 2023. In accordance with Regulation 44 (3) of SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015, the Company submitted voting results for the Resolution under the Postal Ballot Notice dated 21st March, 2023 in the prescribed format along with the Scrutinizer’s Report dated 8th May, 2023 to the Stock Exchanges i.e. BSE Limited and National Stock Exchange of India Limited on 8th May, 2023, uploaded the same on the websites of the Company and CDSL and also published on the e-Notice Board of the Company.

The Resolution contained in the Notice dated 21st March, 2023 of the above Postal Ballot were approved by requisite majority of Members through remote e-Voting. Accordingly, the Resolution was declared to be passed on 8th May, 2023. Details of Voting Patterns are provided below:

Reso. No.	Resolutions	No. & % votes in favour	No. & % votes against	No. of votes invalid/ abstained
SPECIAL BUSINESS:				
1.	To appoint Shri Raj Kumar, IAS (DIN: 00294527) as a Chairman & Director of the Company, not liable to retire by rotation. (Ordinary Resolution).	3,69,89,328 (97.63%)	8,96,065 (2.37%)	0

b) Postal Ballot Notice dated 8th August, 2023

- ii. To appoint Dr. Hasmukh Adhia, IAS (Retd.) (DIN: 00093974) as Chairman & Director of the Company (Ordinary Resolution).

Procedure adopted for Postal Ballot:

The Board of Directors had approved the appointment of Mr. Niraj Trivedi, Practicing Company Secretary to act as Scrutinizer for conducting Postal Ballot process including scrutinizing the Remote E-voting process to be provided to the Shareholders to cast their votes on the Resolutions proposed in the Postal Ballot Notice and also approved appointment of Central Depository Services (India) Limited (“CDSL”) for facilitating remote e-voting to enable the Shareholders to cast their votes electronically.

Pursuant to Sections 108 and 110 and other applicable provisions, if any, of the Companies Act, 2013, (“the Act”), read with the Companies (Management and Administration) Rules, 2014 (“Rules”) and further read with General Circulars No.14/2020 dated April 8, 2020, General Circular No.17/2020 dated April 13, 2020 and other relevant circulars, including General Circular No.20/2021 dated December 8, 2021, General Circular No. 3/2022 dated May 5, 2022 and General Circular No. 11/2022 dated December 28, 2022, issued by the Ministry of Corporate Affairs (“MCA Circulars”); the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 (“SEBI Listing Regulations”), Secretarial Standard issued by the Institute of Company Secretaries of India on General Meetings (“SS-2”) and other applicable laws, Rules, Regulations (including any statutory modification(s) or re-enactment(s) thereof, for the time being in force and as amended from time to time) (“applicable laws”), the Postal Ballot Notice dated 8th August, 2023 (“the Notice”) together with the Explanatory Statement seeking approval of the Members of the Company for the aforementioned Resolution by way of Postal Ballot through remote e-voting was dispatched and circulated on 11th August, 2023. The Notice was submitted to the Stock Exchanges and uploaded on the websites of the Company and CDSL on 11th August, 2023.

The Notice was sent to the Shareholders who already had their email address registered with the Company/ Depositories and whose names appeared in the Register of Shareholders/List of Beneficial Owners as received from Depositories i.e. National Securities Depository Limited (“NSDL”)/ Central Depository Services (India) Limited (“CDSL”) as on Thursday, August 10, 2023 (“cut-off date”).

Intimation regarding completion of dispatch of Postal Ballot through email and details of e-voting were published in newspaper on 12th August, 2023 in Financial Express, All Edition (In English) and Financial Express, Gujarat Edition (In Gujarati).

Electronic voting (Remote e-Voting) by Members of the Company commenced on Tuesday, August 15, 2023 (9:00 a.m. IST) and ended on Wednesday, September 13, 2023 (5:00 p.m. IST).

Shri Niraj Trivedi, Scrutinizer had carried out scrutiny of e-votes received upto Wednesday, September 13, 2023

(5:00 p.m. IST), being the last day of e-voting for Postal Ballot voting and prepared a Scrutinizer's Report on the basis of data / reports received by him.

Thereafter, the Scrutinizer had submitted his Report dated 13th September, 2023. In accordance with Regulation 44 (3) of SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015, the Company submitted voting results for the Resolution under the Postal Ballot Notice dated 8th August, 2023 in the prescribed format along with the Scrutinizer's Report dated 13th September, 2023 to the Stock Exchanges i.e. BSE Limited and National Stock Exchange of India Limited on 14th September, 2023, uploaded the same on the websites of the Company and CDSL and also published on the Notice Board of the Company.

The Resolution contained in the Notice dated 8th August, 2023 of the above Postal Ballot were approved by requisite majority of Members through remote e-Voting. Accordingly, the Resolution was declared to be passed on 13th September, 2023. Details of Voting Patterns are provided below:

Reso. No.	Resolutions	No. & % votes in favour	No. & % votes against	No. of votes invalid/ abstained
SPECIAL BUSINESS :				
1.	To appoint Dr. Has Mukh Adhia, IAS (Retd.) (DIN: 00093974) as a Chairman & Director of the Company, liable to retire by rotation. (Ordinary Resolution).	3,80,48,413 (99.97%)	12,695 (0.03%)	0

c) Postal Ballot Notice dated 21st November, 2023

iii. To appoint Dr. Rahul Gupta, IAS (DIN: 08572955) as a Director of the Company (Ordinary Resolution).

Procedure adopted for Postal Ballot:

The Board of Directors had approved the appointment of Mr. Niraj Trivedi, Practicing Company Secretary to act as Scrutinizer for conducting Postal Ballot process including scrutinizing the Remote E-voting process to be provided to the Shareholders to cast their votes on the Resolutions proposed in the Postal Ballot Notice and also approved appointment of Central Depository Services (India) Limited ("CDSL") for facilitating remote e-voting to enable the Shareholders to cast their votes electronically.

Pursuant to Sections 108 and 110 and other applicable provisions, if any, of the Companies Act, 2013, ("the Act"), read with the Companies (Management and Administration) Rules, 2014 ("Rules") and further read with General Circulars No.14/2020 dated April 8, 2020 and No.17/2020 dated April 13, 2020 and other relevant circulars, including No.22/2020 dated June 15, 2020; No. 33/2020 dated September 28, 2020; No.39/2020 dated December 31, 2020, No.10/2021 dated June 23, 2021, No.20/2021 dated December 8, 2021, No. 3/2022 dated May 5, 2022, No. 11/2022 dated December 28, 2022 and No. 09/2023 dated September 25, 2023 issued by the Ministry of Corporate Affairs ("MCA Circulars"); the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 ("SEBI Listing Regulations"), Secretarial Standard issued by the Institute of Company Secretaries of India on General Meetings ("SS-2") and other applicable laws, Rules, Regulations (including any statutory modification(s) or re-enactment(s) thereof, for the time being in force and as amended from time to time) ("applicable laws"), the Postal Ballot Notice dated 8th August, 2023 ("the Notice") together with the Explanatory Statement seeking approval of the Members of the Company for the aforementioned Resolution by way of Postal Ballot through remote e-voting was dispatched and circulated on 5th December, 2023. The Notice was submitted to the Stock Exchanges and uploaded on the websites of the Company and CDSL on 5th December, 2023.

The Notice was sent to the Shareholders who already had their email address registered with the Company/ Depositories and whose names appeared in the Register of Shareholders/List of Beneficial Owners as received from Depositories i.e. National Securities Depository Limited ("NSDL")/ Central Depository Services (India) Limited ("CDSL") as on Friday, December 01, 2023 ("cut-off date").

Intimation regarding completion of dispatch of Postal Ballot through email and details of e-voting were published in newspapers on 6th December, 2023 in Business Standard, All Edition (In English) and Loksatta Jansatta, Vadodara Edition (In Gujarati).

Electronic voting (Remote e-Voting) by Members of the Company commenced on Thursday, December 07, 2023 (9:00 a.m. IST) and ended on Friday, January 05, 2024 (5:00 p.m. IST).



Shri Niraj Trivedi, Scrutinizer had carried out scrutiny of e-votes received upto Friday, January 05, 2024 (5:00 p.m. IST), being the last day of e-voting for Postal Ballot voting and prepared a Scrutinizer's Report on the basis of data / reports received by him.

Thereafter, the Scrutinizer had submitted his Report dated 6th January, 2024. In accordance with Regulation 44 (3) of SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015, the Company submitted voting results for the Resolution under the Postal Ballot Notice dated 21st November, 2023 in the prescribed format along with the Scrutinizer's Report dated 6th January, 2024 to the Stock Exchanges i.e. BSE Limited and National Stock Exchange of India Limited on 6th January, 2024, uploaded the same on the websites of the Company and CDSL and also published on the Notice Board of the Company.

The Resolution contained in the Notice dated 21st November, 2023 of the above Postal Ballot were approved by requisite majority of Members through remote e-Voting. Accordingly, the Resolution was declared to be passed on 5th January, 2024. Details of Voting Patterns are provided below:

Reso. No.	Resolutions	No. & % votes in favour	No. & % votes against	No. of votes invalid/ abstained
SPECIAL BUSINESS :				
1.	To appoint Dr. Rahul Gupta, IAS (DIN: 08572955) as a Director of the Company, liable to retire by rotation. (Ordinary Resolution).	3,82,59,473 (99.87%)	48,326 (0.13%)	0

5. DEMAT SUSPENSE ACCOUNT / UNCLAIMED SUSPENSE ACCOUNT:

SEBI vide Circular No. : CIR/CFD/DIL/10/2010 dated 16.12.2010 has amended Clause 5A of the Listing Agreement to provide that Shares held physically which may have remained unclaimed by Shareholders due to insufficient / incorrect information or for any other reason should be transferred in demat mode to one folio in the name of "Unclaimed Suspense Account" with one of the Depository Participants. Accordingly, as approved by the Board at its Meeting held on 05.08.2013, the Company has opened "GACL – Unclaimed Shares Suspense Account" with Stock Holding Corporation of India Ltd., Vadodara (SHCIL) and transferred therein 8,021 unclaimed Shares of Rs.10/- each representing 262 Shareholders.

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 124 of the Companies Act, 2013 and Rule 6 of the Investor Education and Protection Fund Authority (Accounting, Audit, transfer and Refund) Rules, 2016, as amended, the Company had transferred 33,147 Equity Shares of 461 Shareholders of the Company, in respect of which Dividend has remained unclaimed or unpaid for a period of seven consecutive years or more through Corporate Actions to the demat Account of IEPF Authority with Central Depository Services (India) Ltd. and the Corporate Actions were completed on 05.12.2023.

The balance of Unclaimed Shares lying in the said Suspense Account with SHCIL (in demat mode) as on 31.03.2024 is as under:

Particulars	Shareholders (Nos.)	Outstanding Shares (Nos.)
Aggregate number of shareholders and the outstanding shares lying in the suspense account at the beginning of the year.	12	369
Number of shareholders who approached listed entity for transfer of shares from suspense account during the year.	2	15
Number of shareholders to whom shares were transferred from suspense account during the year	--	--
Aggregate number of shareholders and the outstanding shares lying in the suspense account at the end of the year	10	354

The voting rights on the said 354 Shares shall remain frozen till the rightful owner of such shares claims the shares.

The Company endeavors to trace the current address of the shareholders (whose share certificates are unclaimed) through their neighbors at registered address and by reference to telephone directory. The share certificates are released on receipt of their claim along with KYC documents like copy of PAN Card and residence proof etc.

6. QUARTERLY COMPLIANCE REPORT:

The Company has submitted Corporate Governance Compliance Report in the prescribed format for each quarter during the Financial Year 2023-24 to BSE Limited and National Stock Exchange of India Limited, where the Company's Securities are listed, within twenty-one (21) days from the close of respective quarters.

7. FINANCIAL RESULTS – 2023-24:

[Rs. in Lakhs]

PARTICULARS	QUARTER				Total F. Y. 2023-24
	I	II	III	IV	
Total Income	92,461	1,04,233	92,560	1,00,416	3,89,670
Total Expenses (Except Interest & Depreciation)	(85,811)	(92,610)	(91,362)	(97,277)	(3,67,060)
Profit Before Interest, Depreciation and Tax	6,650	11,623	1,198	3,139	22,610
Interest	(1,050)	(1,078)	(1,121)	(1,208)	(4,457)
Depreciation	(8,947)	(9,520)	(9,602)	(9,672)	(37,741)
Profit Before Tax	(3,347)	1,025	(9,525)	(7,741)	(19,588)
Less :- Provision for Tax		8	739	5,617	6,364
Profit After Tax	(3,347)	1,033	(8,786)	(2,124)	(13,224)
Other Comprehensive Income	9,906	1,013	13,197	10,494	34,610
Total Comprehensive Income	6,559	2,046	4,411	8,370	21,386
Earning Per Share (Not Annualized)	(4.56)	1.41	(11.96)	(2.90)	(18.01)

8. DISCLOSURE OF ACCOUNTING TREATMENT:

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Indian Accounting Standards (Ind AS) as notified under section 133 of the Companies Act, 2013 read with the Companies (Indian Accounting Standards) Rules, 2015 as amended and other relevant provisions of the Act as amended from time to time.

9. INSIDER TRADING:

Pursuant to the requirements of the SEBI (Prohibition of Insider Trading) Regulations, 2015 ("PIT Regulations"), the Board of Directors at its Meeting held on 26th May, 2015 had adopted the Code of Conduct to Regulate, Monitor and Report Trading by Insiders and Code of Practices and Procedures for Fair Disclosure of Unpublished Price Sensitive Information.

SEBI has vide its various Notifications further amended the PIT Regulations. As per the amended provisions of the PIT Regulations, the Board of Directors amended the Policies viz. 1. Code of Conduct to Regulate, Monitor and Report Trading by Insiders and 2. the Code of Practices and Procedures of Fair Disclosure of Unpublished Price Sensitive Information (UPSI). The Board also formulated Whistle Blower Policy in case of leak or suspected leak of UPSI and Policy for determination of legitimate purposes which are part of 1 and 2 Policies referred above. The said Policies are available on the Website of the Company at Weblink:

<https://gacl.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/12/CODE-OF-CONDUCT-TO-REGULATE-MONITOR-AND-REPORT-THE-TRADING-IN-SECURITIES-BY-INSIDERS.pdf>

and <https://gacl.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/12/CODE-OF-PRACTICES-AND-PROCEDURES-FOR-FAIR-DISCLOSURE-OF-UNPUBLISHED-PRICE-SENSITIVE-INFORMATION.pdf>

The Closure of Trading Window starts immediately on close of the quarter till 48 hours (Forty-Eight Hours) after the declaration of financial results.

The Company had communicated Do's and Don'ts for prohibition of Insider Trading to all the designated persons for creating awareness on the PIT Regulations so that designated persons can comply with various requirements before doing trading in the securities of the Company. The same is also placed on Intranet (an e-portal of employees of the Company) under Notice Board section.

During the year 2023-24, on 03.07.2023, 26.02.2024 and 19.03.2024, the Company has organised three (3) induction programmes of new designated employees for creating awareness of provisions of Prohibition of Insider Trading regulations and various requirements therein.

During the year 2023-24, we have conducted a quiz on Prohibition of Insider Trading in questionnaire form for



Designated Employees to create awareness. The Designated employee had to get minimum 80% marks to qualify the quiz. All the Designated Employees have completed the same.

The Company has developed its Learning Management System [LMS] portal for engagement of Employees of the Company to empower themselves by using LMS portal and getting updated through learning. The Company had also made available the Presentation on Prohibition of Insider Trading on LMS portal for easily available to the Employees.

The Company Secretary & Chief General Manager (Legal, CC & CSR) is designated as the Compliance Officer for this purpose.

10. DISCLOSURE OF MATERIAL TRANSACTIONS TO THE BOARD BY SENIOR MANAGEMENT:

The senior management personnel give disclosure on annual basis to the Board for all material financial and commercial transactions, where they have personal interest that may have a potential conflict with the interest of the Company at large. As per the disclosures received, no such transaction has taken place during the Financial Year 2023-24.

11. MEANS OF COMMUNICATION:

Financial Results of the Company are published in the following newspapers:

Period	Date of approval by the Board	Date of Publication	Newspapers
Standalone & Consolidated Unaudited Financial Results for 1 st Quarter ended on 30.06.2023.	08.08.2023	09.08.2023	Business Standard (English) – All India Editions Loksatta (Gujarati), Vadodara
Standalone & Consolidated Unaudited Financial Results for 2 nd Quarter ended on 30.09.2023.	08.11.2023	09.11.2023	Financial Express (English) – All India Editions Financial Express (Gujarati) – All Gujarat Editions
Standalone & Consolidated Unaudited Financial Results for 3 rd Quarter ended on 31.12.2023.	03.02.2024	05.02.2024	Business Standard (English) – All India Editions Loksatta (Gujarati), Vadodara
Standalone & Consolidated Audited Financial Results for 4 th Quarter and for the financial year ended on 31.03.2024.	30.05.2024	31.05.2024	Financial Express (English) – All India Editions Financial Express (Gujarati) – All Gujarat Editions

Shareholders' Information is available on the Company's website (<https://www.gacl.com>) under "Investors" Section. Annual Report, latest Shareholding Pattern, Quarterly, Half Yearly and Annual Financial Results are available under the said section. Full Annual Report is sent to each shareholder at his / her e-mail ID.

Official news releases, media releases and other updates are sent to the Stock Exchanges. The Conference Call Transcript with analysts / Presentation to Investors / Analysts are available on the website of the Company.

12. OTHER DISCLOSURES:

12.1 Disclosure on materially significant related party transactions i.e., transactions of the Company of material nature, with its Promoters, the Directors or the management, their subsidiaries or relatives etc. that may have potential conflict with the interest of the Company at large.

The Company does not have any materially significant related party transaction, which may have potential conflict with the interest of the Company at large. Transactions with related parties are disclosed in Note No. 38 of Notes to Accounts.

As per Notification no. SEBI/LAD-NRO/GN/2018/10 dated 9th May, 2018 and as per SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) (Amendment) Regulations, 2018, the Board of Directors of the Company at its Meeting held on 31st January, 2019 has amended "Related Party Transactions Policy". Further in line with recent amendments in Listing Regulations, the Policy on Related Party Transactions was amended by the Board of Directors of the Company at its Meeting held on 10th August, 2021, which was further amended by the Board of Directors of the Company at its Meeting held on 08th February, 2022 and the same is available on the Company's Website at Weblink:

<https://gacl.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/12/Related-Party-Transactions-Policy.pdf>

12.2 Details of non-compliance by the Company, penalties and strictures imposed on the Company by Stock Exchange or SEBI or any statutory authority, on any matter related to capital markets, during the last three years.

The Company has complied with the requirements of regulatory authorities on capital markets and no penalties / strictures have been imposed against it during the last three years.

12.3 Details of Policy for determining material subsidiaries.

Effective from 1st April, 2024, GACL-NALCO Alkalies & Chemicals Pvt. Ltd. (GNAL), has become “Material Subsidiary” of the Company as per criteria laid down under Regulation 16 (1) (c) read with Regulation 46 (2) (h) of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 relating to “material subsidiary”. As per Notification no. SEBI/LAD-NRO/GN/2018/10 dated 9th May, 2018 and as per SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) (Amendment) Regulations, 2018, the Board of Directors of the Company at its Meeting held on 31st January, 2019 has formulated Policy on Material Subsidiary, which was further amended w.e.f. 1st July, 2021 to align with the Listing Regulations. The same is available on the Company’s Website at Weblink:

<https://gacl.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/12/Policy-On-Material-Subsidiaries.pdf>

12.4 Whistle Blower Policy and affirmation that no personnel were denied access to the Audit Committee.

The Company has formulated a Vigil Mechanism-cum-Whistle Blower Policy (“Policy”) as per the requirements of Section 177 of the Companies Act, 2013 and Regulation 22 of the Listing Regulations. The Policy is applicable to all the Directors and employees of the Company.

As per the said Policy, protected disclosures can be made by whistle blower to the Chairman of the Audit Committee. No personnel have been denied access to the Audit Committee and that the Company has provided protection to whistle blower from adverse personnel action.

12.5 Disclosure on Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Act, 2013:

- No. of Complaints filed during the F. Y. 2023-24. - NIL
- No. of Complaints resolved during F. Y. 2023-24.- NIL
- No. of Complaints pending at the end of F. Y. 2023-24 - NIL

12.6 Details of utilization of fund raised through Preferential Allotment or Qualified Institutional Placement as specified u/s 32(SA) - NIL

12.7 None of the Directors of the Company have been debarred or disqualified from being appointed or continuing as Director by SEBI / MCA / Statutory Authorities and the same has been confirmed by Shri Niraj Trivedi, Practicing Company Secretary in his Certificate which is attached to this Report.

12.8 Total fees paid by the Company and its subsidiary “GACL-NALCO Alkalies & Chemicals Private Limited” (“GNAL”) to M/s. K C Mehta & Co LLP, Statutory Auditors of the Company is Rs. 22.80 lakhs.

12.9 The Company has complied with all the mandatory requirements of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 and all the amendments from time to time.

12.10 Details of Loans and advances by Company and its subsidiary in the nature of loans to firms/companies in which Directors are interested by name and amount is given in Note No. 38 of the Financial Statement.

12.11 The Details of material subsidiary of the Company mentioned below:

Name of the Company	GACL-NALCO Alkalies & Chemicals Private Limited
Date and Place of Incorporation	Date: 4 th December, 2015 Place: P.O. Ranoli, Vadodara
Name and Date of Appointment of Statutory Auditors of Subsidiary	M/s. K C Mehta & Co LLP Appointment Date: 22 nd July, 2021

13. GENERAL INFORMATION FOR MEMBERS:

Detailed information in this regard is provided hereafter in the ‘General Information for Members’ section which forms part of this Report.



14. MANAGING DIRECTOR AND CFO CERTIFICATION:

Managing Director and Chief Financial Officer (CFO) have issued necessary certificate as per Regulations 17 (8) of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 as specified in Part 'B' in Schedule II and the same is annexed and forms part of this Report.

B. DISCRETIONARY REQUIREMENTS

The status of discretionary requirements adopted by the Company is as under:

(1) CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD:

The Chairman of the Board is a Non-Executive Chairman. The Company does not bear expenses towards maintenance of Chairman's Office.

(2) UNMODIFIED OPINION:

The Company has complied with the requirements for the Financial Statements for F.Y. 2023-24. The Statutory Auditors have given unmodified opinion on the adequacy and operating effectiveness of internal financial controls over financial reporting.

(3) SEPARATE POST OF CHAIRPERSON AND CEO:

The Company has separate persons for the posts of Chairperson and Chief Executive Officer / Managing Director.

ANNEXURE 'I'

Declaration by Managing Director regarding compliance of 'Code of Conduct' by Directors and Senior Management Personnel of the Company

The Board has adopted 'Code of Conduct' for Directors and Senior Management Personnel of the Company as per Regulations 17 (5) (a) of SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015.

Pursuant to Regulation 26 (3) of SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015, the Directors and Senior Management Personnel have affirmed compliance with the said Code of Conduct of the Company for the Financial Year 2023-24.

For **GUJARAT ALKALIES AND CHEMICALS LIMITED**

Sd/-

Place : Vadodara

Swaroop P. IAS

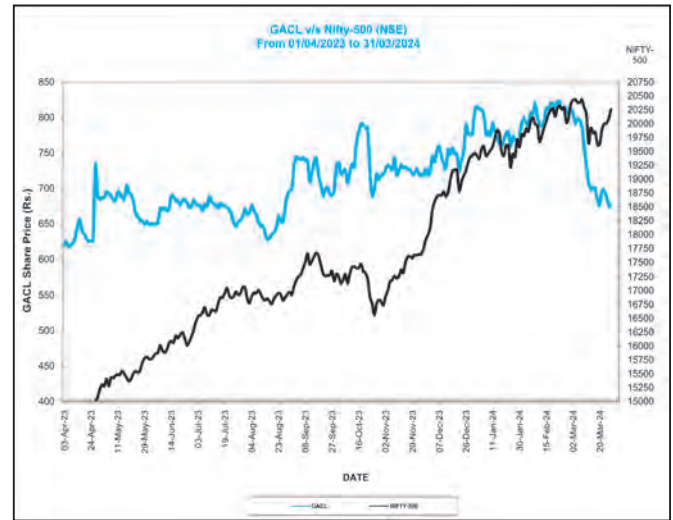
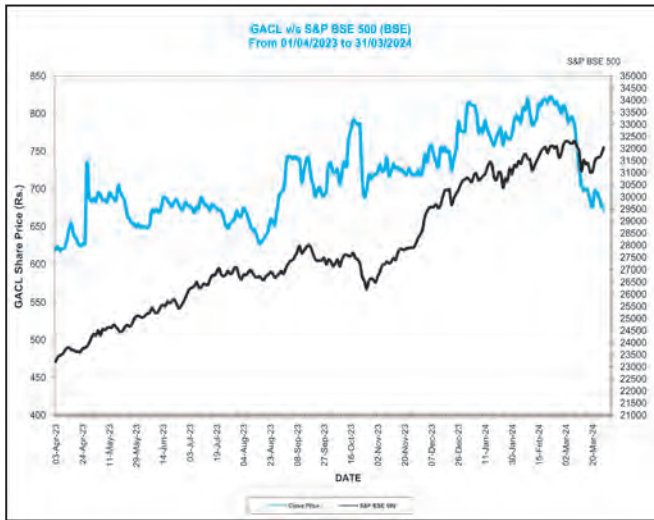
Date : 30.05.2024

Managing Director

GENERAL INFORMATION FOR MEMBERS

1. **Financial Year of the Company** : 1st April, 2023 to 31st March, 2024
2. **Day, Date and Time of 51st AGM** : Thursday, the 26th September, 2024 at 11:30 A.M
3. **Venue of AGM** : Through Video Conference/Other Audio-Visual Means as set out in the Notice convening the Annual General Meeting.
4. **Dates of Book Closure** : From Friday, 20th September 2024 to Thursday, 26th September, 2024 (Both days inclusive).
5. **Dividend payment date** : On or after Monday, 30th September, 2024
6. **Listing on Stock Exchanges** : **BSE Ltd.** **National Stock Exchange of India Ltd.**
Phiroze Jeejeebhoy Towers "Exchange Plaza"
Dalal Street, Fort, Bandra-Kurla Complex, Bandra (East)
Mumbai : 400 001. Mumbai : 400 051.
(Scrip Code : 530001) (Scrip Symbol : GUJALKALI)
(Scrip ID : GUJALKALI)
7. **Annual Listing Fees** : The Company has paid Annual Listing Fees for the Financial Years 2023-24 and 2024-25 to BSE Ltd. and National Stock Exchange of India Ltd.
8. **Company's ISIN No. with NSDL & CDSL** : INE186A01019
9. **No. of Employees** : 1564
10. **Stock Market Data** : Monthly high and low market price and the volume of shares traded at the BSE Ltd. and National Stock Exchange of India Ltd. are as follows:

Month	BSE Ltd.			National Stock Exchange of India Ltd.		
	High (Rs.)	Low (Rs.)	Volume (No.of Shares)	High (Rs.)	Low (Rs.)	Volume (No.of Shares)
April, 2023	744.80	586.05	5,67,445	744.80	585.15	1,05,41,894
May, 2023	711.50	644.60	2,65,036	711.75	644.40	35,10,272
June, 2023	697.65	645.25	1,80,619	698.00	646.10	20,83,806
July, 2023	693.95	646.00	2,54,470	693.00	645.00	15,53,356
August, 2023	706.15	615.05	2,50,099	705.60	623.00	30,50,475
September, 2023	755.05	680.45	3,92,471	756.00	680.55	41,98,553
October, 2023	808.85	671.00	4,35,890	809.00	670.05	52,66,885
November, 2023	746.75	705.40	1,17,880	746.00	700.55	14,52,138
December, 2023	799.80	716.20	2,741,80	799.00	715.20	34,63,677
January, 2024	836.95	735.00	3,29,818	837.30	735.55	41,61,380
February, 2024	869.60	739.90	2,56,829	868.80	740.30	51,58,641
March, 2024	824.85	666.00	1,26,843	824.95	664.05	16,34,765
Total			31,77,400			4,60,75,842
Average 2023-24	766.33	670.91		766.18	670.83	
Average 2022-23	870.37	714.33		868.98	714.33	



11. REGISTRAR & SHARE TRANSFER AGENT:

Link Intime India Pvt. Ltd., Vadodara is the Registrar & Share Transfer Agent (R & T Agent) of the Company. The contact details of R & T Agent are given as under :

LINK INTIME INDIA PRIVATE LIMITED (UNIT: GACL)

“Geetakunj” 1, Bhakti Nagar Society, Behind ABS Tower, Old Padra Road, Vadodara, Gujarat 390 015 Phone : (0265) 3566768 E-mail : vadodara@linkintime.co.in Website : www.linkintime.co.in

Shareholders holding shares in Physical mode should communicate to the said R&T Agent of the Company at the above address for Transmission, Transposition, Deletion of Name, Consolidation, Sub-division, Issue of Duplicate Share Certificates, Nomination, Change of Address & Bank details etc.

12. Share Transfer System:

As per SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) (Fourth Amendment) Regulations, 2018 and SEBI circular no. PR No.: 51/2018 dated 3rd December, 2018 transfer of shares in physical mode were allowed up to 31.03.2019 and w.e.f. 01.04.2019, in terms of Regulation 40(1) of SEBI Listing Regulations, as amended from time to time, transfer, transmission and transposition of securities shall be affected only in dematerialized form.

Hence, the R & T Agent of the Company has stopped accepting any fresh lodgement of transfer of shares in physical form. Shareholders hold shares in physical form are advised to avail the facility of dematerialisation.

Pursuant to SEBI Circular dated January 25, 2022, the listed companies shall issue the securities in dematerialized form only, for processing any service requests from shareholders viz., issue of duplicate share certificates, endorsement, transmission, transposition, etc. After processing the service request, a letter of confirmation will be issued to the shareholders and shall be valid for a period of 120 days, within which the shareholder shall make a request to the Depository Participant for dematerializing those shares. If the shareholders fail to submit the dematerialisation request within 120 days, then the Company shall credit those shares in the Suspense Escrow Demat account held by the Company. Shareholders can claim these shares transferred to Suspense Escrow Demat account on submission of necessary documentation.

Requests for transmission or deletion of name or change in name etc. in case of physical share certificates are processed by the R & T Agent of the Company and are approved by the approving authority as per the powers delegated by the Stakeholders’ Relationship-cum-Investors’ Grievance Committee of Directors of the Company. The service requests of such nature are generally processed within a period of fifteen (15) days from the date of receipt of the relevant documents by the R & T Agent of the Company.

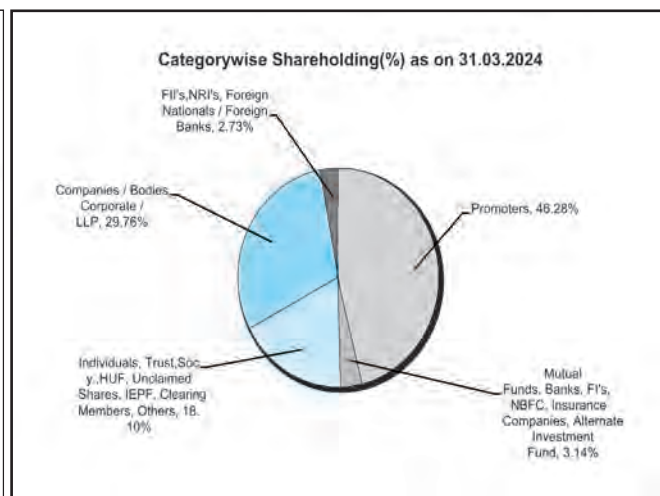
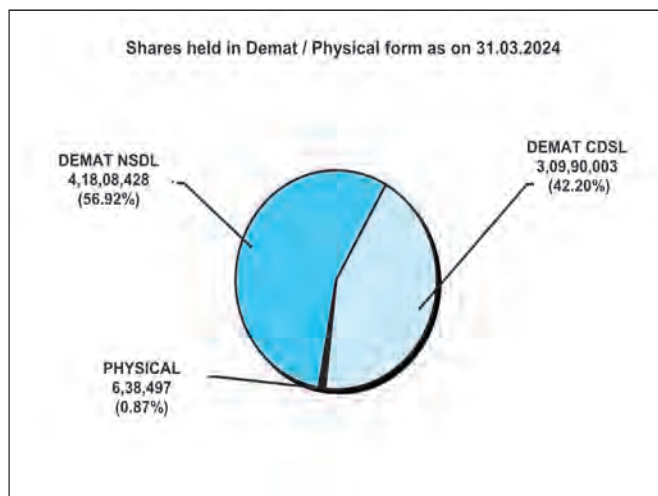
During the Financial Year 2023-24, Nil equity shares were transferred (lodged prior to deadline i.e. 01.04.2019 and returned due to deficiency in the document and re-lodged after deadline). 112,817 equity shares were dematerialized (including 28,827 physical shares transferred to IEPF through Corporate Action). No equity shares were rematerialized.

13. (A) Distribution of Shareholding as on 31st March, 2024.

No. of Equity Shares held	No. of Shares	% of Shareholding	No. of Shareholders	% of Shareholders
Upto 500	5937479	8.09	80989	95.03
501 to 1,000	1864124	2.54	2505	2.94
1,001 to 2,000	1520925	2.07	1065	1.25
2,001 to 3,000	651625	0.89	263	0.31
3,001 to 4,000	445544	0.61	127	0.15
4,001 to 5,000	284778	0.39	61	0.07
5,001 to 10,000	760795	1.04	108	0.13
10,001 to 50,000	1411195	1.92	69	0.08
50,001 to 1,00,000	1088357	1.48	14	0.02
1,00,001 and above	59472106	80.98	23	0.03
TOTAL as on 31-03-2024	73436928	100.00	85224	100.00
TOTAL as on 31-03-2023	73436928	100.00	86815	100.00

(B) Summary of Shareholders & Shares held in Physical and Demat mode as on 31st March, 2024:

PARTICULARS	PHYSICAL	DEMAT		TOTAL
		NSDL	CDSL	
Total Shareholders (No.)	6311	38925	39988	85224
Percentage (%)	7.41	45.67	46.92	100.00
Total Shares (No.)	638497	41808428	30990003	73436928
Percentage (%)	0.87	56.93	42.20	100.00





14. Category of Shareholders as on 31st March, 2024:

Category	Share-holders	Percentage (%)	Physical Holding	Electronic Holding	Total Shares	Percentage (%)
Promoters	7	0.01	-	3,39,86,310	3,39,86,310	46.28
Directors & their relatives	0	0.00	-	-	0	0.00
Mutual Funds, Banks, FI's, NBFC	32	0.04	965	11,31,550	11,32,515	1.54
Insurance Companies	2	0.00	50	9,92,879	9,92,929	1.35
Individuals	81307	95.40	5,74,014	1,18,47,365	1,24,21,379	16.91
Companies / Bodies Corporate /LLPs	516	0.61	2,892	2,18,52,496	2,18,55,388	29.76
FII's, NRI's, Foreign Nationals	1817	2.13	2,013	20,01,802	20,03,815	2.73
Trusts	6	0.01	52,094	717	52,811	0.07
Unit Trust of India	0	0.00	-	-	0	0.00
Co-operative Societies	8	0.01	6,212	-	6,212	0.01
HUF	1519	1.78	257	4,87,420	4,87,677	0.66
Unclaimed Shares	1	0.00	-	354	354	0.00
IEPF Authority	1	0.00	-	3,17,607	3,17,607	0.43
Clearing Members	6	0.01	-	931	931	0.00
Alternate Investment Fund	2	0.00	-	1,79,000	1,79,000	0.24
Total	85224	100.00	6,38,497	7,27,98,431	7,34,36,928	100.00

15. Outstanding Global Depository Receipts (GDR) or American Depository Receipts (ADR) or warrants or any convertible instruments, conversion date and likely impact on equity: NIL / NOT APPLICABLE

16. Commodity Price Risk or Foreign Exchange Risk and Hedging Activities:

Risk Management Policy of the listed entity with respect to commodities including through hedging:

During the year ended March 31, 2024, the Company has not hedged the Foreign Currency. In order to mitigate the Forex Risk, the Company has opened Exchange Earners' Foreign Currency Account (EEFC) US Dollar account as per RBI Guidelines to deposit the export earnings in the said account and to utilize the same for making US Dollar repayments towards interest and principal amount of ECB Loans. This mitigates the risk of volatility of INR vis-à-vis USD. The Company strives to increase USD exports, so as to generate sufficient reserves of USD in this account to meet repayment obligations.

The Company has adequate risk assessment and minimization system in place including for commodities. The Company does not have material exposure of any commodity and accordingly, no hedging activities for the same are carried out. Therefore, there is no disclosure for offer in terms of SEBI circular no. SEBI/HO/CFD/CMD1/CIR/P/2018/000000141 dated November 15, 2018.

Details of foreign currency transactions are disclosed in Note Nos. 2.3,17,37.5 and 42 to the Financial Statements.

17. CREDIT RATING :

The Company's financial discipline and prudence is reflected in the strong Credit Rating described by Rating Agency viz. M/s. CARE Ratings Limited (CARE) as per the following particulars:

Instrument	Rating Agency	Rating	Date of Rating
Long Term Bank Facilities	CARE Ratings Limited (CARE)	CARE AA (Double A)	CARE/ARO/RL/2024-25/3298 dated 30 th July, 2024
Short Term Bank Facilities		CARE A1+ (A One Plus)	
Commercial Paper Issue aggregating to Rs.100 Crore	CARE Ratings Limited (CARE)	CARE A1+ (A One Plus)	CARE/ARO/RL/2024-25/3299 dated 30 th July, 2024

18. List of shareholders holding more than 1% of the total Share Capital of the Company as on 31st March, 2024.

Sr. No.	Shareholder's Name	No. of Shares held	Percentage (%)
1.	LOK PRAKASHAN LTD	16215732	22.08
2.	GUJARAT STATE INVESTMENTS LIMITED	15329373	20.87
3.	GUJARAT INDUSTRIAL INVESTMENT CORPORATION LIMITED	7119028	9.69
4.	GUJARAT MINERAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION LTD	4145433	5.64
5.	GUJARAT INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION	2897740	3.95
6.	GUJARAT MARITIME BOARD	2734719	3.72
7.	GUJARAT NARMADA VALLEY FERTILIZERS & CHEMICALS LTD.	1759996	2.40
8.	GUJARAT STATE FERTILIZERS & CHEMICALS LIMITED	1655040	2.25
9.	MERIDIAN CHEM BOND PRIVATE LIMITED	1621002	2.21
10.	SHREYANS SHANTILAL SHAH	1295913	1.76
11.	GUJARAT INDUSTRIES POWER COMPANY LTD.	1103360	1.50
12.	THE NEW INDIA ASSURANCE COMPANY LIMITED	992879	1.35

PLANT LOCATIONS :

**(1) BARODA COMPLEX
& COELHO COMPLEX**
P.O.: Ranoli : 391 350
Dist.: Vadodara,
GUJARAT (INDIA)

(2) DAHEJ COMPLEX-1
Village : Dahej : 392 130
Taluka : Vagra,
Dist. : Bharuch
GUJARAT (INDIA)

(3) DAHEJ COMPLEX - 2 :
Plot No. DII/9, GIDC Dahej, PCPIR,
Near GNFC-TDI Plant,
Village: Rahiad, Taluka: Vagra,
Dist.: Bharuch, GUJARAT-392 130, (INDIA)

ADDRESS FOR CORRESPONDENCE:

GUJARAT ALKALIES AND CHEMICALS LIMITED
P.O. RANOLI – 391 350
DIST. : VADODARA, GUJARAT (INDIA)
PHONE NO. : 0265- 6111000
E-MAIL : INVESTOR_RELATIONS@GACL.CO.IN

**CERTIFICATE OF NON-DISQUALIFICATION OF DIRECTORS**

(Pursuant to Regulation 34(3) and Schedule V Para C clause (10)(i) of the SEBI
(Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015)

To,
The Members of
GUJARAT ALKALIES AND CHEMICALS LIMITED
(CIN: L24110GJ1973PLC002247)
P.O.: RANOLI
DIST.: VADODARA -391350

Dear Sir / Madam,

I have examined the relevant registers, records, forms, returns and disclosures received from the Directors of **GUJARAT ALKALIES AND CHEMICALS LIMITED** having CIN - L24110GJ1973PLC002247, having registered office at P.O. Ranoli : 391 350, Dist.: Vadodara (hereinafter referred to as 'the Company'), produced before me by the Company for the purpose of issuing this Certificate, in accordance with Regulation 34(3) read with Schedule V Para-C Sub Clause 10(i) of the Securities Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015.

In my opinion and to the best of my information and according to the verifications (including Directors Identification Number (DIN) status at the portal www.mca.gov.in) as considered necessary and explanations furnished to me by the Company and its officers and considering the relaxation granted by the Ministry of Corporate Affairs and Securities and Exchange Board of India, I hereby certify that none of the Directors on the Board of the Company as stated below for the Financial Year ending on 31st March, 2024 have been debarred or disqualified from being appointed or continuing as Directors of Companies by the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI), Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA) or any such other Statutory Authority.

Sr. No.	Name of Director	DIN	Date of Appointment in Company*
1.	Dr. Hasmukh Adhia, IAS (Retd.)	00093974	20.06.2023
2.	Shri Jagdish Prasad Gupta, IAS	01952821	15.12.2021
3.	Dr. Rahul Gupta, IAS	08572955	22.11.2023
4.	Shri Rajiv Lochan Jain	00161022	06.01.2016
5.	Shri Satyanarayan Banwarilal Dangayach	01572754	09.08.2019
6.	Shri Nitin Chandrashanker Shukla	00041433	24.03.2022
7.	Smt. Shridevi Niranjani Shukla	02028225	12.05.2022
8.	Shri Swaroop Sanandam Prithvi, IAS	08103838	29.07.2022

* The date of appointment is as per the MCA Portal.

Ensuring the eligibility for the appointment / continuity of every Director on the Board is the responsibility of the management of the Company. My responsibility is to express an opinion on the basis of our verification. This certificate is neither an assurance as to the future viability of the Company nor of the efficiency or effectiveness with which the management has conducted the affairs of the Company.

Signature : **Sd/-**
Name of PCS : NIRAJ TRIVEDI
FCS : 3844
C. P. No. : 3123
P.R. No. : 1014/2020
UDIN : F003844F000930101

Place : Vadodara

Date : 8th August, 2024

CERTIFICATE ON CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

(Pursuant to Regulation 34(3) and Schedule V Para E of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015)

To,
The Members of
GUJARAT ALKALIES AND CHEMICALS LIMITED
(CIN: L24110GJ1973PLC002247)
P.O.: RANOLI - 391350, DIST.:VADODARA

Dear Sir / Madam,

I have examined the compliance of the conditions of Corporate Governance by **Gujarat Alkalies and Chemicals Limited (CIN:- L24110GJ1973PLC002247)**, having its Registered Office at P. O. Ranoli– 391 346, Dist. : Vadodara (hereinafter referred to as “the Company”) for the Financial Year ended March 31, 2024 as stipulated in Regulation 17 to 27 and clause (b) to (i) and (t) of sub-regulation (2) of Regulation 46 and para C, D and E of Schedule V of Securities and Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015, (collectively referred to as “SEBI Listing Regulations, 2015”).

The compliance of conditions of Corporate Governance is the responsibility of the Company’s Management. My examination was limited to the review of procedures and implementation thereof, as adopted by the Company for ensuring the compliance of the conditions of Corporate Governance.

It is neither an audit nor an expression of an opinion on the financial statements of the Company.

In my opinion and to the best of our information and according to the explanations given to me, and representation made by the management and considering the relaxation granted by the Ministry of Corporate Affairs (“MCA”) and Securities and Exchange Board of India (“SEBI”), I certify that the Company, to the extent applicable, has complied with the conditions of Corporate Governance as stipulated in the above-mentioned SEBI Listing Regulations, 2015 for the year ended on March 31, 2024.

I further state that such compliance is neither an assurance as to the future viability of the Company nor efficiency or effectiveness with which the Management has conducted the affairs of the Company.

Place : Vadodara
Date : 8th August, 2024

Sd/-
Niraj Trivedi
Practicing Company Secretary
C P. No.: 3123
P.R. No. 1014/2020
UDIN : F003844F000928020



CERTIFICATION BY MANAGING DIRECTOR AND CFO TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- a) We have reviewed the Balance Sheet and Statement of Profit and Loss and Notes on Accounts as well as the Cash Flow Statement for the year ended on 31st March, 2024 and certify that to the best of our knowledge and belief:
- i) these statements do not contain any materially untrue statement or omit any material fact nor contain statement that might be misleading;
 - ii) these statements together present a true and fair view of the Company's affairs and are in compliance with the existing accounting standards, applicable laws and regulations.
- b) There are, to the best of our knowledge and belief, no transactions entered into by the Company during the year which are fraudulent, illegal or violative to the Company's code of conduct.
- c) We accept responsibility for establishing and maintaining internal controls for financial reporting and that we have evaluated the effectiveness of internal control systems of the Company pertaining to financial reporting and that we have disclosed to the auditors and the Audit Committee, deficiencies in the design or operation of which such internal controls, if any, of which we are aware, and the steps we have taken or proposed to take to rectify these deficiencies.
- d) We have indicated to the auditors and the Audit Committee:
- i) significant changes in internal controls over financial reporting during the year;
 - ii) significant changes in the accounting policies during the year and that the same have been disclosed in the notes to the financial statements; and
 - iii) instances of significant fraud of which we have become aware and the involvement therein, if any, of the management or an employee having a significant role in the Company's internal control system over financial reporting.

Sd/-
(SWAROOP P. IAS)
MANAGING DIRECTOR

Sd/-
(CA. RAM GIANANI)
AGM (FINANCE) &
CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

Place : Gandhinagar

Date : 30th May, 2024

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To The Members of
Gujarat Alkalies and Chemicals Limited

Report on the Audit of the Standalone Financial Statements

Opinion

We have audited the accompanying standalone financial statements of Gujarat Alkalies and Chemicals Limited ("the Company"), which comprise the Balance Sheet as at March 31, 2024, the Statement of Profit and Loss including Other Comprehensive Income, the Statement of Changes in Equity and the Statement of Cash Flows for the year then ended and notes to the standalone financial statements including material accounting policy information and other explanatory information (hereinafter referred to as "the standalone financial statements").

In our opinion and to the best of our information and according to the explanations given to us, the aforesaid standalone financial statements give the information required by the Companies Act, 2013 ("the Act") in the manner so required and give a true and fair view in conformity with the Indian Accounting Standards specified under section 133 of the Act read with the Companies (Indian Accounting Standards) Rules, 2015, as amended, ("Ind AS") and other accounting principles generally accepted in India, of the state of affairs of the Company as at March 31, 2024, and total comprehensive income (comprising of loss and other comprehensive income), changes in equity and its cash flows for the year ended on that date.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit of the standalone financial statements in accordance with the Standards on Auditing (SAs) specified under section 143(10) of the Act. Our responsibilities under those Standards are further described in the Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Standalone financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the Company in accordance with the Code of Ethics issued by the Institute of Chartered

Accountants of India together with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the standalone financial statements under the provisions of the Act and the Rules made thereunder, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements and the Code of Ethics. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion on the standalone financial statements.

Emphasis of matter

We draw attention to Note no. 5 to the standalone annual financial statements, which describes the fact that in view of the losses of Rs.17,432.36 Lakhs incurred by Joint Venture Company, GACL – Nalco Alkalies & Chemicals Private Limited ("JV") during the year and accumulated losses of Rs. 45,972.65 Lakhs as at March 31, 2024, the Company, through external expert, has carried out impairment review of its Investment of Rs. 41,400 Lakhs in 41,40,00,000 equity shares of Rs. 10/- each in JV. As per external expert's assessment, the fair value of above-referred Equity Investment in JV exceeds its carrying value and consequently, the management has determined that no impairment provision needs to be recognised against carrying value of its Equity Investment held in said JV as of March 31, 2024.

Our opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.

Key Audit Matters

Key audit matters are those matters that, in our professional judgment, were of most significance in our audit of these standalone financial statements of the current period. These matters were addressed in the context of our audit of the standalone financial statements as a whole, and in forming our opinion thereon, and we do not provide a separate opinion on these matters. We have determined the matters described below to be the key audit matters to be communicated in our report.

Sr. No.	Key Audit Matter	How our audit addressed the Key Audit Matter
1	<p>Valuation of Investments (Unquoted) (Refer note 6 and 37.9.1 to the standalone financial statements)</p> <p>Investments in Equity and other Securities Instruments (Unquoted) aggregate a significant amount of the Company's total assets as at March 31, 2024.</p> <p>The Company measures its investments in Equity Instruments (Unquoted) at Fair Value through Other Comprehensive Income and its investment in other Securities Instruments (Unquoted) at fair value through Profit and Loss as at the Balance Sheet date.</p>	<p>Principal Audit Procedures</p> <p>Our audit procedures included:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Evaluated and tested the design and operating effectiveness of the key controls implemented by the Company with respect to the valuation of Investments in Equity and other Securities instruments (unquoted), inter alia controls around: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) periodic review by management, of the risks of the valuation approach/ methodology; b) Examination of unobservable inputs; c) selection and competence evaluation of external valuer;



Sr. No.	Key Audit Matter	How our audit addressed the Key Audit Matter
	<p>Fair value is determined using valuation approach / methodology for which significant inputs are unobservable inputs (Level 3 inputs).</p> <p>The valuation approach / methodology adopted by the management in certain cases are single valuation methods and, in some cases, multiple valuation approaches, and hence involve significant judgment as regards the methods and inputs used.</p>	<p>Conclusion: Based on the procedures described above, we did not identify any material exceptions to the management’s assertions and treatment, presentation and disclosure of the subject matter in standalone financial statements.</p>

Information Other than the Standalone Financial Statements and Auditors’ Report Thereon

The Company’s Board of Directors is responsible for the preparation of the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the Board’s Report including Annexures to Board’s Report, Management Discussion and Analysis, Corporate Governance Report, Business Responsibility and Sustainability Report and Shareholder’s Information but does not include the standalone financial statements and our auditors’ report thereon. The above-referred information is expected to be made available to us after the date of this audit report.

Our opinion on the standalone financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the standalone financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information identified above and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the standalone financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated.

When we read the information, if we conclude that there is a material misstatement therein, we are required to communicate the matter to those charged with governance and take appropriate actions necessitated by the circumstances and the applicable laws and regulations.

Responsibilities of Management and Those Charged with Governance for the Standalone financial statements

The Company’s Board of Directors is responsible for the matters stated in section 134(5) of the Act with respect to the preparation of these standalone financial statements that give a true and fair view of the financial position, financial performance, total comprehensive income, changes in equity and cash flows of the Company in accordance with the accounting principles generally accepted in India, including the Indian Accounting Standards (Ind AS) specified under section 133 of the Act.

This responsibility also includes maintenance of adequate accounting records in accordance with the provisions of the Act for safeguarding of the assets of the Company and for preventing and detecting frauds and other irregularities; selection and application of appropriate accounting policies; making judgments and estimates that are reasonable and

prudent; and design, implementation and maintenance of adequate internal financial controls, that were operating effectively for ensuring the accuracy and completeness of the accounting records, relevant to the preparation and presentation of the standalone financial statements that give a true and fair view and are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the standalone financial statements, management is responsible for assessing the Company’s ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the Company or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

The Board of Directors is also responsible for overseeing the Company’s financial reporting process.

Auditors’ Responsibilities for the Audit of the Standalone financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the standalone financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditors’ report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with SAs will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these standalone financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with SAs, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the standalone financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to

the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances. Under section 143(3)(i) of the Act, we are also responsible for expressing our opinion on whether the Company has adequate internal financial controls with reference to standalone financial statements in place and the operating effectiveness of such controls.

- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Company's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditors' report to the related disclosures in the standalone financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditors' report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Company to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the standalone financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the standalone financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

We also provide those charged with governance with a statement that we have complied with relevant ethical requirements regarding independence, and to communicate with them all relationships and other matters that may reasonably be thought to bear on our independence, and where applicable, related safeguards.

From the matters communicated with those charged with governance, we determine those matters that were of most significance in the audit of the standalone financial statements of the current period and are therefore the key audit matters. We describe these matters in our auditors' report unless law or regulation precludes public disclosure about the matters or when, in extremely rare circumstances, we determine that a matter should not be communicated in our report because the adverse consequences of doing so would reasonably be expected to outweigh the public interest benefits of such communication.

Report on Other Legal and Regulatory Requirements

1. As required by the Companies (Auditor's Report) Order, 2020 ("the Order") issued by the Central Government of India in terms of sub-section (11) of section 143 of the Act, we give in **Annexure "A"**, a statement on the matters specified in paragraphs 3 and 4 of the

Order, to the extent applicable.

2. As required by Section 143(3) of the Act, we report that:
 - a. we have sought and obtained all the information and explanations which to the best of our knowledge and belief were necessary for the purposes of our audit;
 - b. in our opinion, proper books of account as required by law have been kept by the company so far as it appears from our examination of those books except for the matters stated in the paragraph (i) (vi) below on reporting under rule 11(g);
 - c. the Balance Sheet, the Statement of Profit and Loss including other comprehensive income, the Statement of Changes in Equity and the Statement of Cash Flows dealt with by this Report are in agreement with the books of account;
 - d. in our opinion, the aforesaid standalone financial statements comply with the Ind AS specified under Section 133 of the Act;
 - e. on the basis of the written representations received from the directors as on March 31, 2024, taken on record by the Board of Directors, none of the directors is disqualified as on March 31, 2024, from being appointed as a director in terms of Section 164(2) of the Act;
 - f. the observation relating to the maintenance of accounts and other matters connected therewith are as stated in the paragraph (b) above on reporting under Section 143(3)(b) and paragraph (i) (vi) below on reporting under Rule 11(g).
 - g. with respect to the adequacy of the internal financial controls with reference to standalone financial statements of the Company and the operating effectiveness of such controls, refer to our separate report in **Annexure "B"**;
 - h. with respect to the other matters to be included in the Auditors' Report in accordance with the requirements of section 197(16) of the Act, as amended:

In our opinion and to the best of our information and according to the explanations given to us, the remuneration paid by the Company to its directors during the year is in accordance with the provisions of section 197 of the Act; and
 - i. the other matters to be included in the Auditors' Report in accordance with Rule 11 of with respect to the Companies (Audit and Auditors) Rules, 2014, in our opinion and to the best of our information and according to the explanations given to us:
 - i. the Company has disclosed the impact of pending litigations on its financial position in its standalone financial statements – refer note 43 to the standalone financial statements;



- ii. the Company did not have any long-term contracts including derivative contracts for which there were material foreseeable losses as at March 31, 2024;
- iii. there has been no delay in transferring amounts, required to be transferred, to the Investor Education and Protection Fund by the Company.
- iv. (a) the management has represented that, to the best of its knowledge and belief, no funds have been advanced or loaned or invested (either from borrowed funds or share premium or any other sources or kind of funds) by the Company to or in any other person(s) or entity(ies), including foreign entities ("Intermediaries"), with the understanding, whether recorded in writing or otherwise, that the Intermediary shall, whether, directly or indirectly lend or invest in other persons or entities identified in any manner whatsoever by or on behalf of the company ("Ultimate Beneficiaries") or provide any guarantee, security or the like on behalf of the Ultimate Beneficiaries;
- (b) the management has represented, that, to the best of its knowledge and belief, no funds have been received by the company from any person(s) or entity(ies), including foreign entities ("Funding Parties"), with the understanding, whether recorded in writing or otherwise, that the company shall, whether, directly or indirectly, lend or invest in other persons or entities identified in any manner whatsoever by or on behalf of the Funding Party ("Ultimate Beneficiaries") or provide any guarantee, security or the like on behalf of the Ultimate Beneficiaries; and
- (c) Based on the audit procedures that have been considered reasonable and appropriate in the circumstances, nothing has come to our notice that has caused us to believe that the representations under sub-clause (i) and (ii) of Rule 11(e), as provided under (a) and (b) above, contain any material misstatement.
- v. As stated in Note 15(v) to the standalone financial statements:
 - (a) The final dividend proposed in the previous year, declared and paid by the company during the year is in accordance with section 123 of the Act, as applicable.
 - (b) The Board of Directors of the Company has proposed final dividend for the year which is subject to the approval of the members at the ensuing Annual General Meeting. The dividend proposed is in accordance with section 123 of the Act to the extent it applies to declaration of dividend.
- vi. Based on our examination which included test checks, the company has used accounting software for maintaining its books of account which has a feature of recording audit trail (edit log) facility and the same has operated throughout the year for all relevant transactions recorded in the accounting software at the application level. However, the company has not enabled the audit trail (edit log) feature at database level in the accounting software. We did not come across any instance of audit trail feature being tampered with at the application level.

As proviso to Rule 3(1) of the Companies (Accounts) Rules, 2014 is applicable from the period April 1, 2023 reporting under Rule 11(g) of the Companies Act (Audit and Auditors) Rules, 2014 on preservation of audit trail as per the statutory requirements for record retention is not applicable for the financial year ending March 31, 2024.

For **K C Mehta & Co LLP**

Chartered Accountants

Firm's Registration No. 106237W/W100829

Shripal Shah

Partner

Membership No. 114988

UDIN: 24114988BKALZV1484

Place: Vadodara

Date: May 30, 2024

ANNEXURE "A" TO THE INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

The annexure referred to in our Independent Auditors' Report to the members of Gujarat Alkalies and Chemicals Limited("the Company") on the standalone financial statements for the year ended March 31, 2024, we report that:

- i. In respect of the Company's Property, Plant and Equipment:
 - (A) The Company has maintained proper records showing full particulars, including quantitative

details and situation of Property, Plant and Equipment ("PPE");

- (B) The Company has maintained proper records showing full particulars of intangible assets.
- b) The Company has a program of physical verification of PPE to cover all the items in a phased manner over a period of three years which, in our opinion, is reasonable having regard to the size of the Company and the nature of its assets.

According to the information and explanations given to us, no material discrepancies were noticed on such verification.

- c) According to the information and explanations given to us and the records examined by us and based on the examination of the registered sale deed / transfer deed / conveyance deed provided to us, we report that, the title deeds, comprising all the immovable properties of land and buildings which are freehold, are held in the name of the Company as at the balance sheet date. In respect of immovable properties of land and buildings that have been taken on lease and disclosed as PPE in the financial statements, the lease agreements are in the name of the Company, where the Company is the lessee in the agreement.
- d) The Company has not revalued its PPE (including Right of Use Assets) or intangible assets or both during the year, and hence reporting under this clause of the Order is not applicable to the Company;
- e) According to the information and explanations given to us no proceedings have been initiated or are pending against the Company for holding any benami property under the Benami Transactions (Prohibition) Act, 1988 (45 of 1988) and rules thereunder.
- ii. In respect of Inventories:
- a) The Inventories except for goods-in-transit have been physically verified by the management during the year and in our opinion, the coverage and procedure for such verification is reasonable. As explained to us, there were no discrepancies of 10% or more in the aggregate for each class of inventory on physical verification of inventory as compared to the book records.
- b) According to the information and explanations given to us, the company has been sanctioned working capital limits in excess of five crore rupees, in aggregate, from banks on the basis of security of current assets and the quarterly returns or statements filed by the company with such banks are in agreement with the books of account of the Company.
- iii. During the year, the Company has not made any investments, provided any guarantee or security, or granted any loans or advances in the nature of loans to companies, firms, Limited Liability Partnerships or any other parties, and therefore, reporting under Clause (iii)(a),(b),(d),(e),(f) of the Order is not applicable to the Company.
- (c) In respect of loans granted by the Company in earlier year, the schedule of repayment of principal and payment of interest has been stipulated and the repayments of principal amounts and receipts of interest have been regular during the year and the outstanding balance of these loans as at balance sheet date is Nil.
- iv. According to the information and explanations given to us and on the basis of our examination of the records of the Company, the Company has not given any loans, or provided any guarantee or security as specified under Section 185 and 186 of the Companies Act, 2013. In respect of the investments made by the Company in earlier years, in our opinion, the provisions of Section 186 of the Act have been complied with.
- v. According to the information and explanations given to us, the Company has not accepted any deposits or amounts which are deemed to be deposits during the year from the public or under the directives issued by Reserve Bank of India, therefore, the provisions of sections 73 to 76 of the Act and rules framed there under are not applicable to the Company.
- vi. We have broadly reviewed the records maintained by the Company pursuant to the rules prescribed by the Central Government for maintenance of cost records under sub-section (1) of section 148 of the Companies Act, 2013 and are of the opinion that prima facie the prescribed records have been made and maintained. We have, however, not made a detailed examination of the records with a view to determining whether they are accurate or complete.
- vii. (a) According to the information and explanations given to us, the Company has been regular in depositing with appropriate authorities undisputed statutory dues, including Goods and Services Tax, provident fund, employee's state insurance, income-tax, value added tax, cess and other material statutory dues applicable to it. Further, no undisputed amounts payable in respect of Goods and Services Tax, provident fund, employee's state insurance, income tax, value added tax, cess and any other statutory dues were in arrears, as at March 31, 2024, for a period of more than six months from the date they become payable.



(b) Statutory Dues which have not been deposited on account of any dispute as on March 31, 2024 are as follows:

Name of Statute	Nature of Dues	Forum where the Dispute is Pending	Period to which the Amount Relates	Amount Involved (in lakhs)	Amount Unpaid (in lakhs)
Gujarat Sales Tax Act, 1969	Sales Tax Liability (Including Purchase Tax Liability)	Joint Commissioner of Appeals	2000-01 to 2005-06	20,431.56	20,431.56
		Gujarat Sales Tax Tribunal	2002-03 to 2005-06	50.18	46.68
		Deputy Commissioner of State Tax Appeals	2016-17 to 2017-18	603.40	148.81
Income Tax Act, 1961	Income Tax	Commissioner of Income Tax (Appeals)	2013-14 to 2015-16	8384.68	5405.68
		High Court, Gujarat	2003-04 to 2006-07, 2007-08, 2009-10, 2010-11	9,301.31	Nil
		Supreme Court	2007-08	1628.74	Nil
Finance Act, 1994	Service Tax	High Court	April 2010 to January 2015	74.61	68.08
		Central Excise and Service Tax Appellate Tribunal	November 2008 to June 2017	533.41	496.48
		Commissioner (Appeals)	April 2011 to February 2016	1.59	1.48
Central Excise Act, 1944	Central Excise	Central Excise and Service Tax Appellate Tribunal	January 2004 to June 2017	3066.32	2947.37
		High Court, Gujarat	1996-97 to 2001-02	1,719.66	462.12

viii. According to the information and explanations given to us, no unrecorded transactions in the books of account have been surrendered or disclosed as income during the year in the tax assessments under the Income Tax Act, 1961 (43 of 1961).

ix. (a) In our opinion and according to the information and explanations given to us, the Company has not defaulted in repayment of loans or other borrowings or in the payment of interest thereon to any lender.

(b) The Company has not been declared wilful defaulter by any bank or financial institution or government or any government authority.

(c) In our opinion and according to the information and explanation given to us, the Company has not taken any term loan during the year and there are no unutilised term loans at the beginning of the year and hence reporting under clause 3(ix)(c) of the Order is not applicable to the Company.

(d) On an overall examination of the financial statements of the Company, funds raised on short-term basis have, prima facie, not been used during the year for long-term purposes by the Company.

(e) On an overall examination of the financial statements of the Company, the Company has

not taken any funds from any entity or person on account of or to meet the obligations of its joint venture. The Company does not have any subsidiaries or associates.

(f) The Company has not raised any loans on pledge of securities held in its joint venture and hence reporting under clause 3(ix)(f) of the Order is not applicable to the Company.

x. (a) According to information and explanation given to us, the Company has not raised any money by way of initial public offer or further public offer (including debt instruments) during the year and hence reporting under clause 3(x)(a) of the Order is not applicable to the Company.

(b) During the year, the Company has not made any preferential allotment or private placement of shares or convertible debentures (fully or partly or optionally) and hence reporting under clause 3(x)(b) of the Order is not applicable to the Company.

xi. (a) To the best of our knowledge and according to information and explanations given to us, no material fraud by the Company or on the Company has been noticed or reported during the year.

(b) No report under sub-section (12) of section 143 of the Companies Act has been filed in Form

ADT-4 as prescribed under rule 13 of Companies (Audit and Auditors) Rules, 2014 with the Central Government, during the year and upto the date of this report.

- (c) As represented to us by the management, there are no whistle blower complaints received by the Company during the year.
- xii. The Company is not a Nidhi company and therefore, reporting under clause (xii) of the Order is not applicable to the Company.
- xiii. In our opinion and according to the information and explanations given to us and based on our examination of the records of the Company, all transactions with the related parties are in compliance with Section 177 and 188 of the Act where applicable and the details have been disclosed in the financial statements as required by the applicable Indian Accounting Standards.
- xiv. (a) In our opinion and based on our examination, the Company has an adequate internal audit system commensurate with the size and the nature of its business.
- (b) We have considered, the internal audit reports for the year under audit, issued to the Company during the year and till date, in determining the nature, timing and extent of our audit procedures.
- xv. In our opinion and according to the information and explanations given to us, the Company has not entered into any non-cash transactions with directors or persons connected with directors and therefore, reporting under clause (xv) of the Order is not applicable to the Company.
- xvi. In our opinion and according to the information and explanations given to us:
- (a) the Company is not required to be registered under section 45-IA of the Reserve Bank of India Act, 1934.
- (b) the Company has not conducted any Non-Banking Financial or Housing Finance activities during the year as covered under the requirements the Reserve Bank of India Act, 1934.
- (c) the Company is a not a Core Investment Company as defined in the regulations made by Reserve Bank of India.
- (d) the Company does not have any Core Investment Companies which are part of the Group;
- xvii. The Company has not incurred cash losses during the financial year covered by our audit and the immediately preceding financial year.
- xviii. There has been no resignation of the statutory auditors during the year and therefore, reporting under this clause of the Order is not applicable to the Company;
- xix. According to the information and explanations given to us and on the basis of the financial ratios, ageing and expected dates of realization of financial assets and payment of financial liabilities, other information accompanying the financial statements, our knowledge of the Board of Directors and management plans and based on our examination of the evidence supporting the assumptions, nothing has come to our attention, which causes us to believe that any material uncertainty exists as on the date of the audit report that company is not capable of meeting its liabilities existing at the date of balance sheet as and when they fall due within a period of one year from the balance sheet date. We, however, state that this is not an assurance as to the future viability of the company. We further state that our reporting is based on the facts up to the date of the audit report and we neither give any guarantee nor any assurance that all liabilities falling due within a period of one year from the balance sheet date, will get discharged by the company as and when they fall due.
- xx. (a) There are no unspent amounts towards Corporate Social responsibility on other than ongoing projects requiring a transfer to a fund specified in Schedule VII to the Companies Act in compliance with second proviso to sub-section (5) of Section 135 of the said Act. Accordingly reporting under clause 3(xx)(a) of the Order is not applicable for the year.
- (b) In respect of ongoing projects, the company has transferred unspent Corporate Social Responsibility amount as at the end of the Balance sheet date to special account within period of 30 days from the end of the said financial year in compliance with the provision of sub-section (6) of section 135 of the said Act.

For **K C Mehta & Co LLP**
Chartered Accountants

Firm's Registration No. 106237W/W100829

Shripal Shah
Partner

Place: Vadodara
Date: May 30, 2024

Membership No. 114988
UDIN: 24114988BKALZV1484

ANNEXURE “B” TO THE INDEPENDENT AUDITORS’ REPORT

(Referred to in paragraph 2(g) under ‘Report on Other Legal and Regulatory Requirements’ section of our report to the Members of Gujarat Alkalies and Chemicals Limited on the standalone financial statements of even date)

Report on the Internal Financial Controls under Clause (i) of Sub-section 3 of Section 143 of the Act.

We have audited the internal financial controls with reference to standalone financial statements of **Gujarat Alkalies and Chemicals Limited** (“the Company”) as of March 31, 2024, in conjunction with our audit of the standalone financial statements of the Company for the year ended on that date.

Management’s Responsibility for Internal Financial Controls

The Company’s management is responsible for establishing and maintaining internal financial controls based on the internal control over financial reporting criteria established by the Company considering the essential components of internal control stated in the Guidance Note on Audit of Internal Financial Controls over Financial Reporting issued by the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (“ICAI”). These responsibilities include the design, implementation and maintenance of adequate internal financial controls that were operating effectively for ensuring the orderly and efficient conduct of its business, including adherence to company’s policies, the safeguarding of its assets, the prevention and detection of frauds and errors, the accuracy and completeness of the accounting records, and the timely preparation of reliable financial information, as required under the Act.

Auditors’ Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the Company’s internal financial controls with reference to standalone financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with the Guidance Note on Audit of Internal Financial Controls over Financial Reporting (the, “Guidance note”) and the Standards on Auditing, issued by ICAI and deemed to be prescribed under section 143(10) of the Companies Act, to the extent applicable to an audit of internal financial controls, both applicable to an audit of Internal Financial Controls and, both issued by the ICAI. Those Standards and the Guidance Note require that we comply with ethical requirements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether adequate internal financial controls with reference to standalone financial statements were established and maintained and if such controls operated effectively in all material respects.

Our audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the adequacy of the internal financial controls with reference to standalone financial statements and their operating effectiveness. Our audit of internal financial controls with reference to standalone financial statements included obtaining an understanding of internal financial controls with reference to standalone financial statements, assessing the risk that a material weakness exists, and testing and evaluating the design and operating effectiveness of internal control based on the assessed risk. The procedures selected depend on the auditors’ judgement, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the standalone financial statements, whether due to fraud or error.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion on the Company’s internal financial controls with reference to standalone financial statements.

Meaning of Internal Financial Controls with reference to Standalone financial statements

A Company’s internal financial controls with reference to Standalone financial statements is a process designed to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of standalone financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. A Company’s internal financial controls with reference to standalone financial statements includes those policies and procedures that (1) pertain to the maintenance of records that, in reasonable detail, accurately and fairly reflect the transactions and dispositions of the assets of the Company; (2) provide reasonable assurance that transactions are recorded as necessary to permit preparation of standalone financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, and that receipts and expenditures of the Company are being made only in accordance with authorizations of management and directors of the Company; and (3) provide reasonable assurance regarding prevention or timely detection of unauthorized acquisition, use, or disposition of the Company’s assets that could have a material effect on the standalone financial statements.

Inherent Limitations of Internal Financial Controls with reference to standalone financial statements

Because of the inherent limitations of internal financial controls with reference to standalone financial statements, including the possibility of collusion or improper management override of controls, material misstatements due to error or fraud may occur and not be detected. Also, projections



of any evaluation of the internal financial controls with reference to standalone financial statements to future periods are subject to the risk that the internal financial control with reference to standalone financial statements may become inadequate because of changes in conditions, or that the degree of compliance with the policies or procedures may deteriorate.

Opinion

In our opinion, the Company has, in all material respects, adequate internal financial controls with reference to standalone financial statements and such internal financial controls with reference to standalone financial statements were operating effectively as at March 31, 2024, based on the internal control over financial reporting criteria established by the Company considering the essential

components of internal control stated in the Guidance Note on Audit of Internal Financial Controls over Financial Reporting issued by the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India.

For **K C Mehta & Co LLP**
Chartered Accountants
Firm's Registration No. 106237W/W100829

Place: Vadodara
Date: May 30, 2024

Shripal Shah
Partner
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STANDALONE BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST MARCH, 2024

[Rs. in Lakhs]

Particulars	Note No.	As at 31.03.2024	As at 31.03.2023
I ASSETS			
(1) Non-current assets			
(a) Property, Plant and Equipment	3	452,232.48	415,093.23
(b) Right of use asset	3	9,247.72	9,526.26
(c) Capital work-in-progress	3	9,488.71	54,396.98
(d) Intangible assets	4	236.83	340.83
(e) Financial Assets			
(i) Investments			
(a) Investment in Joint Venture	5	41,400.00	41,400.00
(b) Other Investments	6	193,509.79	156,753.74
(ii) Loans	7	147.06	48.95
(iii) Other Financial assets	8	10,562.04	2,293.71
(f) Non-Current Tax Assets (Net)	9	17,835.65	18,819.97
(g) Other non-current assets	10	3,916.15	10,949.47
Total Non - current assets		738,576.43	709,623.14
(2) Current assets			
(a) Inventories	11	40,725.78	46,072.51
(b) Financial Assets			
(i) Other Investments	6	2,007.93	2,065.57
(ii) Trade receivables	12	17,764.94	28,456.31
(iii) Cash and cash equivalents	13	15,472.45	45,554.38
(iv) Bank balance other than (iii) above	14	703.99	2,736.93
(v) Loans	7	84.09	5,061.94
(vi) Other Financial assets	8	2,359.97	4,525.98
(c) Other current assets	10	12,227.09	6,502.25
Total Current assets		91,346.24	140,975.87
TOTAL ASSETS		829,922.67	850,599.01
General Information	1		
Material Accounting Policy Information	2		

See accompanying notes forming part of financial statements.

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As per our attached Report of even date.

For and on behalf of the Board

For **K C Mehta & Co LLP**
Chartered Accountants
Firm Reg. No. : 106237W/W100829

Swaroop P. IAS
Managing Director
DIN No. : 08103838

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Ram P. Gianani
Addl. General Manager (Finance) &
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Place : Gandhinagar
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STANDALONE BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST MARCH, 2024 (Contd.)

[Rs. in Lakhs]

Particulars	Note No.	As at 31.03.2024	As at 31.03.2023
II EQUITY AND LIABILITIES			
(1) EQUITY			
(a) Equity Share capital	15	7,343.84	7,343.84
(b) Other Equity	16	627,793.43	623,702.33
Total Equity		635,137.27	631,046.17
(2) LIABILITIES			
Non-current liabilities			
(a) Financial Liabilities			
(i) Borrowings	17	34,277.96	45,885.92
(ii) Lease Liabilities	18	65.21	66.29
(b) Provisions	19	14,098.09	13,247.44
(c) Deferred tax liabilities (Net)	20	71,887.37	76,368.18
Total Non-current liabilities		120,328.63	135,567.83
Current Liabilities			
(a) Financial Liabilities			
(i) Borrowings	17	20,064.63	13,695.00
(ii) Lease Liabilities	18	5.96	6.04
(iii) Trade payables			
(a) Total outstanding dues of micro enterprises and small enterprises	21	4,136.76	3,911.11
(b) Total outstanding dues of creditors other than micro enterprises and small enterprises	21	33,328.15	45,472.35
(iv) Other financial liabilities	22	7,026.36	11,066.37
(b) Other current liabilities	23	7,383.64	7,353.95
(c) Provisions	19	1,508.75	1,477.67
(d) Current Tax Liabilities (Net)	9	1,002.52	1,002.52
Total Current Liabilities		74,456.77	83,985.01
Total Liabilities		194,785.40	219,552.84
TOTAL EQUITY AND LIABILITIES		829,922.67	850,599.01
General Information	1		
Material Accounting Policy Information	2		

See accompanying notes forming part of financial statements.

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STANDALONE STATEMENT OF PROFIT AND LOSS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 2024

[Rs. in Lakhs]

Particulars	Note No.	Year Ended 31.03.2024	Year Ended 31.03.2023
I. Revenue from operations	24	380,663.43	451,650.06
II. Other Income	25	9,006.46	4,215.18
III. Total Income (I + II)		389,669.89	455,865.24
IV. Expenses:			
Cost of materials consumed	26	165,098.37	150,783.92
Purchase of Stock-in-Trade		-	1,858.80
Changes in inventories of finished goods, stock-in-trade and work-in-progress	27	(5,796.54)	(1,692.71)
Employee benefits expense	28	26,503.83	25,239.70
Finance costs	29	4,456.50	1,946.24
Depreciation and amortisation expense	30	37,740.71	27,608.80
Power, Fuel & Other Utilities	31	127,689.43	111,843.89
Other expenses	32	53,565.25	52,157.50
Total Expenses		409,257.55	369,746.14
V. Profit before Tax (III - IV)		(19,587.66)	86,119.10
VI. Tax expense	33		
(a) Current tax		-	15,120.63
(b) Deferred tax		(6,230.11)	12,818.34
(c) Net Tax Adjustment of earlier year		(133.30)	609.74
		(6,363.41)	28,548.71
VII. Profit for the year (V - VI)		(13,224.25)	57,570.39
VIII. Other Comprehensive Income			
Items that will not be reclassified to profit or loss			
Remeasurement of Defined Benefits Plans - Gratuity		(365.19)	533.03
Deferred Tax Assets / (liabilities) on Remeasurement of Defined Benefits Plans - Gratuity		127.61	(186.26)
Fair Value of Equity Instruments - FVTOCI		36,756.05	(11,047.39)
Deferred Tax Assets / (liabilities) on Fair Value of Equity Instruments - FVTOCI		(1,908.72)	1,074.82
Total Other Comprehensive Income (VIII)		34,609.75	(9,625.80)
IX. Total Comprehensive Income (VII + VIII)		21,385.50	47,944.59
X. Earning per equity share (face value Rs.10/-each):	34		
(1) Basic (Rs.)		(18.01)	78.39
(2) Diluted (Rs.)		(18.01)	78.39
General Information	1		
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STANDALONE STATEMENT OF CASH FLOW FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 2024

[Rs. in Lakhs]

Particulars	2023-24	2022-23
A Cash Flow from Operating Activities	6,661.65	95,997.50
B Cash Flow from Investing Activities	(8,999.98)	(66,085.81)
C Cash Flow from Financing Activities	(27,730.06)	(14,025.82)
D Effect of unrealised exchange differences on translation of foreign currency cash and cash equivalents	(13.54)	(102.77)
E Cash and Cash Equivalents at the beginning of the year	45,554.38	29,771.28
F Cash and Cash Equivalents at the end of the year	15,472.45	45,554.38
G Total Cash Flow During the year (A+B+C+D) Or (F-E)	(30,081.93)	15,783.10
A CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES :		
Net Profit / (Loss) Before Tax	(19,587.66)	86,119.10
Adjustments For :		
Addition / (Deduction)		
Depreciation and Amortisation Expenses	37,740.71	27,608.80
Interest Income	(2,964.14)	(1,929.52)
Dividend Received	(4,562.58)	(1,880.40)
Interest Expense	4,456.50	1,946.24
Net (Profit) / Loss on Sale of Property Plant & Equipment	7.01	6.79
Net (Gain) / Loss arising from Financial Assets designated as FVTPL	(301.30)	(290.12)
Unrealised foreign exchange (gain)/loss	766.62	3,529.16
Expected credit loss allowances	(695.84)	(41.02)
Provision for Gratuity & Leave	895.19	(2,474.46)
Provision / Written off for Stores and Spares	(475.42)	480.00
Sub Total	34,866.75	26,955.47
Operating Profit Before changes in assets/ (liabilities)	15,279.09	113,074.57
Decrease or (Increase) in Assets :		
Trade Receivables	11,381.72	1,888.00
Loans	(120.26)	81.79
Other Assets	501.15	(922.92)
Other Financial Assets	(6,385.06)	(2,781.98)
Inventories	5,822.15	(11,238.82)
Increase / (Decrease) in Liabilities :		
Trade Payables and Other Current Liabilities	(11,941.21)	14,356.70
Provisions	222.77	162.74
Other Financial Liabilities	(3,630.07)	(170.45)
Cash Generated from Operations Before Tax	11,130.28	114,449.63
Direct Taxes Paid (Net)	(4,468.63)	(18,452.13)
Net Cash Flow generated from Operating Activities : (Total - A)	6,661.65	95,997.50



STANDALONE STATEMENT OF CASH FLOW FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 2024 (Contd.)

[Rs. in Lakhs]

Particulars	2023-24	2022-23
B CASH FLOW FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES :		
Payment for Property Plant & Equipment (Including Capital Work-in-Progress)	(23,125.71)	(68,306.79)
Proceeds from disposal of Property Plant & Equipment	101.76	22.17
Proceed from Sale of Investment	358.94	497.84
Interest Received	2,002.45	1,920.57
Dividend Received	4,562.58	1,880.40
Proceeds/Payment for Deposit	2,100.00	(2,100.00)
Proceeds/Payment for Inter Corporate Deposits	5,000.00	-
Net Cash generated / (used) in Investment Activities - (Total - B)	(8,999.98)	(66,085.81)
C CASH FLOW FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES :		
Interest and Finance charges paid	(4,481.67)	(1,855.52)
Dividend paid	(17,347.69)	(7,358.89)
Unpaid Dividend	53.29	15.20
Increase in Restricted Bank Balances other than Cash & Cash Equivalents	(13.77)	(430.61)
Repayment of Non-Current Borrowings	(13,433.58)	(4,239.09)
Proceeds/Repayment from/of Current Borrowings (Net)	7,500.00	(150.26)
Repayment of Lease Liabilities	(1.16)	(1.03)
Repayment of Lease Liabilities - Interest	(5.48)	(5.62)
Net Cash generated / (used) in Financing Activities - (Total - C)	(27,730.06)	(14,025.82)
D EFFECT OF UNREALISED EXCHANGE DIFFERENCES ON TRANSLATION OF FOREIGN CURRENCY CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	(13.54)	(102.77)
E CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT THE BEGINNING OF THE YEAR :		
Cash and Cheques on Hand	4.18	3.61
Balances with Banks	6,050.20	4,767.67
Balances with Financial Institution	39,500.00	25,000.00
Net Cash and Cash Equivalents at the beginning of the year (Total - E)	45,554.38	29,771.28
F CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT THE END OF THE YEAR :		
Cash and Cheques on Hand	0.81	4.18
Balances with Banks	5,471.64	6,050.20
Balances with Financial Institution	10,000.00	39,500.00
Net Cash and Cash Equivalents at the end of the year (Total - F)	15,472.45	45,554.38
G TOTAL CASH FLOW DURING THE YEAR (A+B+C+D) OR (F-E)	(30,081.93)	15,783.10

Note :-

- The Cash Flow Statement has been prepared under the 'Indirect Method' set out in Ind AS -7 "Statement of Cash Flows".
- Changes in liability arising from financial activities:

Long term Borrowings	2023-24	2022-23
Opening Balance	59,580.92	59,183.41
Cash in flow - Receipt of New Borrowings	-	-
Cash out Flow - Repayment of Borrowings	(13,433.58)	(4,239.09)
Foreign Exchange and non-cash movement (net off)	695.25	4,636.60
Closing Balance	46,842.59	59,580.92

See accompanying notes forming part of financial statements.

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STANDALONE STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 2024

[Rs. in Lakhs]

Particulars	Equity share capital	Other Equity				Other Comprehensive Income - Fair value of equity instrument	Total Other Equity	Total Equity
		Capital Reserve	General Reserve	Security premium	Retained Earnings			
Balance as at April 1, 2022	7,343.84	0.24	230,217.62	23,423.18	197,380.42	132,079.97	583,101.43	590,445.27
Changes due to prior period errors	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Restated balance as at April 1, 2022	7,343.84	0.24	230,217.62	23,423.18	197,380.42	132,079.97	583,101.43	590,445.27
Profit for the year	-	-	-	-	57,570.39	-	57,570.39	57,570.39
Impact of Equity Investment derecognised	-	-	-	-	(7,122.00)	7,122.00	-	-
Other comprehensive income for the year (Net of Taxes)	-	-	-	-	346.77	(9,972.57)	(9,625.80)	(9,625.80)
Total Comprehensive income for the year	-	-	-	-	50,795.16	(2,850.57)	47,944.59	47,944.59
Final Dividend	-	-	-	-	(7,343.69)	-	(7,343.69)	(7,343.69)
Balance as at March 31, 2023	7,343.84	0.24	230,217.62	23,423.18	240,831.89	129,229.40	623,702.33	631,046.17
Changes due to prior period errors	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Restated balance as at April 1, 2023	7,343.84	0.24	230,217.62	23,423.18	240,831.89	129,229.40	623,702.33	631,046.17
Profit for the year	-	-	-	-	(13,224.25)	-	(13,224.25)	(13,224.25)
Other comprehensive income for the year (Net of Taxes)	-	-	-	-	(237.58)	34,847.33	34,609.75	34,609.75
Total Comprehensive income for the year	-	-	-	-	(13,461.83)	34,847.33	21,385.50	21,385.50
Final Dividend	-	-	-	-	(17,294.40)	-	(17,294.40)	(17,294.40)
Balance as at March 31, 2024	7,343.84	0.24	230,217.62	23,423.18	210,075.66	164,076.73	627,793.43	635,137.27

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NOTES TO THE STANDALONE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Notes forming part of the Financial Statements

1. GENERAL INFORMATION

Gujarat Alkalies and Chemicals Limited (“the Company”) is a multi-product chemical manufacturing Company, having various products in its basket and is one of the leading manufacturer of Caustic Soda Lye.

The Company having CIN L24110GJ1973PLC002247 is a public limited company incorporated and domiciled in India and has its Registered Office at P. O. Ranoli – 391350, District Vadodara, Gujarat, India. The equity shares of the Company are listed on the BSE Limited and National Stock Exchange of India Limited.

1.1. Statement of Compliance

The standalone financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Indian Accounting Standards (Ind AS) as notified under Section 133 of The Companies Act, 2013 (the “Act”) read with Companies (Indian Accounting Standards) Rules, 2015 as amended and other relevant provisions of the Act as amended from time to time, 2013.

1.2. Recent pronouncements

Ministry of Corporate Affairs (“MCA”) notifies new standards or amendments to the existing standards under Companies (Indian Accounting Standards) Rules as issued from time to time. During the year ended 31st March 2024, MCA has not notified any new standards or amendments to the existing standards applicable to the Company.

1.3. Basis of Preparation of financial statements

The standalone financial statements have been prepared, under the historical cost convention, on the accrual basis of accounting except for certain assets and liabilities which are measured at fair value/amortized cost/ present value at the end of each reporting period as explained in the accounting policies set out below. These accounting policies have been applied consistently over all the periods presented in these financial statements.

Historical cost is generally based on the fair value of the consideration given in exchange for goods and services.

The functional currency of the Company is the Indian rupee. These financial statements are presented in Indian rupees (rounded off to lakhs).

1.4. Use of estimates

The preparation of the financial statements in conformity with Ind AS requires management to make estimates, judgements, and assumptions.

These estimates, judgements and assumptions affect the application of accounting policies and the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, the disclosures of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the period. Application of accounting policies that require critical accounting estimates involving complex and subjective judgements and the use of assumptions in these financial statements have been disclosed in notes below. Accounting estimates could change from period to period. Actual results could differ from these estimates. Appropriate changes in estimates are made as management becomes aware of changes in circumstances surrounding the estimates. Changes in estimates are reflected in the financial statements in the period in which changes are made and if material, then effects are disclosed in the notes to the financial statements.

2. MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICY INFORMATION

2.1 Revenue and Income recognition :

2.1.a. Revenue from Contracts with Customers :

The Company derives Revenue primarily from sale of manufactured and traded products being “Chemicals”.

Revenue from the sale of products is recognised on satisfaction of performance obligation upon transfer of control of promised products to customers in an amount that reflects the consideration the Company expects to receive in exchange of those products.

In determining the transaction price for the sale of goods, the company also considers the effects of variable consideration, the existence of significant financing components and consideration payable to the customer (if any).

The performance obligation to transfer each distinct product consists of supplying the product to a named destination, handling charges and packing charges.

The Company accounts for discounts and incentives to customers as a reduction of revenue based on the proportionate allocation of the discounts / incentives to each of the underlying performance obligation that corresponds to the progress by the customer towards earning the discount / incentive. Also, when the level of discount varies with increase in level of revenue transactions, the Company recognizes the liability based on its estimate of the customer’s future purchases. If it is probable that

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the criteria for the discount will not be met, or if the amount thereof cannot be estimated reliably, then discount is not recognized until the payment is probable and the amount can be estimated reliably. The Company recognizes changes in the estimated amount of obligations for discounts in the period in which the change occurs.

The Company does not expect to have any contracts where the period between the transfer of the promised goods to the customer and payment by the customer exceeds one year. As a consequence, it does not adjust any of the transaction price for the time value of money.

Sale of products excludes amounts of indirect taxes on sales.

2.1.b. Dividend and interest income:

Dividend income from investments is recognised when the shareholder's right to receive the payment has been established.

Interest income from a financial asset is recognised when it is probable that the economic benefits will flow to the Company and the amount of income can be measured reliably. Interest income is accrued on time basis, by reference to the principal outstanding and at the effective interest rate applicable.

2.1.c. Other Operating Income and Other Income:

Revenue with respect to Other Operating Income and Other Income including insurance and other claims are recognised when a reasonable certainty as to its realisation exists.

2.2. Leases

Short-term leases and leases of low-value assets:

The Company applies the short-term lease recognition exemption to its short-term leases of Property, Plant and Equipment (i.e., those leases that have a lease term of 12 months or less from the commencement date and do not contain a purchase option). It also applies the lease of low-value assets recognition exemption to leases that are considered of low value and is not intended for sublease. Lease payments on short-term leases and leases of low-value assets are recognized as expense on a straight-line basis over the lease term or another systematic basis.

The Company as a Lessee:

The Company's lease asset class primarily consist of leases for immovable properties. The company assesses whether a contract contains a lease, at inception of a contract. A contract is, or contains, a lease if there is an explicit or implicit identified asset in the contract and Customer controls the

use of an identified asset for a period of time in exchange for consideration. To assess whether a contract conveys the right to control the use of an identified asset, the company assesses whether: (1) the contract involves the use of an identified asset (2) the company has substantially all of the economic benefits from use of the asset through the period of the lease and (3) the company has the right to direct the use of the asset.

At the date of commencement of the lease, the company recognizes a right-of-use asset ("ROU") and a corresponding lease liability for all lease arrangements in which it is a lessee, except for leases with a term of twelve months or less (short-term leases) and low value leases.

Certain lease arrangements includes the options to extend or terminate the lease before the end of the lease term. ROU assets and lease liabilities includes these options when it is reasonably certain that they will be exercised.

The ROU assets are initially recognized at cost, which comprises the initial amount of the lease liability adjusted for any lease payments made at or prior to the commencement date of the lease plus any initial direct costs less any lease incentives. They are subsequently measured at cost less accumulated depreciation and impairment losses, if any.

ROU assets are depreciated from the commencement date on a straight-line basis over the shorter of the lease term and useful life of the underlying asset.

ROU assets are evaluated for recoverability whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that their carrying amounts may not be recoverable. For the purpose of impairment testing, the recoverable amount (i.e. the higher of the fair value less cost to sell and the value-in-use) is determined on an individual asset basis unless the asset does not generate cash flows that are largely independent of those from other assets. In such cases, the recoverable amount is determined for the Cash Generating Unit (CGU) to which the asset belongs.

The lease liability is initially measured at amortized cost at the present value of the future lease payments. The lease payments are discounted using the interest rate implicit in the lease or, if not readily determinable, using the incremental borrowing rates in the country of domicile of these leases. Lease liabilities are remeasured with a corresponding adjustment to the related right of use asset if the company changes its assessment if whether it will exercise an extension or a termination option.

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Lease liability and ROU asset have been separately presented in the Balance Sheet and lease payments have been classified as financing cash flows.

2.3. Foreign Currencies - Transactions and translations:

In preparing the financial statements, transactions in currencies other than the Company's functional currency (foreign currencies) are recognised at the rates of exchange prevailing at the dates of the transactions. The date of the transaction for the purpose of determining the exchange rate to use on initial recognition of the related asset, expense or income (or part of it) is the date on which the Company initially recognises the non-monetary asset or non-monetary liability arising from the payment or receipt of advance consideration. At the end of each reporting period, monetary items denominated in foreign currencies are retranslated at the rates prevailing at that date. Non-monetary items carried at fair value that are denominated in foreign currencies are retranslated at the rates prevailing at the date when the fair value was determined. Non-monetary items that are measured in terms of historical cost in a foreign currency are not retranslated.

Exchange differences on monetary items are recognised in profit or loss in the period in which they arise except for exchange differences on foreign currency borrowings relating to assets under construction for future productive use, which are included in the cost of those assets when they are regarded as an adjustment to interest costs on those foreign currency borrowings.

2.4. Borrowing Costs

Borrowing costs directly attributable to the acquisition, construction or production of qualifying assets, which are assets that necessarily take a substantial period of time to get ready for their intended use or sale, are added to the cost of those assets, until such time as the assets are substantially ready for their intended use or sale.

All other borrowing costs are recognised in the statement of profit and loss in the period in which they are incurred.

Borrowing costs consist of interest and other costs that the Company incurs in connection with the borrowing of funds. Borrowing cost also includes exchange differences arising from foreign currency borrowings to the extent regarded as an adjustment to the interest costs. Capitalisation of borrowing costs is suspended and charged to the Statement of Profit and Loss during extended periods when

active development activity on the qualifying assets is interrupted.

2.5. Employee Benefits

2.5.a. Short term Employee Benefits:

All employee benefits payable wholly within twelve months of rendering the services are classified as short term employee benefits. Benefits such as salaries, wages, etc. and the expected cost of bonus, Ex-gratia, Leave Travel Allowance, Reimbursement of Medical Expenses, Personal Accident Policy, Deposit Linked Insurance Policy are recognised, undiscounted in the period in which the employee renders the related services.

2.5.b. Post-Employment Benefits

2.5.b.1. Defined Contribution Plan:

The Company's contribution paid/payable during the year to Provident Fund, Superannuation Fund and other welfare funds are considered as defined contribution plans. The Contribution paid/ payable under these plans are recognised in the Statement of Profit and Loss during the period in which the employee renders the services. The above benefits are classified as Defined Contribution Schemes as the Company has no further defined obligations beyond the monthly contributions.

2.5.b.2. Defined Benefit Plans:

The Gratuity Scheme managed by Life Insurance Corporation of India through a Trust is considered as defined benefit plan. The present value of the obligation is determined based on actuarial valuation being carried out at each reporting date using the Projected Unit Credit Method.

Actuarial gains and losses are recognised immediately in other comprehensive income.

Gains or losses on the curtailment or settlement of any defined benefit plan are recognised when the curtailment or settlement occurs.

Past service cost is recognized immediately to the extent that the benefits are already vested and otherwise it is amortized on straight-line basis over the remaining average period until the benefits become vested.

Interest cost is calculated by applying the discount rate to the net balance of the defined benefit obligation and the fair value of plan assets.

The defined retirement benefit obligation recognised in the balance sheet represents the present value of the defined benefit obligation as reduced by plan assets.

2.5.b.3. Long term Employee Benefits:

The obligation for long term employee benefits such

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as long term compensated absences, long service awards, etc. is recognised in the same manner as in the case of defined benefit plans as mentioned in (b) (ii) above except that the actuarial gains and losses are recognised immediately in the Statement of Profit and Loss.

2.6. Income Taxes

Income tax expense represents the sum of current tax and deferred tax.

2.6.a. Current Tax:

The tax currently payable is based on taxable profit for the year. Taxable profit differs from 'Profit Before Tax' as reported in the Statement of Profit and Loss because of items of income or expense that are taxable or deductible in other years and items that are never taxable or deductible in accordance with applicable tax laws. The Company's current tax is calculated using tax rates that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the end of the reporting period.

2.6.b. Deferred Tax:

Deferred tax is recognised on temporary differences between the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities in the financial statements and the corresponding tax bases used in the computation of taxable profit. Deferred tax liabilities are generally recognised for all taxable temporary differences. Deferred tax assets are generally recognised for all deductible temporary differences, the carry forward of unused tax losses and the carry forward of unused tax credits to the extent that it is probable that taxable profits will be available against which these can be utilised. Such deferred tax assets and liabilities are not recognised if the temporary difference arises from the initial recognition (other than in a business combination) of assets and liabilities in a transaction that affects neither the taxable profit nor the accounting profit. In addition, deferred tax liabilities are not recognised if the temporary difference arises from the initial recognition of goodwill.

The carrying amount of deferred tax assets is reviewed at the end of each reporting period and reduced to the extent that it is no longer probable that sufficient taxable profits will be available to allow all or part of the deferred tax asset to be recovered.

Deferred tax liabilities and assets are measured at the tax rates that are expected to apply in the period in which the liability is settled or the asset realised, based on tax rates (and tax laws) that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the end of the reporting period.

The measurement of deferred tax liabilities and assets reflects the tax consequences that would follow from the manner in which the Company expects, at the end of the reporting period, to recover or settle the carrying amount of its assets and liabilities.

2.6.c. Current and Deferred Tax for the Year:

Current and deferred tax are recognised in the statement of profit and loss, except when they relate to items that are recognised in Other Comprehensive Income or directly in equity, in which case, the current and deferred tax are also recognised in Other Comprehensive Income or directly in equity respectively.

2.7. Property, Plant and Equipment

Freehold land is carried at historical cost. All other items of property, plant and equipment are stated at historical cost less accumulated depreciation and accumulated impairment losses, if any.

The cost of PPE comprises of its purchase price or its construction cost (net of applicable tax credit, trade discount and rebate if any), Exchange rate variations attributable to the assets and any cost directly attributable to bring the asset into the location and condition necessary for it to be capable of operating in the manner intended by the management and initial estimate of decommissioning costs. Direct costs are capitalized until the asset is ready for use and includes borrowing cost capitalised in accordance with the Company's accounting policy.

Depreciation method, Estimated Useful lives and residual value

The Company depreciates property, plant and equipment over their estimated useful lives using the straight line method. The estimated useful lives of the assets are as follows:

Asset	Useful Life
Buildings	10-60 years
Plant and Equipment	10-40 Years
Computer Equipments	3-7 years
Furniture and Fixture	3-10 years
Office Equipment	3-10 years
Vehicles	8-15 years

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost of assets (other than freehold land and properties under construction) less their residual values over their useful lives, using the straight-line method. The estimated useful lives, residual values and depreciation method are reviewed at the end of each reporting period, with the effect

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of any changes in estimate accounted for on a prospective basis. The useful life as prescribed under Schedule II of the Companies Act, 2013 have been followed except in respect of the following categories of assets, in whose case the life of the assets has been assessed as under based on technical advice, taking into account the nature of the asset, the estimated usage of the asset, the operating condition of the asset, past history of replacement, anticipated technological changes, manufacturers warranties and maintenance support, etc.:

- Remembraning of Membrane cell elements-4 years
- Recoating of Anode and Cathode membrane cell elements- 8-10 years
- Leasehold land and equipment is amortised over the duration of the lease.

Advances paid towards the acquisition of property, plant and equipment outstanding at each Balance Sheet date is classified as capital advances under Other Non-Current Assets and the cost of the assets not ready for intended use before such date are disclosed under 'Capital work-in-progress'. Subsequent expenditures relating to property, plant and equipment is capitalised only when it is probable that future economic benefits associated with these will flow to the Company and the cost of the item can be measured reliably. Repairs and maintenance costs are recognized in the Statement of Profit and Loss when incurred. The cost and related accumulated depreciation are eliminated from the financial statements upon sale or retirement of the asset and the resultant gains or losses which are measured as the difference between the net disposal proceeds and the carrying amount of the asset are recognised in the Statement of Profit and Loss when the asset is derecognised. Assets to be disposed off are reported at the lower of the carrying value or the fair value less cost to sell.

2.8. Intangible Assets

Intangible Assets acquired separately:

Intangible assets with finite useful life acquired separately, are recognized only if it is probable that future economic benefits that are attributable to the assets will flow to the enterprise and the cost of assets can be measured reliably. The intangible assets are recorded at cost and are carried at cost less accumulated amortization and accumulated impairment losses, if any.

Amortisation is recognised on a straight-line basis over their estimated useful lives from the date

they are available for use. The estimated useful life and amortisation method are reviewed at the end of each reporting period, with the effect of any changes in estimate being accounted for on a prospective basis. Intangible assets with indefinite useful lives that are acquired separately are carried at cost less accumulated impairment losses.

Subsequent expenditures are capitalised only when it is probable that future economic benefits associated with these will flow to the Company and the cost of the item can be measured reliably.

Intangible assets are derecognised on disposal, or when no future economic benefits are expected from use or disposal. Gains or losses arising from derecognition of an intangible asset are determined as the difference between the net disposal proceeds and the carrying amount of the asset, and recognised in the Statement of Profit and Loss when the asset is derecognised.

RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT

Expenditure on research is recognised as an expense when it is incurred. Expenditure on development which does not meet the criteria for recognition as an intangible asset is recognised as an expense when it is incurred.

Useful Lives of Intangible Assets :

Estimated Useful lives of the Intangible assets are as follows:

Intangible Asset	Useful Life
Computer Software	8 - 10 Years

2.9. Impairment of Tangible and Intangible Assets

Intangible assets and property, plant and equipment are evaluated for recoverability whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that their carrying amounts may not be recoverable. For the purpose of impairment testing, the recoverable amount is determined on an individual asset basis unless the asset does not generate cash flows that are largely independent of those from other assets. In such cases, the recoverable amount is determined for the cash generating unit to which the asset belongs.

Recoverable amount is the higher of fair value less costs of disposal and value in use. In assessing value in use, the estimated future cash flows are discounted to their present value using a pre-tax discount rate that reflects current market assessments of the time value of money and the risks specific to the asset for which the estimates of future cash flows have not been adjusted.

If such assets are considered to be impaired,

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the impairment is recognized in the Statement of Profit and Loss and is measured by the amount by which the carrying value of the assets exceeds the estimated recoverable amount of the asset. An impairment loss is reversed in the Statement of Profit and Loss if there has been a change in the estimates used to determine the recoverable amount. The carrying amount of the asset is increased to its revised recoverable amount, provided that this amount does not exceed the carrying amount that would have been determined (net of any accumulated amortization or depreciation) had no impairment loss been recognized for the asset in prior years. After a reversal, the depreciation charge is adjusted in future periods to allocate the asset's revised carrying amount, less any residual value, on a systematic basis over its remaining useful life.

2.10. Inventories

Inventories are stated at the lower of cost and net realisable value after providing for obsolescence, if any. Net realisable value represents the estimated selling price for inventories in the ordinary course of business less all estimated costs of completion and estimated costs necessary to make the sale. Cost of inventories comprises of cost of purchase (net of recoverable taxes), cost of conversion and other costs including manufacturing overheads incurred in bringing them to their respective present location and condition. Raw materials and other supplies held for use in production of finished products are not written down below cost except in cases where material prices have declined and it is estimated that the cost of the finished products will exceed their net realizable value.

Inventory cost formula is as under

Inventories	Basis of Valuation and Cost Formula
Raw material	Landed cost at weighted average basis
Raw Material (Goods in transit)	At Cost on Basic Price
Work in Progress	Raw material, labour and appropriate proportion of manufacturing expenses and overheads as per stage of completion at weighted average.

Finished Goods (Including in Transit)	Raw material, labour and appropriate proportion of manufacturing expenses and overheads at weighted average.
Stores, spares, packing materials	Landed Cost Weighted average basis
Scrap	At lower of cost or Net realizable value

2.11. Provisions, Contingent Liabilities and Contingent Assets

Provisions are recognised when the Company has a present obligation (legal or constructive) as a result of a past event, it is probable that an outflow of resources embodying economic benefits will be required to settle the obligation, and a reliable estimate can be made of the amount of the obligation.

The amount recognised as a provision is the best estimate of the consideration required to settle the present obligation at the end of the reporting period, taking into account the risks and uncertainties surrounding the obligation. When a provision is measured using the cash flows estimated to settle the present obligation, its carrying amount is the present value of those cash flows (when the effect of the time value of money is material. If the time value of money is material, Provisions are discounted using pre-tax discount rate and when discounting is used, increase in the provision with the passage of time is recognised as a finance cost in the statement of Profit and Loss account. A contingent liability is (a) a possible obligation that arises from past events and whose existence will be confirmed only by the occurrence or non-occurrence of one or more uncertain future events not wholly within the control of the entity or (b) a present obligation that arises from past events but is not recognised because (i) it is not probable that an outflow of resources embodying economic benefits will be required to settle the obligation or (ii) the amount of the obligation can not be measured with sufficient reliability.

Contingent liabilities are disclosed in the Financial Statements by way of notes to accounts, unless possibility of an outflow of resources embodying economic benefit is remote.

A contingent asset is a possible asset that arises from the past events and whose existence will be confirmed only by the occurrence or non- occurrence of one or more of uncertain future events not wholly within the control of the entity.

Contingent assets are disclosed in the Financial

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Statements by way of notes to accounts when an inflow of economic benefits is probable.

2.12. Financial Instruments

The Company determines the classification of its financial assets and liabilities at initial recognition. The classification depends on the Company's business model for managing the financial assets and the contractual terms of the cash flows.

Initial Recognition and Measurement:

The Company recognizes financial assets and financial liabilities when it becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument. All financial assets and liabilities are recognized at fair value on initial recognition, except for trade receivables which are initially measured at transaction price. Transaction costs that are directly attributable to the acquisition or issue of financial assets and financial liabilities that are not at fair value through profit or loss, are added to or deducted from the fair value on initial recognition. Regular way purchase and sale of financial assets are accounted for at trade date.

Effective interest method

The effective interest method is a method of calculating the amortised cost of a financial instrument and of allocating interest income or expense over the relevant period. The effective interest rate is the rate that exactly discounts future cash receipts or payments through the expected life of the financial instrument, or where appropriate, a shorter period.

Subsequent Measurement

2.12.a. Non-derivative financial instruments

2.12.a.1. Cash and Cash equivalents:

The Company considers all highly liquid financial instruments, which are readily convertible into known amounts of cash that are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value and having original maturities of three months or less from the date of purchase, to be cash equivalents. Cash and cash equivalents consist of balances with banks which are unrestricted for withdrawal and usage.

2.12.a.2. Financial assets carried at amortised cost:

A financial asset is subsequently measured at amortised cost if it is held within a business model whose objective is to hold the asset in order to collect contractual cash flows and the contractual terms of the financial asset give rise on specified dates to cash flows that are solely payments of principal and interest on the principal amount outstanding.

2.12.a.3. Financial assets at fair value through Other Comprehensive Income(FVTOCI):

A financial asset is subsequently measured at fair value through Other Comprehensive Income if it is held within a business model whose objective is achieved by both collecting contractual cash flows and selling financial assets and the contractual terms of the financial asset give rise on specified dates to cash flows that are solely payments of principal and interest on the principal amount outstanding. The Company has made an irrevocable election for its investments which are classified as equity instruments to present the subsequent changes in fair value in Other Comprehensive Income based on its business model.

On derecognition of such Financial assets, cumulative gain or loss previously recognised in Other Comprehensive Income is not reclassified from the equity to statement of Profit and Loss.

2.12.a.4. Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss(FVTPL):

A financial asset which is not classified in any of the above categories are subsequently measured at fair value through profit or loss.

2.12.a.5. Investment in Joint Venture:

A joint venture is a joint arrangement whereby the parties that have joint control of the arrangement have rights to the net assets of the joint arrangement. Joint control is the contractually agreed sharing of control of an arrangement, which exists only when decisions about the relevant activities require unanimous consent of the parties sharing control. The Company accounts for its investment in joint venture at cost.

2.12.a.6. Financial liabilities:

Financial liabilities are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method. For trade and other payables maturing within one year from the Balance Sheet date, the carrying amounts approximate fair value due to the short maturity of these instruments. Interest bearing issued debt are initially measured at fair value and are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest rate method.

2.12.a.7. Derecognition of financial instruments:

The Company derecognizes a financial asset when the contractual rights to the cash flows from the financial asset expire or it transfers the financial asset and the transfer qualifies for derecognition under Ind AS 109. On derecognition of Financial assets (except as mentioned in 2.17.a.3), the difference between the carrying amount and the

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consideration received is recognised in the statement of Profit and Loss account. A financial liability (or a part of a financial liability) is derecognized from the Company's Balance Sheet when the obligation specified in the contract is discharged or cancelled or expires.

2.12.a.8. Offsetting Financial Instruments

Financial assets and liabilities are offset and the net amount is presented in the Balance Sheet when there is a legally enforceable right to offset the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

2.13. Share capital

Ordinary Shares :

Ordinary shares are classified as equity. Incremental costs directly attributable to the issuance of new ordinary shares are recognized as a deduction from equity, net of any tax effects.

2.14. Fair Value Measurement

Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. The fair value measurement is based on the presumption that the transaction to sell the asset or transfer the liability takes place either:

- In the principal market for the asset or liability, or
- In the absence of a principal market, in the most advantageous market for the asset or liability.

The principal or the most advantageous market must be accessible by the Company.

The fair value of an asset or a liability is measured using the assumptions that market participants would use when pricing the asset or liability, assuming that market participants act in their best economic interest.

The Company uses valuation techniques that are appropriate in the circumstances and for which sufficient data are available to measure fair value, maximizing the use of relevant observable inputs and minimizing the use of unobservable inputs.

All assets and liabilities for which fair value is measured or disclosed in the financial statements are categorized within the fair value hierarchy, described as follows, which gives highest priority to quoted prices in active markets and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs.

Level 1 — Quoted (unadjusted) market prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities.

Level 2 — Valuation techniques for inputs other than quoted prices included within Level 1 that are observable for the asset or Liability either directly or indirectly.

Level 3 — Valuation techniques for inputs that are unobservable for the asset or liability.

For the purpose of fair value disclosures, the Company has determined classes of assets and liabilities on the basis of the nature, characteristics and risks of the asset or liability and the level of the fair value hierarchy as explained above.

2.15. Impairment of Financial Assets

The Company recognizes loss allowances using the Expected Credit Loss (ECL) model for the financial assets which are not measured at fair value through profit or loss. Loss allowance for trade receivables with no significant financing component is measured at an amount equal to lifetime ECL. For all other financial assets, expected credit losses are measured at an amount equal to the 12-month ECL, unless there has been a significant increase in credit risk from initial recognition in which case those are measured at lifetime ECL. The amount of expected credit losses (or reversal) that is required to adjust the loss allowance at the reporting date to the amount that is required to be recognised as an impairment gain or loss in the statement of profit and loss.

ECL is the difference between all contractual cash flows that are due to the Company in accordance with the contract and all the cash flows that the entity expects to receive, discounted at the effective interest rate.

ECL are measured taking into account the time value of money and other reasonable information available as a result of past events, current conditions and forecasts of future economic conditions.

For Trade receivables, the Company uses a provision matrix to measure lifetime ECL on its portion of trade receivables. The provision matrix is prepared based on historically observed default rates over the expected life of trade receivables and is adjusted for forward looking estimates.

2.16. Earnings per share

Basic earnings per share is computed by dividing the profit or loss attributable to equity shareholders of the Company by the weighted average number of equity shares outstanding during the period.

Diluted earnings per share is computed by dividing the profit after tax by the weighted average number of equity shares considered for deriving the basic

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earnings per share and the weighted average number of equity shares that could have been issued upon conversion of all dilutive potential equity shares.

2.17. Operating Segments

Operating segments are identified and reported taking into account the different risks and returns, the organization structure and the internal reporting systems. The Company operates in one reportable business segments i.e. "Chemicals".

2.18. Statement of cash flows

Cash flows are reported using the indirect method, whereby profit before tax is adjusted for the effects of transactions of a non-cash nature, any deferrals or accruals of past or future operating cash receipts or payments and item of income or expenses associated with investing or financing cash flows. The cash flows are segregated into operating, investing and financing activities.

2.19. Current/non current classification

The Company presents assets and liabilities in the balance sheet based on current/ non-current classification. An asset is treated as current if it satisfies any of the following conditions:

- Expected to be realised or intended to be sold or consumed in normal operating cycle
- Held primarily for the purpose of trading
- Expected to be realised within twelve months after the reporting period
- Cash or cash equivalent unless restricted from being exchanged or used to settle a liability for at least twelve months after the reporting period

All other assets are classified as non-current.

A liability is current if it satisfies any of the following conditions:

- Expected to be settled in normal operating cycle
- Held primarily for the purpose of trading
- is due to be settled within twelve months after the reporting period
- There is no unconditional right to defer the settlement of the liability for at least twelve months after the reporting period

The company classifies all other liabilities as non-current.

The operating cycle is the time between the acquisition of assets for processing and their realisation in cash and cash Equivalents. The Company has identified twelve months as its

operating cycle.

2.20. Government Grant

Government grants are recognised when there is reasonable assurance that the grant will be received, and the company will comply with conditions attached to the grant.

Government grants relating to income are recognised in profit or loss on a systematic basis over the periods in which the Company recognises as expenses, the related costs for which the grants are intended to compensate. Grant relating to assets are netted off against the acquisition cost of the asset.

2.21. Critical accounting judgements, assumptions and Key sources of estimation uncertainty:

The preparation of the Company's financial statements requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of revenues, expenses, assets and liabilities, and the accompanying disclosures, and the disclosure of contingent liabilities at the date of the financial statements. Estimates and assumptions are continuously evaluated and are based on management's experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances. Uncertainty about these assumptions and estimates could result in outcomes that require a material adjustment to the carrying amount of assets or liabilities affected in future periods.

Key source of judgments, assumptions and estimates in the preparation of the Financial Statements which may cause a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next financial year, are in respect of useful lives of Property, Plant and Equipment, impairment, employee benefit obligations, provisions, provision for income tax, measurement of deferred tax assets and contingent assets & liabilities., Stores & Spares Written off.

2.21.a. Critical judgments in applying accounting policies

The following are the critical judgements, apart from those involving estimations (Refer note 2.25.b), that the Management have made in the process of applying the Company's accounting policies and that have the significant effect on the amounts recognized in the Financial Statements.

2.21.a.1. Determining whether an arrangement contain leases and classification of leases

Ind AS 116 requires lessees to determine the lease term as the non-cancellable period of a lease

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adjusted with any option to extend or terminate the lease, if the use of such option is reasonably certain. The company makes an assessment on the expected lease term on a lease-by-lease basis and thereby assesses whether it is reasonably certain that any options to extend or terminate the contract will be exercised. In evaluating the lease term, the Company considers factors such as any significant leasehold improvements undertaken over the lease term, costs relating to the termination of the lease and the importance of the underlying asset to operations taking into account the location of the underlying asset and the availability of suitable alternatives. The lease term in future periods is reassessed to ensure that the lease term reflects the current economic circumstances.

2.21.b. Key sources of estimates and assumptions

Information about estimates and assumptions that have the significant effect on recognition and measurement of assets, liabilities, income and expenses is provided below. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

2.21.b.1. Defined benefit obligation (DBO):

The cost of the defined benefit gratuity plan and the present value of the gratuity obligation are determined using actuarial valuations being carried out at reporting date. An actuarial valuation involves making various assumptions that may differ from actual developments in the future. These include the determination of the discount rate, Salary escalation rate, expected rate of return on asset and mortality rates. Due to the complexities involved in the valuation and its long-term nature, a defined benefit obligation is highly sensitive to changes in these assumptions. All assumptions are reviewed at each reporting date.

The parameter most subject to change is the discount rate. In determining the appropriate discount rate, the management considers the interest rates of government bonds in currencies consistent with the currencies of the post-employment benefit obligation. The mortality rate is based on publicly available mortality tables for the specific countries. Those mortality tables tend to change only at interval in response to demographic changes. Future salary increases and gratuity increases are based on expected future inflation rates for the respective countries.

2.21.b.2. Contingent Liabilities and Assets:

Contingent liabilities may arise from the ordinary course of business in relation to claims against the Company, including legal, contractor, land access

and other claims. By their nature, contingencies will be resolved only when one or more uncertain future events occur or fail to occur. The assessment of the existence, and potential quantum, of contingencies inherently involves the exercise of significant judgment and the use of estimates regarding the outcome of future events.

2.21.b.3. Allowance for impairment of trade receivables:

The expected credit loss is mainly based on the ageing of the receivable balances and historical experience. The receivables are assessed on an individual basis assessed for impairment collectively, depending on their significance. Moreover, trade receivables are written off on a case-to-case basis if deemed not to be collectible on the assessment of the underlying facts and circumstances.

2.21.b.4. Impairment of non-financial assets:

Evaluation for impairment requires use of judgment, estimates and assumptions.

The evaluation of applicability of indicators of impairment of assets requires assessment of external factors (significant decline in asset's value, significant changes in the technological, market, economic or legal environment, market interest rates etc.) and internal factors (obsolescence or physical damage of an asset, poor economic performance of the asset etc.) which could result in significant change in recoverable amount of the Property, Plant and Equipment.

The Company assesses at each reporting date whether there is an indication that an asset may be impaired. If any indication exists, or when annual impairment testing for an asset is required, the Company estimates the asset's recoverable amount. An asset's recoverable amount is the higher of an asset's or CGU's fair value less costs of disposal and its value in use. It is determined for an individual asset, unless the asset does not generate cash inflows that are largely independent of those from other assets or groups of assets. Where the carrying amount of an asset or CGU exceeds its recoverable amount, the asset is considered impaired and is written down to its recoverable amount.

In assessing value in use, the estimated future cash flows are discounted to their present value using a pre-tax discount rate that reflects current market assessments of the time value of money and the risks specific to the asset. In determining fair value less costs of disposal, recent market transactions are taken into account. If no such transactions can be identified, an appropriate valuation model



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is used. These calculations are corroborated by valuation multiples, quoted share prices for publicly traded subsidiaries or other available fair value indicators.

2.21.b.5. Income taxes:

Significant judgements are involved in determining the provision for income taxes, including amount expected to be paid / recovered for uncertain tax positions.

2.21.b.6. Recognition of Deferred tax assets:

Deferred Tax Assets (DTA) are recognized for the unused tax losses/ credits to the extent that it is probable that taxable profit will be available against which the losses will be utilized. Management judgement is required to determine the amount of deferred tax assets that can be recognized, based upon the likely timing and the level of future taxable profits together with future tax planning strategies.

2.21.b.7. Useful lives and residual value of property, plant and equipment:

The Company reviews the useful life and residual value of property, plant and equipment at the end of each reporting period. This reassessment may result in change in depreciation expense in future periods.

2.21.b.8. Dismantling cost of property, plant and equipment:

The company estimates assets retirement obligation on estimate basis for property, plant and equipment. Estimation is done by the management considering size of the asset and its useful life in line with industry practices.

2.21.b.9. Stores and spares inventories:

The Company's manufacturing process is continuous and highly mechanic with wide range of different types of plant and machineries. The Company keeps stores and spares as standby to continue the operations without any disruption. Considering wide range of stores and spares and long lead time for procurement of it and based on criticality of spares, the Company believes that net realizable value would be more than cost.

2.21.b.10. Fair value of investments:

The Company has invested in the equity instruments of various companies. The valuation exercise of unquoted equity instruments carried out by the Company with the help of an independent valuer, etc. has estimated fair value at each reporting period based on available historical annual reports and other information in the public domain.

3 PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT AND CAPITAL WORK IN PROGRESS

[Rs. in Lakhs]

Particulars	As at 31.03.2024	As at 31.03.2023
Carrying Amounts of :		
Land Freehold	102.75	102.75
Buildings	34,544.67	31,262.66
Plant and equipment	410,269.30	377,139.95
Plant and equipment under Finance Lease	343.77	357.00
Computer Equipments	430.71	471.15
Furniture and Fixture	6,476.22	5,709.84
Vehicles	65.06	49.88
	452,232.48	415,093.23
Right of use asset	9,247.72	9,526.26
	9,247.72	9,526.26
	461,480.20	424,619.49
Capital Work-In-Progress	9,488.71	54,396.98
	9,488.71	54,396.98
Total	470,968.91	479,016.47

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3 PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT AND CAPITAL WORK IN PROGRESS (Contd.)

[Rs. in Lakhs]

Fixed Assets	Land Freehold	Right of Use Assets (Ref. Note No.3.1)	Buildings	Plant & Equipment	Plant & Equipment Under Lease	Computer Equipments	Furniture & Fixture	Vehicles	Recoating/ Remem-braning	Total
Gross carrying amount										
As at April 1, 2022	102.75	10,396.37	29,462.01	320,502.27	462.01	1,318.36	1,249.90	216.54	7,059.01	370,769.22
Additions	-	311.69	8,441.65	167,010.03	-	125.99	5,487.81	-	-	181,377.17
Deductions	-	-	-	(23.93)	(0.47)	(46.77)	-	(5.13)	-	(76.30)
Effect of foreign Exchange difference*	-	-	-	1,057.82	-	-	-	-	-	1,057.82
As at March 31, 2023	102.75	10,708.06	37,903.66	488,546.19	461.54	1,397.58	6,737.71	211.41	7,059.01	553,127.91
Additions	-	-	5,066.37	66,518.41	-	124.67	1,650.15	19.56	1,227.03	74,606.19
Adjustment	-	-	273.37	(305.88)	-	-	32.51	-	-	0.00
Deductions	-	-	-	(166.99)	(0.16)	(115.73)	(0.64)	-	-	(283.52)
As at March 31, 2024	102.75	10,708.06	43,243.40	554,591.73	461.38	1,406.52	8,419.73	230.97	8,286.04	627,450.58
Depreciation, Amortisation & Impairment										
As at April 1, 2022	-	903.26	5,144.59	86,758.91	91.47	789.21	622.96	159.55	6,579.37	101,049.32
Depreciation for the year	-	278.54	1,617.94	24,745.12	13.07	175.79	404.91	6.37	263.04	27,504.78
Adjustment	-	-	(121.53)	121.53	-	-	-	-	1.66	1.66
Deductions	-	-	-	(4.38)	-	(38.57)	-	(4.39)	-	(47.34)
As at March 31, 2023	-	1,181.80	6,641.00	111,621.18	104.54	926.43	1,027.87	161.53	6,844.07	128,508.42
Depreciation for the year	-	278.54	2,066.68	33,992.13	13.07	133.40	906.21	4.38	242.30	37,636.71
Adjustment	-	-	(8.95)	(0.48)	-	-	9.43	-	-	-
Deductions	-	-	-	(90.73)	-	(84.02)	-	-	-	(174.75)
As at March 31, 2024	-	1,460.34	8,698.73	145,522.10	117.61	975.81	1,943.51	165.91	7,086.37	165,970.38
Net Carrying amount										
As at March 31, 2024	102.75	9,247.72	34,544.67	409,069.63	343.77	430.71	6,476.22	65.06	1,199.67	461,480.20
As at March 31, 2023	102.75	9,526.26	31,262.66	376,925.01	357.00	471.15	5,709.84	49.88	214.94	424,619.49

* Comprises of exchange difference arising from foreign currency borrowings to the extent regarded as an adjustment to interest cost.

Particulars	As at 31.03.2024	As at 31.03.2023
Opening	54,396.98	178,735.04
Additions/Deductions/Adjustments	9,922.95	46,112.93
Capitalised during the year	54,831.22	170,450.99
Closing	9,488.71	54,396.98

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3 PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT AND CAPITAL WORK IN PROGRESS (Contd.)

AGEING AND COMPLETION SCHEDULE OF CAPITAL WORK IN PROGRESS

Ageing Schedule

[Rs. in Lakhs]

CWIP	F. Y. 2023-24					F. Y. 2022-23				
	Amount of CWIP for a period of					Amount of CWIP for a period of				
	Less than 1 year	1-2 years	2-3 years	More than 3 years	Total	Less than 1 year	1-2 years	2-3 years	More than 3 years	Total
(i) Project in Progress	6,645.22	2,045.92	626.55	171.02	9,488.71	27,036.63	14,398.45	7,361.54	5,572.73	54,369.35
(ii) Projects temporarily suspended	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	27.63	-	27.63
Total	6,645.22	2,045.92	626.55	171.02	9,488.71	27,036.63	14,398.45	7,389.17	5,572.73	54,396.98

Completion Schedule

(whose completion is overdue or has exceeded its cost compared to its original plan)

[Rs. in Lakhs]

CWIP	F. Y. 2023-24				F. Y. 2022-23			
	To be Completed in				To be Completed in			
	Less than 1 year	1-2 years	2-3 years	More than 3 years	Less than 1 year	1-2 years	2-3 years	More than 3 years
Projects in Progress								
(i) 33870 TPA Phosphoric Acid Plant, Dahej	-	-	-	-	45,036.25	-	-	-
(ii) Chloro Toluene Plant	5,237.23	-	-	-	242.18	-	-	-
(iii) Others	4,251.48	-	-	-	9,090.92	-	-	-
Sub Total	9,488.71	-	-	-	54,369.35	-	-	-
Projects temporarily suspended								
(i) 65 MW Coal Power-D29	-	-	-	-	27.63	-	-	-
Sub Total	-	-	-	-	27.63	-	-	-
Total	9,488.71	-	-	-	54,396.98	-	-	-

3.1 Right of Use Assets amortised during Financial Year 2023-24 of Rs. 278.54 lakhs (Ref. Note 2.6).

3.2 Borrowing Cost capitalised during the year Rs. 57.85 Lakhs (Previous Year: Rs. 1,010.23 Lakhs) for acquisition of Long Term Assets.

3.3 Refer Note 17.1 and 17.2 for details of Hypothecation charge on plant and machinery by the Company.

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4 INTANGIBLE ASSETS

[Rs. in Lakhs]

Particulars	As at 31.03.2024	As at 31.03.2023
Carrying Amounts of:		
Computer Software	236.83	340.83
	236.83	340.83

Other Intangible Assets	Computer Software
Cost	
As at April 1, 2022	880.50
Additions	-
As at March 31, 2023	880.50
Additions	-
As at March 31, 2024	880.50
Accumulated amortisation and impairment	
As at April 1, 2022	435.65
Amortisation expense	104.02
As at March 31, 2023	539.67
Amortisation expense	104.00
As at March 31, 2024	643.67
Net Block	
As at March 31, 2024	236.83
As at March 31, 2023	340.83

**NOTES TO THE STANDALONE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS****5 INVESTMENT IN JOINT VENTURE**

[Rs. in Lakhs]

Particulars	Nos.	Face Value Rs.	As at 31.03.2024	Nos.	As at 31.03.2023
Unquoted Investments (all fully paid) :					
Investment in fully paid Equity Shares of GACL-NALCO Alkalies & Chemicals Pvt. Ltd.	414,000,000	10	41,400.00	414,000,000	41,400.00
GRAND TOTAL			41,400.00		41,400.00

Details and financial information of joint venture

Name of Joint Venture	Principal activity	Place of incorporation and principal place of business	Proportion of ownership interest and voting rights held by the Company	
			As at 31.03.2024	As at 31.03.2023
GACL-NALCO Alkalies & Chemicals Pvt. Ltd.	Manufacture and Sale of Chlor-Alkali Products	India	60%	60%

For Method of Accounting Refer Note- 2.16.a.5

In view of the losses of Rs.17,432.36 Lakhs incurred by Joint Venture Company (“JV”) during the year and accumulated losses of Rs. 45,972.65 Lakhs as at March 31, 2024, the Company, through external expert, has carried out impairment review of its Investment of Rs. 41,400 Lakhs in 41,40,00,000 equity shares of Rs. 10/- each in its JV. As per external expert’s assessment, the fair value of above-referred Equity Investment in its JV exceeds its carrying value and consequently, it has been determined that no impairment provision needs to be recognised against carrying value of its Equity Investment held in its JV as of March 31, 2024.

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6 OTHER INVESTMENTS

[Rs. in Lakhs]

Particulars	Face Value Rs.	As at 31.03.2024		As at 31.03.2023	
		Quantity	Amount	Quantity	Amount
Non - Current :					
1 Investment in Equity Instruments (Quoted) - FVTOCI :					
a Gujarat Industries Power Company Limited	10	2,30,88,980	37,646.58	2,30,88,980	17,524.54
b Gujarat State Fertilizers and Chemicals Limited	2	75,00,000	14,673.75	75,00,000	8,925.00
c Gujarat Lease Financing Limited	10	2,50,000	20.88	2,50,000	6.25
d Gujarat Gas Limited	2	21,315,785	116,011.16	21,315,785	97,967.35
Total - 1 (Quoted)			168,352.37		124,423.14
2 Investment in Equity Instruments (Unquoted)-FVTOCI :					
a Gujarat Data Electronics Limited	10	40,000	4.00	40,000	4.00
Less :- Provision for Diminution in the value of Investment			(4.00)		(4.00)
			-		-
b Gujarat Venture Finance Limited	10	1,80,000	505.80	1,80,000	441.00
c Gujarat Guardian Limited	10	74,25,000	9,949.50	74,25,000	11,063.25
d Gujarat State Petroleum Corporation Limited	1	2,15,43,200	3,774.37	2,15,43,200	3,272.41
e Gujarat Chemical Port Limited (Formerly Gujarat Chemical Port Terminal Limited)	1	6,13,90,000	10,559.08	6,13,90,000	17,189.20
f Vdodara Enviro Channel Ltd.	10	7,151	338.67	7,151	334.74
h Vadodara Jal Sanchay Private Limited	10	3,00,000	30.00	3,00,000	30.00
Total - 2 (Unquoted)			25,157.42		32,330.60
GRAND TOTAL			193,509.79		156,753.74
Current :					
(A) Investment in Equity Instruments (Quoted) - FVTPL :					
1 IDBI Bank Ltd.	10	3,18,800	258.23	3,18,800	143.46
Total - A			258.23		143.46
(B) Investment in Government Securities (Unquoted) :					
Investment In Govt. Securities (FVTPL) Six Year National Saving Certificate (Pledged for renewal licence)- amortised cost			1,059.80		1,059.80
			0.20		0.20
Total - B			1,060.00		1,060.00
(C) Investment in Pvt. Bond Securities (Unquoted) - FVTPL			646.76		840.82
(D) Investment in Mutual Fund Securities (Unquoted) - FVTPL			42.94		21.29
GRAND TOTAL			2,007.93		2,065.57
Aggregate Carrying Value of current quoted investments			258.23		143.46
Aggregate Carrying Value of non-current quoted investments			168,352.37		124,423.14
Total Aggregate Carrying Value of quoted investments			168,610.60		124,566.60
Aggregate Market Value of current quoted investments			258.23		143.46
Aggregate Market Value of non-current quoted investments			168,352.37		124,423.14
Total Aggregate Market Value of quoted investments			168,610.60		124,566.60
Aggregate Carrying Value of current unquoted investments			1,749.50		1,921.91
Aggregate Carrying Value of non-current unquoted investments			25,157.42		32,330.60
Total Aggregate Carrying Value of unquoted investments			26,906.92		34,252.51
Aggregate amount of impairment in value of Investments			4.00		4.00
Category-wise other Investments - as per Ind AS 109 classification :-					
Financial assets carried at fair value through profit or loss (FVTPL)			2,007.73		2,065.37
Financial assets carried at amortised cost (Govt. Securities)			0.20		0.20
Financial assets measured at fair value through other comprehensive income (FVTOCI) (Equity Instruments)			193,509.79		156,753.74



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7 LOANS

[Rs. in Lakhs]

Particulars	As at 31.03.2024	As at 31.03.2023
LOANS RECEIVABLE :		
Non-Current :		
Unsecured - Considered Good :		
Loans to Employees	132.17	41.01
Loans to Officers	14.89	7.94
Total :	147.06	48.95
Current :		
Unsecured - Considered Good :		
Inter Corporate Deposit with Gujarat State Financial Services Ltd. (Related party - Refer Note-38)	-	5,000.00
Loans to Employees	79.73	57.19
Loans to Officers	4.36	4.75
Total :	84.09	5,061.94

8 OTHER FINANCIAL ASSETS

[Rs. in Lakhs]

Particulars	As at 31.03.2024	As at 31.03.2023
Non - Current :		
Unsecured - Considered Good :		
Security Deposits	2,266.47	2,293.71
Advances for Investment	8,295.57	-
Total :	10,562.04	2,293.71
Current :		
Unsecured - Considered Good :		
Security Deposits	275.03	313.25
Amount receivable for Wind Farm Credit	786.71	691.29
Receivable from GACL-NALCO Alkalies and Chemicals Pvt. Ltd. (Related party - Refer Note - 38)	526.50	2,841.66
Interest receivable	114.51	397.25
Others - claims receivable	657.22	282.53
Total :	2,359.97	4,525.98

9 NON-CURRENT TAX ASSETS (NET)

[Rs. in Lakhs]

Particulars	As at 31.03.2024	As at 31.03.2023
Tax Assets (Net)	17,835.65	18,819.97
Total:	17,835.65	18,819.97

CURRENT TAX LIABILITIES (NET)

[Rs. in Lakhs]

Particulars	As at 31.03.2024	As at 31.03.2023
Tax Liabilities (Net)	1,002.52	1,002.52
Total:	1,002.52	1,002.52

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10 OTHER ASSETS

[Rs. in Lakhs]

Particulars	As at 31.03.2024	As at 31.03.2023
Non - Current :		
Unsecured - Considered Good :		
Capital Advances (Refer Note No. 10.1)	2,408.09	9,412.88
Balance with Govt. Department (Refer Note No. 10.2 & 10.3)	1,462.89	1,473.06
Prepaid Expenses	17.40	35.76
Other Loans and Advances	27.77	27.77
Total :	3,916.15	10,949.47
Current :		
Unsecured - Considered Good :		
Prepaid Current Employee Benefits (Gratuity) (Ref. Note No. 36)	303.81	905.23
Advance to suppliers	2,734.67	4,450.33
Export Incentive Receivable	355.05	99.48
Prepaid Expenses	97.68	103.87
Indirect Taxes Receivable	1,800.69	921.83
Income Tax Refund Receivable	6,804.44	-
Other Loans and Advances	130.75	21.51
Total :	12,227.09	6,502.25

- 10.1 Capital Advances includes advance payment made for leasehold lands allotted pending execution of lease deeds of Rs. 923.08 lakhs (FY 2022-23 Rs. 923.08 lakhs) towards plot No. B-37 to B-44 at village Atali admeasuring 50,714.48 sq. mtrs.
- 10.2 In the Financial Year 2012-13, the Company received a demand of Rs. 1,719.66 lakhs from the revenue authorities for excise duty, interest and penalty thereon. The same has been shown as provision for other liabilities under Non-Current Provisions (Note no. 19). The Company has contested the demand and has paid under protest Rs.924.23 lakhs and Rs.333.32 lakhs (Total Rs.1,257.55 lakhs) during 2012-13 and 2013-14 respectively. As the matter is pending with Honourable High Court, the amount paid has been shown under Balance with Govt. Department under Other Non-Current Assets.
- 10.3 Other than mentioned in Note No. 10.2 above, Balance with Govt. Departement includes amount paid under protest relating to matters pending with respect to Sales Tax & Service Tax.

NOTES TO THE STANDALONE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

11 INVENTORIES

[At lower of Cost and Net Realisable Value]

[Rs. in Lakhs]

Particulars	As at 31.03.2024	As at 31.03.2023
(a) Raw Materials and Components	10,111.12	12,294.57
Goods-in-Transit	3,593.98	12,789.69
	13,705.10	25,084.26
(b) Work-in-Progress	6,255.94	2,674.53
(c) Finished Goods	6,756.51	4,077.23
Goods-in-Transit	247.11	711.26
	7,003.62	4,788.49
(d) Stores and Spares	13,269.28	13,025.45
Goods-in-Transit	24.04	47.55
	13,293.32	13,073.00
(e) Others :		
Packing Materials	434.03	411.10
Building Materials	27.90	20.18
Others	5.87	20.95
	467.80	452.23
Total :	40,725.78	46,072.51

For details of inventories given as security against borrowings refer note: 13.2

12 TRADE RECEIVABLES

[Rs. in Lakhs]

Particulars	As at 31.03.2024	As at 31.03.2023
Current :		
(a) Secured, considered good (Refer Note No. 37.7)	481.13	2,182.90
(b) Unsecured, Considered good	18,353.99	28,039.43
(c) Which have significant increase in Credit Risk	-	-
(d) Credit Impaired (Refer Note No. 12.2)	1,610.42	1,610.42
	20,445.54	31,832.75
Less : Allowance for expected credit losses	2,680.60	3,376.44
Total :	17,764.94	28,456.31

12.1 Refer Note No. 38 for related party receivable.

12.2 Trade Receivables include overdue outstanding from various parties aggregating to Rs.1,610.42 lakhs, (Previous Year Rs.1,610.42 lakhs), for which the Company has taken legal steps for recovery of the outstanding dues and the management is hopeful of the recovery. However, cumulative provision of Rs.1,610.42 lakhs (Previous Year Rs.1,610.42 lakhs) exists for such doubtful debts as on 31.03.2024.

The average credit period on sale of goods is 20 days. However, no interest is charged on Trade Receivables for delay in payment beyond 31 days from the date of the Invoice.

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12 TRADE RECEIVABLES (Contd.)

The credit limits for customers are set based on security deposits and bank guarantees. Limits attributed to customers are reviewed periodically.

The Company has used a practical expedient by computing the expected credit loss allowance for Trade Receivables based on a provision matrix. The provision matrix takes into account historical credit loss experience and adjusted for forward looking information. The expected credit loss allowance is based on the ageing of the days the receivables are due and the rates are given in the provision matrix. The provision matrix at the end of the Reporting Period is as follows. :

Ageing :	Expected Credit Loss	
Particulars	As at 31.03.2024	
Within the Credit Period	0.29%	
1-60 days past due	4.05%	
61-180 days past due	8.14%	
181-2 years past due	10.98%	
2-5 years past due	39.62%	
Above 5 years past due	100.00%	

Age of Receivables :	[Rs. in Lakhs]	
Particulars	As at 31.03.2024	As at 31.03.2023
Within the Credit Period	11,459.48	25,286.51
1-60 days past due	1,903.18	3,073.71
61-180 days past due	3,103.25	448.59
181-2 years past due	1,454.80	431.72
2-5 years past due	607.60	829.22
Above 5 years past due	1,917.23	1,763.00
Total :	20,445.54	31,832.75

Movement in Expected Credit Loss Allowance :	[Rs. in Lakhs]	
Particulars	As at 31.03.2024	As at 31.03.2023
Balance at beginning of the year	3,376.44	3,417.46
Writeback of excess Expected Credit Loss Allowance	(695.84)	(41.02)
Balance at end of the year	2,680.60	3,376.44

The Concentration of Credit Risk is limited due to the fact that the customer base is large and unrelated.



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12 TRADE RECEIVABLES (Contd.)

At March 31, 2024 and March 31, 2023, the major customers (top five) accounted for the following amounts of the Company's Trade Receivables :

[Rs. in Lakhs]

Sr. No.	Dealer Name	Balance as at 31.03.2024		Balance as at 31.03.2023	
		Amount (Rs.)	% to Total Debtors	Amount (Rs.)	% to Total Debtors
1	Dealer-A	141.63	0.69	6,367.56	20.00
2	Dealer-B	163.78	0.80	227.92	0.72
3	Dealer-C	417.89	2.04	108.13	0.34
4	Dealer-D	110.40	0.54	3,956.15	12.43
5	Dealer-E	127.65	0.62	36.66	0.12
	Total (1 TO 5)	961.35	4.69	10,696.42	33.61
	Total Trade Receivable-GACL	20,445.54	100.00	31,832.75	100.00

AGEING SCHEDULE OF TRADE RECEIVABLES FOR THE F. Y. 2023-24

Particulars	Outstanding for following periods from due date of payment						Total
	Not Due	Less than 6 months	6 months- 1 year	1-2 years	2-3 years	More than 3 years	
(i) Undisputed Trade receivables – Considered good	11,459.48	5,006.43	1,322.41	132.39	124.83	789.58	18,835.12
(ii) Disputed Trade Receivables – Credit Impaired	-	-	-	-	-	1,610.42	1,610.42
Less : Expected Credit Loss allowance							2,680.60
As at 31st March, 2024							17,764.94

AGEING SCHEDULE OF TRADE RECEIVABLES FOR THE F. Y. 2022-23

Particulars	Outstanding for following periods from due date of payment						Total
	Not Due	Less than 6 months	6 months- 1 year	1-2 years	2-3 years	More than 3 years	
(i) Undisputed Trade receivables – Considered good	25,286.51	3,522.30	197.23	234.49	334.67	647.13	30,222.33
(ii) Disputed Trade Receivables – Credit Impaired	-	-	-	-	-	1,610.42	1,610.42
Less : Expected Credit Loss allowance							3,376.44
As at 31st March, 2023							28,456.31

13 CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

[Rs. in Lakhs]

Particulars	As at 31.03.2024	As at 31.03.2023
Cash and Cash Equivalents :		
Balances with Banks :		
Current Account (Refer Note No. 13.1)	2,576.42	6,050.20
Cash Credit Account (Refer Note No. 13.2)	2,895.22	-
Cash on hand	0.81	4.04
Others :		
Stamps on hand	-	0.14
Deposit with Gujarat State Financial Services Ltd.	10,000.00	39,500.00
Total :	15,472.45	45,554.38

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13 CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS (Contd.)

- 13.1 Includes Rs.0.23 lakhs (Previous year Rs.127.59 lakhs) netting of credit balance of one bank account in accordance with sweeping arrangement with bank.
- 13.2 The Company has working capital facilities with various banks carrying interest rate ranging from 8.70% p.a. to 9.35% p.a. These facilities are secured by first charge by hypothecation of stocks and book debts and second charge over the immovable assets of the Company.

14 OTHER BALANCES WITH BANKS

[Rs. in Lakhs]

Particulars	As at 31.03.2024	As at 31.03.2023
Other Bank Balances consist of the following:		
Fixed Deposits with Banks	0.10	2,100.10
Unspent CSR Fund	444.38	430.61
Unpaid Dividend (Refer Note No. 14.1)	259.51	206.22
Total :	703.99	2,736.93

14.1 During the year, the Company has transferred Rs. 21.30 lakhs (Previous Year Rs.19.53 lakhs for FY 2014-15) to Investor Education & Protection Fund for FY 2015-16.

15 SHARE CAPITAL

[Rs. in Lakhs]

Particulars	As at 31.03.2024	As at 31.03.2023
Equity Share Capital		
(a) Authorised share capital :		
250,000,000 Equity Shares of Rs. 10/- each	25,000.00	10,000.00
– Redeemable Cumulative Preference Shares of Rs.100/- each	-	5,000.00
	25,000.00	15,000.00
(b) Issued :		
7,34,39,875 Equity Shares of Rs.10/- each (As at March 31, 2023 :7,34,39,875)	7,343.99	7,343.99
(c) Subscribed & Fully Paid-up :		
7,34,36,928 Equity Shares of Rs.10/- each (As at March 31, 2023 : 7,34,36,928)	7,343.69	7,343.69
(d) Subscribed & Not Fully Paid-up (forefeited) :		
2,947 Equity Shares of Rs.10/- each (As at March 31, 2023 : 2,947)	0.15	0.15
Total	7,343.84	7,343.84

(i) Reconciliation of the number of equity shares :

Particulars	As at 31.03.2024		As at 31.03.2023	
	Number	(Rs. in Lakhs)	Number	(Rs. in Lakhs)
Shares outstanding at the beginning of the period	73,436,928	7,343.69	73,436,928	7,343.69
Shares outstanding at the end of the period	73,436,928	7,343.69	73,436,928	7,343.69

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15 SHARE CAPITAL (Contd.)

(ii) Rights, preferences and restrictions attached to equity shares :

The Company has one class of equity shares having a par value of Rs.10/- each. Each Shareholder is eligible for one vote per one share held. The dividend proposed by the Board of Directors is subject to the approval of the Shareholders in the ensuing Annual General Meeting, except in case of interim dividend. In the event of liquidation, the equity Shareholders are eligible to receive the remaining assets of the Company after distribution of all preferential amounts, in proportion to their shareholding.

(iii) Details of shares held by each shareholder holding more than 5% equity shares :

Sr. No.	Name of Shareholder	As at 31.03.2024		As at 31.03.2023	
		No. of shares held	% of shares held	No. of shares held	% of shares held
1	Lok Prakashan Ltd.	16,215,732	22.08	16,215,732	22.08
2	Gujarat State Investment Ltd.	15,329,373	20.87	15,329,373	20.87
3	Gujarat Industrial Investment Corporation Limited	7,119,028	9.69	7,119,028	9.69
4	Gujarat Mineral Development Corporation Ltd.	4,145,433	5.64	4,145,433	5.64

(iv) Details of Shares held by Promoters :

Sr. No.	Promoters Name	As at 31.03.2024		As at 31.03.2023		% Change during the year
		No. of shares	% of total shares	No. of shares	% of total shares	
1	Gujarat Industrial Investment Corporation Limited	7,119,028	9.69	7,119,028	9.69	-
2	Gujarat Mineral Development Corporation Ltd	4,145,433	5.64	4,145,433	5.64	-
3	Gujarat Narmada Valley Fertilizers And Chemicals Limited	1,759,996	2.40	1,759,996	2.40	-
4	Gujarat State Investments Limited	15,329,373	20.87	15,329,373	20.87	-
5	Gujarat Maritime Board	2,734,719	3.72	2,734,719	3.72	-
6	Gujarat Industrial Development Corporation	2,897,740	3.95	2,897,740	3.95	-
7	Governor Of Gujarat	21	-	21	-	-

(v) Dividend :

For current financial year 2023-24, The Company has proposed dividend of Rs. 13.85 per equity share as "Special Dividend" (Previous year Rs. 23.55 per share declared). Proposed dividend on equity share are subject to approval at the Annual General Meeting and are not recognised as a liability as at Balance Sheet date.

16 OTHER EQUITY

[Rs. in Lakhs]

Particulars	As at 31.03.2024	As at 31.03.2023
a. General Reserve	230,217.62	230,217.62
b. Securities Premium	23,423.18	23,423.18
c. Capital Reserve	0.24	0.24
d. Reserve for equity instruments through other comprehensive income	164,076.73	129,229.40
e. Retained Earnings	210,075.66	240,831.89
Total :	627,793.43	623,702.33

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16 OTHER EQUITY (Contd.)

a. General Reserve

The General Reserve is used from time to time to transfer profits from Retained Earnings for appropriation purpose. As General Reserve is created by a transfer from one component of Equity to another and is not an item of other comprehensive income, items included in the General Reserve will not be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss.

b. Securities Premium

Securities premium is used to record the premium received on issue of shares. It is utilised in accordance with the provisions of the Companies Act, 2013.

c. Capital Reserve

As per Companies Act, 2013, capital redemption reserve is created when company purchases its own shares out of free reserves or securities premium. A sum equal to the nominal value of the shares so purchased is transferred to capital redemption reserve. The reserve is utilised in accordance with the provisions of section 69 of the Companies Act, 2013.

d. Retained Earnings

This reserve represents undistributed accumulated earnings of the Company as on the balance sheet date.

e. Reserve for equity instruments through other comprehensive income

The reserve represents the cumulative gains and losses arising on the revaluation of equity instruments measured at fair value through other comprehensive income.

17 BORROWINGS

[Rs. in Lakhs]

Particulars	As at 31.03.2024	As at 31.03.2023
Non-Current :		
Secured - at amortised cost :		
Term Loans from Banks :		
External Commercial Borrowing from ICICI Bank (Refer Note No.17.1)	-	1,065.78
External Commercial Borrowing from State Bank of India (Refer Note No.17.2)	34,277.96	44,820.14
Total :	34,277.96	45,885.92

The terms of repayment of borrowings are stated below:

- 17.1 The Loan is secured by way of Hypothecation charge on plant and machinery of 14.7 MW Wind Farm Project at Dist. Porbandar, Gujarat, 915 nos. Cell Elements at Ranoli Dist. Vadodara, Gujarat and 440 nos. Cell Elements at Dahej, Dist. Bharuch, Gujarat. It has to be repaid in 15 equal half yearly instalments from 10.09.2017 and carries interest rate of Term SOFR plus 2.07% p.a.
- 17.2 The loan is secured by way of Hypothecation charge on plant and machinery of Chloromethanes Plant at Plot No. D-II/9 P. O. Dahej, Tal. Vagra. Dist Bharuch, Gujarat. It has to be repaid in 10 equal half yearly instalments from 17.09.2023 and carries interest rate of Term SOFR plus 1.70% p.a.

[Rs. in Lakhs]

Particulars	As at 31.03.2024	As at 31.03.2023
Current :		
Secured		
Term Loans from Banks :		
Current maturities of long term secured debts (Refer Note No. 17.4)	12,564.63	13,695.00
Unsecured		
Short Term Loan	7,500.00	-
Total :	20,064.63	13,695.00

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17 BORROWINGS (Contd.)

17.3 Represents repayment falling due in next twelve months :

- (i) Rs. 1,104.37 lakhs to ICICI Bank towards ECB loan secured against Hypothecation charge on plant and machinery of 14.70 MW Windmills phase-X located at Porbandar district, Gujarat, 915 nos. Cell Elements at Ranoli, Dist. Vadodara, Gujarat and 440 nos. Cell Elements at Dahej, Dist. Bharuch, Gujarat carrying interest rate of Term SOFR plus 2.07% p.a.
- (ii) Rs. 11,460.26 lakhs to State Bank of India towards ECB loan secured against Hypothecation charge on plant and machinery of Chloromethanes plant at Plot no D-II/9 P.O. Dahej Taluka Vagra Dist Bharuch, Gujarat carrying interest rate of Term SOFR plus 1.70% p.a.

18 LEASE LIABILITIES

[Rs. in Lakhs]

Particulars	As at 31.03.2024	As at 31.03.2023
Non - current :		
Lease Liabilities	65.21	66.29
Total :	65.21	66.29
Current :		
Lease Liabilities	5.96	6.04
Total :	5.96	6.04

19 PROVISIONS

[Rs. in Lakhs]

Particulars	As at 31.03.2024	As at 31.03.2023
Non - current :		
(A) Provision for Employees' Benefits		
(i) Compensated Absences (Ref. Note No. 36)	9,830.18	9,177.33
(ii) Long Service Award	150.85	127.47
(B) Provision for Other Liabilities (Ref. Note No. 19.1)	1,719.66	1,719.66
(C) Asset Retirement Obligations (Refer Note No. 19.2)	2,397.40	2,222.98
Total :	14,098.09	13,247.44
Current :		
(A) Provision for Employees' Benefits		
(i) Compensated Absences (Ref. Note No. 36)	1,432.89	1,426.78
(ii) Long Service Award	75.86	50.89
Total :	1,508.75	1,477.67

19.1 In the earlier Financial Year 2012-13, the Company received a demand of Rs. 1,719.66 lakhs from the revenue authorities for excise duty, interest and penalty thereon - Refer Note 10.2.

19.2 Movement of asset retirement obligation :

Particulars	2023-24	2022-23
Balance at the beginning of the year	2,222.98	2,067.97
Add : Unwinding of discount	174.42	155.01
Balance at the end of the year	2,397.40	2,222.98

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20 DEFERRED TAX LIABILITIES (NET)

[Rs. in Lakhs]

Particulars	As at 31.03.2024	As at 31.03.2023
Deferred Tax assets	(11,372.25)	(10,711.61)
Deferred Tax liabilities	83,259.62	87,079.79
Deferred Tax Liabilities (Net)	71,887.37	76,368.18

2023-2024:

[Rs. in Lakhs]

Deferred tax liabilities / (assets) in relation to:	Opening balance	Recognised in profit or loss	Recognised in other comprehensive income	Recognised directly in equity	Reclassified from equity to profit or loss	MAT Credit Set off / (Entitlement)	Adjustment	Closing Balance
Property, Plant and Equipment	74,054.35	(5,728.89)	-	-	-	-	-	68,325.46
Employee Benefits	(1,547.34)	-	(127.61)	-	-	-	-	(1,674.95)
Investments	13,025.44	-	1,908.72	-	-	-	-	14,934.16
Disallowances / Allowances	(4,306.31)	156.90	-	-	-	-	-	(4,149.41)
MAT Credit (Entitlement) / Utilisation	(4,857.96)	-	-	-	-	(658.12)	(31.81)	(5,547.89)
Total :	76,368.18	(5,571.99)	1,781.11	-	-	(658.12)	(31.81)	71,887.37

2022-2023

[Rs. in Lakhs]

Deferred tax liabilities / (assets) in relation to:	Opening balance	Recognised in profit or loss	Recognised in other comprehensive income	Recognised directly in equity	Reclassified from equity to profit or loss	MAT Credit Set off / (Entitlement)	Adjustment	Closing Balance
Property, Plant and Equipment	57,076.32	16,978.03	-	-	-	-	-	74,054.35
Employee Benefits	(1,733.60)	-	186.26	-	-	-	-	(1,547.34)
Investments	14,100.26	-	(1,074.82)	-	-	-	-	13,025.44
Disallowances / Allowances	(5,004.58)	698.27	-	-	-	-	-	(4,306.31)
MAT Credit (Entitlement) / Utilisation	-	-	-	-	-	(4,857.96)	-	(4,857.96)
Total :	64,438.40	17,676.30	(888.56)	-	-	(4,857.96)	-	76,368.18

21 TRADE PAYABLES

[Rs. in Lakhs]

Particulars	As at 31.03.2024	As at 31.03.2023
Current :		
Trade Payable to related parties (Refer Note No. 38) :	1,075.98	1,474.68
Trade Payables		
a. Total outstanding dues of micro enterprises and small enterprises	4,136.76	3,911.11
b. Total outstanding dues of creditors other than micro enterprises and small enterprises (Refer note below for details of dues to Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises)	32,252.17	43,997.67
Total :	37,464.91	49,383.46

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21 TRADE PAYABLES (Contd.)

[Rs. in Lakhs]

Particulars	As at 31.03.2024	As at 31.03.2023
Disclosures required under Section 22 of the Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises Development Act, 2006 (“MSMED Act”)		
(i) Principal amount remaining unpaid to any supplier as at the end of the accounting year	4,136.76	3,911.11
(ii) Interest due thereon remaining unpaid to any supplier as at the end of the accounting year	-	-
(iii) The amount of interest paid along with the amounts of the payment made to the supplier beyond the appointed day	-	-
(iv) The amount of interest due and payable for the year	-	-
(v) The amount of interest accrued and remaining unpaid at the end of the accounting year	-	-
(vi) The amount of further interest due and payable even in the succeeding year, until such date when the interest dues as above are actually paid	-	-
Dues to Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises have been determined to the extent such parties have been identified on the basis of information collected by the Management. This has been relied upon by the Auditors.		

The Company has made payments to Micro and Small suppliers within the stipulated payment period as prescribed under Micro and Small enterprises Development Act, 2006 (MSMED Act, 2006). Accordingly, no interest is payable to such suppliers. The Company has financial risk management policies in place to ensure that all payables are paid within the pre-agreed credit terms.

AGEING SCHEDULE OF TRADE PAYABLE FOR THE F. Y. 2023-24

Particulars	Outstanding for following periods from due date of payment					Total
	Not Due	Less than 1 year	1-2 years	2-3 years	More than 3 years	
(i) MSME*	3,849.68	242.61	44.47	-	-	4,136.76
(ii) Others	28,505.27	4,105.37	600.65	53.33	63.53	33,328.15
(iii) Disputed dues - MSME	-	-	-	-	-	-
(iv) Disputed dues - Others	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	32,354.95	4,347.98	645.12	53.33	63.53	37,464.91

AGEING SCHEDULE OF TRADE PAYABLE FOR THE F. Y. 2022-23

Particulars	Outstanding for following periods from due date of payment					Total
	Not Due	Less than 1 year	1-2 years	2-3 years	More than 3 years	
(i) MSME*	3,438.55	472.56	-	-	-	3,911.11
(ii) Others	30,931.78	13,301.49	383.39	511.71	343.98	45,472.35
(iii) Disputed dues - MSME	-	-	-	-	-	-
(iv) Disputed dues - Others	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	34,370.33	13,774.05	383.39	511.71	343.98	49,383.46

* Generally, undisputed Trade Payables are settled on or before the due dates and amount outstanding beyond due dates are on account of pending compliance of Contractual/Statutory requirement by vendors.

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22 OTHER FINANCIAL LIABILITIES

[Rs. in Lakhs]

Particulars	As at 31.03.2024	As at 31.03.2023
Current :		
Interest accrued but not due on borrowings	128.78	159.43
Unpaid dividends	259.51	206.22
Payables for capital goods	1,567.91	2,000.49
Security Deposits / Earnest Money Deposits	4,754.12	8,452.27
Security Deposits from Related party (Refer Note - 38) :		
GACL-NALCO Alkalies and Chemicals Pvt. Ltd.	2.69	2.69
GACL Foundation Trust (Formerly known as GACL Education Society)	4.06	4.06
Others (Misc. Liabilities / Payables)	309.29	241.21
Total :	7,026.36	11,066.37

23 OTHER CURRENT LIABILITIES

[Rs. in Lakhs]

Particulars	As at 31.03.2024	As at 31.03.2023
Other payables :		
Other Statutory Liabilities	2,718.77	3,523.38
Advance received from customers	3,677.33	3,131.16
Unspent CSR Expenses (Refer Note No. 45)	987.54	699.41
Total :	7,383.64	7,353.95

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24 REVENUE FROM OPERATIONS

[Rs. in Lakhs]

Particulars	Year Ended 31.03.2024		Year Ended 31.03.2023	
(i) SALE OF PRODUCTS :				
[a] MANUFACTURING OPERATIONS :-				
Caustic Soda Lye	104,227.95		167,915.72	
Caustic Soda Flakes	49,699.89		56,559.99	
Caustic Soda Prills	14,580.49		12,964.93	
Chloromethanes	36,798.29		33,326.83	
Caustic Potash Lye	9,359.06		13,108.25	
Caustic Potash Flakes	18,617.03		25,732.40	
Potassium Carbonate	12,068.16		15,982.08	
Hydrogen Peroxide	25,194.53		28,876.28	
Phosphoric Acid (85%)	25,344.94		30,824.87	
Purified Phosphoric Acid	7,203.04		-	
Poly Aluminium Chloride	8,642.66		8,920.64	
Aluminium Chloride	22,419.67		24,897.04	
Benzyl Chloride	5,218.28		42.06	
Benzyl Alcohol	4,660.12		338.97	
Benzaldehyde	2,029.99		137.79	
Sodium Chlorate	16,667.05		16,250.62	
Others	6,166.84		931.78	
		368,897.99		436,810.25
[b] TRADING ACTIVITY		-		2,011.29
[c] SALE OF POWER		1,379.05		1,364.12
Total (i)		370,277.04		440,185.66
(ii) OTHER OPERATING REVENUE :				
Sale of Scrap	1,120.59		1,528.81	
Insurance Claims - General	-		26.45	
Export Incentives	587.40		341.20	
Credit balances written back (Net)	968.69		1,276.12	
Excess expected credit loss allowances written back	695.84		41.02	
Stores & Spare -parts provision written back	475.42		-	
Freight Outward Recovered (Gross)	4,216.19		6,430.73	
Service Charge / Comission	2,032.26		759.52	
Other Receipts	290.00		1,060.55	
Total (ii)		10,386.39		11,464.40
Total (i + ii)		380,663.43		451,650.06

Revenues are further disaggregated into revenues from domestic as well as export market as follows:

[Rs. in Lakhs]

Particulars	Year Ended 31.03.2024	Year Ended 31.03.2023
Revenue from Sale of Product		
-Domestic	295,701.20	367,613.67
-Export	74,575.84	72,571.99
Total	370,277.04	440,185.66

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24 REVENUE FROM OPERATIONS (Contd.)

1 Disclosures under Ind AS 115 revenue from contracts with customers

The Company derives revenues from sale of products and scrap from its contract with customers.

(a) Contract assets, liabilities and receivables

The Company has recognised the following revenue-related contract assets, liabilities and receivables

[Rs. in Lakhs]

Particulars	31.03.2024		
	Contract Assets	Contract Liabilities	Receivables
Balance as the beginning of the year	-	3,131.16	30,222.33
Additions/Adjustment (Net)	-	546.17	(11,387.21)
Balance as the end of the year	-	3,677.33	18,835.12

[Rs. in Lakhs]

Particulars	31.03.2023		
	Contract Assets	Contract Liabilities	Receivables
Balance as the beginning of the year	-	2,338.64	32,359.23
Additions/Adjustment (Net)	-	792.52	(2,136.90)
Balance as the end of the year	-	3,131.16	30,222.33

(b) Revenue recognised in relation to contract liabilities

The following table shows how much of the revenue recognised in the current reporting period relates to carried-forward contract liabilities.

[Rs. in Lakhs]

Particulars	31.03.2024	31.03.2023
Revenue recognised that was included in the contract liability balance at the beginning of the year	3,087.17	1,655.90

The Company has applied practical expedient referred to in paragraph 121 of Ind AS 115 and accordingly, has not disclosed information related to remaining performance obligations. No consideration from contracts with customers is excluded from the remaining performance obligations.

**NOTES TO THE STANDALONE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS****25 OTHER INCOME**

[Rs. in Lakhs]

Particulars	Year Ended 31.03.2024	Year Ended 31.03.2023
Interest Income		
a) Deposit with Banks	92.43	25.98
b) Short Term Deposit / Inter Corporate Deposit	958.74	1,469.15
c) Interest on Income Tax Refund	1,539.27	-
d) Deposits with MGVCL	78.82	78.82
e) Others (Including Investments)	294.88	355.57
Dividend Income*		
From Non-Current Investments	4,559.39	1,880.40
From Current Investments	3.19	-
* All Dividends from Equity investments designated as at FVTOCI recognised for both the years relate to investments held at the end of each reporting period.		
Other Non-operating Income		
a) Rent received from assets given on operating lease	14.48	16.68
b) Net gain arising from Financial Assets designated FVTPL	301.30	290.12
c) Insurance claims	1,099.32	-
c) Miscellaneous Income	64.64	98.46
Total:	9,006.46	4,215.18

26 COST OF MATERIALS CONSUMED

[Rs. in Lakhs]

Particulars	Year Ended 31.03.2024	Year Ended 31.03.2023
Natural Gas (includes used in captive power plant)	39,667.21	39,470.98
Potassium Chloride	27,307.52	28,518.76
Salt	20,683.41	18,879.78
Rock Phosphate	19,182.78	13,857.59
Aluminium Ingots	20,141.83	22,683.89
Alumina Trihydrate Powder	6,395.79	6,408.33
Heavy Normal Paraffin	1,209.33	2,744.51
Toluene	8,509.94	148.45
Methanol - Commercial Grade	10,434.43	6,331.45
Others	11,566.13	11,740.18
Total :	165,098.37	150,783.92

27 CHANGES IN INVENTORIES OF FINISHED GOODS, WORK-IN-PROGRESS AND STOCK-IN-TRADE

[Rs. in Lakhs]

Particulars	Year Ended 31.03.2024		Year Ended 31.03.2023
Closing Stock (a) :			
Finished Goods	7,003.62	13,259.56	4,788.49
Process Stock	6,255.94		2,674.53
			7,463.02
Opening Stock (b) :			
Finished Goods	4,788.49	7,463.02	3,243.80
Process Stock	2,674.53		2,526.51
			5,770.31
(Increase) / Decrease (b - a) :		(5,796.54)	(1,692.71)

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28 EMPLOYEE BENEFITS EXPENSE

[Rs. in Lakhs]

Particulars	Year Ended 31.03.2024	Year Ended 31.03.2023
a) Salaries and Wages	21,410.62	20,605.49
b) Contributions to :		
(i) Provident Fund	1,120.03	1,081.41
(ii) Superannuation Scheme	833.64	833.13
(iii) Gratuity Fund	404.08	497.32
(iv) Employee State Insurance Corporation	11.00	9.29
c) Staff Welfare Expenses	2,724.46	2,213.06
Total :	26,503.83	25,239.70

29 FINANCE COSTS

[Rs. in Lakhs]

Particulars	Year Ended 31.03.2024	Year Ended 31.03.2023
(a) Interest Expense :		
On Term Loans	3,851.32	1,550.02
On Short Term Loan	196.70	-
On Dismantling Cost (Refer Note No. 19.2)	174.42	155.01
On Lease Liabilities	5.53	5.66
Others	0.02	7.28
(b) Other Borrowing Costs :		
Bank Charges	228.51	228.27
Total :	4,456.50	1,946.24

30 DEPRECIATION AND AMORTISATION EXPENSE

[Rs. in Lakhs]

Particulars	Year Ended 31.03.2024	Year Ended 31.03.2023
Depreciation on Property, Plant and Equipment (Note 3)	37,358.17	27,226.24
Amortisation on Right of Use Assets (Note 3)	278.54	278.54
Amortisation on Intangible Assets (Note 4)	104.00	104.02
Total :	37,740.71	27,608.80

31 POWER, FUEL & OTHER UTILITIES

[Rs. in Lakhs]

Particulars	Year Ended 31.03.2024	Year Ended 31.03.2023
Power	104,208.12	88,501.19
Fuel, Natural Gas and Water Charges	23,481.31	23,342.70
Total :	127,689.43	111,843.89

**NOTES TO THE STANDALONE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS****32 OTHER EXPENSES**

[Rs. in Lakhs]

Particulars	Year Ended		
	31.03.2024	Year Ended 31.03.2023	
Stores and Spare-parts consumed		5,274.16	6,112.26
Repairs, Maintenance and Replacement			
Plant and Machinery	5,761.09		4,665.74
Others	7,812.60		6,879.06
		13,573.69	11,544.80
Job Work / Processing Charges		9,118.61	5,270.69
Safety & Environment Expenses		334.87	259.39
Insurance		2,067.77	1,796.12
Packing Materials Consumption		7,099.75	6,345.87
Rent		371.31	365.39
Rates and Taxes		11.46	15.59
Printing and Stationery		73.17	98.52
Postage and Telephone		69.40	69.96
Vehicle Running and Maintenance including Hire Charges		878.95	724.32
Directors' Fees		17.15	21.52
Auditors' Remuneration and Expenses		19.88	18.15
Membership and Subscription Fees		95.00	146.56
Brokerage and Commission		7.33	1.15
Travelling and Conveyance		171.45	65.75
Legal and Professional Charges		398.12	242.11
Research and Development Expenses		165.78	986.79
Loss on Sale of Fixed Assets (Net)		7.01	6.79
Donations & Other CSR Cost (Refer Note-45)		1,272.22	1,095.03
Loss on Exchange Rate (Net)		712.73	3,443.67
Stores & Spare -parts Written Off/Provision		-	480.00
General Expenses		2,080.22	2,096.33
Commission on Sales		206.01	285.83
Other Marketing Expenses		5,400.97	4,288.85
Freight Outward Paid (Gross)		4,138.24	6,376.06
Total :		53,565.25	52,157.50

NOTES TO THE STANDALONE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

33 TAX EXPENSES

Income Taxes relating to continuing operations

Income Tax Recognised in Profit or Loss

[Rs. in Lakhs]

Particulars	Year Ended 31.03.2024	Year Ended 31.03.2023
Current Tax		
In respect of current year	-	15,120.63
In Respect of Prior Year	(133.30)	609.74
Total :	(133.30)	15,730.37
Deferred Tax		
In respect of current year	(5,571.99)	12,818.34
In respect of earlier year	(658.12)	-
Total :	(6,230.11)	12,818.34
Total tax expense recognised in the current year relating to continuing operation	(6,363.41)	28,548.71

The income tax expense for the year can be reconciled to the accounting profit as follows :

[Rs. in Lakhs]

Particulars	Year Ended 31.03.2024	Year Ended 31.03.2023
Profit before tax from continuing operation	-	86,119.10
Income Tax expense calculated @ 34.944% (Previous year 34.944%)	-	30,093.48
Effect of income that is exempt from taxation	-	-
Effect of expenses that are not deductible in determining taxable profits	(6,230.11)	981.96
Effect of concession (allowances)	-	(3,136.47)
Adjustments recognised in current year in relation to the current tax of prior years	(133.30)	609.74
Change in rate of cess (from 3% to 4%)	-	-
Income tax expense recognised in profit or loss (relating to continuing operation)	(6,363.41)	28,548.71

The tax rate used for the year 2023-24 in reconciliation above is the corporate tax rate of 34.944% payable by corporate entities in India on taxable profits under the Indian tax law.

Income Tax Recognised in Other Comprehensive Income

[Rs. in Lakhs]

Particulars	Year Ended 31.03.2024	Year Ended 31.03.2023
Deferred Tax Liabilities / (Assets)		
Arising on income and expenses recognised in other comprehensive income :		
Net fair value gain on investment in equity shares at FVTOCI	1,908.72	(1,074.82)
Remeasurement of defined benefit obligation	(127.61)	186.26
	1,781.11	(888.56)
Arising on income and expenses reclassified from equity to profit or loss :	-	-
Total income tax recognised on other comprehensive income	1,781.11	(888.56)
Bifurcation of the income tax recognised in other comprehensive income into:		
Items that will not be reclassified to profit or loss	1,781.11	(888.56)
Items that may be reclassified to profit or loss	-	-
	1,781.11	(888.56)

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34 EARNING PER SHARE

[Rs. in Lakhs]

Particulars	Units	Year Ended 31.03.2024	Year Ended 31.03.2023
Net Profit After Tax available for Equity Shareholders	Rs. In Lakhs	(13,224.25)	57,570.39
Weighted Average Number of Equity Shares of Rs.10/- each	Number	73,436,928	73,436,928
Basic Earning per Share	Rs.	(18.01)	78.39
Diluted Earning per Share	Rs.	(18.01)	78.39

35 LEASES :

Company as a lessee

The company has lease contracts for rented premises used in its operations. The company's obligations under its lease are secured by the lessor's title to the leased asset.

(a) Amounts recognised in the Balance Sheet

[Rs. in Lakhs]

Particulars	31.03.2024	31.03.2023
(i) Right-of-use Asset		
Cost	10,875.19	10,875.19
Accumulated Depreciation	1,627.47	1,348.93
Net Carrying Amount	9,247.72	9,526.26
(ii) Lease liabilities - Borrowings		
Beginning of the year/period	71.84	72.86
Add: Accretion of interest	5.48	5.62
Less : Payments	6.64	6.64
Closing of the year/period	70.68	71.84
Current	5.48	5.54
Non-Current	65.20	66.30

(b) Amounts recognised in the Statement Of Profit And Loss

[Rs. in Lakhs]

Particulars	31.03.2024	31.03.2023
(i) Finance Cost		
Interest Expense On Lease Liability	5.48	5.62
(ii) Depreciation		
Depreciation on right of use lease asset	278.54	278.54

(c) Amounts recognised in Cash Flow Statement

[Rs. in Lakhs]

Particulars	31.03.2024	31.03.2023
Total cash outflow for leases	6.64	6.64

(d) Expense relating to short-term leases and Low-value

[Rs. in Lakhs]

Particulars	31.03.2024	31.03.2023
Amount recognised in statement of Profit and Loss	208.23	224.86

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36 EMPLOYEE BENEFIT PLANS

Defined Contribution Plan

An amount of Rs.1,120.03 Lakhs (FY 2022-23 Rs.1,081.41 Lakhs) contributed to Provident Fund and amount of Rs.833.64 lakhs (FY 2022-23 Rs.833.13 lakhs) contributed to Employees Superannuation Trust is recognised as an expense and included in "Employee Benefits Expenses" (Note 28) of Statement of Profit & Loss.

Defined Benefit Plans

The Company offers the following employee benefit schemes to its employees :

- i. Gratuity (included as part of b (iii) in Note 28 Employees benefit expense)
- ii. Leave encashment (included as part of a in Note 28 Employee benefit expense)

The following table sets out the funded status of the defined benefits scheme and the amount recognised in financial statement :

As per Actuarial Valuation as on March 31, 2024

[Rs. in Lakhs]

Particulars	Gratuity	
	31.03.2024	31.03.2023
I Expense recognised in the Statement of Profit and Loss for the year ended		
a. Current Service Cost	430.38	401.87
b. Net Interest on net Defined Liability / (Asset)	(35.71)	89.93
c. Total Expenses	394.67	491.80
II Amount recognised in Other Comprehensive Income		
a. Actuarial (Gains) / Losses on Liability	344.68	(306.22)
b. Return on Plan Assets excluding amount included in Net interest on Defined Liability / (Asset) above	20.51	(226.82)
c. Total	365.19	(533.04)
III Net (Assets) / Liability recognised in the Balance Sheet as on		
a. Present Value of Defined Benefit Obligation	13,651.16	12,921.58
b. Fair Value of Plan Assets	13,954.97	13,826.81
c. Net (Asset) / Liability	(303.81)	(905.23)
IV Change in Present value of Obligation during the year ended		
a. Present Value of Defined Benefit Obligation at the beginning of the year	12,921.58	13,096.88
b. Current Service Cost	430.38	401.86
c. Interest Cost	917.43	969.17
d. Benefit paid	(962.91)	(1,240.12)
e. Actuarial (Gain) / Loss on obligation	344.68	(306.21)
f. Present Value of Defined Benefit Obligation at the end of the year	13,651.16	12,921.58
V Change in Fair value of Plan Assets during the year ended		
a. Fair Value of Plan Assets at the beginning of the year	13,826.81	11,042.45
b. Expected Return on Plan Assets	953.14	879.24
c. Contribution by Employer	158.44	2,918.42
d. Actual Benefit Paid	(962.91)	(1,240.12)
e. Actuarial (Gain) / Loss on Plan Assets	(20.51)	226.82
f. Fair Value of Plan Assets at the end of the year	13,954.97	13,826.81
g. Actuarial Gain / (Loss) to be recognised	-	-

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36 EMPLOYEE BENEFIT PLANS (Contd.)

[Rs. in Lakhs]

Particulars	Gratuity	
	31.03.2024	31.03.2023
VI Actual Return on Plan Assets		
Expected Return on Plan Assets	953.14	879.24
Actuarial Gain / (Loss) on Plan Assets	(20.51)	226.82
Actual Return on Plan Assets	932.63	1,106.06
VII Balance Sheet Reconciliation		
Opening Net Liability	(905.23)	2,054.43
Expenses Recognised in Profit & Loss Account	394.67	491.80
Amount recognised in Other Comprehensive Income	365.19	(533.04)
Employer's Contribution	(158.44)	(2,918.42)
Amount Recognised in Balance Sheet (Asset) / Liability	(303.81)	(905.23)

The major categories of Plan Assets as a percentage of Total Plan Qualifying Insurance Policy : 100%

The expected contributions for Defined Benefit Plan for the next Financial Year will be in line with 2023-24.

Experience Adjustments

[Rs. in Lakhs]

Gratuity	2023-24	2022-23	2021-22	2020-21	2019-20
Present Value of funded Obligations	13,651.16	12,921.58	13,096.88	10,787.27	10,215.23
Fair Value of Plan Assets	13,954.97	13,826.81	11,042.45	11,158.42	10,518.04
Funded Status [(Surplus) / Deficit]	(303.81)	(905.23)	2,054.43	(371.15)	(302.81)
Experience adjustments on Plan Liabilities	92.80	194.92	2,349.16	63.89	231.17
Experience adjustments on Plan Assets	(20.51)	226.83	(67.75)	21.08	(28.78)

[Rs. in Lakhs]

Particulars	Leave Salary	
	31.03.2024	31.03.2023
I Expense recognised in the Statement of Profit and Loss for the year ended		
a. Current Service Cost	356.47	337.33
b. Net Interest on net Defined Liability / (Asset)	752.89	788.24
c. Actuarial (Gains) / Losses on Liability	489.02	(148.22)
d. Total Expenses	1,598.38	977.35
II Net (Assets) / Liability recognised in the Balance Sheet as on		
a. Present Value of Unfunded Obligations	11,263.07	10,604.11
b. Unrecognised Past Service Cost	-	-
c. Fair Value of Plan Assets	-	-
Net Liability	11,263.07	10,604.11
III Change in Present value of Obligation during the year ended		
a. Present Value of Unfunded Obligation at the beginning of the year	10,604.11	10,651.95
b. Current Service Cost	356.47	337.33
c. Interest Cost	752.89	788.24
d. Actuarial (Gain) / Loss	489.02	(148.22)
e. Benefit paid	(939.42)	(1,025.19)
f. Present Value of Unfunded Obligation at the end of the year	11,263.07	10,604.11

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36 EMPLOYEE BENEFIT PLANS (Contd.)

Experience Adjustments

[Rs. in Lakhs]

Leave Salary	2023-24	2022-23	2021-22	2020-21	2019-20
Present Value of Unfunded Obligations	11,263.07	10,604.11	10,651.95	8,729.77	7,834.96
Fair Value of Plan Assets	-	-	-	-	-
Funded Status [(Surplus) / Deficit]	11,263.07	10,604.11	10,651.95	8,729.77	7,834.96
Experience adjustments on Plan Liabilities	260.03	304.89	2,010.62	410.68	346.00
Experience adjustments on Plan Assets	-	-	-	-	-

Actuarial Assumptions

	Year ended 31.03.2024	Year ended 31.03.2023
1 Discount Rate	7.10% p.a.	7.40% p.a.
2 Expected Return on Plan Assets	7.10% p.a.	7.40% p.a.
3 Withdrawal Rate	5% at younger ages and reducing to 1% at older ages according to graduated scale.	
4 Salary Growth Rate	7.00% p.a.	7.00 % p.a.

Sensitivity Analysis of Defined Benefit Obligation with references to Key Assumptions

[Rs. in Lakhs]

(Positive amount means increase in liability and negative amount means decrease in liability)

Particulars	Gratuity		Leave Salary	
	2023-24	2022-23	2023-24	2022-23
Discount Rate :				
One percentage increase	(807.83)	(763.41)	(731.83)	(684.65)
One percentage decrease	904.86	855.07	828.61	774.89
Salary Escalation Rate :				
One percentage increase	896.88	850.04	821.26	770.31
One percentage decrease	(815.75)	(772.94)	(738.97)	(693.16)
Withdrawal Rate :				
One percentage increase	4.40	16.94	4.43	16.88
One percentage decrease	(4.82)	(18.55)	(4.92)	(18.70)

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37 FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

37.1 Capital Management

The Company manages its capital to ensure that it will be able to continue as a Going Concern while maximising the return to stakeholders through optimisation of the Debt and Equity Balance.

The Company is subject to externally imposed capital requirements as part of its debt covenants such as maintaining a Total Debt to EBDITA ratio of 3 times (consolidated) for one bank and Interest Coverage ratio of 2.75 times for another bank, a Debt Service Coverage ratio of 1.3 times for one bank and 1.5 times for another bank, Total Debt to Tangible Net Worth ratio of 1 : 1 for one bank.

The Company manages its capital structure and makes adjustments to it in light of changes in economic conditions and the requirements of the financial covenants. The Company monitors capital by computing the above ratios on an annual basis and ensuring that the same is in Compliance with the requirements of the Financial Covenants.

The Total Debt to EBDITA ratio at the end of the reporting period was as follows :

Particulars	[Rs. in Lakhs]	
	Year ended 31.03.2024	Year ended 31.03.2023
Total Debt	54,342.59	59,580.92
EBIDTA	22,609.55	115,674.14
Total debt / EBIDTA (Times)	2.40	0.52

The Total Debt service coverage ratio at the end of the reporting period was as follows :

Particulars	[Rs. in Lakhs]	
	Year ended 31.03.2024	Year ended 31.03.2023
EBIDTA Less Tax Paid	18,140.92	97,222.01
Interest and Installment on loans	17,029.32	15,641.74
Debt Service Coverage (Times)	1.07	6.22

The Total Debt to tangible Net Worth ratio at the end of the reporting period was as follows :

Particulars	[Rs. in Lakhs]	
	Year ended 31.03.2024	Year ended 31.03.2023
Total Debt	54,342.59	59,580.92
Tangible Net Worth	469,860.87	501,601.83
Total Debt / Tangible Net Worth (Times)	0.12	0.12

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37 FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (Contd.)

37.2 Categories of Financial Instruments

The carrying value of financial instruments by categories as of March 31, 2024 is as follows :

Particulars	[Rs. in Lakhs]				
	Fair Value through Other Comprehensive Income	Fair value through profit or loss	Amortised Cost	Total Carrying value	Total fair value
Financial Assets					
Cash and Cash Equivalents	-	-	15,472.45	15,472.45	15,472.45
Other Balances with Banks	-	-	703.99	703.99	703.99
Quoted investments (Level 1)	168,352.37	258.23	-	168,610.60	168,610.60
Unquoted investments (Level 3)	25,157.42	1,749.50	0.20	26,907.12	26,907.12
Investment in Joint Venture	-	-	41,400.00	41,400.00	41,400.00
Trade receivables	-	-	17,764.94	17,764.94	17,764.94
Loans	-	-	231.15	231.15	231.15
Other financial asset	-	-	12,922.01	12,922.01	12,922.01
Total :	193,509.79	2,007.73	88,494.74	284,012.26	284,012.26
Financial Liabilities					
Short Term borrowings	-	-	20,064.63	20,064.63	20,064.63
Long Term borrowings	-	-	34,277.96	34,277.96	46,182.49
Trade Payables	-	-	37,464.91	37,464.91	37,464.91
Other financial liabilities	-	-	6,788.24	6,788.24	6,788.24
Total :	-	-	98,595.74	98,595.74	110,500.27

The carrying value of financial instruments by categories as of March 31, 2023 is as follows :

Particulars	[Rs. in Lakhs]				
	Fair Value through Other Comprehensive Income	Fair value through profit or loss	Amortised Cost	Total Carrying value	Total fair value
Financial Assets					
Cash and Cash Equivalents	-	-	45,554.38	45,554.38	45,554.38
Other Balances with Banks	-	-	2,736.93	2,736.93	2,736.93
Quoted investments (Level 1)	124,423.14	143.46	-	124,566.60	124,566.60
Unquoted investments (Level 3)	32,330.60	1,921.91	0.20	34,252.71	34,252.71
Investment in Joint Venture	-	-	41,400.00	41,400.00	41,400.00
Trade receivables	-	-	28,456.31	28,456.31	28,456.31
Loans	-	-	5,110.89	5,110.89	5,110.89
Other financial asset	-	-	6,819.69	6,819.69	6,819.69
Total :	156,753.74	2,065.37	130,078.40	288,897.51	288,897.51
Financial Liabilities					
Short Term borrowings	-	-	13,695.00	13,695.00	13,695.00
Long Term borrowings	-	-	45,885.92	45,885.92	61,522.60
Trade Payables	-	-	49,383.46	49,383.46	49,383.46
Other financial liabilities	-	-	10,897.49	10,897.49	10,897.49
Total :	-	-	119,861.87	119,861.87	135,498.55

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37 FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (Contd.)

37.3 Financial Risk Management Objectives

The Company's Corporate Treasury Function provides services to the business, co-ordinates access to domestic and international financial markets, monitors and manages the financial risks relating to the operations of the Company through internal risk reports which analyse exposures by degree and magnitude of risks. These risks include market risk (including currency risk, interest rate risk and other price risk), credit risk and liquidity risk. Compliance with policies and exposure limits is reviewed internally on a continuous basis. The Corporate Treasury does not enter into any trade financial instruments, including derivative financial instruments and relies on natural hedge.

The Corporate Treasury Function monitors risks and policies implemented to mitigate risk exposures on a periodical basis.

37.4 Market Risk

The Company's activities expose it primarily to the financial risks of changes in foreign currency exchange rates and interest rates. The Company currently has not hedged any External Commercial Borrowings (ECBs). The Company performs an analysis of the impact of not hedging its ECBs. This has been done by comparing the actual cash outflows related to ECBs under current unhedged conditions in the past vis-a-vis the scenario of complete hedging of individual ECB on the disbursement day through quotes provided by the banks. Further, the Company parks its earnings in foreign currency in Exchange Earners Foreign Currency (EEFC) account and discharges its obligations in case of foreign currency loans out of the said account.

The Company's investments in listed and non-listed equity securities are susceptible to price risk arising from uncertainties about future value of the investment securities. The Company's non-current investment in equity shares are strategic investments and hence are considered as Fair Value through Other Comprehensive Income. The Company's Board of Directors reviews and approves all equity investment decisions.

37.5 Foreign Currency Risk Management

The Company undertakes transactions denominated in foreign currencies; consequently, exposures to exchange rate fluctuations arise. Exchange rate exposures are managed within approved policy parameters. Further, the Company parks its earnings in foreign currency in Exchange Earners Foreign Currency (EEFC) account and discharges its obligations in case of foreign currency loans and towards import obligations out of the said account.

The carrying amounts of the Company's foreign currency denominated monetary assets and monetary liabilities are restated at the end of each quarter. The same at the end of the reporting period are as follows :

[Amount in INR in Lakhs]

Particulars	Currency	As at 31.03.2024		As at 31.03.2023	
		Amount in FC	Amount in INR	Amount in FC	Amount in INR
Receivables for export	US\$	1,921,632	1,602.74	1,560,312	1,282.11
	EURO	-	-	16,590	14.84
	GBP	460,032	483.18	290,355	295.14
Advance to suppliers	CHF	83,495	76.85	-	-
	JPY	5,160,000	28.42	-	-
	US\$	52,300	43.62	8,858	7.28
Payables for imports	CHF	1,720.00	1.58	-	-
	US\$	27,608	23.03	7,665,883	6,299.06
	EURO	34,145	30.69	44,091	39.44
Commission payable on exports	US\$	16,558	13.81	16,795	13.80
Other payables	US\$	77,094	64.30	-	-
	EURO	220,610	198.28	29,043	25.98
	GBP	-	-	9,024	9.17
ECB Borrowings including interest accrued but not due	US\$	56,449,696	47,081.87	72,896,471	59,899.03

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37 FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (Contd.)

37.5 Foreign Currency Risk Management (Contd.)

Foreign Currency Sensitivity Analysis

The Company is mainly exposed to US Dollar.

The following table details the Company's sensitivity to a 5% increase and decrease in the Rupee against the relevant foreign currencies. 5% is a sensitivity rate used when reporting foreign currency internally to the key management personnel and represents management's assessment of the reasonably possible changes in the foreign exchange rates. The sensitivity analysis includes only outstanding foreign currency denominated monetary items and adjusts their translation at the period end for a 5% change in the foreign currency rates. A positive number below indicates an increase in profit or equity where the Rupee strengthens by 5% against the relevant currency. For a 5% weakening of the Rupee against the relevant currency, there would be a comparable impact on the profit or equity, and the balances below would be negative.

[Rs. in Lakhs]

Currency	Impact on profit or loss for the year		Impact on total equity as at the end of the reporting period	
	2023-24	2022-23	2023-24	2022-23
USD	2,276.83	3,246.13	1,480.08	2,110.18
GBP	(24.16)	(14.30)	(15.70)	(9.29)
EUR	11.45	2.53	7.44	1.64
CHF	(3.76)	-	(2.45)	-
JPY	(1.42)	-	(0.92)	-

37.6 Interest Rate Risk Management

The Company is exposed to interest rate risk because the Company borrows funds at floating interest rates. The risk is managed by the Company by monitoring the exchange rate on regular basis and also parking the export proceeds in the EEFC account which also provides a natural hedge for the outflows in foreign currency. Further, the Company performs an impact analysis of not hedging its ECBs. This has been done by comparing the actual cash outflows related to ECBs under current unhedged conditions in the past vis-a-vis the scenario of complete hedging of individual ECB on the disbursement day through quotes provided by the banks.

Interest Rate Sensitivity Analysis

The sensitivity analysis below have been determined based on the exposure to interest rates for instruments at the end of the reporting period. For floating rate liabilities, the analysis is prepared assuming the amount of the liability outstanding at the end of the reporting period was outstanding for the whole year.

If the interest rates had been 50 basis points higher / lower and all other variables were held constant, the Company's profit before tax for the year ended would be impacted to the extent of Rs.285.27 Lakhs (Rs.156.00 lakhs for the year 2022-23).

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37 FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (Contd.)

37.7 Credit Risk Management

Credit risk refers to the risk that the counterparty will default on its contractual obligations resulting in financial loss to the Company. The Company is operating through network of dealers based at different locations. In order to ensure the security of receivables, the Marketing Department computes an exposure ratio for every dealer based on his past turnover, track record, etc. The same is overseen and approved by the Board. Further, the Company also collects bank guarantees / security deposits from the respective dealers. Regular monitoring of the receivables is undertaken by the Marketing Department and in case the limits are exceeded, an auto lock system is in place in the SAP system of the Company to stop further supplies to the concerned dealer till the amount outstanding is recovered. In case of new customers, the goods are supplied only against advance receipts. For the export made by the Company, the sales are backed by letters of credit or advance receipts. The internal risk management committee of the Company meets regularly to discuss the dealers and credit risks, measures taken to address them and the status and level of risk after the measures taken.

Domestic & Export trade receivables are secured to the extent of interest free security deposits and bank guarantees / letter of credit received from the customers amounting to Rs.481.13 Lakhs and Rs.2,182.90 Lakhs as at 31st March, 2024 and 31st March, 2023 respectively. (Refer Note No. 12 for Trade Receivables outstanding).

37.8 Liquidity Risk Management

Ultimate responsibility for liquidity risk management rests with the Board of Directors, which has established an appropriate liquidity risk management framework for the management of the Company's short-term, medium-term and long-term funding and liquidity management requirements. The Company manages its funds mainly from internal accruals. The liquidity risk is managed by maintaining adequate reserves and banking facilities, by continuously monitoring forecast and actual cash flows and by matching the maturity profiles of financial assets and liabilities.

Liquidity and interest risk tables

The following tables detail the Company's remaining contractual maturity for its non derivative financial liabilities with agreed repayment periods. The tables have been drawn up based on the undiscounted cash flows of financial liabilities based on the earliest date on which the Company can be required to pay.

Particulars	Weighted average effective interest rate (%)		Carrying Value	Upto 1 year	1-5 years	5+ years	Total
March 31, 2024							
Variable Interest rate Instruments	9.48%	US \$ in Million		15.07	41.23	-	56.30
			46,842.59	12,572.32	34,270.27	-	46,842.59
Trade Payables		Rs. In Lakhs	37,464.91	37,464.91	-	-	37,464.91
Other Financial Liabilities			6,788.24	6,723.03	65.21	-	6,788.24
March 31, 2023							
Variable Interest rate Instruments	8.13%	US \$ in Million		16.67	56.04	-	72.71
			59,580.92	13,695.00	45,885.92	-	59,580.92
Trade Payables		Rs. In Lakhs	49,383.46	49,383.46	-	-	49,383.46
Other Financial Liabilities			10,897.49	10,831.20	66.29	-	10,897.49

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37 FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (Contd.)

37.8 Liquidity Risk Management (Contd.)

Financing facilities

Particulars	[Rs. in Lakhs]	
	Year ended 31.03.2024	Year ended 31.03.2023
Secured Bank Loan facilities		
- amount used	-	-
- amount unused	13,000.00	13,000.00
Cash and cash equivalents	15,472.45	45,554.38
Other Bank Balances	703.99	2,736.93

37.9 Fair Value Measurements

This note provides information about how the Company determines fair values of various financial assets and financial liabilities.

37.9.1 Fair value of the Company's financial assets and financial liabilities that are measured at fair value on a recurring basis

Some of the Company's financial assets and financial liabilities are measured at fair value at the end of each reporting period. The following table gives information about how the fair values of financial assets and financial liabilities are determined (in particular, the valuation technique(s) and inputs used).

Financial assets / financial liabilities	Fair value as at		Fair Value hierarchy	Valuation technique(s) and key input(s)
	31.03.2024	31.03.2023		
1) Investments in equity instruments (quoted) (see note 6)	Listed equity securities in various companies engaged in fertilizer, gas and power industry domiciled in India- aggregate fair value of Rs.1,68,610.60	Listed equity securities in various companies engaged in fertilizer, gas and power industry domiciled in India- aggregate fair value of Rs.1,24,566.60	Level 1	Quoted bid prices in an active market

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37 FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (Contd.)

37.9.1 Fair Value Measurements (Contd.)

[Rs. in Lakhs]

Financial assets / financial liabilities	Fair value as at		Fair Value hierarchy	Valuation technique(s) and key input(s)	Significant unobservable input(s)	Relation of unobservable inputs to fair value
	31.03.2024	31.03.2023				
2) Investments in equity instruments at FVTOCI (unquoted) (see note 6)	a 1) Investment in equity securities of a company belonging to the manufacturing sector domiciled in India- Rs.9,949.50	a 1) Investment in equity securities of a company belonging to the manufacturing sector domiciled in India- Rs.11,063.25	Level 3	Market Approach- Comparable Companies- In this approach, the value of shares / business of a company is determined based on market multiples of publicly traded comparable companies. (Refer note 36.9.1.1 below).	Annual Report for the previous year, shareholding pattern as on the valuation date, publicly available information and information available from secondary sources, discussion with Company personnel	The fair valuation estimates are based on historical annual accounts/ annual reports and based on information collected from public domain. Information pertaining to future expected performance of investee company including projections about their profitability, balance sheet status and cash flow expectations are not available.
	a. 2) Investment in company engaged in the business of gas marketing - aggregate fair value of Rs.3774.37	a. 2) Investment in company engaged in the business of gas marketing - aggregate fair value of Rs.3,272.41	Level 3	(Refer note below)	Discount factor, Sales Volume and Trading Margin	No Sensitivity analysis has been carried out as at 31.03.2024 on account of non-availability of data.
<p>Note - 36.9.1.1 - Discounted Free Cash flow method has been used to arrive at the enterprise value of the gas marketing business of the investee and the exploration and production assets are valued using price of recent investment / transaction (PORI) method and reserve multiple approach. Under DCF technique, the projected free cash flows from gas marketing business of the Company are discounted at the weighted average cost of capital and the sum of the present value of such free cash flows would represent the value of business. Under the reserve multiple method past transaction multiples of oil and gas companies is used to arrive at the valuation. The investee has various investments in subsidiaries / Other investments. Each of these subsidiary and Other investments have been separately valued using market price method, DCF method, CCM method and book value (NAV) method and applied the investee's stake percentage to arrive at the fair value of investee's investment. Under the market price method, the valuation is derived from the quoted market price of the share of the Company as at the valuation date. Under CCM Method, peer multiple for one or more comparable Companies is used. Under the NAV method, the valuation is derived by calculating the net assets value of the investee as at the valuation date.</p>						
	b) Investment in equity securities of various companies belonging to the conveyance of the treated waste water and Venture Capital Fund sector domiciled in India- Rs.874.47	b) Investment in equity securities of various companies belonging to the conveyance of the treated waste water and Venture Capital Fund sector domiciled in India- Rs.805.74	Level 3	Cost Approach- Net asset value- In this approach, total value is based on the sum of net asset value as recorded on the balance sheet. A net asset methodology is most applicable for businesses where the value lies in the underlying assets and not the ongoing operations of the business. (Refer notes 36.9.1.1 and 36.9.1.2).	Shareholding pattern as on the valuation date, publicly available information and information available from secondary sources, discussion with Company personnel	The fair valuation estimates are based on historical annual accounts / annual reports and based on information collected from public domain. Information pertaining to future expected performance of investee companies including projections about their profitability, balance sheet status and cash flow expectations are not available.
	c) Investment in equity securities of a company belonging to the shipping and storage sector domiciled in India- Rs.10,559.08	c) Investment in equity securities of a company belonging to the shipping and storage sector domiciled in India- Rs.17,189.20	Level 3	Market Approach- Comparable Companies- In this approach, the value of shares / business of a company is determined based on market multiples of publicly traded comparable companies. (Refer note 36.9.1.1).	Annual Report for the previous year, shareholding pattern as on the valuation date, publicly available information and information available from secondary sources, discussion with Company personnel	The fair valuation estimates are based on historical annual accounts/ annual reports and based on information collected from public domain. Information pertaining to future expected performance of investee companies including projections about their profitability, balance sheet status and cash flow expectations are not available.
	a) Investment in Government Bond Securities - Rs.1,059.80	a) Investment in Government Bond Securities - Rs.1,059.80	Level 3	Market Approach	Valued using input based on information about market participants assumptions and other data that are available	The fair valuation estimates are based on historical information and based on information collected from public domain.
	b) Investment in Private Bond Securities - Rs.646.77	b) Investment in Private Bond Securities - Rs.840.82				
	c) Investment in Mutual Fund Securities - Rs.42.94	c) Investment in Mutual Fund Securities - Rs.21.29				

37.9.1.1 The Company has invested in the equity instruments of various companies. However, the percentage of shareholding of the Company in such investee companies is very low and hence, it has not been provided with future projections including projected profit and loss account by those investee companies. Hence, the independent valuer appointed by the Company has estimated fair value based on available historical Annual Reports of such companies and other information as available in the public domain and is being relied upon. Since the future projections are not available, discounted cashflow approach for fair value determination has not been followed.

37.9.1.2 In case of some companies, there are no comparable companies valuations available. In light of no information available for future projections, capacity utilisation, commencement of operations, etc., the valuation is based on cost approach.

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37 FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (Contd.)

37.9.2 Fair value of the Company's financial assets and financial liabilities that are not measured at fair value (but fair value disclosures are required)

Except as detailed in the following table, the Company considers that the carrying amounts of financial assets and financial liabilities recognised in the financial statements approximate their fair values.

Fair Value Hierarchy as at 31.03.2024

[Rs. in Lakhs]

Particulars	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Financial Liabilities				
Long Term Borrowings	-	-	46,182.49	46,182.49

Fair Value Hierarchy as at 31.03.2023

[Rs. in Lakhs]

Particulars	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Financial Liabilities				
Long Term Borrowings	-	-	61,522.60	61,522.60

37.9.3 Reconciliation of Level 3 fair value measurements

[Rs. in Lakhs]

Particulars	Investment in unquoted Securities irrevocably designated as FVTPL	Investment in unquoted shares irrevocably designated as FVTOCI
For the year ended March 31, 2024		
Opening Balance	1,921.91	32,330.60
Purchases / (Sale)	(194.05)	-
Total gains/(losses) in other comprehensive income	-	(7,173.18)
Total gains/(losses) in Profit & Loss Account	21.64	-
Closing balance	1,749.50	25,157.42
For the year ended March 31, 2023		
Opening Balance	2,136.65	31,409.21
Purchases / (Sale)	(223.71)	-
Total gains/(losses) in other comprehensive income	-	921.39
Total gains/(losses) in Profit & Loss Account	8.97	-
Closing balance	1,921.91	32,330.60



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38 RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

The Company is controlled by Government of Gujarat and Gujarat Industrial Investment Corporation Limited and hence the Company is a Government related entity as per Ind AS 24 ‘Related Party Disclosures’.

[Rs. in Lakhs]

Name of the Party	Nature of Relationship	Nature of Transaction	Volume of Transaction in 2023-24	Amount Outstanding as on 31.03.2024	Volume of Transaction in 2022-23	Amount Outstanding as on 31.03.2023
GACL-NALCO Alkalies & Chemicals Pvt. Ltd.	Joint Venture Company	Rent Receipt	431.34	-	9.61	5.99
		Sale of Goods	208.87	-	568.59	361.88
		Commission / Service Charges	1,873.78	-	759.52	759.52
		Security Deposit Received	-	2.69	-	2.69
		Purchase of Goods	654.37	-	3,321.53	613.07
		Purchase of Services	11,899.37	821.34	4,453.62	677.49
		Facilitation Charges	3,158.98	1,694.45	2,082.14	2,082.14
National Aluminium Company Limited	Joint Venture Partner	Investment in Equity Shares	-	41,400.00	-	41,400.00
		Purchase of Goods	-	20.58	2,037.22	20.58
Delhi Jal Board	Other Related Party	Sale of Goods	-	-	1,017.84	518.12
Gujarat Energy Transmission Corporation Limited	Other Related Party	Purchase of Goods & Services	3,268.96	161.77	-	-
Gujarat Venture Finance Limited	Other Related Party	Investment in Equity Shares	-	18.00	-	-
Gujarat Water Supply & Sewage Board	Other Related Party	Dividend Income	5.92	-	-	-
		Sale of Goods	-	-	96.56	138.18
Gujarat State Petroleum Corporation Ltd.	Other Related Party	Purchase of Goods	1,700.04	50.50	1,810.24	130.69
		Investment in Equity Shares	-	1,349.99	-	1,349.99
Gujarat State Financial Services Limited	Other Related Party	Deposits - Placed	128,500.00	10,000.00	163,000.00	44,500.00
		Deposits - Withdraw	163,000.00	-	148,500.00	-
		Loans and Advance Taken	7,500.00	7,500.00	-	-
		Interest Paid	132.15	-	-	-
		Interest Received	1,235.80	-	1,382.83	-
Gujarat State Investment Ltd.	Promoters	Share Capital	-	1,532.93	-	1,532.93
		Dividend Paid	3,610.07	-	1,532.94	-
Gujarat Industrial Investment Corporation Ltd.	Promoters	Share Capital	-	711.90	-	711.90
		Dividend Paid	1,676.53	-	711.90	-
Gujarat Maritime Board	Promoters	Share Capital	-	273.47	-	273.47
		Dividend Paid	644.03	-	273.47	-
Gujarat Industrial Development Corporation	Promoters	Share Capital	-	289.77	-	289.77
		Dividend Paid	682.42	-	289.77	-
		Contribution for 100 MLD Desalination Project	-	9,120.00	-	9,120.00
Gujarat Mineral Development Corporation Ltd.	Promoters	Share Capital	-	414.54	-	414.54
		Dividend Paid	976.25	-	414.54	-
Gujarat State Fertilizers & Chemicals Ltd.	Other Related Party	Investment in Equity Shares	-	1,500.00	-	1,500.00
		Sale of Goods	2,320.50	145.17	4,315.81	258.70
Gujarat Urja Vikas Nigam Limited	Other Related Party	Dividend Received	750.00	-	187.50	-
		Purchase of Goods	-	-	1,975.82	-
Gujarat Narmada Valley Fertilizers & Chemicals Limited	Promoters	Sale of Goods	-	-	1,355.23	105.45
		Purchase of Goods	158.47	13.91	246.92	26.74
		Sale of Goods	948.18	(16.96)	1,598.46	283.81
		Transportation Charges	1,583.31	-	2,329.98	545.46
		Share Capital	-	176.00	-	176.00
Gujarat Industries Power Company Limited	Other Related Party	Dividend Paid	414.48	-	176.00	-
		Investment in Equity Shares	-	8,139.82	-	8,139.82
Gujarat Gas Limited	Other Related Party	Sale of Goods	35.04	9.07	66.39	6.24
		Purchase of Goods	-	6.11	105.30	6.11
		Dividend Received	865.84	-	577.22	-
		Investment in Equity Shares	-	2,000.00	-	2,000.00
Gujarat Guardian Limited	Other Related Party	Dividend Received	1,417.50	-	426.32	-
		Director Sitting Fees Received	0.05	-	-	-
GACL Foundation Trust	Other Related Party	Investment in Equity Shares	-	742.50	-	742.50
		Dividend Received	1,084.05	-	542.03	-
		Contribution for CSR Activities	710.81	-	819.20	-
Gujarat State Electricity Corporation Limited	Other Related Party	Rent Income	7.12	-	6.75	0.14
		Security Deposit Received	-	4.06	-	4.06
Gujarat Chemical Port Limited	Other Related Party	Sale of Goods	-	-	499.53	32.37
		Rent Paid	529.90	41.87	380.80	3.41
Vadodara Jal Sanchay Pvt. Ltd.	Other Related Party	Dividend Income	442.01	-	147.34	-
		Purchase of Goods and Services	0.67	1.77	-	-
		Investment in Equity Shares	-	613.90	-	613.90
Shri Harshad R. Patel, IAS, Managing Director (Upto 30.07.2022)	Key Management Personnel	Investment in Equity Shares	-	30.00	-	30.00
		Remuneration	-	-	8.63	-
Shri Swaroop P, IAS - Managing Director (From 09.08.2022)	Key Management Personnel	Charge Allowance	0.39	-	0.18	-
		Remuneration	73.03	-	47.54	-
Shri S S Bhatt, Company Secretary and CGM (Legal) &CC	Key Management Personnel	Loans	-	-	-	9.43
		Remuneration	36.81	-	39.23	-
Shri Vinayak Kudtarkar – General Manager (Finance) & Chief Financial Officer (Upto 18.11.2023)	Key Management Personnel	Loans	-	-	-	3.26
		Remuneration	10.60	-	-	-
Shri Ram Gianani - AGM (Finance) & Chief Financial Officer (From 18.11.2023)	Key Management Personnel	Loans	12.00	12.00	-	-
		Sitting Fees	-	-	1.23	-
Shri Pankaj Kumar, IAS - Chairman (Upto 01.02.2023)	Key Management Personnel	Sitting Fees	0.35	-	0.18	-
		Sitting Fees	1.05	-	1.75	-
Shri M K Das, IAS - Director (Upto 21.11.2023)	Key Management Personnel	Sitting Fees	4.03	-	5.08	-
		Sitting Fees	2.63	-	4.90	-
Shri Rajiv Lochan Jain - Director	Key Management Personnel	Sitting Fees	4.55	-	3.68	-
		Sitting Fees	3.33	-	3.33	-
Shri S B Dangayach - Director	Key Management Personnel	Sitting Fees	1.23	-	1.40	-
		Sitting Fees	-	-	-	-
Shri Nitin Shukla - Director (From 24.03.2022)	Key Management Personnel	Sitting Fees	-	-	-	-
		Sitting Fees	-	-	-	-
Smt. Shridevi Shukla - Director (From 12.05.2022)	Key Management Personnel	Sitting Fees	-	-	-	-
		Sitting Fees	-	-	-	-
Shri J P Gupta, IAS - Director (From 15.12.2021)	Key Management Personnel	Sitting Fees	-	-	-	-
		Sitting Fees	-	-	-	-

Other related party represents Government Companies/Entities

Terms and Conditions :

All outstanding balances are unsecured and are repayable/receivable in cash.

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39 THE BREAK-UP OF PAYMENT TO AUDITORS (NET OF TAXES) IS AS UNDER :

Particulars	[Rs. in Lakhs]	
	2023-24	2022-23
Audit Fees - Standalone & Consolidated	15.20	14.00
Quarterly/Half Yearly Review	4.65	4.15
Certification Charges	3.10	-
Out of Pocket Expenses	0.03	-
Total	22.98	18.15

40 ADDITIONAL DISCLOSURE - INCOME AND EXPENDITURE IN FOREIGN CURRENCY

Sr. No.	Particulars	[Rs. in Lakhs]	
		2023-24	2022-23
(a)	Earnings in Foreign Exchange - Export of Goods on F.O.B. basis (includes Deemed Export sales)	74,575.84	72,572.00
(b)	Expenditure in Foreign Currency (on accrual basis) on account of :		
	(i) Interest	3,851.32	1,550.02
	(ii) Foreign Tour Expenses	111.83	-
	(iii) Subscription	52.96	23.34
	(iv) Commission on Export Sales	13.89	13.80
	(v) AMC & Other Charges (For ISO Tank)	198.28	89.96
	(vi) Other Expenses	3.91	290.82

41 ADDITIONAL DISCLOSURE - VALUE OF IMPORTS ON CIF BASIS

Particulars	[Rs. in Lakhs]	
	2023-24	2022-23
Raw Materials	35,836.16	46,617.32
Stores and Spare Parts	417.46	1,136.39
Capital Goods	795.47	2,991.53

42 FOREIGN CURRENCY EXPOSURES

The Company has not taken any derivative instrument during the year. The year end unhedged foreign currency exposures are given below :

Amount Receivable on account of export of goods and services and Advance to Suppliers :

Particulars	Currency	As on 31.03.2024		As on 31.03.2023	
		Rs. in Lakhs	Amount in FC	Rs. in Lakhs	Amount in FC
Receivable for Exports	US \$	1,602.74	1,921,632	1,282.11	1,560,312
	EURO	-	-	14.84	16,590
	GBP	483.18	460,032	295.14	290,355
Advance to Suppliers	CHF	76.85	83,495	-	-
	JPY	28.42	5,160,000	-	-
	GBP	-	-	-	-
	US \$	43.62	52,300	7.28	8,858
	EURO	-	-	-	-

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42 FOREIGN CURRENCY EXPOSURES (Contd.)

Amount payable on account of import of goods, services and others :

Particulars	Currency	As on 31.03.2024		As on 31.03.2023	
		Rs. in Lakhs	Amount in FC	Rs. in Lakhs	Amount in FC
Payables for Imports	CHF	1.58	1,720	-	-
	US \$	23.03	27,608	6,299.06	7,665,883
	EURO	30.69	34,145	39.44	44,091
Commission payable on exports	US \$	13.81	16,558	13.80	16,795
Other Payables	US \$	64.30	77,094	-	-
	GBP	-	-	9.17	9,024
	EURO	198.28	220,610	25.98	29,043

Amount payable on account of ECB Borrowings :

Particulars	Currency	As on 31.03.2024		As on 31.03.2023	
		Rs. In Lakhs	Amount in FC	Rs. In Lakhs	Amount in FC
ECB and Accrued interest	US \$	47,081.87	56,449,696	59,899.03	72,896,471

43 CONTINGENT LIABILITIES AND COMMITMENTS (to the extent not provided for)

[Rs. in Lakhs]

Particulars	Year ended 31.03.2024	Year ended 31.03.2023
(i) Contingent Liabilities		
(a) Claims against the Company not acknowledged as debt	2,403.88	18,674.68
(b) Various pending cases before Labour court and Industrial Tribunal	Not ascertainable	Not ascertainable
(c) Disputed Sales Tax liability [Including Purchase Tax Liability (2000-01 to 2005-06)]	21,085.14	21,085.14
(d) Disputed Excise Duty liability	3,066.32	3,191.55
(e) Disputed Service Tax liability	602.82	602.82
(f) Disputed Income Tax liability (excluding interest) :		
(i) Pending Before Appellate Authorities in respect of which the Company is in appeal	8,561.72	949.38
(ii) Decided in Company's favour by Appellate Authorities and Department is in further appeal	10,753.00	15,306.88
	46,472.88	59,810.45
In respect of above matters, future cash outflows in respect of contingent liabilities are determinable only on receipt of judgements pending at various forums / authorities.		
(g) Guarantees given by the Company's Bankers for various purposes are	17,663.21	18,508.70
Total (i)	64,136.09	78,319.15
(ii) Commitments		
(a) Estimated amount of contracts remaining to be executed on capital account and not provided for	18,209.33	11,541.78
Total (ii)	18,209.33	11,541.78
Total	82,345.42	89,860.93

NOTES TO THE STANDALONE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

- 44 The Company's operations fall under single segment namely "Chemicals" hence no separate disclosure of segment reporting is required to be made as required under Ind AS 108 'Operating Segments'.

All non Current assets are located in the company's country of domicile

Two customers (PY: One customer) individually contribute more than 10% of entity's revenues. The total revenue from such entity is Rs.1,04,983 Lakhs (P.Y. Rs. 76,154 Lakhs)

45 CORPORATE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITIES (CSR)

Details of Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) expenditure

[Rs. in Lakhs]

Sr. No.	Particulars	31-Mar-24	31-Mar-23
1	Amount required to be spent by the company during the year	1,254.00	1,014.03
2	Amount of expenditure incurred	710.81	745.20
3	Shortfall / (Excess) at the end of the year (1-2)	543.19	268.83
4	Total of previous years shortfall / (Excess)	-	-
5	Reason for shortfall	The amount of shortfall is pertaining to Ongoing CSR activities and will be utilised for the same in three Financial Years.	The amount of shortfall is pertaining to Ongoing CSR activities and will be utilised for the same in three Financial Years.
6	Nature of CSR activities	Promoting Education, Special Children Interventions, Health, Nutrition and Sanitation Interventions, Promotion of Art, Culture and Heritage including other CSR activities mentioned under Schedule VII of the Companies Act, 2013.	

Details of ongoing project and other than ongoing project#

[Rs. in Lakhs]

Year	In case of Section 135(6) (Ongoing Project)								
	Opening Balance		Transferred during the year		Amount required to be spent during the year	Amount spent during the year		Closing Balance	
	With Company	In Separate CSR Unspent A/c	With Company	In Separate CSR Unspent A/c		From Company's bank A/c	From Separate CSR Unspent A/c	With Company	In Separate CSR Unspent A/c
2023-24###	268.83	430.57	(268.83)	268.83	1,254.00	710.81	255.05	543.19	444.35
2022-23##	602.96	-	(602.96)	602.96	1,014.03	745.20	172.39	268.83	430.57
2021-22#	-	-	-	-	1,154.96	552.00	-	602.96	-

As at March 31, 2022, Rs.602.96 lacs (refer note no. 23) towards unspent CSR amount for various ongoing projects is transferred to separate bank account within 30 days from close of financial year.

As at March 31, 2023, Rs. 268.83 lacs (refer note no. 23) towards unspent CSR amount for various ongoing projects is transferred to separate bank account within 30 days from close of financial year.

As at March 31, 2024, Rs. 543.19 lacs (refer note no. 23) towards unspent CSR amount for various ongoing projects is transferred to separate bank account within 30 days from close of financial year.

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[Rs. in Lakhs]

Year	In case of Section 135(5) (Other than ongoing project)				
	Opening Balance	Amount deposited in Specified Fund of Schedule VII within 6 months	Amount required to be spent during the year	Amount spent during the year	Closing Balance
2023-24	-	-	-	-	-
2022-23	-	-	-	-	-

46 RATIOS

Particulars	Formula	31-Mar-24	31-Mar-23	% Variance	Reason for variance
		Ratio	Ratio		
Current ratio (Times)	Current assets/ Current liabilities	1.23	1.68	(26.79)	Dure to decrease in Current Assets
Debt-equity ratio (Times)	Total debt/ Shareholder's Equity	0.12	0.12	-	-
Debt service coverage ratio (Times)	Earnings available for debt service/ Debt Service	0.74	6.22	(88.10)	Due to decrease in earnings and increase in debt
Return on equity ratio (%)	[Net Profits after taxes – Preference Dividend (if any)]/ Average Shareholder's Equity	(2.72)	12.00	(14.72)	-
Inventory turnover ratio (Times)	Cost of goods sold / Average Inventory	8.09	7.85	3.06	-
Trade receivables turnover ratio (Times)	Net Credit Sales/ Average Accounts Receivable	16.02	14.99	6.87	-
Trade payables turnover ratio (Times)	Net Credit Purchases/ Average Trade Payables	7.57	7.42	2.02	-
Net capital turnover ratio (Times)	Net Sales/ Working Capital	10.02	9.48	5.70	-
Net profit ratio (%)	Net Profit/ Net Sales	(3.57)	13.08	(16.65)	-
Return on capital employed (%)	Earning before interest and taxes/ Capital Employed	(2.45)	14.45	(16.90)	-
Return on investment (%)	Total Comprehensive Income / Net Worth	4.55	9.56	(5.01)	-

47 OTHER STATUTORY INFORMATION

- 47.1 The Company does not have any Immovable Property whose title deeds are not held in the name of the Company.
- 47.2 The Company does not have any Benami property, where any proceeding has been initiated or pending against the Company for holding any Benami property.
- 47.3 The Company has utilised funds raised from issue of securities or borrowings from banks and financial institutions for the specific purposes for which they were issued/taken.

- 47.4 Quarterly return/statement of current assets filed by the company with bank are in agreement with the books of accounts.
- 47.5 The Company has not been declared as a wilful defaulter by any lender who has powers to declare a company as a wilful defaulter at any time during the financial year or after the end of reporting period but before the date when financial statements are approved.
- 47.6 The Company has not advanced or loaned or invested funds to any other person(s) or entity(ies), including foreign entities (Intermediaries) with the understanding that the Intermediary shall:
- 47.6 (a) directly or indirectly lend or invest in other persons or entities identified in any manner whatsoever by or on behalf of the company (Ultimate Beneficiaries) or
- 47.6 (b) provide any guarantee, security or the like to or on behalf of the Ultimate Beneficiaries.
- 47.7 The Company has not received any fund from any person(s) or entity(ies), including foreign entities (Funding Party) with the understanding (whether recorded in writing or otherwise) that the Company shall:
- 47.7 (a) directly or indirectly lend or invest in other persons or entities identified in any manner whatsoever by or on behalf of the Funding Party (Ultimate Beneficiaries) or
- 47.7 (b) provide any guarantee, security or the like on behalf of the Ultimate Beneficiaries.
- 47.8 On the basis of information available, the Company does not have any transactions with struck-off companies.
- 47.9 The Company does not have any transaction which is not recorded in the books of accounts but has been surrendered or disclosed as income during the year in the tax assessments under the Income Tax Act, 1961 (such as, search or survey or any other relevant provisions of the Income Tax Act, 1961).
- 47.10 The Company has not traded or invested in Crypto currency or Virtual Currency during the financial year.
- 47.11 The Company has complied with the number of layers prescribed under clause (87) of section 2 of the Companies Act, 2013 read with Companies (Restriction on number of Layers) Rules, 2017.
- 47.12 The Company does not have any charges or satisfaction which is yet to be registered with the Registrar of Companies (ROC) beyond the statutory period.

48 Approval of Financial Statements

The financial statements are approved for issue by the Board of Directors on 30th May, 2024.

As per our attached Report of even date.

For and on behalf of the Board

For **K C Mehta & Co LLP**
Chartered Accountants
Firm Reg. No. : 106237W/W100829

Swaroop P. IAS
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Chairman
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Partner
Membership No. 114988

Ram P. Gianani
Addl. General Manager (Finance) &
Chief Financial Officer

S. S. Bhatt
Company Secretary &
Chief General Manager
(Legal, CC & CSR)
Place : Gandhinagar
Date : 30th May, 2024



INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To The Members of
Gujarat Alkalies and Chemicals Limited

Report on the Audit of the Consolidated financial statements

Opinion

We have audited the accompanying Consolidated financial statements of Gujarat Alkalies and Chemicals Limited ("the Company") and its Joint Venture Company which comprise the Consolidated Balance Sheet as at March 31, 2024, the Consolidated Statement of Profit and Loss including other comprehensive income, the Consolidated Statement of Changes in Equity and the Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows for the year then ended, and notes to the Consolidated financial statements, including material accounting policy information and other explanatory information (hereinafter referred to as "the consolidated financial statements")

In our opinion and to the best of our information and according to the explanations given to us and based on the consideration of report on separate financial statements and on the other financial information of the Joint Venture Company as referred to in the "Other Matter" paragraph, the aforesaid consolidated financial statements give the information required by the Companies Act, 2013 ("the Act") in the manner so required and give a true and fair view in conformity with the Indian Accounting Standards specified under section 133 of the Act read with the Companies (Indian Accounting Standards) Rules, 2015, as amended, ('Ind AS') and other accounting principles generally accepted in India, of the consolidated state of affairs of the Company and its Joint Venture Company as at March 31, 2024, of consolidated total comprehensive income (comprising of loss and other comprehensive income), consolidated changes in equity and their consolidated cash flows for the year ended on that date.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit of the Consolidated financial statements in accordance with the Standards on Auditing (SAs) specified under section 143(10) of the Act. Our responsibilities under those Standards are further described

in the Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Consolidated Financial Statements section of our report. We are independent of the Company and its Joint Venture Company in accordance with the Code of Ethics issued by the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India together with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the Consolidated financial statements under the provisions of the Act and the Rules made thereunder, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements and the Code of Ethics. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion on the consolidated financial statements.

Emphasis of Matter

1. We draw attention to Note no. 5 to the consolidated financial statements, which describes the fact that the Joint Venture Company, GACL – Nalco Alkalies & Chemicals Private Limited ("JV") has carried out impairment review of its Property, Plant and Equipment ("PPE") as of March 31, 2024, through external expert. As per external expert's assessment, Value-in-Use of PPE exceeds its carrying amounts and consequently, the management of JV has determined that no impairment provision needs to be recognized against carrying amounts of PPE as of March 31, 2024.

We have also reported the above subject matter under Emphasis of Matter paragraph in our audit report dated May 22, 2024 issued on the financial statements of said JV.

Our opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.

Key Audit Matters

Key audit matters are those matters that, in our professional judgment, were of most significance in our audit of these Consolidated financial statements of the current period. These matters were addressed in the context of our audit of the Consolidated financial statements as a whole, and in forming our opinion thereon, and we do not provide a separate opinion on these matters. We have determined the matters described below to be the key audit matters to be communicated in our report.

Sr. No.	Key Audit Matter	How our audit addressed the Key Audit Matter
1	Valuation of Investments (Unquoted) (Refer note 6 and 37.9.1 to the Consolidated financial statements) Investments in Equity and other Securities Instruments (Unquoted) aggregate a significant amount of the Company's total assets as at March 31, 2024.	Principal Audit Procedures Our audit procedures included: 1) Evaluated and tested the design and operating effectiveness of the key controls implemented by the Company with respect to the valuation of Investments in Equity and other Securities instruments (unquoted), inter alia controls around: a) periodic review by management of the risks of the valuation approach/ methodology; b) Examination of unobservable inputs; c) selection and competence evaluation of external valuer;

Sr. No.	Key Audit Matter	How our audit addressed the Key Audit Matter
	<p>The Company measures its investments in Equity Instruments (Unquoted) at Fair Value through Other Comprehensive Income and its investment in other Securities Instruments (Unquoted) at fair value through Profit and Loss as at the Balance Sheet date.</p> <p>Fair value is determined using valuation approach / methodology for which significant inputs are unobservable inputs (Level 3 inputs).</p> <p>The valuation approach / methodology adopted by the management in certain cases are single valuation methods and, in some cases, multiple valuation approaches, and hence involve significant judgment as regards the methods and inputs used.</p>	<p>Conclusion:</p> <p>Based on the procedures described above, we did not identify any material exceptions to the management's assertions and treatment, presentation, and disclosure of the subject matter in Consolidated financial statements.</p>

Information Other than the Consolidated Financial Statements and Auditors' Report Thereon

The Company's Board of Directors is responsible for the preparation of the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the Board's Report including Annexures to Board's Report, Management Discussion and Analysis, Corporate Governance Report, Business Responsibility and Sustainability Report and Shareholder's Information but does not include the Consolidated financial statements and our auditors' report thereon. The above-referred information is expected to be made available to us after the date of this audit report.

Our opinion on the Consolidated financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the Consolidated financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information identified above and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the Consolidated financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated.

When we read the information, if we conclude that there is a material misstatement therein, we are required to communicate the matter to those charged with governance and take appropriate actions necessitated by the circumstances and the applicable laws and regulations.

Responsibilities of Management and Those Charged with Governance for the Consolidated financial statements

The Company's Board of Directors is responsible for the matters stated in section 134(5) of the Act with respect to the presentation and preparation of these Consolidated financial statements that give a true and fair view of the consolidated financial position, consolidated financial performance, consolidated total comprehensive income, consolidated changes in equity and consolidated cash flows of the Company and its Joint Venture Company in accordance with the accounting principles generally accepted in India, including the Indian Accounting Standards (Ind AS) specified under section 133 of the Act.

The Board of Directors of the company are responsible for maintenance of adequate accounting records in accordance with the provisions of the Act for safeguarding of the assets

of the Company and its Joint Venture Company and for preventing and detecting frauds and other irregularities; the selection and application of appropriate accounting policies; making judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent; and design, implementation and maintenance of adequate internal financial controls, that were operating effectively for ensuring accuracy and completeness of the accounting records, relevant to the preparation and presentation of the consolidated financial statements that give a true and fair view and are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, which have been used for the purpose of preparation of the consolidated financial statements by the Directors of the Company, as aforesaid. In preparing the consolidated financial statements, the respective Management and Board of Directors of the Companies are responsible for assessing the ability of the Company and its Joint Venture Company to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the Company/Joint Venture Company or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

The respective Board of Directors of the companies are also responsible for overseeing the financial reporting process of the Company and its Joint Venture Company. Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Consolidated Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the consolidated financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditors' report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with SAs will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these consolidated financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with SAs, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the Consolidated financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances. Under section 143(3)(i) of the Act, we are also responsible for expressing our opinion on whether the Company and its Joint Venture Company incorporated in India have adequate internal financial controls with reference to Consolidated financial statements in place and the operating effectiveness of such controls.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Company's ability and its Joint Venture Company to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditors' report to the related disclosures in the Consolidated financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditors' report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Company and its Joint Venture Company to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the Consolidated financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the Consolidated financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.
- Obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence regarding the financial information of the Company and its Joint Venture Company to express an opinion on the consolidated financial statements. We are responsible for the direction, supervision and performance of the audit of financial information of the entities included in the consolidated financial statements, which have been audited by us.

We communicate with those charged with governance of the Company and its Joint Venture Company regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

We also provide those charged with governance with a statement that we have complied with relevant ethical requirements regarding independence, and to communicate

with them all relationships and other matters that may reasonably be thought to bear on our independence, and where applicable, related safeguards.

From the matters communicated with those charged with governance, we determine those matters that were of most significance in the audit of the consolidated financial statements of the current period and are therefore the key audit matters. We describe these matters in our auditors' report unless law or regulation precludes public disclosure about the matters or when, in extremely rare circumstances, we determine that a matter should not be communicated in our report because the adverse consequences of doing so would reasonably be expected to outweigh the public interest benefits of such communication.

Other Matter

The Consolidated annual financial statements include the Company's proportionate share in assets Rs. 13,816.41 lakhs as at March 31, 2024, and share of net loss after tax of Rs. 10,460.00 lakhs for the year ended March 31, 2024 and total comprehensive loss of Rs. 10,459.42 lakhs for the year ended March 31, 2024 relating to its Joint Venture Company, as considered in the Consolidated financial statements, whose financial statements have been audited by us.

Report on Other Legal and Regulatory Requirements

1. As required by Section 143(3) of the Act based on our audit and on the consideration of report on separate financial statements and on the other financial information of Joint Venture Company, as noted in "Other Matter" above, we report that:
 - a. we have sought and obtained all the information and explanations which to the best of our knowledge and belief were necessary for the purposes of our audit of the aforesaid Consolidated financial statements;
 - b. in our opinion, proper books of account as required by law have been kept by the company so far as it appears from our examination of those books except for the matters stated in the paragraph (i) (vi) below on reporting under rule 11(g);
 - c. the Consolidated Balance Sheet, the Consolidated Statement of Profit and Loss (including other comprehensive income), the Consolidated Statement of Changes in Equity and the Statement of Cash Flows dealt with by this Report are in agreement with the books of account and records maintained for the purpose of preparation of the Consolidated financial statements;
 - d. in our opinion, the aforesaid Consolidated financial statements comply with the Ind AS specified under Section 133 of the Act;
 - e. On the basis of the written representations received from the directors as on March 31, 2024 and taken on record by the Board of Directors of the Company and the audit report of the Joint Venture Company incorporated in India, none of the directors of the Company and its Joint Venture Company is disqualified as on March 31, 2024, from being appointed as a director in terms of Section 164(2) of the Act;

- f. the observation relating to the maintenance of accounts and other matters connected therewith are as stated in the paragraph (b) above on reporting under Section 143(3)(b) and paragraph (i) (vi) below on reporting under Rule 11(g).
- g. with respect to the adequacy of the internal financial controls with reference to Consolidated financial statements of the Company and its Joint Venture Company and the operating effectiveness of such controls, refer to our separate report in Annexure "A";
- h. with respect to the other matters to be included in the Auditors' Report in accordance with the requirements of section 197(16) of the Act, as amended:
In our opinion and to the best of our information and according to the explanations given to us, the remuneration paid by the Company and its Joint Venture Company incorporated in India to whom section 197 is applicable, to its directors during the year is in accordance with the provisions of section 197 of the Act; and
- i. with respect to the other matters to be included in the Auditors' Report in accordance with Rule 11 of with respect to the Companies (Audit and Auditors) Rules, 2014, in our opinion and to the best of our information and according to the explanations given to us:
- i. the consolidated financial statements disclosed the impact of pending litigations on the consolidated financial position of the Company and its Joint Venture Company - Refer Note 43 to the consolidated financial statements;
 - ii. the Company and its Joint Venture Company did not have any long-term contracts including derivative contracts for which there were material foreseeable losses as at March 31, 2024;
 - iii. there has been no delay in transferring amounts, required to be transferred, to the Investor Education and Protection Fund by the Company and its Joint Venture Company incorporated in India.
 - iv. (a) the respective management of the Company and its Joint Venture Company incorporated in India have represented that, to the best of it's knowledge and belief, no funds have been advanced or loaned or invested (either from borrowed funds or share premium or any other sources or kind of funds) by the Company or its Joint Venture Company to or in any other person(s) or entity(ies), including foreign entities ("Intermediaries"), with the understanding, whether recorded in writing or otherwise, that the Intermediary shall, whether, directly or indirectly lend or invest in other persons or entities identified in any manner whatsoever by or on behalf of the company ("Ultimate Beneficiaries") or provide any guarantee, security or the like on behalf of the Ultimate Beneficiaries;
 - (b) the respective management of the Company and its Joint Venture Company incorporated in India has represented, that, to the best of it's knowledge and belief, no funds have been received by the company or its Joint Venture Company from any person(s) or entity(ies), including foreign entities ("Funding Parties"), with the understanding, whether recorded in writing or otherwise, that the company or its Joint Venture Company shall, whether, directly or indirectly, lend or invest in other persons or entities identified in any manner whatsoever by or on behalf of the Funding Party ("Ultimate Beneficiaries") or provide any guarantee, security or the like on behalf of the Ultimate Beneficiaries; and
 - (c) Based on the audit procedures that have been considered reasonable and appropriate in the circumstances, nothing has come to our notice that has caused us to believe that the representations under sub-clause (i) and (ii) of Rule 11(e), as provided under (a) and (b) above, contain any material misstatement.
- v. As stated in Note 15(v) to the Consolidated financial statements
- (a) The final dividend proposed in the previous year, declared and paid by the Company during the year is in accordance with section 123 of the Act, as applicable;
 - (b) The Board of Directors of the Company has proposed final dividend for the year which is subject to the approval of the members at the ensuing Annual General Meeting. The dividend proposed is in accordance with section 123 of the Act to the extent it applies to declaration of dividend.
- vi. Based on our examination which included test checks, the company and its Joint Venture Company incorporated in India have used accounting software for maintaining its books of account which has a feature of recording audit trail (edit log) facility and the same has operated throughout the year for all relevant transactions recorded in the accounting software at the application level. However, the company and its joint venture company incorporated in India have not enabled the audit trail (edit log) feature at database level in the accounting software. We did not come across any instance of audit trail feature being tampered with at the application level.



As proviso to Rule 3(1) of the Companies (Accounts) Rules, 2014 is applicable from the period April 1, 2023 reporting under Rule 11(g) of the Companies Act (Audit and Auditors) Rules, 2014 on preservation of audit trail as per the statutory requirements for record retention is not applicable for the financial year ending March 31, 2024.

- With respect to the matters specified in paragraph 3(xxi) and 4 of the Companies (Auditor's Report) Order, 2020 (the "Order"/ "CARO") issued by the Central Government in terms of Section 143(11) of the Act, to be included in the Auditor's report, according to the information and explanations given to us, and based on the CARO report issued by us on the Company and also on its Joint Venture Company included in these consolidated financial statements, to which reporting under CARO is applicable, we report that there are no qualifications or adverse remarks in these CARO reports except as stated below:

Sr. No	Name	CIN	Company / Jointly controlled entity	Clause number of the CARO report which is qualified or adverse
1	GACL-NALCO Alkalies and Chemicals Private Limited	U24100G-J2015PTC085247	Joint Venture Company	3(ii)(b) and 3(vi)

For **K. C. Mehta & Co LLP**
Chartered Accountants
Firm Reg. No. : 106237W/W100829

Shripal Shah
Partner

Place: Vadodara
Date: May 30, 2024

Membership No. 114988
UDIN: 24114988BKALZW3263

ANNEXURE "A" TO THE INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

(Referred to in paragraph 1(g) under 'Report on Other Legal and Regulatory Requirements' section of our report to the Members of Gujarat Alkalies and Chemicals Limited on the Consolidated financial statements of even date)

Report on the Internal Financial Controls with reference to Consolidated financial statements under Clause (i) of Sub-section 3 of Section 143 of the Act.

We have audited the internal financial controls with reference to Consolidated financial statements of **Gujarat Alkalies and Chemicals Limited** ("the Company") and its Joint Venture Company as of March 31, 2024, in conjunction with our audit of the Consolidated financial statements of the Company for the year ended on that date.

Management's Responsibility for Internal Financial Controls

The respective Board of Directors of the Company and its Joint Venture Company which are companies incorporated in India are responsible for establishing and maintaining internal financial controls based on the internal control over financial reporting criteria established by the Company considering the essential components of internal control stated in the Guidance Note on Audit of Internal Financial Controls over Financial Reporting issued by the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India ("ICAI"). These responsibilities include the design, implementation and maintenance of adequate internal financial controls that were operating effectively for ensuring the orderly and efficient conduct of its business, including adherence to company's policies, the safeguarding of its assets, the prevention and detection of frauds and errors, the accuracy and completeness of the accounting records,

and the timely preparation of reliable financial information, as required under the Act.

Auditors' Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the Company's and its Joint Venture Company's internal financial controls with reference to Consolidated financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with the Guidance Note on Audit of Internal Financial Controls over Financial Reporting (the, "Guidance note") and the Standards on Auditing, issued by ICAI and deemed to be prescribed under section 143(10) of the Companies Act, to the extent applicable to an audit of internal financial controls, both applicable to an audit of Internal Financial Controls and, both issued by the ICAI. Those Standards and the Guidance Note require that we comply with ethical requirements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether adequate internal financial controls with reference to Consolidated financial statements were established and maintained and if such controls operated effectively in all material respects.

Our audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the adequacy of the internal financial controls with reference to Consolidated financial statements and their operating effectiveness. Our audit of internal financial controls with reference to Consolidated financial statements included obtaining an understanding of

internal financial controls with reference to Consolidated financial statements, assessing the risk that a material weakness exists, and testing and evaluating the design and operating effectiveness of internal control based on the assessed risk. The procedures selected depend on the auditors' judgement, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the Consolidated financial statements, whether due to fraud or error.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion on the internal financial controls with reference to Consolidated financial statements.

Meaning of Internal Financial Controls with reference to consolidated financial statements

A Company's internal financial controls with reference to consolidated financial statements is a process designed to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of consolidated financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. A Company's internal financial controls with reference to consolidated financial statements includes those policies and procedures that (1) pertain to the maintenance of records that, in reasonable detail, accurately and fairly reflect the transactions and dispositions of the assets of the Company; (2) provide reasonable assurance that transactions are recorded as necessary to permit preparation of consolidated financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, and that receipts and expenditures of the Company are being made only in accordance with authorizations of management and directors of the Company; and (3) provide reasonable assurance regarding prevention or timely detection of unauthorized acquisition, use, or disposition of the Company's assets that could have a material effect on the consolidated financial statements.

Inherent Limitations of Internal Financial Controls with reference to Consolidated financial statements

Because of the inherent limitations of internal financial controls with reference to Consolidated financial statements, including the possibility of collusion or improper management override of controls, material misstatements due to error or fraud may occur and not be detected. Also, projections of any evaluation of the internal financial controls with reference to Consolidated financial statements to future periods are subject to the risk that the internal financial control with reference to Consolidated financial statements may become inadequate because of changes in conditions, or that the degree of compliance with the policies or procedures may deteriorate.

Opinion

In our opinion, the Company and its Joint Venture Company which are companies incorporated in India have, in all material respects, adequate internal financial controls with reference to Consolidated financial statements in place and such internal financial controls with reference to Consolidated financial statements were operating effectively as at March 31, 2024, based on the internal control over financial reporting criteria established by the Company considering the essential components of internal control stated in the Guidance Note on Audit of Internal Financial Controls over Financial Reporting issued by the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India.

For **K. C. Mehta & Co LLP**
Chartered Accountants
Firm Reg. No. : 106237W/W100829

Shripal Shah
Partner

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**CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST MARCH, 2024**

[Rs. in Lakhs]

Particulars	Note No.	As at 31.03.2024	As at 31.03.2023
I ASSETS			
(1) Non-current assets			
(a) Property, Plant and Equipment	3	452,232.48	415,093.23
(b) Right of use asset	3	9,247.72	9,526.26
(c) Capital work-in-progress	3	9,488.71	54,396.98
(d) Intangible assets	4	236.83	340.83
(e) Financial Assets			
(i) Investments			
(a) Investment in Joint Venture	5	13,816.41	24,275.82
(b) Other Investments	6	193,509.79	156,753.74
(ii) Loans	7	147.06	48.95
(iii) Other Financial assets	8	10,562.04	2,293.71
(f) Non-Current Tax Assets (Net)	9	17,835.65	18,819.97
(g) Other non-current assets	10	3,916.15	10,949.47
Total Non - current assets		710,992.84	692,498.96
(2) Current assets			
(a) Inventories	11	40,725.78	46,072.51
(b) Financial Assets			
(i) Other Investments	6	2,007.93	2,065.57
(ii) Trade receivables	12	17,764.94	28,456.31
(iii) Cash and cash equivalents	13	15,472.45	45,554.38
(iv) Bank balance other than (iii) above	14	703.99	2,736.93
(v) Loans	7	84.09	5,061.94
(vi) Other Financial assets	8	2,359.97	4,525.98
(c) Other current assets	10	12,227.09	6,502.25
Total Current assets		91,346.24	140,975.87
TOTAL ASSETS		802,339.08	833,474.83
General Information	1		
Material Accounting Policy Information	2		

See accompanying notes forming part of financial statements.

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As per our attached Report of even date.

For and on behalf of the BoardFor **K C Mehta & Co LLP**

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(Legal, CC & CSR)

Place : Gandhinagar

Date : 30th May, 2024

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST MARCH, 2024 (Contd.)

[Rs. in Lakhs]

Particulars	Note No.	As at 31.03.2024	As at 31.03.2023
II EQUITY AND LIABILITIES			
(1) EQUITY			
(a) Equity Share capital	15	7,343.84	7,343.84
(b) Other Equity	16	600,209.84	606,578.15
Total Equity		607,553.68	613,921.99
(2) LIABILITIES			
Non-current liabilities			
(a) Financial Liabilities			
(i) Borrowings	17	34,277.96	45,885.92
(ii) Lease Liabilities	18	65.21	66.29
(b) Provisions	19	14,098.09	13,247.44
(c) Deferred tax liabilities (Net)	20	71,887.37	76,368.18
Total Non-current liabilities		120,328.63	135,567.83
Current Liabilities			
(a) Financial Liabilities			
(i) Borrowings	17	20,064.63	13,695.00
(ii) Lease Liabilities	18	5.96	6.04
(iii) Trade payables			
(a) Total outstanding dues of micro enterprises and small enterprises	21	4,136.76	3,911.11
(b) Total outstanding dues of creditors other than micro enterprises and small enterprises	21	33,328.15	45,472.35
(iv) Other financial liabilities	22	7,026.36	11,066.37
(b) Other current liabilities	23	7,383.64	7,353.95
(c) Provisions	19	1,508.75	1,477.67
(d) Current Tax Liabilities (Net)	9	1,002.52	1,002.52
Total Current Liabilities		74,456.77	83,985.01
Total Liabilities		194,785.40	219,552.84
TOTAL EQUITY AND LIABILITIES		802,339.08	833,474.83
General Information	1		
Material Accounting Policy Information	2		

See accompanying notes forming part of financial statements.

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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF PROFIT AND LOSS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 2024

[Rs. in Lakhs]

Particulars	Note No.	Year Ended 31.03.2024	Year Ended 31.03.2023
I. Revenue from operations	24	380,663.43	451,650.06
II. Other Income	25	9,006.46	4,215.18
III. Total Income (I + II)		389,669.89	455,865.24
IV. Expenses:			
Cost of materials consumed	26	165,098.37	150,783.92
Purchase of Stock-in-Trade		-	1,858.80
Changes in inventories of finished goods, stock-in-trade and work-in-progress	27	(5,796.54)	(1,692.71)
Employee benefits expense	28	26,503.83	25,239.70
Finance costs	29	4,456.50	1,946.24
Depreciation and amortisation expense	30	37,740.71	27,608.80
Power, Fuel & Other Utilities	31	127,689.43	111,843.89
Other expenses	32	53,565.25	52,157.50
Total Expenses		409,257.55	369,746.14
V. Share of Profit / (Loss) of Joint Venture		(10,460.00)	(16,608.67)
VI. Profit before Tax (III - IV + V)		(30,047.66)	69,510.43
VII. Tax expense	33		
(a) Current tax		-	15,120.63
(b) Deferred tax		(6,230.11)	12,818.34
(c) Net Tax Adjustment of earlier year		(133.30)	609.74
		(6,363.41)	28,548.71
VIII. Profit for the year (VI - VII)		(23,684.25)	40,961.72
IX. Other Comprehensive Income			
Items that will not be reclassified to profit or loss			
Remeasurement of Defined Benefits Plans - Gratuity		(365.19)	533.03
Deferred Tax Assets / (liabilities) on Remeasurement of Defined Benefits Plans - Gratuity		127.61	(186.26)
Fair Value of Equity Instruments - FVTOCI		36,756.05	(11,047.39)
Deferred Tax Assets / (liabilities) on Fair Value of Equity Instruments - FVTOCI		(1,908.72)	1,074.82
Share of Other Comprehensive Income of Joint Venture		0.59	-
Total Other Comprehensive Income (IX)		34,610.34	(9,625.80)
X. Total Comprehensive Income (VIII + IX)		10,926.09	31,335.92
XI. Earning per equity share (face value Rs.10/-each):	34		
(1) Basic (Rs.)		(32.25)	55.78
(2) Diluted (Rs.)		(32.25)	55.78
General Information	1		
Material Accounting Policy Information	2		

See accompanying notes forming part of financial statements.

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As per our attached Report of even date.

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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOW FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 2024

[Rs. in Lakhs]

Particulars	2023-24	2022-23
A Cash Flow from Operating Activities	6,661.65	95,997.50
B Cash Flow from Investing Activities	(8,999.98)	(66,085.81)
C Cash Flow from Financing Activities	(27,730.06)	(14,025.82)
D Effect of unrealised exchange differences on translation of foreign currency cash and cash equivalents	(13.54)	(102.77)
E Cash and Cash Equivalents at the beginning of the year	45,554.38	29,771.28
F Cash and Cash Equivalents at the end of the year	15,472.45	45,554.38
G Total Cash Flow During the year (A+B+C+D) or (F-E)	(30,081.93)	15,783.10
A CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES :		
Net Profit / (Loss) Before Tax	(30,047.66)	69,510.43
Adjustments For :		
Addition / (Deduction)		
Share of (Profit) / Loss in Joint Venture	10,460.00	16,608.67
Depreciation and Amortisation Expenses	37,740.71	27,608.80
Interest Income	(2,964.14)	(1,929.52)
Dividend Received	(4,562.58)	(1,880.40)
Interest Expense	4,456.50	1,946.24
Net (Profit) / Loss on Sale of Property Plant & Equipment	7.01	6.79
Net (Gain) / Loss arising from Financial Assets designated as FVTPL	(301.30)	(290.12)
Unrealised foreign exchange (gain)/loss	766.62	3,529.16
Expected credit loss allowances written back	(695.84)	(41.02)
Provision for Gratuity/Leave	895.19	(2,474.46)
Provision / Written off for Stores and Spares	(475.42)	480.00
Sub Total	45,326.75	43,564.14
Operating Profit Before changes in assets/ (liabilities)	15,279.09	113,074.57
Decrease or (Increase) in Assets :		
Trade Receivables	11,381.72	1,888.00
Loans	(120.26)	81.79
Other Assets	501.15	(922.92)
Other Financial Assets	(6,385.06)	(2,781.98)
Inventories	5,822.15	(11,238.82)
Increase / (Decrease) in Liabilities :		
Trade Payables and Other Current Liabilities	(11,941.21)	14,356.70
Provisions	222.77	162.74
Other Financial Liabilities	(3,630.07)	(170.45)
Cash Generated from Operations Before Tax	11,130.28	114,449.63
Direct Taxes Paid (Net)	(4,468.63)	(18,452.13)
Net Cash Flow generated from Operating Activities : (Total - A)	6,661.65	95,997.50



CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOW FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 2024 (Contd.)

[Rs. in Lakhs]

Particulars	2023-24	2022-23
B CASH FLOW FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES :		
Payment for Property Plant & Equipment (Including Capital Work-in-Progress)	(23,125.71)	(68,306.79)
Proceeds from disposal of Property Plant & Equipment	101.76	22.17
Proceed from Sale of Investment	358.94	497.84
Interest Received	2,002.45	1,920.57
Dividend Received	4,562.58	1,880.40
Proceeds/Payment for Deposit	2,100.00	(2,100.00)
Proceeds/Payment for Inter Corporate Deposits	5,000.00	-
Net Cash generated / (used) in Investment Activities - (Total - B)	(8,999.98)	(66,085.81)
C CASH FLOW FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES :		
Interest and Finance charges paid	(4,481.67)	(1,855.52)
Dividend paid	(17,347.69)	(7,358.89)
Unpaid Dividend	53.29	15.20
Increase in Restricted Bank Balances other than Cash & Cash Equivalents	(13.77)	(430.61)
Repayment of Non-Current Borrowings	(13,433.58)	(4,239.09)
Proceeds/Repayment from/of Current Borrowings (Net)	7,500.00	(150.26)
Repayment of Lease Liabilities	(1.16)	(1.03)
Repayment of Lease Liabilities - Interest	(5.48)	(5.62)
Net Cash generated / (used) in Financing Activities - (Total - C)	(27,730.06)	(14,025.82)
D Effect of unrealised exchange differences on translation of foreign currency cash and cash equivalents	(13.54)	(102.77)
E CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT THE BEGINNING OF THE YEAR :		
Cash and Cheques on Hand	4.18	3.61
Balances with Banks	6,050.20	4,767.67
Balances with Financial Institution	39,500.00	25,000.00
Net Cash and Cash Equivalents at the beginning of the year (Total - E)	45,554.38	29,771.28
F CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT THE END OF THE YEAR :		
Cash and Cheques on Hand	0.81	4.18
Balances with Banks	5,471.64	6,050.20
Balances with Financial Institution	10,000.00	39,500.00
Net Cash and Cash Equivalents at the end of the year (Total - F)	15,472.45	45,554.38
G TOTAL CASH FLOW DURING THE YEAR (A+B+C+D) OR (F-E)	(30,081.93)	15,783.10

Note :-

- The Cash Flow Statement has been prepared under the 'Indirect Method' set out in IndAS -7 "Statement of Cash Flows".
- Changes in liability arising from financial activities:

Long term Borrowings	2023-24	2022-23
Opening Balance	59,580.92	59,183.41
Cash in flow - Receipt of New Borrowings	-	-
Cash out Flow - Repayment of Borrowings	(13,433.58)	(4,239.09)
Foreign Exchange and non-cash movement (net off)	695.25	4,636.60
Closing Balance	46,842.59	59,580.92

See accompanying notes forming part of financial statements.

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As per our attached Report of even date.

For and on behalf of the Board

For **K C Mehta & Co LLP**

Chartered Accountants

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(Legal, CC & CSR)

Place : Gandhinagar

Date : 30th May, 2024

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 2024

[Rs. in Lakhs]

Particulars	Equity share capital	Retained Earnings				Other Comprehensive Income - Fair value of equity instrument	Total Other Equity	Total Equity
		Capital Reserve	General Reserve	Security premium	Retained Earnings			
Balance as at April 1, 2022	7,343.84	0.24	230,217.62	23,423.18	196,864.91	132,079.97	582,585.92	589,929.76
Changes due to prior period errors	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Restated balance as at April 1, 2022	7,343.84	0.24	230,217.62	23,423.18	196,864.91	132,079.97	582,585.92	589,929.76
Profit / (Loss) for the year	-	-	-	-	40,961.72	-	40,961.72	40,961.72
Impact of Equity Investment derecognised	-	-	-	-	(7,122.00)	7,122.00	-	-
Other comprehensive income for the year (Net of Taxes)	-	-	-	-	346.77	(9,972.57)	(9,625.80)	(9,625.80)
Total Comprehensive income for the year	-	-	-	-	34,186.49	(2,850.57)	31,335.92	31,335.92
Final Dividend	-	-	-	-	(7,343.69)	-	(7,343.69)	(7,343.69)
Balance as at March 31, 2023	7,343.84	0.24	230,217.62	23,423.18	223,707.71	129,229.40	606,578.15	613,921.99
Changes due to prior period errors	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Restated balance as at April 1, 2023	7,343.84	0.24	230,217.62	23,423.18	223,707.71	129,229.40	606,578.15	613,921.99
Profit / (Loss) for the year	-	-	-	-	(23,684.25)	-	(23,684.25)	(23,684.25)
Other comprehensive income for the year (Net of Taxes)	-	-	-	-	(236.99)	34,847.33	34,610.34	34,610.34
Total Comprehensive income for the year	-	-	-	-	(23,921.24)	34,847.33	10,926.09	10,926.09
Final Dividend	-	-	-	-	(17,294.40)	-	(17,294.40)	(17,294.40)
Balance as at March 31, 2024	7,343.84	0.24	230,217.62	23,423.18	182,492.07	164,076.73	600,209.84	607,553.68

See accompanying notes forming part of financial statements.

As per our attached Report of even date.

For **K C Mehta & Co LLP**
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NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Notes forming part of the Financial Statements

1. GENERAL INFORMATION

Gujarat Alkalies and Chemicals Limited ("the Company") is a multi-product chemical manufacturing Company, having various products in its basket and is one of the leading manufacturer of Caustic Soda Lye.

The Company having CIN L24110GJ1973PLC002247 is a public limited company incorporated and domiciled in India and has its Registered Office at P. O. Ranoli – 391350, District Vadodara, Gujarat, India. The equity shares of the Company are listed on the BSE Limited and National Stock Exchange of India Limited.

The consolidated financial statements comprise financial statements of Gujarat Alkalies and Chemicals Limited and its Joint Venture Company for the year ended March 31, 2024.

1.1.a. GACL-NALCO Alkalies and Chemicals Private Limited is a Joint Venture Company, having CIN U24100GJ2015PTC085247, incorporated and domiciled in India, having registered office at GACL Corporate Building, PO: Ranoli – 391350.

1.2. Statement of Compliance

The consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Indian Accounting Standards (Ind AS) as notified under Section 133 of The Companies Act, 2013 (the "Act") read with Companies (Indian Accounting Standards) Rules, 2015 as amended and other relevant provisions of the Act as amended from time to time, 2013.

1.3. Recent pronouncements

Ministry of Corporate Affairs ("MCA") notifies new standards or amendments to the existing standards under Companies (Indian Accounting Standards) Rules as issued from time to time. During the year ended 31st March 2024, MCA has not notified any new standards or amendments to the existing standards applicable to the Company.

1.4. Basis of Preparation of financial statements

The consolidated financial statements have been prepared, under the historical cost convention, on the accrual basis of accounting except for certain assets and liabilities which are measured at fair value/amortized cost/ present value at the end of each reporting period as explained in the accounting policies set out below. These accounting policies have been applied consistently over all the periods presented in these financials statements.

Historical cost is generally based on the fair value of the consideration given in exchange for goods and services.

The functional currency of the Company is the Indian rupee. These financial statements are presented in Indian rupees (rounded off to lakhs).

1.5. Principles of Consolidation

1.5.a. The financial statements of the Joint Venture Company used in the consolidation is drawn up to the same reporting date as that of the company.

1.5.b. Interest in Joint Venture Company is accounted for using equity method, after initially recognising at cost in the consolidated balance sheet.

1.5.c. Under equity method, investments are initially recognised at cost and adjusted thereafter to recognise the Company's share of the post - acquisition profit or loss of the investee in the statement of profit and loss, and the Company's share of other comprehensive income of the investee in other comprehensive income. Dividend received or receivable from Joint Venture company is recognised as a reduction in the carrying amount of investment.

1.5.d. As far as possible, the consolidated financial statements are prepared using uniform accounting policies for like transactions and other events in similar circumstances and appropriate adjustments are made to the financial statements of Joint Venture Company when they are used in preparing the consolidated financial statements that are presented in same manner as the company.

1.5.e. The Consolidated Financial Statements has been prepared in accordance with Ind AS-110 "Consolidated Financial Statement" and Ind AS-28 "Investment in Associates and Joint Venture".

1.5.f. The Consolidated Financial Statements include company's share of loss in Joint Venture company – GACL-NALCO Alkalies and Chemicals Private Limited.

1.5.g. The carrying amount of equity accounted investments are tested for impairment on reporting date.

1.6. Use of estimates

The preparation of the financial statements in conformity with Ind AS requires management to make estimates, judgements and assumptions. These estimates, judgements and assumptions affect the application of accounting policies and

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the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, the disclosures of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the period. Application of accounting policies that require critical accounting estimates involving complex and subjective judgements and the use of assumptions in these financial statements have been disclosed in notes below. Accounting estimates could change from period to period. Actual results could differ from these estimates. Appropriate changes in estimates are made as management becomes aware of changes in circumstances surrounding the estimates. Changes in estimates are reflected in the financial statements in the period in which changes are made and if material, then effects are disclosed in the notes to the financial statements.

2. MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICY INFORMATION

2.1. Revenue and Income Recognition:

2.1.a. Revenue from Contracts with Customers:

The Company derives Revenue primarily from sale of manufactured and traded products being "Chemicals".

Revenue from the sale of products is recognised on satisfaction of performance obligation upon transfer of control of promised products to customers in an amount that reflects the consideration the Company expects to receive in exchange of those products.

In determining the transaction price for the sale of goods, the company also considers the effects of variable consideration, the existence of significant financing components and consideration payable to the customer (if any).

The performance obligation to transfer each distinct product consists of supplying the product to a named destination, handling charges and packing charges.

The Company accounts for discounts and incentives to customers as a reduction of revenue based on the proportionate allocation of the discounts / incentives to each of the underlying performance obligation that corresponds to the progress by the customer towards earning the discount / incentive. Also, when the level of discount varies with increase in level of revenue transactions, the Company recognizes the liability based on its estimate of the customer's future purchases. If it is probable that the criteria for the discount will not be met, or if the amount thereof cannot be estimated reliably, then discount is not recognized until the payment is probable and the amount can be estimated

reliably. The Company recognizes changes in the estimated amount of obligations for discounts in the period in which the change occurs.

The Company does not expect to have any contracts where the period between the transfer of the promised goods to the customer and payment by the customer exceeds one year. As a consequence, it does not adjust any of the transaction price for the time value of money.

Sale of products excludes amounts of indirect taxes on sales.

2.1.b. Dividend and interest income:

Dividend income from investments is recognised when the shareholder's right to receive the payment has been established.

Interest income from a financial asset is recognised when it is probable that the economic benefits will flow to the Company and the amount of income can be measured reliably. Interest income is accrued on time basis, by reference to the principal outstanding and at the effective interest rate applicable.

2.1.c. Other Operating Income and Other Income:

Revenue with respect to Other Operating Income and Other Income including insurance and other claims are recognised when a reasonable certainty as to its realisation exists.

2.2. Leases:

Short-term leases and leases of low-value assets:

The Company applies the short-term lease recognition exemption to its short-term leases of Property, Plant and Equipment (i.e., those leases that have a lease term of 12 months or less from the commencement date and do not contain a purchase option). It also applies the lease of low-value assets recognition exemption to leases that are considered of low value and is not intended for sublease. Lease payments on short-term leases and leases of low-value assets are recognized as expense on a straight-line basis over the lease term or another systematic basis.

The Company as a Lessee:

The Company's lease asset class primarily consist of leases for immovable properties. The company assesses whether a contract contains a lease, at inception of a contract. A contract is, or contains, a lease if there is an explicit or implicit identified asset in the contract and Customer controls the use of an identified asset for a period of time in exchange for consideration. To assess whether a contract conveys the right to control the use of an identified asset, the company assesses whether:

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(1) the contact involves the use of an identified asset (2) the company has substantially all of the economic benefits from use of the asset through the period of the lease and (3) the company has the right to direct the use of the asset.

At the date of commencement of the lease, the company recognizes a right-of-use asset ("ROU") and a corresponding lease liability for all lease arrangements in which it is a lessee, except for leases with a term of twelve months or less (short-term leases) and low value leases.

Certain lease arrangements includes the options to extend or terminate the lease before the end of the lease term. ROU assets and lease liabilities includes these options when it is reasonably certain that they will be exercised.

The ROU assets are initially recognized at cost, which comprises the initial amount of the lease liability adjusted for any lease payments made at or prior to the commencement date of the lease plus any initial direct costs less any lease incentives. They are subsequently measured at cost less accumulated depreciation and impairment losses, if any.

ROU assets are depreciated from the commencement date on a straight-line basis over the shorter of the lease term and useful life of the underlying asset.

ROU assets are evaluated for recoverability whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that their carrying amounts may not be recoverable. For the purpose of impairment testing, the recoverable amount (i.e. the higher of the fair value less cost to sell and the value-in-use) is determined on an individual asset basis unless the asset does not generate cash flows that are largely independent of those from other assets. In such cases, the recoverable amount is determined for the Cash Generating Unit (CGU) to which the asset belongs.

The lease liability is initially measured at amortized cost at the present value of the future lease payments. The lease payments are discounted using the interest rate implicit in the lease or, if not readily determinable, using the incremental borrowing rates in the country of domicile of these leases. Lease liabilities are remeasured with a corresponding adjustment to the related right of use asset if the company changes its assessment if whether it will exercise an extension or a termination option.

Lease liability and ROU asset have been separately presented in the Balance Sheet and lease payments have been classified as financing cash flows.

2.3. Foreign Currencies - Transactions and translations:

In preparing the financial statements, transactions in currencies other than the Company's functional currency (foreign currencies) are recognised at the rates of exchange prevailing at the dates of the transactions. The date of the transaction for the purpose of determining the exchange rate to use on initial recognition of the related asset, expense or income (or part of it) is the date on which the Company initially recognises the non-monetary asset or non-monetary liability arising from the payment or receipt of advance consideration. At the end of each reporting period, monetary items denominated in foreign currencies are retranslated at the rates prevailing at that date. Non-monetary items carried at fair value that are denominated in foreign currencies are retranslated at the rates prevailing at the date when the fair value was determined. Non-monetary items that are measured in terms of historical cost in a foreign currency are not retranslated.

Exchange differences on monetary items are recognised in profit or loss in the period in which they arise except for exchange differences on foreign currency borrowings relating to assets under construction for future productive use, which are included in the cost of those assets when they are regarded as an adjustment to interest costs on those foreign currency borrowings.

2.4. Borrowing Costs:

Borrowing costs directly attributable to the acquisition, construction or production of qualifying assets, which are assets that necessarily take a substantial period of time to get ready for their intended use or sale, are added to the cost of those assets, until such time as the assets are substantially ready for their intended use or sale.

All other borrowing costs are recognised in the statement of profit and loss in the period in which they are incurred.

Borrowing costs consist of interest and other costs that the Company incurs in connection with the borrowing of funds. Borrowing cost also includes exchange differences arising from foreign currency borrowings to the extent regarded as an adjustment to the interest costs. Capitalisation of borrowing costs is suspended and charged to the Statement of Profit and Loss during extended periods when active development activity on the qualifying assets is interrupted.

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2.5. Employee Benefits:

2.5.a. Short-term Employee Benefits:

All employee benefits payable wholly within twelve months of rendering the services are classified as short-term employee benefits. Benefits such as salaries, wages, etc. and the expected cost of bonus, Ex-gratia, Leave Travel Allowance, Reimbursement of Medical Expenses, Personal Accident Policy, Deposit Linked Insurance Policy are recognised, undiscounted in the period in which the employee renders the related services.

2.5.b. Post-Employment Benefits:

2.5.b.1. Defined Contribution Plan:

The Company's contribution paid/payable during the year to Provident Fund, Superannuation Fund and other welfare funds are considered as defined contribution plans. The Contribution paid/ payable under these plans are recognised in the Statement of Profit and Loss during the period in which the employee renders the services. The above benefits are classified as Defined Contribution Schemes as the Company has no further defined obligations beyond the monthly contributions.

2.5.b.2. Defined Benefit Plans:

The Gratuity Scheme managed by Life Insurance Corporation of India through a Trust is considered as defined benefit plan. The present value of the obligation is determined based on actuarial valuation being carried out at each reporting date using the Projected Unit Credit Method.

Actuarial gains and losses are recognised immediately in other comprehensive income.

Gains or losses on the curtailment or settlement of any defined benefit plan are recognised when the curtailment or settlement occurs.

Past service cost is recognized immediately to the extent that the benefits are already vested and otherwise it is amortized on straight-line basis over the remaining average period until the benefits become vested.

Interest cost is calculated by applying the discount rate to the net balance of the defined benefit obligation and the fair value of plan assets.

The defined retirement benefit obligation recognised in the balance sheet represents the present value of the defined benefit obligation as reduced by plan assets.

2.5.b.3. Long term Employee Benefits:

The obligation for long term employee benefits such as long term compensated absences, long service awards, etc. is recognised in the same manner as

in the case of defined benefit plans as mentioned in (b) (ii) above except that the actuarial gains and losses are recognised immediately in the Statement of Profit and Loss.

2.6. Income Taxes

Income tax expense represents the sum of current tax and deferred tax.

2.6.a. Current Tax:

The tax currently payable is based on taxable profit for the year. Taxable profit differs from 'Profit Before Tax' as reported in the Statement of Profit and Loss because of items of income or expense that are taxable or deductible in other years and items that are never taxable or deductible in accordance with applicable tax laws. The Company's current tax is calculated using tax rates that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the end of the reporting period.

2.6.b. Deferred Tax:

Deferred tax is recognised on temporary differences between the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities in the financial statements and the corresponding tax bases used in the computation of taxable profit. Deferred tax liabilities are generally recognised for all taxable temporary differences. Deferred tax assets are generally recognised for all deductible temporary differences, the carry forward of unused tax losses and the carry forward of unused tax credits to the extent that it is probable that taxable profits will be available against which these can be utilised. Such deferred tax assets and liabilities are not recognised if the temporary difference arises from the initial recognition (other than in a business combination) of assets and liabilities in a transaction that affects neither the taxable profit nor the accounting profit. In addition, deferred tax liabilities are not recognised if the temporary difference arises from the initial recognition of goodwill.

The carrying amount of deferred tax assets is reviewed at the end of each reporting period and reduced to the extent that it is no longer probable that sufficient taxable profits will be available to allow all or part of the deferred tax asset to be recovered.

Deferred tax liabilities and assets are measured at the tax rates that are expected to apply in the period in which the liability is settled or the asset realised, based on tax rates (and tax laws) that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the end of the reporting period.

The measurement of deferred tax liabilities and

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assets reflects the tax consequences that would follow from the manner in which the Company expects, at the end of the reporting period, to recover or settle the carrying amount of its assets and liabilities.

2.6.c. Current and Deferred Tax for the Year:

Current and deferred tax are recognised in the statement of profit and loss, except when they relate to items that are recognised in Other Comprehensive Income or directly in equity, in which case, the current and deferred tax are also recognised in Other Comprehensive Income or directly in equity respectively.

2.7. Property, Plant and Equipment:

Freehold land is carried at historical cost. All other items of property, plant and equipment are stated at historical cost less accumulated depreciation and accumulated impairment losses, if any.

The cost of PPE comprises of its purchase price or its construction cost (net of applicable tax credit, trade discount and rebate if any), Exchange rate variations attributable to the assets and any cost directly attributable to bring the asset into the location and condition necessary for it to be capable of operating in the manner intended by the management and initial estimate of decommissioning costs. Direct costs are capitalized until the asset is ready for use and includes borrowing cost capitalised in accordance with the Company's accounting policy.

Depreciation method, Estimated Useful lives and residual value

The Company depreciates property, plant and equipment over their estimated useful lives using the straight line method. The estimated useful lives of the assets are as follows:

Asset	Useful Life
Buildings	10-60 years
Plant and Equipment	10-40 Years
Computer Equipments	3-7 years
Furniture and Fixture	3-10 years
Office Equipment	3-10 years
Vehicles	8-15 years

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost of assets (other than freehold land and properties under construction) less their residual values over their useful lives, using the straight-line method. The estimated useful lives, residual values and depreciation method are reviewed at the end of each reporting period, with the effect

of any changes in estimate accounted for on a prospective basis. The useful life as prescribed under Schedule II of the Companies Act, 2013 have been followed except in respect of the following categories of assets, in whose case the life of the assets has been assessed as under based on technical advice, taking into account the nature of the asset, the estimated usage of the asset, the operating condition of the asset, past history of replacement, anticipated technological changes, manufacturers warranties and maintenance support, etc.:

- Remembraning of Membrane cell elements-4 years
- Recoating of Anode and Cathode membrane cell elements- 8-10 years
- Leasehold land and equipment is amortised over the duration of the lease.

Advances paid towards the acquisition of property, plant and equipment outstanding at each Balance Sheet date is classified as capital advances under Other Non-Current Assets and the cost of the assets not ready for intended use before such date are disclosed under 'Capital work-in-progress'. Subsequent expenditures relating to property, plant and equipment is capitalised only when it is probable that future economic benefits associated with these will flow to the Company and the cost of the item can be measured reliably. Repairs and maintenance costs are recognized in the Statement of Profit and Loss when incurred. The cost and related accumulated depreciation are eliminated from the financial statements upon sale or retirement of the asset and the resultant gains or losses which are measured as the difference between the net disposal proceeds and the carrying amount of the asset are recognised in the Statement of Profit and Loss when the asset is derecognised. Assets to be disposed off are reported at the lower of the carrying value or the fair value less cost to sell.

2.8. Intangible Assets:

Intangible Assets acquired separately:

Intangible assets with finite useful life acquired separately, are recognized only if it is probable that future economic benefits that are attributable to the assets will flow to the enterprise and the cost of assets can be measured reliably. The intangible assets are recorded at cost and are carried at cost less accumulated amortization and accumulated impairment losses, if any.

Amortisation is recognised on a straight-line basis over their estimated useful lives from the date

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they are available for use. The estimated useful life and amortisation method are reviewed at the end of each reporting period, with the effect of any changes in estimate being accounted for on a prospective basis. Intangible assets with indefinite useful lives that are acquired separately are carried at cost less accumulated impairment losses.

Subsequent expenditures are capitalised only when it is probable that future economic benefits associated with these will flow to the Company and the cost of the item can be measured reliably.

Intangible assets are derecognised on disposal, or when no future economic benefits are expected from use or disposal. Gains or losses arising from derecognition of an intangible asset are determined as the difference between the net disposal proceeds and the carrying amount of the asset, and recognised in the Statement of Profit and Loss when the asset is derecognised.

RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT

Expenditure on research is recognised as an expense when it is incurred. Expenditure on development which does not meet the criteria for recognition as an intangible asset is recognised as an expense when it is incurred.

Useful Lives of Intangible Assets :

Estimated Useful lives of the Intangible assets are as follows:

Intangible Asset	Useful Life
Computer Software	8-10 Years

2.9. Impairment of Tangible and Intangible Assets:

Intangible assets and property, plant and equipment are evaluated for recoverability whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that their carrying amounts may not be recoverable. For the purpose of impairment testing, the recoverable amount is determined on an individual asset basis unless the asset does not generate cash flows that are largely independent of those from other assets. In such cases, the recoverable amount is determined for the cash generating unit to which the asset belongs.

Recoverable amount is the higher of fair value less costs of disposal and value in use. In assessing value in use, the estimated future cash flows are discounted to their present value using a pre-tax discount rate that reflects current market assessments of the time value of money and the risks specific to the asset for which the estimates of future cash flows have not been adjusted.

If such assets are considered to be impaired, the impairment is recognized in the Statement of

Profit and Loss and is measured by the amount by which the carrying value of the assets exceeds the estimated recoverable amount of the asset. An impairment loss is reversed in the Statement of Profit and Loss if there has been a change in the estimates used to determine the recoverable amount. The carrying amount of the asset is increased to its revised recoverable amount, provided that this amount does not exceed the carrying amount that would have been determined (net of any accumulated amortization or depreciation) had no impairment loss been recognized for the asset in prior years. After a reversal, the depreciation charge is adjusted in future periods to allocate the asset's revised carrying amount, less any residual value, on a systematic basis over its remaining useful life.

2.10. Inventories :

Inventories are stated at the lower of cost and net realisable value after providing for obsolescence, if any. Net realisable value represents the estimated selling price for inventories in the ordinary course of business less all estimated costs of completion and estimated costs necessary to make the sale. Cost of inventories comprises of cost of purchase (net of recoverable taxes), cost of conversion and other costs including manufacturing overheads incurred in bringing them to their respective present location and condition. Raw materials and other supplies held for use in production of finished products are not written down below cost except in cases where material prices have declined and it is estimated that the cost of the finished products will exceed their net realizable value.

Inventory cost formula is as under :

Inventories	Basis of Valuation and Cost Formula
Raw material	Landed cost at weighted average basis
Raw Material (Goods in transit)	At Cost on Basic Price
Work in Progress	Raw material, labour and appropriate proportion of manufacturing expenses and overheads as per stage of completion at weighted average.
Finished Goods (Including in Transit)	Raw material, labour and appropriate proportion of manufacturing expenses and overheads at weighted average.

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Stores, spares, packing materials	Landed Cost Weighted average basis
Scrap	At lower of cost or Net realizable value

2.11. Provisions, Contingent Liabilities and Contingent Assets:

Provisions are recognised when the Company has a present obligation (legal or constructive) as a result of a past event, it is probable that an outflow of resources embodying economic benefits will be required to settle the obligation, and a reliable estimate can be made of the amount of the obligation.

The amount recognised as a provision is the best estimate of the consideration required to settle the present obligation at the end of the reporting period, taking into account the risks and uncertainties surrounding the obligation. When a provision is measured using the cash flows estimated to settle the present obligation, its carrying amount is the present value of those cash flows (when the effect of the time value of money is material. If the time value of money is material, Provisions are discounted using pre-tax discount rate and when discounting is used, increase in the provision with the passage of time is recognised as a finance cost in the statement of Profit and Loss account.

A contingent liability is (a) a possible obligation that arises from past events and whose existence will be confirmed only by the occurrence or non-occurrence of one or more uncertain future events not wholly within the control of the entity or (b) a present obligation that arises from past events but is not recognised because (i) it is not probable that an outflow of resources embodying economic benefits will be required to settle the obligation or (ii) the amount of the obligation can not be measured with sufficient reliability.

Contingent liabilities are disclosed in the Financial Statements by way of notes to accounts, unless possibility of an outflow of resources embodying economic benefit is remote.

A contingent asset is a possible asset that arises from the past events and whose existence will be confirmed only by the occurrence or non- occurrence of one or more of uncertain future events not wholly within the control of the entity.

Contingent assets are disclosed in the Financial Statements by way of notes to accounts when an inflow of economic benefits is probable.

2.12. Financial Instruments:

The Company determines the classification of its financial assets and liabilities at initial recognition. The classification depends on the Company's business model for managing the financial assets and the contractual terms of the cash flows.

Initial Recognition and Measurement:

The Company recognizes financial assets and financial liabilities when it becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument. All financial assets and liabilities are recognized at fair value on initial recognition, except for trade receivables which are initially measured at transaction price. Transaction costs that are directly attributable to the acquisition or issue of financial assets and financial liabilities that are not at fair value through profit or loss, are added to or deducted from the fair value on initial recognition. Regular way purchase and sale of financial assets are accounted for at trade date.

Effective interest method:

The effective interest method is a method of calculating the amortised cost of a financial instrument and of allocating interest income or expense over the relevant period. The effective interest rate is the rate that exactly discounts future cash receipts or payments through the expected life of the financial instrument, or where appropriate, a shorter period.

Subsequent Measurement

2.12.a. Non-derivative financial instruments:

2.12.a.1. Cash and Cash equivalents:

The Company considers all highly liquid financial instruments, which are readily convertible into known amounts of cash that are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value and having original maturities of three months or less from the date of purchase, to be cash equivalents. Cash and cash equivalents consist of balances with banks which are unrestricted for withdrawal and usage.

2.12.a.2. Financial assets carried at amortised cost:

A financial asset is subsequently measured at amortised cost if it is held within a business model whose objective is to hold the asset in order to collect contractual cash flows and the contractual terms of the financial asset give rise on specified dates to cash flows that are solely payments of principal and interest on the principal amount outstanding.

2.12.a.3. Financial assets at fair value through Other Comprehensive Income(FVTOCI):

A financial asset is subsequently measured at fair

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value through Other Comprehensive Income if it is held within a business model whose objective is achieved by both collecting contractual cash flows and selling financial assets and the contractual terms of the financial asset give rise on specified dates to cash flows that are solely payments of principal and interest on the principal amount outstanding. The Company has made an irrevocable election for its investments which are classified as equity instruments to present the subsequent changes in fair value in Other Comprehensive Income based on its business model.

On derecognition of such Financial assets, cumulative gain or loss previously recognised in Other Comprehensive Income is not reclassified from the equity to statement of Profit and Loss.

2.12.a.4. Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss(FVTPL):

A financial asset which is not classified in any of the above categories are subsequently measured at fair value through profit or loss.

2.12.a.5. Financial liabilities:

Financial liabilities are subsequently carried at amortized cost using the effective interest method. For trade and other payables maturing within one year from the Balance Sheet date, the carrying amounts approximate fair value due to the short maturity of these instruments. Interest bearing issued debt are initially measured at fair value and are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest rate method.

2.12.a.6. Derecognition of financial instruments:

The Company derecognizes a financial asset when the contractual rights to the cash flows from the financial asset expire or it transfers the financial asset and the transfer qualifies for derecognition under Ind AS 109. On derecognition of Financial assets (except as mentioned in 2.17.a.3), the difference between the carrying amount and the consideration received is recognised in the statement of Profit and Loss account. A financial liability (or a part of a financial liability) is derecognized from the Company's Balance Sheet when the obligation specified in the contract is discharged or cancelled or expires.

2.12.a.7. Offsetting Financial Instruments:

Financial assets and liabilities are offset and the net amount is presented in the Balance Sheet when there is a legally enforceable right to offset the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

2.13. Share capital:

Ordinary Shares :

Ordinary shares are classified as equity. Incremental costs directly attributable to the issuance of new ordinary shares are recognized as a deduction from equity, net of any tax effects.

2.14. Fair Value Measurement:

Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. The fair value measurement is based on the presumption that the transaction to sell the asset or transfer the liability takes place either:

- In the principal market for the asset or liability, or
- In the absence of a principal market, in the most advantageous market for the asset or liability.

The principal or the most advantageous market must be accessible by the Company.

The fair value of an asset or a liability is measured using the assumptions that market participants would use when pricing the asset or liability, assuming that market participants act in their best economic interest.

The Company uses valuation techniques that are appropriate in the circumstances and for which sufficient data are available to measure fair value, maximizing the use of relevant observable inputs and minimizing the use of unobservable inputs.

All assets and liabilities for which fair value is measured or disclosed in the financial statements are categorized within the fair value hierarchy, described as follows, which gives highest priority to quoted prices in active markets and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs.

Level 1 — Quoted (unadjusted) market prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities.

Level 2 — Valuation techniques for inputs other than quoted prices included within Level 1 that are observable for the asset or Liability either directly or indirectly.

Level 3 — Valuation techniques for inputs that are unobservable for the asset or liability.

For the purpose of fair value disclosures, the Company has determined classes of assets and liabilities on the basis of the nature, characteristics and risks of the asset or liability and the level of the fair value hierarchy as explained above.

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2.15. Impairment of Financial Assets:

The Company recognizes loss allowances using the Expected Credit Loss (ECL) model for the financial assets which are not measured at fair value through profit or loss. Loss allowance for trade receivables with no significant financing component is measured at an amount equal to lifetime ECL. For all other financial assets, expected credit losses are measured at an amount equal to the 12-month ECL, unless there has been a significant increase in credit risk from initial recognition in which case those are measured at lifetime ECL. The amount of expected credit losses (or reversal) that is required to adjust the loss allowance at the reporting date to the amount that is required to be recognised as an impairment gain or loss in the statement of profit and loss.

ECL is the difference between all contractual cash flows that are due to the Company in accordance with the contract and all the cash flows that the entity expects to receive, discounted at the effective interest rate.

ECL are measured taking into account the time value of money and other reasonable information available as a result of past events, current conditions and forecasts of future economic conditions.

For Trade receivables, the Company uses a provision matrix to measure lifetime ECL on its portion of trade receivables. The provision matrix is prepared based on historically observed default rates over the expected life of trade receivables and is adjusted for forward looking estimates.

2.16. Earnings per share:

Basic earnings per share is computed by dividing the profit or loss attributable to equity shareholders of the Company by the weighted average number of equity shares outstanding during the period.

Diluted earnings per share is computed by dividing the profit after tax by the weighted average number of equity shares considered for deriving the basic earnings per share and the weighted average number of equity shares that could have been issued upon conversion of all dilutive potential equity shares.

2.17. Operating Segments:

Operating segments are identified and reported taking into account the different risks and returns, the organization structure and the internal reporting systems. The Company operates in one reportable business segments i.e. "Chemicals".

2.18. Statement of Cash Flows:

Cash flows are reported using the indirect method,

whereby profit before tax is adjusted for the effects of transactions of a non-cash nature, any deferrals or accruals of past or future operating cash receipts or payments and item of income or expenses associated with investing or financing cash flows. The cash flows are segregated into operating, investing and financing activities.

2.19. Current/non current classification:

The Company presents assets and liabilities in the balance sheet based on current/ non-current classification. An asset is treated as current if it satisfies any of the following conditions:

- Expected to be realised or intended to be sold or consumed in normal operating cycle
- Held primarily for the purpose of trading
- Expected to be realised within twelve months after the reporting period
- Cash or cash equivalent unless restricted from being exchanged or used to settle a liability for at least twelve months after the reporting period

All other assets are classified as non-current.

A liability is current if it satisfies any of the following conditions:

- Expected to be settled in normal operating cycle
- Held primarily for the purpose of trading
- is due to be settled within twelve months after the reporting period
- There is no unconditional right to defer the settlement of the liability for at least twelve months after the reporting period

The company classifies all other liabilities as non-current.

The operating cycle is the time between the acquisition of assets for processing and their realisation in cash and cash Equivalents. The Company has identified twelve months as its operating cycle.

2.20. Government Grant:

Government grants are recognised when there is reasonable assurance that the grant will be received, and the company will comply with conditions attached to the grant.

Government grants relating to income are recognised in profit or loss on a systematic basis over the periods in which the Company recognises as expenses, the related costs for which the grants are intended to compensate. Grant relating to

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assets are netted off against the acquisition cost of the asset.

2.21. Critical accounting judgements, assumptions and Key sources of estimation uncertainty:

The preparation of the Company's financial statements requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of revenues, expenses, assets and liabilities, and the accompanying disclosures, and the disclosure of contingent liabilities at the date of the financial statements. Estimates and assumptions are continuously evaluated and are based on management's experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances. Uncertainty about these assumptions and estimates could result in outcomes that require a material adjustment to the carrying amount of assets or liabilities affected in future periods.

Key source of judgments, assumptions and estimates in the preparation of the Financial Statements which may cause a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next financial year, are in respect of useful lives of Property, Plant and Equipment, impairment, employee benefit obligations, provisions, provision for income tax, measurement of deferred tax assets and contingent assets & liabilities., Stores & Spares Written off.

2.21.a. Critical judgments in applying accounting policies:

The following are the critical judgements, apart from those involving estimations (Refer note 2.26.b), that the Management have made in the process of applying the Company's accounting policies and that have the significant effect on the amounts recognized in the Financial Statements.

2.21.a.1. Determining whether an arrangement contain leases and classification of leases:

Ind AS 116 requires lessees to determine the lease term as the non-cancellable period of a lease adjusted with any option to extend or terminate the lease, if the use of such option is reasonably certain. The company makes an assessment on the expected lease term on a lease-by-lease basis and thereby assesses whether it is reasonably certain that any options to extend or terminate the contract will be exercised. In evaluating the lease term, the Company considers factors such as any significant leasehold improvements undertaken over the lease term, costs relating to the termination of the lease and the importance of the underlying asset

to operations taking into account the location of the underlying asset and the availability of suitable alternatives. The lease term in future periods is reassessed to ensure that the lease term reflects the current economic circumstances.

2.21.b. Key sources of estimates and assumptions:

Information about estimates and assumptions that have the significant effect on recognition and measurement of assets, liabilities, income and expenses is provided below. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

2.21.b.1. Defined benefit obligation (DBO):

The cost of the defined benefit gratuity plan and the present value of the gratuity obligation are determined using actuarial valuations being carried out at reporting date. An actuarial valuation involves making various assumptions that may differ from actual developments in the future. These include the determination of the discount rate, Salary escalation rate, expected rate of return on asset and mortality rates. Due to the complexities involved in the valuation and its long-term nature, a defined benefit obligation is highly sensitive to changes in these assumptions. All assumptions are reviewed at each reporting date.

The parameter most subject to change is the discount rate. In determining the appropriate discount rate, the management considers the interest rates of government bonds in currencies consistent with the currencies of the post-employment benefit obligation. The mortality rate is based on publicly available mortality tables for the specific countries. Those mortality tables tend to change only at interval in response to demographic changes. Future salary increases and gratuity increases are based on expected future inflation rates for the respective countries.

2.21.b.2. Contingent Liabilities and Assets:

Contingent liabilities may arise from the ordinary course of business in relation to claims against the Company, including legal, contractor, land access and other claims. By their nature, contingencies will be resolved only when one or more uncertain future events occur or fail to occur. The assessment of the existence, and potential quantum, of contingencies inherently involves the exercise of significant judgment and the use of estimates regarding the outcome of future events.

2.21.b.3. Allowance for impairment of trade receivables:

The expected credit loss is mainly based on the ageing of the receivable balances and historical

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experience. The receivables are assessed on an individual basis assessed for impairment collectively, depending on their significance. Moreover, trade receivables are written off on a case-to-case basis if deemed not to be collectible on the assessment of the underlying facts and circumstances.

2.21.b.4. Impairment of non-financial assets:

Evaluation for impairment requires use of judgment, estimates and assumptions.

The evaluation of applicability of indicators of impairment of assets requires assessment of external factors (significant decline in asset's value, significant changes in the technological, market, economic or legal environment, market interest rates etc.) and internal factors (obsolescence or physical damage of an asset, poor economic performance of the asset etc.) which could result in significant change in recoverable amount of the Property, Plant and Equipment.

The Company assesses at each reporting date whether there is an indication that an asset may be impaired. If any indication exists, or when annual impairment testing for an asset is required, the Company estimates the asset's recoverable amount. An asset's recoverable amount is the higher of an asset's or CGU's fair value less costs of disposal and its value in use. It is determined for an individual asset, unless the asset does not generate cash inflows that are largely independent of those from other assets or groups of assets. Where the carrying amount of an asset or CGU exceeds its recoverable amount, the asset is considered impaired and is written down to its recoverable amount.

In assessing value in use, the estimated future cash flows are discounted to their present value using a pre-tax discount rate that reflects current market assessments of the time value of money and the risks specific to the asset. In determining fair value less costs of disposal, recent market transactions are taken into account. If no such transactions can be identified, an appropriate valuation model is used. These calculations are corroborated by valuation multiples, quoted share prices for publicly traded subsidiaries or other available fair value indicators.

2.21.b.5. Income taxes:

Significant judgements are involved in determining the provision for income taxes, including amount expected to be paid / recovered for uncertain tax positions.

2.21.b.6. Recognition of Deferred tax assets:

Deferred Tax Assets (DTA) are recognized for the unused tax losses/ credits to the extent that it is probable that taxable profit will be available against which the losses will be utilized. Management judgement is required to determine the amount of deferred tax assets that can be recognized, based upon the likely timing and the level of future taxable profits together with future tax planning strategies.

2.21.b.7. Useful lives and residual value of property, plant and equipment:

The Company reviews the useful life and residual value of property, plant and equipment at the end of each reporting period. This reassessment may result in change in depreciation expense in future periods.

2.21.b.8. Dismantling cost of property, plant and equipment:

The company estimates assets retirement obligation on estimate basis for property, plant and equipment. Estimation is done by the management considering size of the asset and its useful life in line with industry practices.

2.21.b.9. Stores and spares inventories:

The Company's manufacturing process is continuous and highly mechanic with wide range of different types of plant and machineries. The Company keeps stores and spares as standby to continue the operations without any disruption. Considering wide range of stores and spares and long lead time for procurement of it and based on criticality of spares, the Company believes that net realizable value would be more than cost.

2.21.b.10. Fair Value of investments:

The Company has invested in the equity instruments of various companies. The valuation exercise of unquoted equity instruments carried out by the Company with the help of an independent valuer, etc. has estimated fair value at each reporting period based on available historical annual reports and other information in the public domain.

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3 PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT AND CAPITAL WORK IN PROGRESS

[Rs. in Lakhs]

Particulars	As at 31.03.2024	As at 31.03.2023
Carrying Amounts of :		
Land Freehold	102.75	102.75
Buildings	34,544.67	31,262.66
Plant and equipment	410,269.30	377,139.95
Plant and equipment under Finance Lease	343.77	357.00
Computer Equipments	430.71	471.15
Furniture and Fixture	6,476.22	5,709.84
Vehicles	65.06	49.88
	452,232.48	415,093.23
Right of use asset	9,247.72	9,526.26
	9,247.72	9,526.26
	461,480.20	424,619.49
Capital Work-In-Progress	9,488.71	54,396.98
	9,488.71	54,396.98
Total	470,968.91	479,016.47

[Rs. in Lakhs]

Fixed Assets	Land Freehold	Right of Use Assets (Ref. Note No.3.1)	Buildings	Plant & Equipment	Plant & Equipment Under Lease	Computer Equip- ments	Furniture & Fixture	Vehicles	Recoating/ Remem- bering	Total
Gross carrying amount										
As at April 1, 2022	102.75	10,396.37	29,462.01	320,502.27	462.01	1,318.36	1,249.90	216.54	7,059.01	370,769.22
Additions	-	311.69	8,441.65	167,010.03	-	125.99	5,487.81	-	-	181,377.17
Deductions	-	-	-	(23.93)	(0.47)	(46.77)	-	(5.13)	-	(76.30)
Effect of foreign Exchange difference*	-	-	-	1,057.82	-	-	-	-	-	1,057.82
As at March 31, 2023	102.75	10,708.06	37,903.66	488,546.19	461.54	1,397.58	6,737.71	211.41	7,059.01	553,127.91
Additions	-	-	5,066.37	66,518.41	-	124.67	1,650.15	19.56	1,227.03	74,606.19
Adjustment	-	-	273.37	(305.88)	-	-	32.51	-	-	0.00
Deductions	-	-	-	(166.99)	(0.16)	(115.73)	(0.64)	-	-	(283.52)
As at March 31, 2024	102.75	10,708.06	43,243.40	554,591.73	461.38	1,406.52	8,419.73	230.97	8,286.04	627,450.58

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3 PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT AND CAPITAL WORK IN PROGRESS (Contd.)

[Rs. in Lakhs]

Fixed Assets	Land Freehold	Right of Use Assets (Ref. Note No.3.1)	Buildings	Plant & Equipment	Plant & Equipment Under Lease	Computer Equipments	Furniture & Fixture	Vehicles	Recoating/ Remem-braning	Total
Depreciation, Amortisation & Impairment										
As at April 1, 2022	-	903.26	5,144.59	86,758.91	91.47	789.21	622.96	159.55	6,579.37	101,049.32
Depreciation for the year	-	278.54	1,617.94	24,745.12	13.07	175.79	404.91	6.37	263.04	27,504.78
Adjustment	-	-	(121.53)	121.53	-	-	-	-	1.66	1.66
Deductions	-	-	-	(4.38)	-	(38.57)	-	(4.39)	-	(47.34)
As at March 31, 2023	-	1,181.80	6,641.00	111,621.18	104.54	926.43	1,027.87	161.53	6,844.07	128,508.42
Depreciation for the year	-	278.54	2,066.68	33,992.13	13.07	133.40	906.21	4.38	242.30	37,636.71
Adjustment	-	-	(8.95)	(0.48)	-	-	9.43	-	-	-
Deductions	-	-	-	(90.73)	-	(84.02)	-	-	-	(174.75)
As at March 31, 2024	-	1,460.34	8,698.73	145,522.10	117.61	975.81	1,943.51	165.91	7,086.37	165,970.38
Net Carrying amount										
As at March 31, 2024	102.75	9,247.72	34,544.67	409,069.63	343.77	430.71	6,476.22	65.06	1,199.67	461,480.20
As at March 31, 2023	102.75	9,526.26	31,262.66	376,925.01	357.00	471.15	5,709.84	49.88	214.94	424,619.49

* Comprises of exchange difference arising from foreign currency borrowings to the extent regarded as an adjustment to interest cost.

Capital Work-In-Progress (CWIP)

[Rs. in Lakhs]

Particulars	As at 31.03.2024	As at 31.03.2023
Opening	54,396.98	178,735.04
Additions/Deductions/Adjustments	9,922.95	46,112.93
Capitalised during the year	54,831.22	170,450.99
Closing	9,488.71	54,396.98

AGEING AND COMPLETION SCHEDULE OF CAPITAL WORK IN PROGRESS

Ageing Schedule

[Rs. in Lakhs]

CWIP	F. Y. 2023-24					F. Y. 2022-23				
	Amount of CWIP for a period of					Amount of CWIP for a period of				
	Less than 1 year	1-2 years	2-3 years	More than 3 years	Total	Less than 1 year	1-2 years	2-3 years	More than 3 years	Total
(i) Project in Progress	6,645.22	2,045.92	626.55	171.02	9,488.71	27,036.63	14,398.45	7,361.54	5,572.73	54,369.35
(ii) Projects temporarily suspended	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	27.63	-	27.63
Total	6,645.22	2,045.92	626.55	171.02	9,488.71	27,036.63	14,398.45	7,389.17	5,572.73	54,396.98

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3 PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT AND CAPITAL WORK IN PROGRESS (Contd.)

Completion Schedule

(whose completion is overdue or has exceeded its cost compared to its original plan)

[Rs. in Lakhs]

CWIP	F. Y. 2023-24				F. Y. 2022-23			
	To be completed in				To be completed in			
	Less than 1 year	1-2 years	2-3 years	More than 3 years	Less than 1 year	1-2 years	2-3 years	More than 3 years
Projects in Progress								
(i) 33870 TPA Phosphoric Acid Plant, Dahej	-	-	-	-	45,036.25	-	-	-
(ii) Chloro Toluene Plant	5,237.23	-	-	-	242.18	-	-	-
(iii) Others	4,251.48	-	-	-	9,090.92	-	-	-
Sub Total	9,488.71	-	-	-	54,369.35	-	-	-
Projects temporarily suspended								
(i) 65 MW Coal Power-D29	-	-	-	-	27.63	-	-	-
Sub Total	-	-	-	-	27.63	-	-	-
Total	9,488.71	-	-	-	54,396.98	-	-	-

3.1 Right of Use Assets amortised during Financial Year 2023-24 of Rs. 278.54 lakhs (Ref. Note 2.6).

3.2 Borrowing Cost capitalised during the year Rs. 57.85 Lakhs (Previous Year: Rs. 1,010.23 Lakhs) for acquisition of Long Term Assets.

3.3 Refer Note 17.1 and 17.2 for details of Hypothecation charge on plant and machinery by the Company.

4 INTANGIBLE ASSETS

[Rs. in Lakhs]

Particulars	As at 31.03.2024	As at 31.03.2023
Carrying Amounts of:		
Computer Software	236.83	340.83
	236.83	340.83

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Other Intangible Assets	Computer Software
Cost	
As at April 1, 2022	880.50
Additions	-
As at March 31, 2023	880.50
Additions	-
As at March 31, 2024	880.50
Accumulated amortisation and impairment	
As at April 1, 2022	435.65
Amortisation expense	104.02
As at March 31, 2023	539.67
Amortisation expense	104.00
As at March 31, 2024	643.67
Net Block	
As at March 31, 2024	236.83
As at March 31, 2023	340.83

5 INVESTMENT IN JOINT VENTURE

[Rs. in Lakhs]

Particulars	Nos.	Face Value Rs.	As at 31.03.2024	Nos.	As at 31.03.2023
Unquoted Investments (all fully paid) :					
Investment in fully paid Equity Shares of GACL-NALCO Alkalies & Chemicals Pvt. Ltd.	414,000,000	10	13,816.41	414,000,000	24,275.82
GRAND TOTAL			13,816.41		24,275.82

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5 INVESTMENT IN JOINT VENTURE

Details and financial information of joint venture

Name of Joint Venture	Principal activity	Place of incorporation and principal place of business	Proportion of ownership interest and voting rights held by the Group	
			As at 31.03.2024	As at 31.03.2023
GACL-NALCO Alkalies & Chemicals Pvt. Ltd.	Manufacture and Sale of Chlor-Alkali Products	India	60%	60%

For Critical judgements Refer Note - 2.26

Summarised financial information in respect of Joint Venture :

[Rs. in Lakhs]

Particulars	As at 31.03.2024	As at 31.03.2023
Non-Current Liabilities	150,883.93	151,444.03
Current Liabilities	56,171.97	51,600.70
Non-Current Assets	181,212.35	183,847.73
Current Assets	48,870.90	59,656.71
Net Assets	23,027.35	40,459.71
Proportion of the Group's ownership interest in the joint venture	60%	60%
Carrying amount of the Group's interest in the joint venture	13,816.41	24,275.82
The above amounts of Assets and Liabilities include the following :		
Cash and Cash equivalents	7.56	582.00
Current Financial Liabilities (excluding Trade Payables and Provisions)	7,192.52	13,350.88
Non-Current Financial Liabilities (excluding Trade Payables and Provisions)	150,883.93	151,444.03

[Rs. in Lakhs]

Particulars	For the Year Ended	
	31.03.2024	31.03.2023
Revenue	79,547.73	28,252.68
Profit/(Loss) from continuing operations	(17,433.33)	(27,681.11)
Other Comprehensive Income for the year	0.97	-
Total Comprehensive Income for the year	(17,432.36)	(27,681.11)
The above profit/(loss) for the year include the following :		
Depreciation and Amortisation	9,750.94	7,889.13
Interest Income	1,174.80	1,002.70
Income Tax Expense/(Income)	-	-

The Joint Venture Company, GACL – Nalco Alkalies & Chemicals Private Limited (“JV”) has carried out impairment review of its Property, Plant and Equipment (“PPE”) as of March 31, 2024, through external expert. As per external expert’s assessment, Value-in-Use of PPE exceeds its carrying amounts and consequently, the management of JV has determined that no impairment provision needs to be recognized against carrying amounts of PPE as of March 31, 2024.



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6 OTHER INVESTMENTS

[Rs. in Lakhs]

Particulars	Face Value Rs.	As at 31.03.2024		As at 31.03.2023	
		No. of Shares	Amount	No. of Shares	Amount
Non - Current :					
1 Investment in Equity Instruments (Quoted) - FVTOCI :					
a Gujarat Industries Power Company Limited	10	2,30,88,980	37,646.58	2,30,88,980	17,524.54
b Gujarat State Fertilizers and Chemicals Limited	2	75,00,000	14,673.75	75,00,000	8,925.00
c Gujarat Lease Financing Limited	10	2,50,000	20.88	2,50,000	6.25
d Gujarat Gas Limited	2	21,315,785	116,011.16	21,315,785	97,967.35
Total - 1 (Quoted)			168,352.37		124,423.14
2 Investment in Equity Instruments (Unquoted) - FVTOCI :					
a Gujarat Data Electronics Limited	10	40,000	4.00	40,000	4.00
Less :- Provision for Diminution in the value of Investment			(4.00)		(4.00)
			-		-
b Gujarat Venture Finance Limited	10	1,80,000	505.80	1,80,000	441.00
c Gujarat Guardian Limited	10	74,25,000	9,949.50	74,25,000	11,063.25
d Gujarat State Petroleum Corporation Limited	1	2,15,43,200	3,774.37	2,15,43,200	3,272.41
e Gujarat Chemical Port Limited (Formerly Gujarat Chemical Port Terminal Limited)	1	6,13,90,000	10,559.08	6,13,90,000	17,189.20
f Vadodara Enviro Channel Limited	10	7,151	338.67	7,151	334.74
g Vadodara Jal Sanchay Private Limited	10	3,00,000	30.00	3,00,000	30.00
Total - 2 (Unquoted)			25,157.42		32,330.60
GRAND TOTAL			193,509.79		156,753.74
Current :					
(A) Investment in Equity Instruments (Quoted) - FVTPL :					
1 IDBI Bank Ltd.	10	3,18,800	258.23	3,18,800	143.46
Total - A			258.23		143.46
(B) Investment in Government Securities (Unquoted) :					
Investment In Govt. Securities (FVTPL)			1,059.80		1,059.80
Six Year National Saving Certificate (Pledged for renewal licence)- amortised cost			0.20		0.20
Total - B			1,060.00		1,060.00
(C) Investment in Pvt. Bond Securities (Unquoted) - FVTPL			646.76		840.82
(D) Investment in Mutual Fund Securities (Unquoted) - FVTPL			42.94		21.29
GRAND TOTAL			2,007.93		2,065.57
Aggregate Carrying Value of current quoted investments			258.23		143.46
Aggregate Carrying Value of non-current quoted investments			168,352.37		124,423.14
Total Aggregate Carrying Value of quoted investments			168,610.60		124,566.60
Aggregate Market Value of current quoted investments			258.23		143.46
Aggregate Market Value of non-current quoted investments			168,352.37		124,423.14
Total Aggregate Market Value of quoted investments			168,610.60		124,566.60
Aggregate Carrying Value of current unquoted investments			1,749.50		1,921.91
Aggregate Carrying Value of non-current unquoted investments			25,157.42		32,330.60
Total Aggregate Carrying Value of unquoted investments			26,906.92		34,252.51
Aggregate amount of impairment in value of Investments			4.00		4.00
Category-wise other Investments - as per Ind AS 109 classification :-					
Financial assets carried at fair value through profit or loss (FVTPL)			2,007.73		2,065.37
Financial assets carried at amortised cost (Govt. Securities)			0.20		0.20
Financial assets measured at fair value through other comprehensive income (FVTOCI) (Equity Instruments)			193,509.79		156,753.74

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7 LOANS

[Rs. in Lakhs]

Particulars	As at 31.03.2024	As at 31.03.2023
LOANS RECEIVABLE :		
Non-Current :		
Unsecured - Considered Good :		
Loans to Employees	132.17	41.01
Loans to Officers	14.89	7.94
Total :	147.06	48.95
Current :		
Unsecured - Considered Good :		
Inter Corporate Deposit with Gujarat State Financial Services Ltd. (Related party - Refer Note-38)	-	5,000.00
Loans to Employees	79.73	57.19
Loans to Officers	4.36	4.75
Total :	84.09	5,061.94

8 OTHER FINANCIAL ASSETS

[Rs. in Lakhs]

Particulars	As at 31.03.2024	As at 31.03.2023
Non - Current :		
Unsecured - Considered Good :		
Security Deposits	2,266.47	2,293.71
Advances for Investment	8,295.57	-
Total :	10,562.04	2,293.71
Current :		
Unsecured - Considered Good :		
Security Deposits	275.03	313.25
Amount receivable for Wind Farm Credit	786.71	691.29
Receivable from GACL-NALCO Alkalies and Chemicals Pvt. Ltd. (Related party - Refer Note - 38)	526.50	2,841.66
Interest receivable	114.51	397.25
Others - claims receivable	657.22	282.53
Total :	2,359.97	4,525.98

9 NON-CURRENT TAX ASSETS (NET)

[Rs. in Lakhs]

Particulars	As at 31.03.2024	As at 31.03.2023
Tax Assets (Net)	17,835.65	18,819.97
Total:	17,835.65	18,819.97

CURRENT TAX LIABILITIES (NET)

[Rs. in Lakhs]

Particulars	As at 31.03.2024	As at 31.03.2023
Tax Liabilities (Net)	1,002.52	1,002.52
Total:	1,002.52	1,002.52

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[Rs. in Lakhs]

Particulars	As at 31.03.2024	As at 31.03.2023
Non - Current :		
Unsecured - Considered Good :		
Capital Advances (Refer Note No. 10.1)	2,408.09	9,412.88
Balance with Govt. Department (Refer Note No. 10.2 & 10.3)	1,462.89	1,473.06
Prepaid Expenses	17.40	35.76
Other Loans and Advances	27.77	27.77
Total :	3,916.15	10,949.47
Current :		
Unsecured - Considered Good :		
Prepaid Current Employee Benefits (Gratuity) (Ref. Note No. 36)	303.81	905.23
Advance to suppliers	2,734.67	4,450.33
Export Incentive Receivable	355.05	99.48
Prepaid Expenses	97.68	103.87
Indirect Taxes Receivable	1,800.69	921.83
Income Tax Refund Receivable	6,804.44	-
Other Loans and Advances	130.75	21.51
Total :	12,227.09	6,502.25

- 10.1 Capital Advances includes advance payment made for leasehold lands allotted pending execution of lease deeds of Rs. 923.08 lakhs (FY 2022-23 Rs. 923.08 lakhs) towards plot No. B-37 to B-44 at village Atali admeasuring 50,714.48 sq. mtrs.
- 10.2 In the Financial Year 2012-13, the Company received a demand of Rs. 1,719.66 lakhs from the revenue authorities for excise duty, interest and penalty thereon. The same has been shown as provision for other liabilities under Non-Current Provisions (Note no. 19). The Company has contested the demand and has paid under protest Rs.924.23 lakhs and Rs.333.32 lakhs (Total Rs.1,257.55 lakhs) during 2012-13 and 2013-14 respectively. As the matter is pending with Honourable High Court, the amount paid has been shown under Balance with Govt. Department under Other Non-Current Assets.
- 10.3 Other than mentioned in Note No. 10.2 above, Balance with Govt. Departement includes amount paid under protest relating to matters pending with respect to Sales Tax & Service Tax.

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11 INVENTORIES

[At lower of Cost and Net Realisable Value]

[Rs. in Lakhs]

Particulars	As at 31.03.2024	As at 31.03.2023
(a) Raw Materials and Components	10,111.12	12,294.57
Goods-in-Transit	3,593.98	12,789.69
	13,705.10	25,084.26
(b) Work-in-Progress	6,255.94	2,674.53
(c) Finished Goods	6,756.51	4,077.23
Goods-in-Transit	247.11	711.26
	7,003.62	4,788.49
(d) Stores and Spares	13,269.28	13,025.45
Goods-in-Transit	24.04	47.55
	13,293.32	13,073.00
(e) Others :		
Packing Materials	434.03	411.10
Building Materials	27.90	20.18
Others	5.87	20.95
	467.80	452.23
Total :	40,725.78	46,072.51

For details of inventories given as security against borrowings refer note: 13.2

12 TRADE RECEIVABLES

[Rs. in Lakhs]

Particulars	As at 31.03.2024	As at 31.03.2023
Current :		
(a) Secured, considered goods (Refer Note No. 37.7)	481.13	2,182.90
(b) Unsecured, Considered goods	18,353.99	28,039.43
(c) Which have significant increase in Credit Risk	-	-
(d) Credit Impaired (Refer Note No. 12.2)	1,610.42	1,610.42
	20,445.54	31,832.75
Less : Allowance for expected credit losses	2,680.60	3,376.44
Total :	17,764.94	28,456.31

12.1 Refer Note No. 38 for related party receivable.

12.2 Trade Receivables include overdue outstanding from various parties aggregating to Rs.1,610.42 lakhs, (Previous Year Rs.1,610.42 lakhs), for which the Company has taken legal steps for recovery of the outstanding dues and the management is hopeful of the recovery. However, cumulative provision of Rs.1,610.42 lakhs (Previous Year Rs.1,610.42 lakhs) exists for such doubtful debts as on 31.03.2024.

The average credit period on sale of goods is 20 days. However, no interest is charged on Trade Receivables for delay in payment beyond 31 days from the date of the Invoice.

The credit limits for customers are set based on security deposits and bank guarantees. Limits attributed to customers are reviewed periodically.

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12 TRADE RECEIVABLES (Contd.)

The Company has used a practical expedient by computing the expected credit loss allowance for Trade Receivables based on a provision matrix. The provision matrix takes into account historical credit loss experience and adjusted for forward looking information. The expected credit loss allowance is based on the ageing of the days the receivables are due and the rates are given in the provision matrix. The provision matrix at the end of the Reporting Period is as follows. :

Ageing :	Expected Credit Loss
Particulars	As at 31.03.2024
Within the Credit Period	0.29%
1-60 days past due	4.05%
61-180 days past due	8.14%
181-2 years past due	10.98%
2-5 years past due	39.62%
Above 5 years past due	100.00%

Age of Receivables :	[Rs. in Lakhs]	
Particulars	As at 31.03.2024	As at 31.03.2023
Within the Credit Period	11,459.48	25,286.51
1-60 days past due	1,903.18	3,073.71
61-180 days past due	3,103.25	448.59
181-2 years past due	1,454.80	431.72
2-5 years past due	607.60	829.22
Above 5 years past due	1,917.23	1,763.00
Total :	20,445.54	31,832.75

Movement in Expected Credit Loss Allowance :	[Rs. in Lakhs]	
Particulars	As at 31.03.2024	As at 31.03.2023
Balance at beginning of the year	3,376.44	3,417.46
Writeback of excess Expected Credit Loss Allowance	(695.84)	(41.02)
Balance at end of the year	2,680.60	3,376.44

The Concentration of Credit Risk is limited due to the fact that the customer base is large and unrelated.

At March 31, 2024 and March 31, 2023, the major customers (top five) accounted for the following amounts of the Company's Trade Receivables :

Sr. No.	Dealer Name	Balance as at 31.03.2024		Balance as at 31.03.2023	
		Amount (Rs.)	% to Total Debtors	Amount (Rs.)	% to Total Debtors
1	Dealer-A	141.63	0.69	6,367.56	20.00
2	Dealer-B	163.78	0.80	227.92	0.72
3	Dealer-C	417.89	2.04	108.13	0.34
4	Dealer-D	110.40	0.54	3,956.15	12.43
5	Dealer-E	127.65	0.62	36.66	0.12
	Total (1 TO 5)	961.35	4.69	10,696.42	33.61
	Total Trade Receivable-GACL	20,445.54	100.00	31,832.75	100.00

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12 TRADE RECEIVABLES (Contd.)

AGEING SCHEDULE OF TRADE RECEIVABLES FOR THE F. Y. 2023-24

Particulars	Outstanding for following periods from due date of payment						Total
	Not Due	Less than 6 months	6 months- 1 year	1-2 years	2-3 years	More than 3 years	
(i) Undisputed Trade receivables – Considered good	11,459.48	5,006.43	1,322.41	132.39	124.83	789.58	18,835.12
(ii) Disputed Trade Receivables – Credit Impaired	-	-	-	-	-	1,610.42	1,610.42
Less : Expected Credit Loss allowance							2,680.60
As at 31st MARCH, 2024							17,764.94

AGEING SCHEDULE OF TRADE RECEIVABLES FOR THE F. Y. 2022-23

Particulars	Outstanding for following periods from due date of payment						Total
	Not Due	Less than 6 months	6 months- 1 year	1-2 years	2-3 years	More than 3 years	
(i) Undisputed Trade receivables – Considered good	25,286.51	3,522.30	197.23	234.49	334.67	647.13	30,222.33
(ii) Disputed Trade Receivables – Credit Impaired	-	-	-	-	-	1,610.42	1,610.42
Less : Expected Credit Loss allowance							3,376.44
As at 31st March, 2023							28,456.31

13 CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

[Rs. in Lakhs]

Particulars	As at 31.03.2024	As at 31.03.2023
Cash and Cash Equivalents :		
Balances with Banks :		
Current Account (Refer Note No. 13.1)	2,576.42	6,050.20
Cash Credit Account (Refer Note No. 13.2)	2,895.22	-
Cash on hand	0.81	4.04
Others :		
Stamps on hand	-	0.14
Deposit with Gujarat State Financial Services Ltd.	10,000.00	39,500.00
Total :	15,472.45	45,554.38

13.1 Includes Rs.0.23 lakhs (Previous year Rs.127.59 lakhs) netting of credit balance of one bank account in accordance with sweeping arrangement with bank.

13.2 The Company has working capital facilities with various banks carrying interest rate ranging from 8.70% p.a. to 9.35% p.a. These facilities are secured by first charge by hypothecation of stocks and book debts and second charge over the immovable assets of the Company.



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14 OTHER BALANCES WITH BANKS

[Rs. in Lakhs]

Particulars	As at 31.03.2024	As at 31.03.2023
Other Bank Balances consist of the following:		
Fixed Deposits with Banks	0.10	2,100.10
Unspent CSR Fund	444.38	430.61
Unpaid Dividend (Refer Note No. 14.1)	259.51	206.22
Total :	703.99	2,736.93

14.1 During the year, the Company has transferred Rs. 21.30 lakhs (Previous Year Rs.19.53 lakhs for FY 2014-15) to Investor Education & Protection Fund for FY 2015-16.

15 SHARE CAPITAL

[Rs. in Lakhs]

Particulars	As at 31.03.2024	As at 31.03.2023
Equity Share Capital		
(a) Authorised share capital :		
250,000,000 Equity Shares of Rs. 10/- each (As at March 31, 2023 : 10,00,00,000)	25,000.00	10,000.00
– Redeemable Cumulative Preference Shares of Rs.100/- each (As at March 31, 2023 : 50,00,000)	-	5,000.00
	25,000.00	15,000.00
(b) Issued :		
7,34,39,875 Equity Shares of Rs.10/- each (As at March 31, 2023 :7,34,39,875)	7,343.99	7,343.99
(c) Subscribed & Fully Paid-up :		
7,34,36,928 Equity Shares of Rs.10/- each (As at March 31, 2023 : 7,34,36,928)	7,343.69	7,343.69
(d) Subscribed & Not Fully Paid-up (forefeited) :		
2,947 Equity Shares of Rs.10/- each (As at March 31, 2023 : 2,947)	0.15	0.15
Total	(c + d) 7,343.84	7,343.84

(i) Reconciliation of the number of equity shares :

Particulars	As at 31.03.2024		As at 31.03.2023	
	Number	(Rs. in Lakhs)	Number	(Rs. in Lakhs)
Shares outstanding at the beginning of the period	73,436,928	7,343.69	73,436,928	7,343.69
Shares outstanding at the end of the period	73,436,928	7,343.69	73,436,928	7,343.69

(ii) Rights, preferences and restrictions attached to equity shares :

The Company has one class of equity shares having a par value of Rs.10/- each. Each Shareholder is eligible for one vote per one share held. The dividend proposed by the Board of Directors is subject to the approval of the Shareholders in the ensuing Annual General Meeting, except in case of interim dividend. In the event of liquidation, the equity Shareholders are eligible to receive the remaining assets of the Company after distribution of all preferential amounts, in proportion to their shareholding.

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15 SHARE CAPITAL (Contd.)

(iii) Details of shares held by each shareholder holding more than 5% equity shares :

Sr. No.	Name of Shareholder	As at 31.03.2024		As at 31.03.2023	
		No. of shares held	% of shares held	No. of shares held	% of shares held
1	Lok Prakashan Ltd.	16,215,732	22.08	16,215,732	22.08
2	Gujarat State Investment Ltd.	15,329,373	20.87	15,329,373	20.87
3	Gujarat Industrial Investment Corporation Limited	7,119,028	9.69	7,119,028	9.69
4	Gujarat Mineral Development Corporation Ltd.	4,145,433	5.64	4,145,433	5.64

(iv) Details of Shares held by Promoters :

Sr. No.	Promoters Name	As at 31.03.2024		As at 31.03.2023		% Change during the year
		No. of shares	% of Total shares	No. of shares	% of Total shares	
1	Gujarat Industrial Investment Corporation Limited	7,119,028	9.69	7,119,028	9.69	-
2	Gujarat Mineral Development Corporation Ltd	4,145,433	5.64	4,145,433	5.64	-
3	Gujarat Narmada Valley Fertilizers And Chemicals Limited	1,759,996	2.40	1,759,996	2.40	-
4	Gujarat State Investments Limited	15,329,373	20.87	15,329,373	20.87	-
5	Gujarat Maritime Board	2,734,719	3.72	2,734,719	3.72	-
6	Gujarat Industrial Development Corporation	2,897,740	3.95	2,897,740	3.95	-
7	Governor of Gujarat	21	-	21	-	-

(v) Dividend :

For current financial year 2023-24, The Company has proposed dividend of Rs. 13.85 per equity share as "Special Dividend" (Previous year Rs. 23.55 per share declared). Proposed dividend on equity share are subject to approval at the Annual General Meeting and are not recognised as a liability as at Balance Sheet date.

16 OTHER EQUITY

[Rs. in Lakhs]

Particulars	As at 31.03.2024	As at 31.03.2023
a. General Reserve	230,217.62	230,217.62
b. Securities Premium	23,423.18	23,423.18
c. Capital Reserve	0.24	0.24
d. Reserve for equity instruments through other comprehensive income	164,076.73	129,229.40
e. Retained Earnings	182,492.07	223,707.71
Total :	600,209.84	606,578.15

a. General Reserve

The General Reserve is used from time to time to transfer profits from Retained Earnings for appropriation purpose. As General Reserve is created by a transfer from one component of Equity to another and is not an item of other comprehensive income, items included in the General Reserve will not be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss.

b. Securities Premium

Securities premium is used to record the premium received on issue of shares. It is utilised in accordance with the provisions of the Companies Act, 2013.

c. Capital Reserve

As per Companies Act, 2013, capital redemption reserve is created when company purchases its own shares out of free reserves or securities premium. A sum equal to the nominal value of the shares so purchased is

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transferred to capital redemption reserve. The reserve is utilised in accordance with the provisions of section 69 of the Companies Act, 2013.

d. Retained Earnings

This reserve represents undistributed accumulated earnings of the Company as on the balance sheet date.

e. Reserve for equity instruments through other comprehensive income

The reserve represents the cumulative gains and losses arising on the revaluation of equity instruments measured at fair value through other comprehensive income.

17 BORROWINGS

[Rs. in Lakhs]

Particulars	As at 31.03.2024	As at 31.03.2023
Non-Current :		
Secured - at amortised cost :		
Term Loans from Banks :		
External Commercial Borrowing from ICICI Bank (Refer Note No.17.1)	-	1,065.78
External Commercial Borrowing from State Bank of India (Refer Note No.17.2)	34,277.96	44,820.14
Total :	34,277.96	45,885.92

The terms of repayment of borrowings are stated below:

- 17.1 The Loan is secured by way of Hypothecation charge on plant and machinery of 14.7 MW Wind Farm Project at Dist. Porbandar, Gujarat, 915 nos. Cell Elements at Ranoli Dist. Vadodara, Gujarat and 440 nos. Cell Elements at Dahej, Dist. Bharuch, Gujarat. It has to be repaid in 15 equal half yearly instalments from 10.09.2017 and carries interest rate of Term SOFR plus 2.07% p.a
- 17.2 The loan is secured by way of Hypothecation charge on plant and machinery of Chloromethanes Plant at Plot No. D-II/9 P. O. Dahej, Tal. Vagra. Dist Bharuch, Gujarat. It has to repaid in 10 equal half yearly instalments from 17.09.2023 and carries interest rate of Term SOFR plus 1.70% p.a.

[Rs. in Lakhs]

Particulars	As at 31.03.2024	As at 31.03.2023
Current :		
Secured		
Term Loans from Banks :		
Current maturities of long term secured debts (Refer Note No. 17.3)	12,564.63	13,695.00
Unsecured		
Short Term Loan	7,500.00	-
Total :	20,064.63	13,695.00

17.3 Represents repayment falling due in next twelve months :

- (i) Rs. 1,104.37 lakhs to ICICI Bank towards ECB loan secured against Hypothecation charge on plant and machinery of 14.70 MW Windmills phase-X located at Porbandar district, Gujarat, 915 nos. Cell Elements at Ranoli, Dist. Vadodara, Gujarat and 440 nos. Cell Elements at Dahej, Dist. Bharuch, Gujarat carrying interest rate of Term SOFR plus 2.07% p.a.
- (ii) Rs. 11,460.26 lakhs to State Bank of India towards ECB loan secured against Hypothecation charge on plant and machinery of Chloromethanes plant at Plot no D-II/9 P.O. Dahej Taluka Vagra Dist Bharuch, Gujarat carrying interest rate of Term SOFR plus 1.70% p.a.

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18 LEASE LIABILITIES

Particulars	[Rs. in Lakhs]	
	As at 31.03.2024	As at 31.03.2023
Non - current :		
Lease Liabilities	65.21	66.29
Total :	65.21	66.29
Current :		
Lease Liabilities	5.96	6.04
Total :	5.96	6.04

19 PROVISIONS

Particulars	[Rs. in Lakhs]	
	As at 31.03.2024	As at 31.03.2023
Non - current :		
(A) Provision for Employees' Benefits		
(i) Compensated Absences (Ref. Note No. 36)	9,830.18	9,177.33
(ii) Long Service Award	150.85	127.47
(B) Provision for Other Liabilities (Ref. Note No. 19.1)	1,719.66	1,719.66
(C) Asset Retirement Obligations (Refer Note No. 19.2)	2,397.40	2,222.98
Total :	14,098.09	13,247.44
Current :		
(A) Provision for Employees' Benefits		
(i) Compensated Absences (Ref. Note No. 36)	1,432.89	1,426.78
(ii) Long Service Award	75.86	50.89
Total :	1,508.75	1,477.67

19.1 In the earlier Financial Year 2012-13, the Company received a demand of Rs. 1,719.66 lakhs from the revenue authorities for excise duty, interest and penalty thereon - Refer Note 10.2.

19.2 Movement of asset retirement obligation :

Particulars	2023-24	2022-23
Balance at the beginning of the year	2,222.98	2,067.97
Add : Unwinding of discount	174.42	155.01
Balance at the end of the year	2,397.40	2,222.98

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20 DEFERRED TAX LIABILITIES (NET)

[Rs. in Lakhs]

Particulars	As at 31.03.2024	As at 31.03.2023
Deferred Tax assets	(11,372.25)	(10,711.61)
Deferred Tax liabilities	83,259.62	87,079.79
Deferred Tax Liabilities (Net)	71,887.37	76,368.18

2023-2024:

[Rs. in Lakhs]

Deferred tax liabilities / (assets) in relation to:	Opening balance	Recognised in profit or loss	Recognised in other comprehensive income	Recognised directly in equity	Reclassified from equity to profit or loss	MAT Credit Set off (Entitlement)	Adjustment	Closing Balance
Property, Plant and Equipment	74,054.35	(5,728.89)	-	-	-	-	-	68,325.46
Employee Benefits	(1,547.34)	-	(127.61)	-	-	-	-	(1,674.95)
Investments	13,025.44	-	1,908.72	-	-	-	-	14,934.16
Disallowances / Allowances	(4,306.31)	156.90	-	-	-	-	-	(4,149.41)
MAT Credit (Entitlement) / Utilisation	(4,857.96)	-	-	-	-	(658.12)	(31.81)	(5,547.89)
Total :	76,368.18	(5,571.99)	1,781.11	-	-	(658.12)	(31.81)	71,887.37

2022-2023:

[Rs. in Lakhs]

Deferred tax liabilities / (assets) in relation to:	Opening balance	Recognised in profit or loss	Recognised in other comprehensive income	Recognised directly in equity	Reclassified from equity to profit or loss	MAT Credit Set off (Entitlement)	Adjustment	Closing Balance
Property, Plant and Equipment	57,076.32	16,978.03	-	-	-	-	-	74,054.35
Employee Benefits	(1,733.60)	-	186.26	-	-	-	-	(1,547.34)
Investments	14,100.26	-	(1,074.82)	-	-	-	-	13,025.44
Disallowances / Allowances	(5,004.58)	698.27	-	-	-	-	-	(4,306.31)
MAT Credit (Entitlement) / Utilisation	-	-	-	-	-	(4,857.96)	-	(4,857.96)
Total :	64,438.40	17,676.30	(888.56)	-	-	(4,857.96)	-	76,368.18

21 TRADE PAYABLES

[Rs. in Lakhs]

Particulars	As at 31.03.2024	As at 31.03.2023
Current :		
Trade Payable to related parties (Refer Note No. 38) :	1,075.98	1,474.68
Trade Payables		
a. Total outstanding dues of micro enterprises and small enterprises	4,136.76	3,911.11
b. Total outstanding dues of creditors other than micro enterprises and small enterprises (Refer note below for details of dues to Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises)	32,252.17	43,997.67
Total :	37,464.91	49,383.46

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21 TRADE PAYABLES (Contd.)

[Rs. in Lakhs]

Particulars	As at 31.03.2024	As at 31.03.2023
Disclosures required under Section 22 of the Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises Development Act, 2006 (“MSMED Act”)		
(i) Principal amount remaining unpaid to any supplier as at the end of the accounting year	4,136.76	3,911.11
(ii) Interest due thereon remaining unpaid to any supplier as at the end of the accounting year	-	-
(iii) The amount of interest paid along with the amounts of the payment made to the supplier beyond the appointed day	-	-
(iv) The amount of interest due and payable for the year	-	-
(v) The amount of interest accrued and remaining unpaid at the end of the accounting year	-	-
(vi) The amount of further interest due and payable even in the succeeding year, until such date when the interest dues as above are actually paid	-	-
Dues to Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises have been determined to the extent such parties have been identified on the basis of information collected by the Management. This has been relied upon by the Auditors.		

The Company has made payments to Micro and Small suppliers within the stipulated payment period as prescribed under Micro and Small enterprises Development Act, 2006 (MSMED Act, 2006). Accordingly, no interest is payable to such suppliers. The Company has financial risk management policies in place to ensure that all payables are paid within the pre-agreed credit terms.

AGEING SCHEDULE OF TRADE PAYABLE FOR THE F. Y. 2023-24

Particulars	Outstanding for following periods from due date of payment					Total
	Not Due	Less than 1 year	1-2 years	2-3 years	More than 3 years	
(i) MSME*	3,849.68	242.61	44.47	-	-	4,136.76
(ii) Others	28,505.27	4,105.37	600.65	53.33	63.53	33,328.15
(iii) Disputed dues - MSME	-	-	-	-	-	-
(iv) Disputed dues - Others	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	32,354.95	4,347.98	645.12	53.33	63.53	37,464.91

AGEING SCHEDULE OF TRADE PAYABLE FOR THE F. Y. 2022-23

Particulars	Outstanding for following periods from due date of payment					Total
	Not Due	Less than 1 year	1-2 years	2-3 years	More than 3 years	
(i) MSME*	3,438.55	472.56	-	-	-	3,911.11
(ii) Others	30,931.78	13,301.49	383.39	511.71	343.98	45,472.35
(iii) Disputed dues - MSME	-	-	-	-	-	-
(iv) Disputed dues - Others	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	34,370.33	13,774.05	383.39	511.71	343.98	49,383.46

* Generally, undisputed Trade Payables are settled on or before the due dates and amount outstanding beyond due dates are on account of pending compliance of Contractual/Statutory requirement by vendors.

**NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS****22 OTHER FINANCIAL LIABILITIES**

[Rs. in Lakhs]

Particulars	As at 31.03.2024	As at 31.03.2023
Current :		
Interest accrued but not due on borrowings	128.78	159.43
Unpaid dividends	259.51	206.22
Payables for capital goods	1,567.91	2,000.49
Security Deposits / Earnest Money Deposits	4,754.12	8,452.27
Security Deposits from Related party (Refer Note - 38) :		
GACL-NALCO Alkalies and Chemicals Pvt. Ltd.	2.69	2.69
GACL Foundation Trust (Formerly known as GACL Education Society)	4.06	4.06
Others (Misc. Liabilities / Payables)	309.29	241.21
Total :	7,026.36	11,066.37

23 OTHER CURRENT LIABILITIES

[Rs. in Lakhs]

Particulars	As at 31.03.2024	As at 31.03.2023
Other payables :		
Other Statutory Liabilities	2,718.77	3,523.38
Advance received from customers	3,677.33	3,131.16
Unspent CSR Expenses (Refer Note No. 45)	987.54	699.41
Total :	7,383.64	7,353.95

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24 REVENUE FROM OPERATIONS

[Rs. in Lakhs]

Particulars	Year Ended 31.03.2024		Year Ended 31.03.2023	
(i) SALE OF PRODUCTS :				
[a] MANUFACTURING OPERATIONS :-				
Caustic Soda Lye	1,04,227.95		1,67,915.72	
Caustic Soda Flakes	49,699.89		56,559.99	
Caustic Soda Prills	14,580.49		12,964.93	
Chloromethanes	36,798.29		33,326.83	
Caustic Potash Lye	9,359.06		13,108.25	
Caustic Potash Flakes	18,617.03		25,732.40	
Potassium Carbonate	12,068.16		15,982.08	
Hydrogen Peroxide	25,194.53		28,876.28	
Phosphoric Acid (85%)	25,344.94		30,824.87	
Purified Phosphoric Acid	7,203.04		-	
Poly Aluminium Chloride	8,642.66		8,920.64	
Aluminium Chloride	22,419.67		24,897.04	
Benzyl Chloride	5,218.28		42.06	
Benzyl Alcohol	4,660.12		338.97	
Benzaldehyde	2,029.99		137.79	
Sodium Chlorate	16,667.05		16,250.62	
Others	6,166.84		931.78	
		3,68,897.99		4,36,810.25
[b] TRADING ACTIVITY		-		2,011.29
[c] SALE OF POWER		1,379.05		1,364.12
Total (i)		3,70,277.04		4,40,185.66
(ii) OTHER OPERATING REVENUE :				
Sale of Scrap	1,120.59		1,528.81	
Insurance Claims - General	-		26.45	
Export Incentives	587.40		341.20	
Credit balances written back (Net)	968.69		1,276.12	
Excess expected credit loss allowances written back	695.84		41.02	
Stores & Spare -parts provision written back	475.42		-	
Freight Outward Recovered (Gross)	4,216.19		6,430.73	
Service Charge / Commission	2,032.26		759.52	
Other Receipts	290.00		1,060.55	
Total (ii)		10,386.39		11,464.40
Total (i + ii)		380,663.43		451,650.06

Revenues are further disaggregated into revenues from domestic as well as export market as follows:

[Rs. in Lakhs]

Particulars	Year Ended 31.03.2024	Year Ended 31.03.2023
Revenue from Sale of Product		
-Domestic	295,701.20	367,613.67
-Export	74,575.84	72,571.99
Total	370,277.04	440,185.66

NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

24 REVENUE FROM OPERATIONS (Contd.)

1 Disclosures under Ind AS 115 revenue from contracts with customers

The Company derives revenues from sale of products and scrap from its contract with customers.

(a) Contract assets, liabilities and receivables

The Company has recognised the following revenue-related contract assets, liabilities and receivables

[Rs. in Lakhs]

Particulars	31.03.2024		
	Contract Assets	Contract Liabilities	Receivables
Balance at the beginning of the year	-	3,131.16	30,222.33
Additions/Adjustment (Net)	-	546.17	(11,387.21)
Balance at the end of the year	-	3,677.33	18,835.12

[Rs. in Lakhs]

Particulars	31.03.2023		
	Contract Assets	Contract Liabilities	Receivables
Balance at the beginning of the year	-	2,338.64	32,359.23
Additions/Adjustment (Net)	-	792.52	(2,136.90)
Balance at the end of the year	-	3,131.16	30,222.33

(b) Revenue recognised in relation to contract liabilities

The following table shows how much of the revenue recognised in the current reporting period relates to carried-forward contract liabilities.

[Rs. in Lakhs]

Particulars	31.03.2024	31.03.2023
Revenue recognised that was included in the contract liability balance at the beginning of the year	3,087.17	1,655.90

The Company has applied practical expedient referred to in paragraph 121 of Ind AS 115 and accordingly, has not disclosed information related to remaining performance obligations. No consideration from contracts with customers is excluded from the remaining performance obligations.

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25 OTHER INCOME

[Rs. in Lakhs]

Particulars	Year Ended 31.03.2024	Year Ended 31.03.2023
Interest Income		
a) Deposit with Banks	92.43	25.98
b) Short Term Deposit / Inter Corporate Deposit	958.74	1,469.15
c) Interest on Income Tax Refund	1,539.27	-
d) Deposits with MGVCL	78.82	78.82
e) Others (Including Investments)	294.88	355.57
Dividend Income*		
From Non-Current Investments	4,559.39	1,880.40
From Current Investments	3.19	-
* All Dividends from Equity investments designated as at FVTOCI recognised for both the years relate to investments held at the end of each reporting period.		
Other Non-operating Income		
a) Rent received from assets given on operating lease	14.48	16.68
b) Net gain arising from Financial Assets designated FVTPL	301.30	290.12
c) Insurance claims	1,099.32	-
c) Miscellaneous Income	64.64	98.46
Total:	9,006.46	4,215.18

26 COST OF MATERIALS CONSUMED

[Rs. in Lakhs]

Particulars	Year Ended 31.03.2024	Year Ended 31.03.2023
Natural Gas (includes used in captive power plant)	39,667.21	39,470.98
Potassium Chloride	27,307.52	28,518.76
Salt	20,683.41	18,879.78
Rock Phosphate	19,182.78	13,857.59
Aluminium Ingots	20,141.83	22,683.89
Alumina Trihydrate Powder	6,395.79	6,408.33
Heavy Normal Paraffin	1,209.33	2,744.51
Toluene	8,509.94	148.45
Methanol - Commercial Grade	10,434.43	6,331.45
Others	11,566.13	11,740.18
Total :	165,098.37	150,783.92

27 CHANGES IN INVENTORIES OF FINISHED GOODS, WORK-IN-PROGRESS AND STOCK-IN-TRADE

[Rs. in Lakhs]

Particulars	Year Ended 31.03.2024		Year Ended 31.03.2023
Closing Stock (a) :			
Finished Goods	7,003.62	13,259.56	4,788.49
Process Stock	6,255.94		2,674.53
			7,463.02
Opening Stock (b) :			
Finished Goods	4,788.49	7,463.02	3,243.80
Process Stock	2,674.53		2,526.51
			5,770.31
(Increase) / Decrease (b - a) :			
		(5,796.54)	(1,692.71)

**NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS****28 EMPLOYEE BENEFITS EXPENSE**

[Rs. in Lakhs]

Particulars	Year Ended 31.03.2024	Year Ended 31.03.2023
a) Salaries and Wages	21,410.62	20,605.49
b) Contributions to :		
(i) Provident Fund	1,120.03	1,081.41
(ii) Superannuation Scheme	833.64	833.13
(iii) Gratuity Fund	404.08	497.32
(iv) Employee State Insurance Corporation	11.00	9.29
c) Staff Welfare Expenses	2,724.46	2,213.06
Total :	26,503.83	25,239.70

29 FINANCE COSTS

[Rs. in Lakhs]

Particulars	Year Ended 31.03.2024	Year Ended 31.03.2023
(a) Interest Expense :		
On Term Loans	3,851.32	1,550.02
On Short Term Loan	196.70	-
On Dismantling Cost (Refer Note No. 19.2)	174.42	155.01
On Lease Liabilities	5.53	5.66
Others	0.02	7.28
(b) Other Borrowing Costs :		
Bank Charges	228.51	228.27
Total :	4,456.50	1,946.24

30 DEPRECIATION AND AMORTISATION EXPENSE

[Rs. in Lakhs]

Particulars	Year Ended 31.03.2024	Year Ended 31.03.2023
Depreciation on Property, Plant and Equipment (Note 3)	37,358.17	27,226.24
Amortisation on Right of Use Assets (Note 3)	278.54	278.54
Amortisation on Intangible Assets (Note 4)	104.00	104.02
Total :	37,740.71	27,608.80

31 POWER, FUEL & OTHER UTILITIES

[Rs. in Lakhs]

Particulars	Year Ended 31.03.2024	Year Ended 31.03.2023
Power	104,208.12	88,501.19
Fuel, Natural Gas and Water Charges	23,481.31	23,342.70
Total :	127,689.43	111,843.89

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32 OTHER EXPENSES

[Rs. in Lakhs]

Particulars	Year Ended		
	31.03.2024	Year Ended 31.03.2023	
Stores and Spare-parts consumed		5,274.16	6,112.26
Repairs, Maintenance and Replacement			
Plant and Machinery	5,761.09		4,665.74
Others	7,812.60		6,879.06
		13,573.69	11,544.80
Job Work / Processing Charges		9,118.61	5,270.69
Safety & Environment Expenses		334.87	259.39
Insurance		2,067.77	1,796.12
Packing Materials Consumption		7,099.75	6,345.87
Rent		371.31	365.39
Rates and Taxes		11.46	15.59
Printing and Stationery		73.17	98.52
Postage and Telephone		69.40	69.96
Vehicle Running and Maintenance including Hire Charges		878.95	724.32
Directors' Fees		17.15	21.52
Auditors' Remuneration and Expenses		19.88	18.15
Membership and Subscription Fees		95.00	146.56
Brokerage and Commission		7.33	1.15
Travelling and Conveyance		171.45	65.75
Legal and Professional Charges		398.12	242.11
Research and Development Expenses		165.78	986.79
Loss on Sale of Fixed Assets (Net)		7.01	6.79
Donations & Other CSR Cost (Refer Note-45)		1,272.22	1,095.03
Loss on Exchange Rate (Net)		712.73	3,443.67
Stores & Spare -parts Written Off/Provision		-	480.00
General Expenses		2,080.22	2,096.33
Commission on Sales		206.01	285.83
Other Marketing Expenses		5,400.97	4,288.85
Freight Outward Paid (Gross)		4,138.24	6,376.06
Total :		53,565.25	52,157.50

NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

33 TAX EXPENSES

Income Taxes relating to continuing operations

Income Tax Recognised in Profit or Loss

[Rs. in Lakhs]

Particulars	Year Ended 31.03.2024	Year Ended 31.03.2023
Current Tax		
In respect of current year	-	15,120.63
In Respect of Prior Year	(133.30)	609.74
Total :	(133.30)	15,730.37
Deferred Tax		
In respect of current year	(5,571.99)	12,818.34
In respect of earlier year	(658.12)	-
Total :	(6,230.11)	12,818.34
Total tax expense recognised in the current year relating to continuing operation	(6,363.41)	28,548.71

The income tax expense for the year can be reconciled to the accounting profit as follows :

[Rs. in Lakhs]

Particulars	Year Ended 31.03.2024	Year Ended 31.03.2023
Profit before tax from continuing operation	-	69,510.43
Income Tax expense calculated @ 34.944% (Previous year 34.944%)	-	24,289.73
Effect of income that is exempt from taxation	-	-
Effect of expenses that are not deductible in determining taxable profits	(6,230.11)	981.96
Effect of concession (allowances)	-	(3,136.47)
Adjustments recognised in current year in relation to the current tax of prior years	(133.30)	609.74
Other Adjustments	-	5,803.75
Income tax expense recognised in profit or loss (relating to continuing operation)	(6,363.41)	28,548.71

The tax rate used for the year 2023-24 in reconciliation above is the corporate tax rate of 34.944% payable by corporate entities in India on taxable profits under the Indian tax law.

Income Tax Recognised in Other Comprehensive Income

[Rs. in Lakhs]

Particulars	Year Ended 31.03.2024	Year Ended 31.03.2023
Deferred Tax Liabilities / (Assets)		
Arising on income and expenses recognised in other comprehensive income :		
Net fair value gain on investment in equity shares at FVTOCI	1,908.72	(1,074.82)
Remeasurement of defined benefit obligation	(127.61)	186.26
	1,781.11	(888.56)
Arising on income and expenses reclassified from equity to profit or loss :		
Total income tax recognised on other comprehensive income	1,781.11	(888.56)
Bifurcation of the income tax recognised in other comprehensive income into:		
Items that will not be reclassified to profit or loss	1,781.11	(888.56)
Items that may be reclassified to profit or loss	-	-
	1,781.11	(888.56)

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34 EARNING PER SHARE - FROM CONTINUING OPERATIONS

[Rs. in Lakhs]

Particulars	Units	Year Ended 31.03.2024	Year Ended 31.03.2023
Net Profit After Tax available for Equity Shareholders	Rs. In Lakhs	(23,684.25)	40,961.72
Weighted Average Number of Equity Shares of Rs.10/- each	Number	73,436,928	73,436,928
Basic Earning per Share	Rs.	(32.25)	55.78
Diluted Earning per Share	Rs.	(32.25)	55.78

35 LEASES :

Company as a lessee

The company has lease contracts for rented premises used in its operations. The company's obligations under its lease are secured by the lessor's title to the leased asset.

(a) Amounts recognised in the Balance Sheet

[Rs. in Lakhs]

Particulars	31.03.2024	31.03.2023
(i) Right-of-use Asset		
Cost	10,875.19	10,875.19
Less : Accumulated Depreciation	1,627.47	1,348.93
Net Carrying Amount	9,247.72	9,526.26
(ii) Lease liabilities - Borrowings		
Beginning of the year/period	71.84	72.86
Add : Accretion of interest	5.48	5.62
Less : Payments	6.64	6.64
Closing of the year/period	70.68	71.84
Current	5.48	5.54
Non-Current	65.20	66.30

(b) Amounts recognised in the Statement Of Profit And Loss

[Rs. in Lakhs]

Particulars	31.03.2024	31.03.2023
(i) Finance Cost		
Interest Expense On Lease Liability	5.48	5.62
(ii) Depreciation		
Depreciation on right of use lease asset	278.54	278.54

(c) Amounts recognised in Cash Flow Statement

[Rs. in Lakhs]

Particulars	31.03.2024	31.03.2023
Total cash outflow for leases	6.64	6.64

(d) Expense relating to short-term leases and Low-value

[Rs. in Lakhs]

Particulars	31.03.2024	31.03.2023
Amount recognised in statement of Profit and Loss	208.23	224.86

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36 EMPLOYEE BENEFIT PLANS

Defined Contribution Plan

An amount of Rs.1,120.03 Lakhs (FY 2022-23 Rs.1,081.41 Lakhs) contributed to Provident Fund and amount of Rs.833.64 lakhs (FY 2022-23 Rs.833.13 lakhs) contributed to Employees Superannuation Trust is recognised as an expense and included in "Employee Benefits Expenses" (Note 28) of Statement of Profit & Loss.

Defined Benefit Plans

The Company offers the following employee benefit schemes to its employees :

- i. Gratuity (included as part of b (iii) in Note 28 Employees benefit expense)
- ii. Leave encashment (included as part of a in Note 28 Employee benefit expense)

The following table sets out the funded status of the defined benefits scheme and the amount recognised in financial statement :

As per Actuarial Valuation as on March 31, 2024

[Rs. in Lakhs]

Particulars	Gratuity	
	31.03.2024	31.03.2023
I Expense recognised in the Statement of Profit and Loss for the year ended		
a. Current Service Cost	430.38	401.87
b. Net Interest on net Defined Liability / (Asset)	(35.71)	89.93
c. Total Expenses	394.67	491.80
II Amount recognised in Other Comprehensive Income		
a. Actuarial (Gains) / Losses on Liability	344.68	(306.22)
b. Return on Plan Assets excluding amount included in Net interest on Defined Liability / (Asset) above	20.51	(226.82)
c. Total	365.19	(533.04)
III Net (Assets) / Liability recognised in the Balance Sheet as on		
a. Present Value of Defined Benefit Obligation	13,651.16	12,921.58
b. Fair Value of Plan Assets	13,954.97	13,826.81
c. Net (Asset) / Liability	(303.81)	(905.23)
IV Change in Present value of Obligation during the year ended		
a. Present Value of Defined Benefit Obligation at the beginning of the year	12,921.58	13,096.88
b. Current Service Cost	430.38	401.86
c. Interest Cost	917.43	969.17
d. Benefit paid	(962.91)	(1,240.12)
e. Actuarial (Gain) / Loss on obligation	344.68	(306.21)
f. Present Value of Defined Benefit Obligation at the end of the year	13,651.16	12,921.58
V Change in Fair value of Plan Assets during the year ended		
a. Fair Value of Plan Assets at the beginning of the year	13,826.81	11,042.45
b. Expected Return on Plan Assets	953.14	879.24
c. Contribution by Employer	158.44	2,918.42
d. Actual Benefit Paid	(962.91)	(1,240.12)
e. Actuarial (Gain) / Loss on Plan Assets	(20.51)	226.82
f. Fair Value of Plan Assets at the end of the year	13,954.97	13,826.81
g. Actuarial Gain / (Loss) to be recognised	-	-

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36 EMPLOYEE BENEFIT PLANS (Contd.)

[Rs. in Lakhs]

Particulars	Gratuity	
	31.03.2024	31.03.2023
VI Actual Return on Plan Assets		
Expected Return on Plan Assets	953.14	879.24
Actuarial Gain / (Loss) on Plan Assets	(20.51)	226.82
Actual Return on Plan Assets	932.63	1,106.06
VII Balance Sheet Reconciliation		
Opening Net Liability	(905.23)	2,054.43
Expenses Recognised in Profit & Loss Account	394.67	491.80
Amount recognised in Other Comprehensive Income	365.19	(533.04)
Employer's Contribution	(158.44)	(2,918.42)
Amount Recognised in Balance Sheet (Asset) / Liability	(303.81)	(905.23)

The major categories of Plan Assets as a percentage of Total Plan Qualifying Insurance Policy : 100%

The expected contributions for Defined Benefit Plan for the next Financial Year will be in line with 2023-24.

Experience Adjustments

[Rs. in Lakhs]

Gratuity	2023-24	2022-23	2021-22	2020-21	2019-20
Present Value of funded Obligations	13,651.16	12,921.58	13,096.88	10,787.27	10,215.23
Fair Value of Plan Assets	13,954.97	13,826.81	11,042.45	11,158.42	10,518.04
Funded Status [(Surplus) / Deficit]	(303.81)	(905.23)	2,054.43	(371.15)	(302.81)
Experience adjustments on Plan Liabilities	92.80	194.92	2,349.16	63.89	231.17
Experience adjustments on Plan Assets	(20.51)	226.83	(67.75)	21.08	(28.78)

[Rs. in Lakhs]

Particulars	Leave Salary	
	31.03.2024	31.03.2023
I Expense recognised in the Statement of Profit and Loss for the year ended		
a. Current Service Cost	356.47	337.33
b. Net Interest on net Defined Liability / (Asset)	752.89	788.24
c. Acturial (Gains) / Losses on Liability	489.02	(148.22)
d. Total Expenses	1,598.38	977.35
II Net (Assets) / Liability recognised in the Balance Sheet as on		
a. Present Value of Unfunded Obligations	11,263.07	10,604.11
b. Unrecognised Past Service Cost	-	-
c. Fair Value of Plan Assets	-	-
Net Liability	11,263.07	10,604.11
III Change in Present value of Obligation during the year ended		
a. Present Value of Unfunded Obligation at the beginning of the year	10,604.11	10,651.95
b. Current Service Cost	356.47	337.33
c. Interest Cost	752.89	788.24
d. Acturial (Gain) / Loss	489.02	(148.22)
e. Benefit paid	(939.42)	(1,025.19)
f. Present Value of Unfunded Obligation at the end of the year	11,263.07	10,604.11

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36 EMPLOYEE BENEFIT PLANS (Contd.)

Experience Adjustments

[Rs. in Lakhs]

Leave Salary	2023-24	2022-23	2021-22	2020-21	2019-20
Present Value of Unfunded Obligations	11,263.07	10,604.11	10,651.95	8,729.77	7,834.96
Fair Value of Plan Assets	-	-	-	-	-
Funded Status [(Surplus) / Deficit]	11,263.07	10,604.11	10,651.95	8,729.77	7,834.96
Experience adjustments on Plan Liabilities	260.03	304.89	2,010.62	410.68	346.00
Experience adjustments on Plan Assets	-	-	-	-	-

Actuarial Assumptions

	Year ended 31.03.2024	Year ended 31.03.2023
1 Discount Rate	7.10% p.a.	7.40 % p.a.
2 Expected Return on Plan Assets	7.10% p.a.	7.40 % p.a.
3 Withdrawal Rate	5% at younger ages and reducing to 1% at older ages according to graduated scale.	
4 Salary Growth Rate	7.00% p.a.	7.00 % p.a.

Sensitivity Analysis of Defined Benefit Obligation with references to Key Assumptions

[Rs. in Lakhs]

(Positive amount means increase in liability and negative amount means decrease in liability)

Particulars	Gratuity		Leave Salary	
	2023-24	2022-23	2023-24	2022-23
Discount Rate :				
One percentage increase	(807.83)	(763.41)	(731.83)	(684.65)
One percentage decrease	904.86	855.07	828.61	774.89
Salary Escalation Rate :				
One percentage increase	896.88	850.04	821.26	770.31
One percentage decrease	(815.75)	(772.94)	(738.97)	(693.16)
Withdrawal Rate :				
One percentage increase	4.40	16.94	4.43	16.88
One percentage decrease	(4.82)	(18.55)	(4.92)	(18.70)

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37 FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

37.1 Capital Management

The Company manages its capital to ensure that it will be able to continue as a Going Concern while maximising the return to stakeholders through optimisation of the Debt and Equity Balance.

The Company is subject to externally imposed capital requirements as part of its debt covenants such as maintaining a Total Debt to EBDITA ratio of 3 times (consolidated) for one bank and Interest Coverage ratio of 2.75 times for another bank, a Debt Service Coverage ratio of 1.3 times for one bank and 1.5 times for another bank, Total Debt to Tangible Net Worth ratio of 1 : 1 for one bank.

The Company manages its capital structure and makes adjustments to it in light of changes in economic conditions and the requirements of the financial covenants. The Company monitors capital by computing the above ratios on an annual basis and ensuring that the same is in Compliance with the requirements of the Financial Covenants.

The Total Debt to EBDITA ratio at the end of the reporting period was as follows :

Particulars	[Rs. in Lakhs]	
	Year ended 31.03.2024	Year ended 31.03.2023
Total Debt	54,342.59	59,580.92
EBIDTA	12,149.55	99,065.47
Total debt / EBIDTA (Times)	4.47	0.60

The Total Debt service coverage ratio at the end of the reporting period was as follows :

Particulars	[Rs. in Lakhs]	
	Year ended 31.03.2024	Year ended 31.03.2023
EBIDTA Less Tax Paid	7,680.92	80,613.34
Interest and Installment on loans	17,029.32	15,641.74
Debt Service Coverage (Times)	0.45	5.15

The Total Debt to tangible Net Worth ratio at the end of the reporting period was as follows :

Particulars	[Rs. in Lakhs]	
	Year ended 31.03.2024	Year ended 31.03.2023
Total Debt	54,342.59	59,580.92
Tangible Net Worth	442,277.28	484,477.66
Total Debt / Tangible Net Worth (Times)	0.12	0.12

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37 FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (Contd.)

37.2 Categories of Financial Instruments

The carrying value of financial instruments by categories as of March 31, 2024 is as follows :

[Rs. in Lakhs]					
Particulars	Fair Value through Other Comprehensive Income	Fair value through profit or loss	Amortised Cost	Total Carrying value	Total fair value
Financial Assets					
Cash and Cash Equivalents	-	-	15,472.45	15,472.45	15,472.45
Other Balances with Banks	-	-	703.99	703.99	703.99
Quoted investments (Level 1)	168,352.37	258.23	-	168,610.60	168,610.60
Unquoted investments (Level 3)	25,157.42	1,749.50	0.20	26,907.12	26,907.12
Investment in Joint Venture	-	-	13,816.41	13,816.41	13,816.41
Trade receivables	-	-	17,764.94	17,764.94	17,764.94
Loans	-	-	231.15	231.15	231.15
Other financial asset	-	-	12,922.01	12,922.01	12,922.01
Total :	193,509.79	2,007.73	60,911.15	256,428.67	256,428.67
Financial Liabilities					
Short Term borrowings	-	-	20,064.63	20,064.63	20,064.63
Long Term borrowings	-	-	34,277.96	34,277.96	46,182.49
Trade Payables	-	-	37,464.91	37,464.91	37,464.91
Other financial liabilities	-	-	6,788.24	6,788.24	6,788.24
Total :	-	-	98,595.74	98,595.74	110,500.27

The carrying value of financial instruments by categories as of March 31, 2023 is as follows :

[Rs. in Lakhs]					
Particulars	Fair Value through Other Comprehensive Income	Fair value through profit or loss	Amortised Cost	Total Carrying value	Total fair value
Financial Assets					
Cash and Cash Equivalents	-	-	45,554.38	45,554.38	45,554.38
Other Balances with Banks	-	-	2,736.93	2,736.93	2,736.93
Quoted investments (Level 1)	124,423.14	143.46	-	124,566.60	124,566.60
Unquoted investments (Level 3)	32,330.60	1,921.91	0.20	34,252.71	34,252.71
Investment in Joint Venture	-	-	24,275.82	24,275.82	24,275.82
Trade receivables	-	-	28,456.31	28,456.31	28,456.31
Loans - -	-	-	5,110.89	5,110.89	5,110.89
Other financial asset	-	-	6,819.69	6,819.69	6,819.69
Total :	156,753.74	2,065.37	112,954.22	271,773.33	271,773.33
Financial Liabilities					
Short Term borrowings	-	-	13,695.00	13,695.00	13,695.00
Long Term borrowings	-	-	45,885.92	45,885.92	61,522.60
Trade Payables	-	-	49,383.46	49,383.46	49,383.46
Other financial liabilities	-	-	10,897.49	10,897.49	10,897.49
Total :	-	-	119,861.87	119,861.87	135,498.55

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37 FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (Contd.)

37.3 Financial Risk Management Objectives

The Company's Corporate Treasury Function provides services to the business, co-ordinates access to domestic and international financial markets, monitors and manages the financial risks relating to the operations of the Company through internal risk reports which analyse exposures by degree and magnitude of risks. These risks include market risk (including currency risk, interest rate risk and other price risk), credit risk and liquidity risk.

Compliance with policies and exposure limits is reviewed internally on a continuous basis. The Corporate Treasury does not enter into any trade financial instruments, including derivative financial instruments and relies on natural hedge.

The Corporate Treasury Function monitors risks and policies implemented to mitigate risk exposures on a periodical basis.

37.4 Market Risk

The Company's activities expose it primarily to the financial risks of changes in foreign currency exchange rates and interest rates. The Company currently has not hedged any External Commercial Borrowings (ECBs). The Company performs an analysis of the impact of not hedging its ECBs. This has been done by comparing the actual cash outflows related to ECBs under current unhedged conditions in the past vis-a-vis the scenario of complete hedging of individual ECB on the disbursement day through quotes provided by the banks. Further, the Company parks its earnings in foreign currency in Exchange Earners Foreign Currency (EEFC) account and discharges its obligations in case of foreign currency loans out of the said account.

The Company's investments in listed and non-listed equity securities are susceptible to price risk arising from uncertainties about future value of the investment securities. The Company's non-current investment in equity shares are strategic investments and hence are considered as Fair Value through Other Comprehensive Income. The Company's Board of Directors reviews and approves all equity investment decisions.

37.5 Foreign Currency Risk Management

The Company undertakes transactions denominated in foreign currencies; consequently, exposures to exchange rate fluctuations arise. Exchange rate exposures are managed within approved policy parameters. Further, the Company parks its earnings in foreign currency in Exchange Earners Foreign Currency (EEFC) account and discharges its obligations in case of foreign currency loans and towards import obligations out of the said account.

The carrying amounts of the Company's foreign currency denominated monetary assets and monetary liabilities are restated at the end of each quarter. The same at the end of the reporting period are as follows :

[Amount in INR in Lakhs]

Particulars	Currency	As at 31.03.2024		As at 31.03.2023	
		Amount in FC	Amount in INR	Amount in FC	Amount in INR
Receivables for export	US\$	1,921,632	1,602.74	1,560,312	1,282.11
	EURO	-	-	16,590	14.84
	GBP	460,032	483.18	290,355	295.14
Advance to suppliers	CHF	83,495	76.85	-	-
	JPY	5,160,000	28.42	-	-
	US\$	52,300	43.62	8,858	7.28
Payables for imports	CHF	1,720	1.58	-	-
	US\$	27,608	23.03	7,665,883	6,299.06
	EURO	34,145	30.69	44,091	39.44
Commission payable on exports	US\$	16,558	13.81	16,795	13.80
Other payables	US\$	77,094	64.30	-	-
	EURO	220,610	198.28	29,043	25.98
	GBP	-	-	9,024	9.17
ECB Borrowings including interest accrued but not due	US\$	56,449,696	47,081.87	72,896,471	59,899.03

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37 FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (Contd.)

37.5 Foreign Currency Risk Management (Contd.)

Foreign Currency Sensitivity Analysis

The Company is mainly exposed to US Dollar.

The following table details the Company's sensitivity to a 5% increase and decrease in the Rupee against the relevant foreign currencies. 5% is a sensitivity rate used when reporting foreign currency internally to the key management personnel and represents management's assessment of the reasonably possible changes in the foreign exchange rates. The sensitivity analysis includes only outstanding foreign currency denominated monetary items and adjusts their translation at the period end for a 5% change in the foreign currency rates. A positive number below indicates an increase in profit or equity where the Rupee strengthens by 5% against the relevant currency. For a 5% weakening of the Rupee against the relevant currency, there would be a comparable impact on the profit or equity, and the balances below would be negative.

[Rs. in Lakhs]

Currency	Impact on profit or loss for the year		Impact on total equity as at the end of the reporting period	
	2023-24	2022-23	2023-24	2022-23
USD	2,276.83	3,246.13	1,480.08	2,110.18
GBP	(24.16)	(14.30)	(15.70)	(9.29)
EUR	11.45	2.53	7.44	1.64
CHF	(3.76)	-	(2.45)	-
JPY	(1.42)	-	(0.92)	-

37.6 Interest Rate Risk Management

The Company is exposed to interest rate risk because the Company borrows funds at floating interest rates. The risk is managed by the Company by monitoring the exchange rate on regular basis and also parking the export proceeds in the EEFC account which also provides a natural hedge for the outflows in foreign currency. Further, the Company performs an impact analysis of not hedging its ECBs. This has been done by comparing the actual cash outflows related to ECBs under current unhedged conditions in the past vis-a-vis the scenario of complete hedging of individual ECB on the disbursement day through quotes provided by the banks.

Interest Rate Sensitivity Analysis

The sensitivity analysis below have been determined based on the exposure to interest rates for instruments at the end of the reporting period. For floating rate liabilities, the analysis is prepared assuming the amount of the liability outstanding at the end of the reporting period was outstanding for the whole year.

If the interest rates had been 50 basis points higher / lower and all other variables were held constant, the Company's profit before tax for the year ended would be impacted to the extent of Rs.285.27 Lakhs (Rs.156.00 lakhs for the year 2022-23).

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37 FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (Contd.)

37.7 Credit Risk Management

Credit risk refers to the risk that the counterparty will default on its contractual obligations resulting in financial loss to the Company. The Company is operating through network of dealers based at different locations. In order to ensure the security of receivables, the Marketing Department computes an exposure ratio for every dealer based on his past turnover, track record, etc. The same is overseen and approved by the Board. Further, the Company also collects bank guarantees / security deposits from the respective dealers. Regular monitoring of the receivables is undertaken by the Marketing Department and in case the limits are exceeded, an auto lock system is in place in the SAP system of the Company to stop further supplies to the concerned dealer till the amount outstanding is recovered. In case of new customers, the goods are supplied only against advance receipts. For the export made by the Company, the sales are backed by letters of credit or advance receipts. The internal risk management committee of the Company meets regularly to discuss the dealers and credit risks, measures taken to address them and the status and level of risk after the measures taken.

Domestic & Export trade receivables are secured to the extent of interest free security deposits and bank guarantees / letter of credit received from the customers amounting to Rs.481.13 Lakhs and Rs.2,182.90 Lakhs as at 31st March, 2024 and 31st March, 2023 respectively. (Refer Note No. 12 for Trade Receivables outstanding).

37.8 Liquidity Risk Management

Ultimate responsibility for liquidity risk management rests with the Board of Directors, which has established an appropriate liquidity risk management framework for the management of the Company's short-term, medium-term and long-term funding and liquidity management requirements. The Company manages its funds mainly from internal accruals. The liquidity risk is managed by maintaining adequate reserves and banking facilities, by continuously monitoring forecast and actual cash flows and by matching the maturity profiles of financial assets and liabilities.

Liquidity and interest risk tables

The following tables detail the Company's remaining contractual maturity for its non derivative financial liabilities with agreed repayment periods. The tables have been drawn up based on the undiscounted cash flows of financial liabilities based on the earliest date on which the Company can be required to pay.

Particulars	Weighted average effective interest rate (%)		Carrying Value	Upto 1 year	1-5 years	5+ years	Total
March 31, 2024							
Variable Interest rate Instruments	9.48%	US \$ in Million	-	15.07	41.23	-	56.30
Trade Payables		Rs. In Lakhs	46,842.59	12,572.32	34,270.27	-	46,842.59
Other Financial Liabilities			37,464.91	37,464.91	-	-	37,464.91
			6,788.24	6,723.03	65.21	-	6,788.24
March 31, 2023							
Variable Interest rate Instruments	8.13%	US \$ in Million		16.67	56.04	-	72.71
Trade Payables		Rs. In Lakhs	59,580.92	13,695.00	45,885.92	-	59,580.92
Other Financial Liabilities			49,383.46	49,383.46	-	-	49,383.46
			10,897.49	10,831.20	66.29	-	10,897.49

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37 FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (Contd.)

37.8 Liquidity Risk Management (Contd.)

Financing facilities

[Rs. in Lakhs]

Particulars	Year ended	Year ended
	31.03.2024	31.03.2023
Secured Bank Loan facilities		
- amount used	-	-
- amount unused	13,000.00	13,000.00
Cash and cash equivalents	15,472.45	45,554.38
Other Bank Balances	703.99	2,736.93

37.9 Fair Value Measurements

This note provides information about how the Company determines fair values of various financial assets and financial liabilities.

37.9.1 Fair value of the Company's financial assets and financial liabilities that are measured at fair value on a recurring basis

Some of the Company's financial assets and financial liabilities are measured at fair value at the end of each reporting period. The following table gives information about how the fair values of financial assets and financial liabilities are determined (in particular, the valuation technique(s) and inputs used).

[Rs. in Lakhs]

Financial assets / financial liabilities	Fair value as at		Fair Value hierarchy	Valuation technique(s) and key input(s)
	31.03.2024	31.03.2023		
1) Investments in equity instruments (quoted) (see note 6)	Listed equity securities in various companies engaged in fertilizer, gas and power industry domiciled in India- aggregate fair value of Rs.1,68,610.60	Listed equity securities in various companies engaged in fertilizer, gas and power industry domiciled in India- aggregate fair value of Rs.1,24,566.60	Level 1	Quoted bid prices in an active market

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37 FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (Contd.)

37.9 Fair Value Measurements (Contd.)

[Rs. in Lakhs]

Financial assets / financial liabilities	Fair value as at		Fair Value hierarchy	Valuation technique(s) and key input(s)	Significant unobservable input(s)	Relation of unobservable inputs to fair value
	31.03.2024	31.03.2023				
2) Investments in equity instruments at FVTOCI (unquoted) (see note 6)	a 1) Investment in equity securities of a company belonging to the manufacturing sector domiciled in India- Rs.9,949.50	a 1) Investment in equity securities of a company belonging to the manufacturing sector domiciled in India- Rs.11,063.25	Level 3	"Market Approach- Comparable Companies- In this approach, the value of shares / business of a company is determined based on market multiples of publicly traded comparable companies. (Refer note 36.9.1.1 below)."	Annual Report for the previous year, shareholding pattern as on the valuation date, publicly available information and information available from secondary sources, discussion with Company personnel	"The fair valuation estimates are based on historical annual accounts/ annual reports and based on information collected from public domain. Information pertaining to future expected performance of investee company including projections about their profitability, balance sheet status and cash flow expectations are not available."
	a. 2) Investment in company engaged in the business of gas marketing - aggregate fair value of Rs.3774.37	a. 2) Investment in company engaged in the business of gas marketing - aggregate fair value of Rs.3,272.41	Level 3	(Refer note below)	Discount factor, Sales Volume and Trading Margin	No Sensitivity analysis has been carried out as at 31.03.2024 on account of non-availability of data.
<p>Note - 36.9.1.1 - Discounted Free Cash flow method has been used to arrive at the enterprise value of the gas marketing business of the investee and the exploration and production assets are valued using price of recent investment / transaction (PORI) method and reserve multiple approach. Under DCF technique, the projected free cash flows from gas marketing business of the Company are discounted at the weighted average cost of capital and the sum of the present value of such free cash flows would represent the value of business. Under the reserve multiple method past transaction multiples of oil and gas companies is used to arrive at the valuation. The investee has various investments in subsidiaries / Other investments. Each of these subsidiary and Other investments have been separately valued using market price method, DCF method, CCM method and book value (NAV) method and applied the investee's stake percentage to arrive at the fair value of investee's investment. Under the market price method, the valuation is derived from the quoted market price of the share of the Company as at the valuation date. Under CCM Method, peer multiple for one or more comparable Companies is used. Under the NAV method, the valuation is derived by calculating the net assets value of the investee as at the valuation date.</p>						
	b) Investment in equity securities of various companies belonging to the conveyance of the traded waste water and Venture Capital Fund sector domiciled in India- Rs.874.47	b) Investment in equity securities of various companies belonging to the conveyance of the traded waste water and Venture Capital Fund sector domiciled in India- Rs.805.74	Level 3	Cost Approach- Net asset value- In this approach, total value is based on the sum of net asset value as recorded on the balance sheet. A net asset methodology is most applicable for businesses where the value lies in the underlying assets and not the ongoing operations of the business. (Refer notes 36.9.1.1 and 36.9.1.2).	Shareholding pattern as on the valuation date, publicly available information and information available from secondary sources, discussion with Company personnel	"The fair valuation estimates are based on historical annual accounts / annual reports and based on information collected from public domain. Information pertaining to future expected performance of investee companies including projections about their profitability, balance sheet status and cash flow expectations are not available."
	c) Investment in equity securities of a company belonging to the shipping and storage sector domiciled in India- Rs.10,559.08	c) Investment in equity securities of a company belonging to the shipping and storage sector domiciled in India- Rs.17,189.20	Level 3	"Market Approach- Comparable Companies- In this approach, the value of shares / business of a company is determined based on market multiples of publicly traded comparable companies. (Refer note 36.9.1.1)."	Annual Report for the previous year, shareholding pattern as on the valuation date, publicly available information and information available from secondary sources, discussion with Company personnel	"The fair valuation estimates are based on historical annual accounts/annual reports and based on information collected from public domain. Information pertaining to future expected performance of investee companies including projections about their profitability, balance sheet status and cash flow expectations are not available."
3) Investments in Securities instruments at FVTPL (unquoted) (see note 6)	a) Investment in Government Bond Securities - Rs.1,059.80	a) Investment in Government Bond Securities - Rs.1,059.80	Level 3	Market Approach	Valued using input based on information about market participants assumptions and other data that are available	The fair valuation estimates are based on historical information and based on information collected from public domain.
	b) Investment in Private Bond Securities - Rs.646.77	b) Investment in Private Bond Securities - Rs.840.82				
	c) Investment in Mutual Fund Securities - Rs.42.94	c) Investment in Mutual Fund Securities - Rs.21.29				

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37 FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (Contd.)

37.9 Fair Value Measurements (Contd.)

- 37.9.1.1 The Company has invested in the equity instruments of various companies. However, the percentage of shareholding of the Company in such investee companies is very low and hence, it has not been provided with future projections including projected profit and loss account by those investee companies. Hence, the independent valuer appointed by the Company has estimated fair value based on available historical Annual Reports of such companies and other information as available in the public domain and is being relied upon. Since the future projections are not available, discounted cashflow approach for fair value determination has not been followed.
- 37.9.1.2 In case of some companies, there are no comparable companies valuations available. In light of no information available for future projections, capacity utilisation, commencement of operations, etc., the valuation is based on cost approach.

37.9.2 Fair value of the Company's financial assets and financial liabilities that are not measured at fair value (but fair value disclosures are required)

Except as detailed in the following table, the Company considers that the carrying amounts of financial assets and financial liabilities recognised in the financial statements approximate their fair values.

Fair Value Hierarchy as at 31.03.2024

[Rs. in Lakhs]

Particulars	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Financial Liabilities				
Long Term Borrowings	-	-	46,182.49	46,182.49

Fair Value Hierarchy as at 31.03.2023

[Rs. in Lakhs]

Particulars	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Financial Liabilities				
Long Term Borrowings	-	-	61,522.60	61,522.60

37.9.3 Reconciliation of Level 3 fair value measurements

[Rs. in Lakhs]

Particulars	Investment in unquoted Securities irrevocably designated as FVTPL	Investment in unquoted shares irrevocably designated as FVTOCI
For the year ended March 31, 2024		
Opening Balance	1,921.91	32,330.60
Purchases / (Sale)	(194.05)	-
Total gains/(losses) in other comprehensive income	-	(7,173.18)
Total gains/(losses) in Profit & Loss Account	21.64	-
Closing balance	1,749.50	25,157.42
For the year ended March 31, 2023		
Opening Balance	2,136.65	31,409.21
Purchases / (Sale)	(223.71)	-
Total gains/(losses) in other comprehensive income	-	921.39
Total gains/(losses) in Profit & Loss Account	8.97	-
Closing balance	1,921.91	32,330.60

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38 RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

The Company is controlled by Government of Gujarat and Gujarat Industrial Investment Corporation Limited and hence the Company is a Government related entity as per Ind AS 24 'Related Party Disclosures'.

[Rs. in Lakhs]

Name of the Party	Nature of Relationship	Nature of Transaction	Volume of Transaction in 2023-24	Amount Outstanding as on 31.03.2024	Volume of Transaction in 2022-23	Amount Outstanding as on 31.03.2023
GACL-NALCO Alkalies & Chemicals Pvt. Ltd.	Joint Venture Company	Rent Receipt	431.34	-	9.61	5.99
		Sale of Goods	208.87	-	568.59	361.88
		Commission / Service Charges	1,873.78	-	759.52	759.52
		Security Deposit Received	-	2.69	-	2.69
		Purchase of Goods	654.37	-	3,321.53	613.07
		Purchase of Services	11,899.37	821.34	4,453.62	677.49
		Facilitation Charges	3,158.98	1,694.45	2,082.14	2,082.14
		Investment in Equity Shares	-	13,816.41	-	24,275.82
National Aluminium Company Limited	Joint Venture Partner	Purchase of Goods	-	20.58	2,037.22	20.58
Delhi Jal Board	Other Related Party	Sale of Goods	-	-	1,017.84	518.12
Gujarat Energy Transmission Corporation Limited	Other Related Party	Purchase of Goods & Services	3,268.96	161.77	-	-
Gujarat Venture Finance Limited	Other Related Party	Investment in Equity Shares	-	18.00	-	-
Gujarat Water Supply & Sewage Board	Other Related Party	Sale of Goods	-	-	96.56	138.18
Gujarat State Petroleum Corporation Ltd.	Other Related Party	Purchase of Goods	1,700.04	50.50	1,810.24	130.69
		Investment in Equity Shares	-	1,349.99	-	1,349.99
Gujarat State Financial Services Limited	Other Related Party	Deposits - Placed	128,500.00	10,000.00	163,000.00	44,500.00
		Deposits - Withdraw	163,000.00	-	148,500.00	-
		Loans and Advance Taken	7,500.00	7,500.00	-	-
		Interest Paid	132.15	-	-	-
		Interest Received	1,235.80	-	1,382.83	-
Gujarat State Investment Ltd.	Promoters	Share Capital	-	1,532.93	-	1,532.93
		Dividend Paid	3,610.07	-	1,532.94	-
Gujarat Industrial Investment Corporation Ltd.	Promoters	Share Capital	-	711.90	-	711.90
		Dividend Paid	1,676.53	-	711.90	-
Gujarat Maritime Board	Promoters	Share Capital	-	273.47	-	273.47
		Dividend Paid	644.03	-	273.47	-
Gujarat Industrial Development Corporation	Promoters	Share Capital	-	289.77	-	289.77
		Dividend Paid	682.42	-	289.77	-
		Contribution for 100 MLD Desalination Project	-	9,120.00	-	9,120.00
		Share Capital	-	414.54	-	414.54
Gujarat Mineral Development Corporation Ltd.	Promoters	Dividend Paid	976.25	-	414.54	-
		Investment in Equity Shares	-	1,500.00	-	1,500.00
Gujarat State Fertilizers & Chemicals Ltd.	Other Related Party	Sale of Goods	2,320.50	145.17	4,315.81	258.70
		Dividend Received	750.00	-	187.50	-
		Purchase of Goods	-	-	1,975.82	-
Gujarat Urja Vikas Nigam Limited	Other Related Party	Sale of Goods	-	-	1,355.23	105.45
		Purchase of Goods	158.47	13.91	246.92	26.74
Gujarat Narmada Valley Fertilizers & Chemicals Limited	Promoters	Sale of Goods	948.18	-16.96	1,598.46	283.81
		Transportation Charges	1,583.31	-	2,329.98	545.46
		Share Capital	-	176.00	-	176.00
		Dividend Paid	414.48	-	176.00	-
		Investment in Equity Shares	-	8,139.82	-	8,139.82
Gujarat Industries Power Company Limited	Other Related Party	Sale of Goods	35.04	9.07	66.39	6.24
		Purchase of Goods	-	6.11	105.30	6.11
		Dividend Received	865.84	-	577.22	-
		Investment in Equity Shares	-	2,000.00	-	2,000.00
Gujarat Gas Limited	Other Related Party	Dividend Received	1,417.50	-	426.32	-
		Director Sitting Fees Received	0.05	-	-	-
Gujarat Guardian Limited	Other Related Party	Investment in Equity Shares	-	742.50	-	742.50
		Dividend Received	1,084.05	-	542.03	-
GACL Foundation Trust	Other Related Party	Contribution for CSR Activities	710.81	-	819.20	-
		Rent Income	7.12	-	6.75	0.14
		Security Deposit Received	-	4.06	-	4.06
Gujarat State Electricity Corporation Limited	Other Related Party	Sale of Goods	-	-	499.53	32.37
Gujarat Chemical Port Limited	Other Related Party	Rent Paid	529.90	41.87	380.80	3.41
		Dividend Income	442.01	-	147.34	-
		Purchase of Goods and Services	0.67	1.77	-	-
		Investment in Equity Shares	-	613.90	-	613.90
Vadodara Jal Sanchay Pvt. Ltd.	Other Related Party	Investment in Equity Shares	-	30.00	-	30.00
Shri Harshad R. Patel, IAS, Managing Director (Upto 30.07.2022)	Key Management Personnel	Remuneration	-	-	8.63	-
Shri Swaroop P, IAS - Managing Director (From 09.08.2022)	Key Management Personnel	Charge Allowance	0.39	-	0.18	-
Shri S S Bhatt, Company Secretary and CGM (Legal) &CC	Key Management Personnel	Remuneration	73.03	-	47.54	-
		Loans	-	-	-	9.43
Shri Vinayak Kudtarkar - General Manager (Finance) & Chief Financial Officer (Upto 18.11.2023)	Key Management Personnel	Remuneration	36.81	-	39.23	-
		Loans	-	-	-	3.26
Shri Ram Gianani - AGM (Finance) & Chief Financial Officer (From 18.11.2023)	Key Management Personnel	Remuneration	10.60	-	-	-
		Loans	12.00	12.00	-	-
Shri Pankaj Kumar, IAS - Chairman (Upto 01.02.2023)	Key Management Personnel	Sitting Fees	-	-	1.23	-
Shri Rajkumar, IAS - Chairman (From 21.02.2023)	Key Management Personnel	Sitting Fees	0.35	-	0.18	-
Shri M K Das, IAS - Director (Upto 21.11.2023)	Key Management Personnel	Sitting Fees	1.05	-	1.75	-
Shri Rajiv Lochan Jain - Director	Key Management Personnel	Sitting Fees	4.03	-	5.08	-
Shri S B Dangayach - Director	Key Management Personnel	Sitting Fees	2.63	-	4.90	-
Shri Nitin Shukla - Director (From 24.03.2022)	Key Management Personnel	Sitting Fees	4.55	-	3.68	-
Smt. Shridevi Shukla - Director (From 12.05.2022)	Key Management Personnel	Sitting Fees	3.33	-	3.33	-
Shri J P Gupta, IAS - Director (From 15.12.2021)	Key Management Personnel	Sitting Fees	1.23	-	1.40	-

Other related party represents Government Companies/Entities

Terms and Conditions :

All outstanding balances are unsecured and are repayable/receivable in cash.

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39 THE BREAK-UP OF PAYMENT TO AUDITORS (NET OF TAXES) IS AS UNDER :

Particulars	[Rs. in Lakhs]	
	2023-24	2022-23
Audit Fees - Standalone & Consolidated	15.20	14.00
Quarterly/Half Yearly Review	4.65	4.15
Certification Charges	3.10	-
Out of Pocket Expenses	0.03	-
Total	22.98	18.15

40 ADDITIONAL DISCLOSURE - INCOME AND EXPENDITURE IN FOREIGN CURRENCY

Sr. No.	Particulars	[Rs. in Lakhs]	
		2023-24	2022-23
(a)	Earnings in Foreign Exchange - Export of Goods on F.O.B. basis (includes Deemed Export sales)	74,575.84	72,572.00
(b)	Expenditure in Foreign Currency (on accrual basis) on account of :		
	(i) Interest	3,851.32	1,550.02
	(ii) Foreign Tour Expenses	111.83	-
	(iii) Subscription	52.96	23.34
	(iv) Commission on Export Sales	13.89	13.80
	(v) AMC & Other Charges (For ISO Tank)	198.28	89.96
	(vi) Other Expenses	3.91	290.82

41 ADDITIONAL DISCLOSURE - VALUE OF IMPORTS ON CIF BASIS

Particulars	[Rs. in Lakhs]	
	2023-24	2022-23
Raw Materials	35,836.16	46,617.32
Stores and Spare Parts	417.46	1,136.39
Capital Goods	795.47	2,991.53

42 FOREIGN CURRENCY EXPOSURES

The Company has not taken any derivative instrument during the year. The year end unhedged foreign currency exposures are given below :

Amount Receivable on account of export of goods and services and Advance to Suppliers :

Particulars	Currency	As on 31.03.2024		As on 31.03.2023	
		Rs. in Lakhs	Amount in FC	Rs. in Lakhs	Amount in FC
Receivable for Exports	US \$	1,602.74	1,921,632	1,282.11	1,560,312
	EURO	-	-	14.84	16,590
	GBP	483.18	460,032	295.14	290,355
Advance to Suppliers	CHF	76.85	83,495	-	-
	JPY	28.42	5,160,000	-	-
	GBP	-	-	-	-
	US \$	43.62	52,300	7.28	8,858
	EURO	-	-	-	-

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42 FOREIGN CURRENCY EXPOSURES (Contd.)

Amount payable on account of import of goods, services and others :

Particulars	Currency	As on 31.03.2024		As on 31.03.2023	
		Rs. in Lakhs	Amount in FC	Rs. in Lakhs	Amount in FC
Payables for Imports	CHF	1.58	1,720.00	-	-
	US \$	23.03	27,608	6,299.06	7,665,883
	EURO	30.69	34,145	39.44	44,091
Commission payable on exports	US \$	13.81	16,558	13.80	16,795
Other Payables	US \$	64.30	77,094	-	-
	GBP	-	-	9.17	9,024
	EURO	198.28	220,610	25.98	29,043

Amount payable on account of ECB Borrowings :

Particulars	Currency	As on 31.03.2024		As on 31.03.2023	
		Rs. In Lakhs	Amount in FC	Rs. In Lakhs	Amount in FC
ECB and Accrued interest	US \$	47,081.87	56,449,696	59,899.03	72,896,471

43 CONTINGENT LIABILITIES AND COMMITMENTS

(to the extent not provided for)

[Rs. in Lakhs]

Particulars	Year ended 31.03.2024	Year ended 31.03.2023
(i) Contingent Liabilities		
(a) Claims against the Company not acknowledged as debt	2,403.88	18,674.68
(b) Various pending cases before Labour court and Industrial Tribunal	Not ascertainable	Not ascertainable
(c) Disputed Sales Tax liability [Including Purchase Tax Liability (2000-01 to 2005-06)]	21,085.14	21,085.14
(d) Disputed Excise Duty liability	3,066.32	3,191.55
(e) Disputed Service Tax liability	602.82	602.82
(f) Disputed Income Tax liability (excluding interest) :		
(i) Pending Before Appellate Authorities in respect of which the Company is in appeal	8,561.72	949.38
(ii) Decided in Company's favour by Appellate Authorities and Department is in further appeal	10,753.00	15,306.88
	46,472.88	59,810.45
In respect of above matters, future cash outflows in respect of contingent liabilities are determinable only on receipt of judgements pending at various forums / authorities.		
(g) Guarantees given by the Company's Bankers for various purposes are	17,663.21	18,508.70
Total (i)	64,136.09	78,319.15
(ii) Commitments		
(a) Estimated amount of contracts remaining to be executed on capital account and not provided for	18,209.33	11,541.78
Total (ii)	18,209.33	11,541.78
(iii) Commitments		
Contingent Liabilities and Commitments relating to Interest in its jointly controlled entity	6,191.14	6,485.15
Total	88,536.56	96,346.08

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44 The Company's operations fall under single segment namely "Chemicals" hence no separate disclosure of segment reporting is required to be made as required under Ind AS 108 'Operating Segments'.

All non Current assets are located in the company's country of domicile

Two customers (PY: One customer) individually contribute more than 10% of entity's revenues. The total revenue from such entity is Rs.1,04,983 Lakhs (P.Y. Rs. 76,154 Lakhs)

45 ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REQUIRED BY SCHEULE III [Rs. in Lakhs]

Name of the Entity in the Group	Net Assets (Total Assets minus Total Liabilities)		Share in Profit or (Loss)		Share in Other Comprehensive Income		Share in Total Comprehensive Income	
	As % of Consolidated Net Assets	Amount	As % of Consolidated net Profit / (Loss)	Amount	As % of Consolidated OCI	Amount	As % of Consolidated TCI	Amount
Parent								
Gujarat Alkalies And Chemicals Limited								
31 st March 2024	97.73%	593,737.27	55.84%	(13,224.25)	100.00%	34,609.76	195.73%	21,385.50
31 st March 2023	96.05%	589,646.17	140.55%	57,570.39	100.00%	(9,625.80)	153.00%	47,944.59
Joint Venture (Accounted as per Equity Method)								
GACL-NALCO Alkalies And Chemicals Pvt. Ltd.								
31 st March 2024	2.27%	13,816.41	44.16%	(10,460.00)	0.00%	0.59	-95.73%	(10,459.41)
31 st March 2023	3.95%	24,275.82	-40.55%	(16,608.67)	0.00%	-	-53.00%	(16,608.67)
Total								
31 st March 2024	100.00%	607,553.68	100.00%	(23,684.25)	100.00%	34,610.35	100.00%	10,926.09
31 st March 2023	100.00%	613,921.99	100.00%	40,961.72	100.00%	(9,625.80)	100.00%	31,335.92

46 OTHER STATUTORY INFORMATION

46.1 The Company does not have any Benami property, where any proceeding has been initiated or pending against the Company for holding any Benami property.

46.2 The Company has utilised funds raised from issue of securities or borrowings from banks and financial institutions for the specific purposes for which they were issued/taken.

46.3 Quarterly return/statement of current assets filed by the company with bank are in agreement with the books of accounts.

46.4 The Company has not been declared as a wilful defaulter by any lender who has powers to declare a company as a wilful defaulter at any time during the financial year or after the end of reporting period but before the date when financial statements are approved.

46.5 The Company has not advanced or loaned or invested funds to any other person(s) or entity(ies), including foreign entities (Intermediaries) with the understanding that the Intermediary shall:

46.5(a) directly or indirectly lend or invest in other persons or entities identified in any manner whatsoever by or on behalf of the company (Ultimate Beneficiaries) or

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- 46.5(b)** provide any guarantee, security or the like to or on behalf of the Ultimate Beneficiaries.
- 46.6** The Company has not received any fund from any person(s) or entity(ies), including foreign entities (Funding Party) with the understanding (whether recorded in writing or otherwise) that the Company shall:
- 46.6(a)** directly or indirectly lend or invest in other persons or entities identified in any manner whatsoever by or on behalf of the Funding Party (Ultimate Beneficiaries) or
- 46.6(b)** provide any guarantee, security or the like on behalf of the Ultimate Beneficiaries.
- 46.7** On the basis of information available, the Company does not have any transactions with struck-off companies.
- 46.8** The Company does not have any transaction which is not recorded in the books of accounts but has been surrendered or disclosed as income during the year in the tax assessments under the Income Tax Act, 1961 (such as, search or survey or any other relevant provisions of the Income Tax Act, 1961).
- 46.9** The Company has not traded or invested in Crypto currency or Virtual Currency during the financial year.
- 46.10** The Company has complied with the number of layers prescribed under clause (87) of section 2 of the Companies Act, 2013 read with Companies (Restriction on number of Layers) Rules, 2017.
- 47** Approval of Financial Statements
- The financial statements are approved for issue by the Board of Directors on 30th May, 2024.

As per our attached Report of even date.

For and on behalf of the Board

For **K C Mehta & Co LLP**
Chartered Accountants
Firm Reg. No. : 106237W/W100829

Swaroop P. IAS
Managing Director
DIN No. : 08103838

Dr. Hashmukh Adhia, IAS (Retd.)
Chairman
DIN No. : 00093974

Shripal Shah
Partner
Membership No. 114988

Ram P. Gianani
Addl. General Manager (Finance) &
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(Legal, CC & CSR)

Place : Gandhinagar
Date : 30th May, 2024

**FORM AOC - 1**

(Pursuant to first proviso to sub-section(3) of section 129 read with rule 5 of Companies (Accounts) Rules, 2014)

Statement containing salient features of the financial statement of subsidiaries/associate companies/joint ventures

Part "A" : Subsidiaries

Sr. No.	Name of the Subsidiary	Reporting period for the subsidiary concerned, if different from the holding company's reporting period	Reporting currency and Exchange rate as on the last date of the relevant Financial year in the case of foreign subsidiaries	Share capital	Reserves & surplus	Total assets	Total Liabilities	Investments	Turnover	Profit before taxation	Provision for taxation	Profit after taxation	% of shareholding
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- Not Applicable -

Part "B" : Associates and Joint Ventures

Statement pursuant to Section 129 (3) of the Companies Act, 2013 related to Associate Companies and Joint Ventures

[Rs. in Lakhs]

Sr. No.	Name of Associates/ Joint Ventures	1. Latest audited Balance Sheet Date	2. Shares of Associate/Joint Ventures held by the company on the year end			3. Description of how there is significant influence	4. Reason why the associate/ joint venture is not consolidated	5. Networth attributable to Shareholding as per latest audited Balance Sheet	6. Profit / Loss for the year	
			No.	Amount of investment in Associates/ Joint Venture	Extend of Holding %				i. Considered in Consolidation	ii. Not Considered in Consolidation
1	GACL-NALCO Alkalies and Chemicals Pvt. Ltd.	31.03.2024	41,40,00,000	41,400.00	60	N.A.	N.A.	13,816.41	(10,460.00)	-

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Caustic soda prills
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Sodium hypochlorite
Methyl chloride
Methylene chloride
Chloroform
Carbon tetrachloride
Hydrogen peroxide
Sodium chlorate

Hydrazine Hydrate
Phosphoric Acid (Technical Grade)
Phosphoric Acid (Food Grade)
Anhydrous aluminium chloride
Poly aluminium chloride
Stable bleaching powder
Chlorinated paraffin

Caustic potash lye
Caustic potash flakes
Potassium carbonate
Scalewin
Biowin
Bleachwin

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Promoted by the Government of Gujarat, Gujarat Alkalies and Chemicals Limited (GACL) was established in the year 1973 in Vadodara to manufacture Caustic Soda and allied products. With visionary management, advanced technologies, stringent quality measures and a commitment to serving the industries and the nation, GACL is progressing incessantly.

GACL has become one of the leading manufacturers of Caustic Soda in the country having a manufacturing capacity of 8,52,400 TPA. With a basket of more than 35 quality products that are used as raw materials in a host of different industries such as Paper & Pulp, Soaps & Detergent, Textile, Paint, Pharmaceuticals, Fertilizers, Pesticides, Metal, Rubber, PVC, Water Treatment, Food Processing, Activation of Petroleum Wells, Rocket Propellant, Aluminium and many more, GACL is fuelling more progress for the industries and nation.

Products

Caustic soda lye	Sodium hypochlorite	Hydrazine Hydrate	Caustic potash lye
Hydrochloric acid	Methyl chloride	Phosphoric Acid (Technical Grade)	Caustic potash flakes
Liquid chlorine	Methylene chloride	Phosphoric Acid (Food Grade)	Potassium carbonate
Caustic soda flakes	Chloroform	Anhydrous aluminium chloride	Scalewin
Caustic soda prills	Carbon tetrachloride	Poly aluminium chloride	Biowin
Compressed hydrogen gas	Hydrogen peroxide	Stable bleaching powder	Bleachwin
Anhydrous sodium sulphate	Sodium chlorate	Chlorinated paraffin	

Pursuit for Cleaner and Greener Technologies

At GACL, our growth is driven by greener and cleaner technologies. Through continuous upgrades and the adoption of innovative, eco-friendly practices, we have consistently achieved new milestones. Our R&D department is dedicated to developing production processes that prioritize decarbonization and emission reduction. With over 35 world-class products and a focus on maximizing capacity utilization, we are setting new industry benchmarks. As pioneers in the caustic soda industry, we replaced Mercury Cell Technology with environmentally friendly membrane cell technology way-back in 1989. Since then, we have been continuously upgrading these electrolyzers to keep pace with the technological developments and to achieve higher efficiencies from time to time. We were also early adopters of alternative energy sources among state-promoted enterprises.



Driving progress through R&D

Research and Development (R&D) at our company focuses on innovating and introducing new products and services, as well as enhancing existing ones. R&D drives innovation, helping us stay competitive in the market. Our activities include developing new products, creating import substitutes, improving processes, and formulating chemicals for cooling water treatment and effluent management. We are actively working on new products such as Sodium Benzoate and Benzotrichloride, and developing import substitutes like Iso Amyl Alcohol and Alamine-336. Additionally, we are regenerating spent alumina and palladium catalysts and optimizing waste utilization. Our R&D efforts also extend to in-house cooling water treatment, where we produce customized formulations, offer technical support, and monitor corrosion and microbiological growth, resulting in significant cost savings and water conservation.



Safety First: Building a Secure Future

In the chemical industry, safety is crucial, forming the foundation of our operations. We prioritize the well-being of our team, facilities, surroundings and environment, understanding that neglecting safety can lead to severe consequences, including human harm, economic loss, and environmental damage. Committed to our 'No Harm' goal, our strategy tackles key safety challenges and risks, with top management dedicated to building a strong safety culture. We ensure accountability by linking annual performance evaluations to safety metrics. Our Principal Safety Committee, internal safety audits, and cross-functional teams drive ongoing improvement. Regular training, community engagement, safety literature, and mock drills based on Maximum Credible Scenarios (MCA) reinforce our commitment to safety.



Making a positive difference in the communities

At GACL, social responsibility is more than a duty; it is our core principle. We integrate social responsibility into our business model to make a meaningful and lasting impact. Our CSR efforts go beyond traditional approaches, positioning us as a Socially Responsible Corporation (SRC). We actively engage with communities to drive positive societal change, focusing on diverse areas such as healthcare, hygiene, education, support for special needs children, sanitation, sustainable livelihoods, skill development, women's empowerment, water conservation, and the promotion of art and culture. Our initiatives are closely aligned with government programmes, reinforcing our commitment to creating a better world for all. Through these efforts, we strive to make a significant and positive difference in the communities we serve.



Our Memorable Moments



Images from top to bottom:

- 1) Flag-off ceremonies for the first dispatch of import substitute Hydrazine Hydrate and Purified Phosphoric Acid (July 23).
- 2) 78th Independence Day Celebration on 15th Aug 24.
- 3) Dispatching the first consignment of Food Grade Phosphoric Acid (Dec 23).
- 4) Appreciating employees giving useful suggestions by presenting Awards & certificates on 15th Aug 24.
- 5) Hosted a Sectoral Workshop on Best Practices in Energy Efficiency in the Chlor-Alkali Sector (Feb 24).
- 6) International Yoga Day celebration (June 24).
- 7) International Women's Day celebration (March 24).

Responsible Actions, Greener Future



Gujarat Alkalies and Chemicals Limited
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