

SH/SECT/KM

14<sup>th</sup> November, 2011

The Secretary,  
Bombay Stock Exchange Ltd  
Corporate Relationship Department,  
1<sup>st</sup> Floor, New Trading Ring,  
Rotanda Building,  
P.J. Towers,  
Dalal Street,  
Fort, Mumbai – 400 001

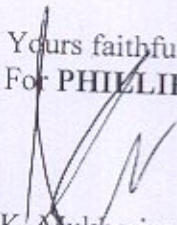
Dear Sir,

**Re: Press Release**

Please find enclosed herewith a copy of Press Release after the Board Meeting held today.

This is for your information and record pl.

Yours faithfully,  
For **PHILLIPS CARBON BLACK LIMITED**

  
K. Mukherjee  
Company Secretary

Encl: As above.



## PRESS RELEASE

### **Operational Performance of Q2FY12 compared to same period of last year:**

- Net Sales grows by 36%
- Export grows by 127%
- Operating profit up by 20%
- PAT drops by 16%

### **Projects Status:**

- Expansion plan of 50,000 MT of soft line at Cochin and also 12,000 MT of hard line at Durgapur under implementation
- Power plant of 8 MW at Mundra under implementation

Phillips Carbon Black Limited (PCBL) is the largest producer of carbon black in India and 8<sup>th</sup> largest in the world having installed capacity of 410,000 MT and co-generation power capacity of 70.5 MW spread over four locations viz. Durgapur (in West Bengal), Mundra, Palej (in Gujarat) and Cochin (in Kerala). PCBL is continuing to be second fastest growing carbon black company in the world.

Net sales for the quarter has been at Rs 563.86 crores against Rs 414.80 crores of the same period last year, i.e increase of 36% due to 4.66% increase in volumes and balance is due to sales price increase on account of steep increase in raw material prices. The performance of the company has been impacted due to lower offtake by tyre companies and higher imports of carbon black in the country from China at dumping prices resulting in lower capacity utilization after commissioning of Mundra soft line in April 2011.

The Company is implementing additional CPP of 8 MW at Mundra, expanding capacity by 50,000 MT of carbon black at Cochin, apart from debottlenecking in Durgapur which will increase capacity by another 12,000 MT. All the projects are expected to be commissioned by end of this financial year. Upon completion of aforesaid projects, PCBL's total power generation capacity will increase to 78.5 MW and carbon black capacity to 472,000 MT.

The project work at Vietnam is progressing as per schedule.

-----  
CERTIFIED TRUE COPY  
PHILLIPS CARBON BLACK LTD.

  
SECRETARY