

## From The Chairman's Desk

It gives me pleasure to present this edition of SURSEZ Times.

SURSEZ has completed 6 years of its existence. This is a milestone for us all at SURSEZ. During these 6 years, SURSEZ has seen various phases and in the end come out victorious and successful. We have been constantly surpassing all records and achieved export turnover of Rs. 2337 crore during 2005-06. During the current financial year, the growth trajectory has continued and exports crossed Rs. 2400 crores during April – October 2006.



All this has been possible due to the untiring efforts of all the Units in SURSEZ. I congratulate you all. We at DGDC have made every effort to support the endeavors of the Units to achieve new records in export growth.

I am also happy to state that SURSEZ has recently received the ISO 9001:2000 certification. This is an endorsement of our efforts to build quality into all our work processes. This certification gives us encouragement in our efforts for the future.

As you are all aware, SEZs have been in the focus of the Indian Economic Scene for the last few months. The SEZ movement in India has gathered strong momentum. Buoyed by the success of the existing SEZs including SURSEZ, the Union Commerce Ministry has approved a large number of new SEZs, mostly by private developers. At last count the number of formal approvals stood at 237. This is a good development and indicates new confidence in the SEZ platform to promote Indian exports and deliver economic prosperity to our country.

We at SURSEZ should continue to focus on growth and I am confident that we shall see rapid strides being made by SURSEZ.

I wish you all success

With Regards

S.N.Sharma

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"If you cannot do great things,  
do small things in a great way."

- *Napoleon Hill*

## Visit of Hon'ble Parliamentarians to SURSEZ

SURSEZ had the very special honour and privilege to receive The Parliamentary Standing Committee on Commerce. The Committee consisting of 13 Members of Parliament visited the Zone on 8th November 2006. The Committee comprised of Members from both houses of Parliament. They were:

Shri Kashiram Rana                      Acting Chairman (In absence of Dr Murli Manohar Joshi)

### Members

Shri. S. P. Y. Reddy

Shri. Moinul Hassan

Shri. C. K. Chandrappan

Shri. Dinesh Trivedi

Shri. Thennala G. Balakrishna Pillai

Shri. J. P. Aggarwal

Shri. E. Ponnuswamy

Shri. Nikhilananda Sar

Dr. K. Keshava Rao

Shri. Manjunath Kunnur

Shri. Banwari Lal Kanchhal

Shri. Shishupal Patle

The Committee first held a meeting in the Conference Hall at Hotel Gateway with officials of the Central and State Governments, Developer of SURSEZ and developers of some other Zones coming up in Gujarat. During the meeting the Hon'ble Members of the Committee reviewed the working of SURSEZ.



*Meeting in progress*

Later, the members of the Committee visited the SURSEZ premises. They had a look at the infrastructure in the Zone and the Units functioning and coming up. They also visited the premises of some industrial units in the Zone. They were impressed with what they saw - the Zone, its infrastructure and the working of the Units. We are sure that the visit of this Committee will convince policymakers of our nation that the SEZ Policy of our country is a move in the right direction and with this, India's SEZs will get strong encouragement.



*Tree Plantation in SURSEZ*

It was indeed a proud day for the Developer and all Units of SURSEZ.

## New Website of SURSEZ

DGDC has revamped its website [www.sursez.com](http://www.sursez.com). The objective is to provide potential entrepreneurs with relevant information to enable them set up their units in SURSEZ.

The website has a new refreshing "Look & Feel". At the same time, the content has been redesigned to provide all relevant information and easy navigation to reach the desired content quickly. There is a module which gives detailed information in a step-by-step manner and guides the entrepreneur in setting up in SURSEZ. This module includes the various forms required in printable form.

The website also contains information on all regulatory and fiscal benefits available to SURSEZ units and also has the entire SEZ Act and SEZ Rules available as .pdf files. Visitors to the website also have access to the images of the Zone, units, contacts, and so on.

We are confident that the website will meet the requirements of the entrepreneurs and prove useful to them. This is another of our steps to build quality and deliver value through our organization.

## ISO Certification of SURSEZ

SURSEZ achieved another landmark by becoming an **ISO 9001:2000 certified Zone**. The Certification took place in September 2006. The Certification Body is the Netherlands headquartered DNV Certification B.V.

The Certification is an endorsement of the use by SURSEZ of a Quality Management System, which conforms to the Standard 9001:2000. Use of such QMS will result in enhanced ability of SURSEZ to deliver quality services to its unit holders in the Zone. The SURSEZ Team in the Zone worked tirelessly for almost 6 months to install and implement systems, which would withstand rigorous scrutiny and audit by an international firm. The results of the Audit were very satisfactory and we were recommended at the first attempt for Certification.

We shall try to constantly improve our processes to achieve the highest standards in service delivery.



## Trading Permitted in SURSEZ

Government of India Commerce Ministry has now clarified that Trading activity is permitted in SEZ for both existing as well as new units. Entrepreneurs may note that Income Tax benefit given in the IInd schedule of the SEZ Act, 2005 shall be available **only for import for the purpose of re-export**.

The instruction no. 7/2006 of the Commerce Ministry withdraws the earlier instruction which withheld permission for new trading units.

Instruction 7/2006

No. F. 5/1/2006-SEZ

Government of India  
Ministry of Commerce and Industry  
Department of Commerce  
(SEZ Section)

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Udyog Bhawan, New Delhi  
Dated the 14<sup>th</sup> November, 2006

To  
The Development Commissioner,  
VSEZ, MSEZ, NSEZ, SEEPZ-SEZ,  
FSEZ, CSEZ, KSEZ, ISEZ

Subject: Setting up of new trading units in the Special Economic Zones -Reg.  
Sir/Madam,

The matter regarding setting up of new trading units in the SEZs has been reviewed. Accordingly, this Department's instructions No. 5/2006 dated 31<sup>st</sup> May, 2006, thereby holding the setting up of new trading units in the SEZs, are withdrawn with immediate effect. The attention of all is, however, invited to SEZ (Amendment) Rules dated 10<sup>th</sup> August, 2006.

Yours faithfully,

(Yogendra Garg)  
Director

Copy to:

1. Department of Revenue.
  2. EPC for EOU/SEZ units.
  3. SEZ Website.
- Copy for information to PPS to CS/PS to JS(AM)

### Visit of ENDIAMA Delegation

Adding sparkle to India's diamond sector was a significant event last month. A high level delegation of ENDIAMA, a body of the government of Angola was in Mumbai to interact with the diamond trade here. The meetings were attended by the who's who of India's diamond business. The ENDIAMA delegation was led by its Chairman Dr. Manuel Arnaldo de Sousa Calado and included top ranking officials of the Angolan government and industry. In India, Mr. S.N. Sharma, Honorary Consul General for Angola enabled their interactions with the Indian Government, Industry, and Trade. Mr. Sharma, was the Founder Chairman of Hindustan Diamond Co, the Indian Government's joint venture with DTC, the trading arm of De Beers.



*Mr. S. N. Sharma with Dr. Calado*

The Delegation visited the hub of India's diamond cutting and polishing activity, Surat and had meetings with diamond magnates. The Delegation was very happy to see Surat SEZ (SURSEZ), a multi product SEZ which houses a large number of exporting industries like apparel / garment, engineering, pharma, FMCG, diamond, and gems & jewellery.



*The delegation in SURSEZ*

ENDIAMA is responsible for all aspects of the Diamond industry in Angola and is among the world's largest producers of diamonds. India, as we know, is the world's largest consumer of rough diamonds, which are cut and polished by its skilled artisans and exported to all corners of the world.

During its stay in India, the Delegation met with various agencies with the objective of inviting investment by Indian companies in the mining activities in Angola. It also met top ranking officials of the Indian government and its various bodies.

Many entrepreneurs from the Indian diamond industry have evinced keen interest to participate in this Angolan opportunity and some initiatives are to be announced soon.

### Open House with Jt. DC

Jt. Development Commissioner Mr. Upendra Vasishth paid a visit to SURSEZ on 29th September 2006. This was his first visit since he took charge of his current assignment. Hence, all Unit holders and the SURSEZ team looked forward to it with added excitement.

Mr. N. K. Maheshwari, Executive Director, SURSEZ briefed him about the Zone, developments, etc. Later, Mr. Vasishth held an open house discussion with the Unit Holder & Developer. The session was quite constructive with many suggestions by the Units and guidance from the Jt. DC. The discussions were followed by lunch. After lunch, Mr. Vasishth accompanied by executives of DGDC, visited some of the Units including Bhalaria Exports, Dharam Exim and Sahajanand Technologies.

The visit served to encourage and motivate the Units and DGDC. We all look forward to more such visits by the Jt. DC.

"Know where to find the information and how to use it -  
That's the secret of success"

*- Albert Einstein*