

NALCO CMD Presents Book to PM



During the recent visit of the Prime Minister to the Temple City of Bhubaneswar, Shri Tapan Kumar Chand, CMD, NALCO has extended his warm welcome on behalf of all the industries in Bhubaneswar and NALCO, the Navratna Company, at Raj Bhavan, Bhubaneswar. He also presented a book “Aluminium: The Strategic Metal” authored by him to Prime Minister. The book

was earlier released by Central Vigilance Commissioner, Govt. of India, on 6th January, 2016. The book has been reviewed by Dr. Abraham Koshy, Professor, Indian Institute of Management (IIM), Ahmadabad. He has described it as “One Stop Shop” for key information pertaining to the entire value chain of Aluminium making from Bauxite Mining to rolling, casting and high end product making. The book is primarily meant for frontline engineers, professionals, scholars and intellectuals interested in aluminium sector. Besides, the major objective of the book is to promote strategic use of aluminium and giving a push to green movement. In the wake of smart cities coming up the author pleads for extensive use of Aluminium to make smart cities green cities, use of Aluminium in making wagons to increase haulage capacity by 3 times, extensive use of Aluminium in food, beverage and packaging sector, electrical and electronic sectors, transport, etc, so as to give a decisive push to the per capita consumption of Aluminium which is only 2 KG per head in India as against 8 KG globally. Prime Minister was quite appreciative of the efforts despite time constraints put in by the author to bring out the book. It is pertinent to mention that the Navratna CPSE is one of the leading foreign exchange earners of the country and has recently developed a New Business Model (NBM) for sustainable growth. After taking over as the CMD of the company, Shri Chand has played a stellar role in NALCO’s image makeover, investment plans, acquisition of coal and bauxite mines.

Rio Tinto Bauxite and Alumina Chief Phillip Strachan Steps Down



- Bruce Cox

The man in charge of Rio Tinto's \$US1.9 billion bauxite expansion has left the company, as the miner's cost cutting drive continues to trim its executive ranks.

Phillip Strachan had been Rio's chief executive of Bauxite and Alumina based out of Brisbane in recent years, but his role will now be absorbed by Pacific Aluminium Chief Executive Bruce Cox.

The change comes barely three months

after Rio announced it would go ahead with a major expansion of its bauxite export business near Weipa in Queensland.

Mr. Strachan has been involved with Rio's aluminium division since 1999, and it is believed he is not the only departure from Rio's Brisbane office.

Mr. Cox is well known across the Australian mining sector, having spent more than three decades working for BHP Billiton and Rio Tinto in a range of roles across iron ore, copper, diamonds, steel and most recently aluminium.

A product of Wollongong, Mr. Cox has been head of Pacific Aluminium the group of Australasian aluminium smelters that Rio tried to sell in 2012 since September 2013. Pacific Aluminium includes the Bell Bay smelter in Tasmania, the Boyne Smelter near Gladstone, Tomago smelter in New South Wales and a fourth smelter in New Zealand.

The changes to the bauxite division come barely a year after the head of Rio's energy division, Harry Kenyon-Slaney, left the Brisbane office and the company entirely. That change saw Rio's ever diminishing coal business put into the same division as copper



- Sam Walsh

under the stewardship of Jean-Sebastien Jacques.

Despite the senior executives leaving the Brisbane office, Rio still has a fairly significant presence in the city, with much of the procurement work for the Oyu Tolgoi project in Mongolia being conducted from Brisbane. Brisbane is also home to Rio's "processing excellence centre", where a team monitors and communicates directly to operations all over the world.