

# GOBIND SUGAR MILLS LIMITED

## MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS REPORT

[For the quarter ended 31st March, 2009]

The management of Gobind Sugar Mills Limited is pleased to present its assessment of the prevailing industrial scenario for the quarter ending 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2009.

### 1. World Sugar Market

World market prices have shown a slow but steady improvement on the back of strong sugar market fundamentals. In its third assessment of world sugar market for the season 2008-2009 International Sugar Organization (ISO) has presented a general picture of the global supply/demand gap. World sugar production is put at 161.527 million tonnes and global consumption is estimated to grow at the rate of 2.19% per annum to reach a level of 165.801 million tonnes raw value thus leaving a shortfall in supply of 4.27 million tonnes as against a shortfall of 3.626 million tonnes projected in November, 2008.

A summary of the second revision for the world sugar balance in 2008-2009 is provided in the table below.

#### World Sugar Balance (million tonnes, raw value)

	2008/2009	2007/2008	Change	
			In Mln ton	In %
<b>Production</b>	<b>161.527</b>	<b>168.611</b>	<b>- 7.084</b>	<b>- 4.20</b>
<b>Consumption</b>	<b>165.801</b>	<b>162.241</b>	<b>3.560</b>	<b>2.19</b>
<b>Surplus/Deficit</b>	<b>- 4.27</b>	<b>6.370</b>	<b>-</b>	
<b>Import demand</b>	<b>49.621</b>	<b>45.948</b>	<b>3.673</b>	<b>7.99</b>
<b>Export Availability</b>	<b>49.608</b>	<b>46.245</b>	<b>3.363</b>	<b>7.27</b>
<b>End Stocks</b>	<b>66.272</b>	<b>70.533</b>	<b>-4.261</b>	<b>-6.04</b>
<b>Stocks/Consumption ratio in %</b>	<b>39.97</b>	<b>43.47</b>		

A Significant production shortfall in India and a further contraction of production in the EU , on the one hand, and a continuing expansion of sugar output in Brazil , on the other hand , are three major supply features of 2008-2009. The combined effect of output reduction in the EU and India is expected to shave off a massive 7.084 million tonnes from world sugar supply, despite record high growth in sugar output in Brazil.

## **2. Indian Sugar Industry**

After a drop in sugar output in 2007-2008, a further reduction in production in India is anticipated in 2008-2009, as reported in previous quarter. The country's anticipated output of sugar for the current season is around 15 million tonnes or 42% below the output achieved in the previous year 2007-2008 at 26.3 million tonnes. This is in view of significant 12% decrease in cane areas. Uttar Pradesh, the second largest sugar producing state, reportedly produced 3.1 million tonnes of sugar in the first four months of the current season (October – January) which is 13% less than a year ago. The consumption demand for the current year is assessed at the level of 22.10 million tonnes is slightly lower than the consumption for the previous year.

According to data collected by the India sugar Mills Association (ISMA), sugarcane output only is set to decline by nearly 15% to 290 million tonnes from 340 million tonnes harvested in the previous season.

The Government of India, Directorate of Sugar has released 17.91 lakh tonnes of sugar for the month of February, 2009 from out of normal quota to be sold as levy sugar.

## **3. Prices**

The Centre is said to be considering a Statutory Minimum Price (SMP) in the region of Rs. 100 to Rs.115 a quintal for sugarcane to be crushed during the 2009-10 season (October – September) on the basis of the recommendation of the Food Ministry. This is as against the recommendation of Rs 125/- a quintal by the Commission for Agricultural Costs & Prices (CACP) and is substantially higher than the SMP of Rs. 81.18 a quintal for the current season of 2008-09 and Rs. 80.25 a quintal for the immediately preceding season of 2008-09.

#### 4. **Exports / Imports**

Despite a decrease in world sugar output, Brazil is expected to retain its position of highest exporter of sugar and world export availability is expected to rise due to the projected growth in output in exporting countries. The ISO puts world export availability for the season 2008-2009 at 49.608 million tonnes, raw value, as against 46.245 million tonnes in the previous season.

Contrary to its position as the 3<sup>rd</sup> largest exporter of sugar in the previous season only after Brazil and Thailand, India is expected to be the importer of sugar to the extent of 2.5 million tones. The Union Government has reimposed the release order mechanism for sugar exports. The government will now strictly fix the quantum of sugar that each mill can export, similar to controls placed on domestic production each month. The move to restrict exports under the open general license comes in the wake of apprehensions of low sugar production in the 2008-2009 sugar year.

The government would allow duty free import of raw sugar for sale to local customers, without the obligation to export similar quantity within two years.

#### **Indian Sugar Equation**

<b>All figures (lac tonnes)</b>			
		<b>Estimates for the season 2008-2009</b>	<b>Actual for the season 2007-2008</b>
<b>1.</b>	<b>Opening Stock as on 1<sup>st</sup> October</b>	<b>80.00</b>	<b>92.00</b>
<b>2.</b>	<b>Production</b>	<b>150.00</b>	<b>262.56</b>
<b>3.</b>	<b>Imports</b>	<b>25.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>4.</b>	<b>Total Availability</b>	<b>255.00</b>	<b>354.56</b>
<b>5.</b>	<b>Domestic Consumption</b>	<b>210.00</b>	<b>225.00</b>
<b>6.</b>	<b>Exports</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>49.56</b>
<b>7.</b>	<b>Closing Stock as on 30<sup>th</sup> September</b>	<b>45.00</b>	<b>80.00</b>

#### 5. **Operations**

The comparative figures of cane crushed and sugar produced by the Company are given below:

Crushing & Production (lac qtls)

	<b>Full Season <u>2007-08</u></b>	<b>Full Season <u>2008-09</u></b>
1. Total cane crushed	76.12	53.00
2. Average recovery	9.58%	8.29%
3. Sugar production	7.30	4.74
4. Crushing started	29.11.2007	27.11.2008
5. Crushing stopped	25.03.2008	27.02.2009

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**6. Cautionary Statement**

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