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Appointment of non-executive director Mr Ashish Kumar

Mr Ashish Kumar has been appointed as a non-executive director of the Company and its subsidiaries as a nominee of Jindal Steel & Power (Mauritius) Limited effective 16 June 2015. He has also been appointed as the Chairman of the board of directors.

Mr. Kumar, a veteran of Jindal Steel & Power Limited (**JSPL**) operations has risen through various roles within JSPL. He commenced his productive career within JSPL as an operations engineer and fast tracked to core management through head roles for JSPL international and domestic projects, as well as being a technical assistant to the Chairman, Mr. Naveen Jindal for a period of eight years.

Mr. Kumar has played a pivotal role in acquiring JSPL's first coal mine in Africa, making JSPL the first Indian conglomerate to have an operational mine on the African continent. Since leading the JSPL Africa projects Mr. Kumar has laid a solid foundation from which Jindal Africa has launched its wide-ranging operations in order to realise its continental ambitions.

Mr. Kumar, an Industrial Engineer from Thapar Institute, Patiala (India) compliments JSPL's management portfolio with over 24 years of pivotal experience. He strongly believes in meticulous planning and subsequent execution, leaving nothing to chance. His understanding of the business has been instrumental in evolving growth strategies and significantly contributed to implementation of JSPL's expansion and diversification projects in steel, power and mining sectors.

The board is delighted to welcome Mr Kumar who brings enormous wealth of knowledge and experience in the sector of steel, power and mining.

Thank you

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