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INDIA ITME 2008 A GLOBAL SHOWPIECE ON TEXTILE MACHINERY AND ACCESSORIES

The India International Textile Machinery Exhibitions Society (India ITME Society) has organized the 8th INDIA ITME 2008 at Bangalore International Exhibition Centre, India from 15-22 November. The exhibition has attracted the world wide attention from participants and business visitors alike. This show is organized every 4 years and the Bangalore exposition is 8th in the series. The India ITME exhibition organized in 2004 at Mumbai attracted about 800 exhibitors and over 1,20,000 business visitors.

The Steering Committee of the India ITME Society had decided to shift the exhibition from Mumbai in view of the mounting pressure from textile machinery exhibitors to organise the show in a state-of-the-art exhibition site. The Bangalore Exhibition Complex has 3 fully air conditioned halls with an area of about 42,500 sq. mtrs. In addition, the India ITME Society had to go in for an additional hall of 2,500 sq. mtrs. to accommodate spill over exhibits.

This world class exhibition on textile machinery and accessories has gained in magnitude and prominence over the years. All leading manufacturers of textile machinery and components from across the world have booked space in the exhibition. The participants include prominent manufacturers of textile machinery and components from Germany, Switzerland, Italy, France, U.K., U.S.A., China, Turkey, Brazil and other parts of the globe.

The total number of exhibitors is about 750 of which Indian constitutes 440 and foreign 310. The net area for exhibitors in Bangalore is about 28,000 sq. mtrs. which is higher than the figure of about 25,750 for the exhibition held in Mumbai in 2004. The Society had to deny admission of about 100 exhibitors requiring 2500 sq. mtrs. because of scarcity of exhibition space in Bangalore Exhibition Complex.

Among the important participants, Indian and foreign are include the following:

Indians

Aalidhra, A.T.E., Batliboi, Benninger, Dynamic Looms, Dhall, Electro-Jet Machinery, Elgi Group, Himson, Harish Enterprise, InspirOn, ICC, ITEMA Spinning/Weaving, Laxmi Shuttleless Looms, Kirloskar Toyoda, Knit-fab, Kusters Calico, LMW, LCC, Luwa, Oerlikon,

Messung, Peass, Precitex, Prashant Gamatex, Premier Evolvics, Rabatex, Sagar Group, Stenmech, SKF, Trumac, Veejay Lakshmi, Voltas, Yamuna Machine etc.

Foreign

Anglada, Bruckner, Canlar Makina, CCI Tech, Comoexport, CTMTC, Dilogroup, Erbatech GmbH, Fong's, Fuji Electric, Fleissner GmbH, Groz-Beckert, Jakob Muller, J. Zimmer, Karl Mayer, Keum Yong, Dornier, Loepfe, Magetron, Marzoli, Masias, Mayer & Cie, Meca S.p.A, MHM, Michel Van De Wiele, Murata, Picanol, Rieter, Rotorcraft, Sclavos S.A., Santoni, Savio, Sedo-Treepoint, Smit S.p.A., SSM, Staubli, Sultex, Truetzschler, Testa S.p.A., Then, Toyota, Thies, Tsudakoma, Uster, Zimmer TT, Yantai etc.

In order to attract business visitors from India and abroad and to further the brand image of the exhibition a number of measures have been initiated. Brochures, CD's, e-mail communications and prior information about the exhibition have been sent out in detail to all important countries, consulates and associations. We have started online registration for business visitors and the response has been good. It is proposed to organize road shows about the exhibition in important textile centers of India and in countries like Pakistan, Bangladesh, Thailand, Indonesia etc. The Society has also brought our stickers, pamphlets, illuminated boxes, calendars, posters and similar items to draw attention to the importance of exhibition and inviting participation either as exhibitors or as visitors. We have updated the website to give information about all matters relating to the exhibition.

The Society has initiated a number of discussions with BIEC to ensure that power supply was uninterrupted and adequate. Similarly, arrangements for compressed air and water facilities for exhibitors are also being arranged by the Society. Arrangements for housekeeping, security, site management, computer registration, hostesses, foodcourt leasing, catering arrangements at the conference complex and other similar facilities are being fixed up at the BIEC.

Bangalore city is facing large scale traffic hold-ups and bottlenecks. In order to ease the situation for the exhibition, Steering Committee has decided to have the exhibition timings pre-poned to 9.00 a.m. with the closing time fixed at 5.00 p.m. for the duration of the exhibition from 15th to 22nd November 2008. This should enable the exhibitors and visitors to have access to the exhibition with less hazards.

The New Bangalore airport has been commissioned and it is about 38 kms. from the exhibition complex. The circular road and some of the nearby highway and roads are being improved to ease the traffic. We have appointed the Travel Corporation of

India as the travel and hotel accommodation agent for the exhibition to render assistance to the exhibitors and visitors. The availability of hotel rooms and apartments are considerably augmented in Bangalore and it is hoped that the participants and visitors will have no difficulty on this score.

The Society is planning to arrange special buses from key points of the city to the exhibition complex and back during the exhibition days. The BIEC complex will be available to the Society from 5th November to enable exhibitors to move their exhibits in time and arrange for designing and decoration of stalls. The dismantling time has also been provided from 23rd November to 27th November 2008. The Society has appointed 4 clearing & forwarding agents and 2 shell scheme suppliers for the exhibition. We have also given a panel of name of interior decorators for facilitating the work of exhibitors. These details can be had from the Exhibitors' Manual published by the Society.

The India ITME Society has sent out communications to all the textile mills in countries like Bangladesh, Egypt, Indonesia, Kenya, Malaysia, Pakistan, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Taiwan and Turkey.

India and countries like Pakistan, Bangladesh, China, Indonesia and Thailand are prominent markets for manufacturers of textile machinery and components. Hence INDIA ITME 2008 will be an appropriate forum for the textile business visitors to firm up their investment needs.
