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#### Dear Reader,

Wish you and your family a Happy and Prosperous New Year 2011. Thank you for your continued patronage to *SUPER* Gas Connects for more than one year.

SUPER Gas Connects shares a lot of information, articles and news of SHV India and Oil & Gas Industry across the globe. We hope you enjoy reading SUPER Gas Connects as much as we enjoy presenting it to you. We value your feedback/ suggestions and would request to write to us at connect@supergas.com to continue our endeavor in enriching the reading experience. We will continue to include information and articles of your interest on SUPER Gas Connects in future as well.

Wish you once again a Happy and Successful 2011.

Kind Regards,

Marketing Team SHV India

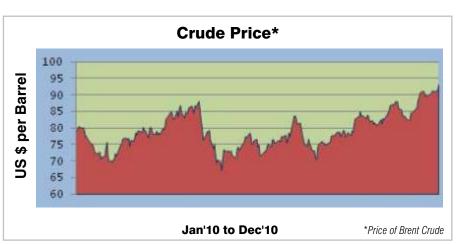
The crude oil price has been showing an upward trend in the global markets for the last few months. The price ranged between US \$ 85 to US \$ 92 per barrel. The oil inventory particularly in US has had a trend which indicated greater usage and a positive economic trend. The dollar which has been weak earlier was able to regain its strength over other major currencies. This aided in maintaining the crude oil trading in the short band.

The crude oil being maintained at these levels have helped in

### **Your Energy Feed**

enhancing the economic parameters in many parts of the globe. Based on current indications, some experts are of the view that it may show a slight upward movement in the short term before it stabilizes.

The International LPG price experienced an unprecedented upward trend and was pushed to a high level of US \$ 930 per MT after being in the range of US \$ 625 to US \$ 725 for almost a year. The surge in prices has been due to high seasonal demand of heating oils and LPG by many countries in this winter season.









It is also understood that there has been a reduction in LPG production in one of the largest refineries in the Middle East and an increase in demand in East particularly in China, Japan and S Korea which has also contributed to the increase in the prices. At these price levels of LPG, economic activities may be adversely affected with demand for imports being reduced, many experts are of the opinion that a downward trend in LPG prices is expected, post this winter season.

# Connects of 2010







### Be Safe

No energy company can claim to be truly sustainable unless it has safety at its core. SHV Gas companies, around the world, share this philosophy and are committed to safety policies that ensure that its customer, employees and the general public are well protected from any potential harm arising from our business.

Major companies like SHV Gas typically use risk assessments and safety management systems to ensure that a systematic approach is taken to the management of risk. SHV Gas provides guidance to customers on safe operating practices for handling of LPG.

Knowledge is power - only if we share. Safety is an integral part of SHV India and it is imperative to have utmost awareness and preparations to indentify and address the uncertainties. SHV India initiated an

exclusive Safety newsletter named "Chetna" which shares knowledge and experience within organization and also with our esteemed customers and business partners. A panoramic view of the newsletter is as follows - It covers good business and safety practices of LPG industry, Brief details of mock drills and safety programs conducted at our customers' premises, Success stories of our customers, Best practices in the market related to safe Installations and many more. This initiative on safety has been well appreciated by our customers and other stakeholders.

It gives us immense pleasure to inform that we have completed 5 years of our safety newsletter and request to look forward to our Anniversary issue in this month. If you would like to subscribe to our safety

newsletter "Chetna" please visit our website: www.supergas.com. We are sure that this newsletter would benefit your organization in multiple ways and look forward to your subscription.



### **Sharing Success**

## BIRLA TYRES: Quest for Excellence

Birla Tyres is a unit of Kesoram Industrial Limited (KIL). KIL operates mainly in four segments namely Cements, Tyres, Rayon T P & Chemicals and Others. It sells Cement under the brand names Vasavadatta, Kesoram and Birla Shakti. Rayon T P and Chemicals includes Viscose Filament Yarn etc. Here are the excerpts from a discussion with Mr. P.K. Mitra - V.P (Engg), Birla Tyres, Balasore (Orissa).

# Please tell us something about Birla Tyres.

Birla Tyres is one of the leading manufacturers of Automobile Tyres, Tubes and Flaps in India. Birla Tyres entered the Indian market in 1991. Today Birla Tyres is India's third largest Tyre Maker. Situated in the midst of lush green, serene atmosphere at the outskirt of the town of Balasore, Orissa, the plant was set up using State-Of-The-Art machines with the latest technology from the world famous tyre manufacturer "Pirelli of Italy". The continuous Quest for Excellence saw the Birla Tyres team add many feathers to its cap. It has received ISO 9001, ISO 14000 and QS 9000 certification and TPM Excellence Award.

Birla Tyres is an established name in the Indian Tyre Industry. What differentiates Birla Tyres from other Manufacturers?

We are covering all running Automotive Tyres starting from Twowheeler to OTR Tyres. This kind of range coverage is not seen in any other competitors. The plant was set up in Technical Collaboration with "Pirelli limited." a subsidiary of international giant Pirelli of Italy. The collaboration envisaged supply of all the technical documentation, basis engineering, and expert assistance during commissioning and subsequent production in the plant. For Big OTR Tyres we collaborated with Beijing Research and Design Institute of Rubber industries.

# What is your assessment about the future of Tyre Industry?

The future is very-very bright. It is expected to increase 10% per





annum. This is because of Quadrilateral Road Projects supporting roads to Highway. In addition, almost all global vehicle manufacturers are going to set up their plants in India and this will have tremendous impact on Tyre Industry.

# Where do you see Birla Tyres in 5 Years from now?

We will be within top bracket in the Tyre Manufacturing Industry in India. There will be an increase of 25% CAGR in next five years.

Birla Tyres has been associated with SUPER Gas for Its Manufacturing

#### Facilities at Balasore and Roorkee. What does this partnership means to you?

Birla Tyres has always believed in partnering with suppliers / service providers who are known for their professionalism, business ethics, strong values and commitment to customer services. We have been associated with SUPER Gas for our manufacturing facilities for a quite long time. SUPER Gas is very loyal and provides timely services which are required the most for our business.



**Mr. P.K. Mitra** V.P (Engg), Birla Tyres

#### From the Archive



Winter in Utrecht, The Netherland, 1960

### **Interesting Facts**

- Human hair and fingernails continue to grow after death.
- The average person laughs 13 times a day.
- The only 2 animals that can see behind itself without turning its head are the rabbit and the parrot.
- The roar that we hear when we place a seashell next to our ear is not the ocean, but rather the sound of blood surging through the veins in the ear.
- Chess was invented in India.

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1. A nail in horseshoe 2. Footsteps 3. Time 4. Mirror 5. Nothing

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