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Rain commissions Oxygen-Lancing Technology Proprietary process to result in substantial cost savings

Rain Commodities Limited (RCOL), one of the leading producers of Calcined Petroleum Coke and Cement has announced that Rain CII Carbon (India) Limited (RCCIL), a wholly owned subsidiary has successfully implemented 'Oxygen Lancing' at its Indian calcination plant.

Rain has a continuing focus on improving productivity across its operations. The implementation 'Oxygen Lancing' process would result in substantive fuel savings. The technology would replace the usage of Low Sulphur Heavy Stock Oil (LSHS) with Oxygen that is produced within the plant. This will result in a saving of about 9,000 MT of LSHS (Fossil Fuel) and thereby an annual saving of Rs.150 Million at current market prices of LSHS.

The revenues from Waste Heat Recovery, along with the cost savings through Oxygen Lancing, would further strengthen the Group's competitiveness, as a low cost producer in the Calcined Petroleum Coke industry. The process has been designed also to improve the efficiency parameters of the calcining process.

Given its global stature as a key input supplier to the Aluminium sector – Rain constantly develops and employs processes and improvements that raise the operating standards in the industry.

About Rain Commodities Limited (RCOL)

Rain Commodities Limited (RCOL) and its wholly owned subsidiaries - Rain CII Carbon (India) Limited, India (RCCIL) and Rain CII Carbon LLC, USA (RCC) are engaged in the manufacturing of cement and Calcined Petroleum Coke (CPC).

The Company is the world's largest producer of CPC with a total capacity of 2.49 Million Tons Per Annum (MTPA). With acquisition of CII in July 2007, the Company gained access to suppliers of high quality Green Petroleum Coke to realize substantial operational synergies. Further, the Group's customers in the CPC industry are widely distributed geographically across various regions and across industries such as Aluminium, Steel and Titanium dioxide.

RCOL is a leading producer of cement in South India since 1986. The Company markets cement under the brand "Priya Cement" in Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka and Tamil Nadu. The Company is self-sufficient in all critical raw materials consisting of limestone, power and coal. The total cement capacity of the Company has recently increased to 3.16 MTPA with the completion of the capacity expansion of 1.50 MTPA.

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