



Mukul Somany wins the 'Entrepreneur of the year' award  
at Indspirit '09

~ A recognition for the exemplary contribution towards the growth of  
Hindusthan National Glass ~

**Kolkata, November 6, 2009:** Mukul Somany, Joint Managing Director of **Hindusthan National Glass & Industries Ltd (HNG)**, India's largest container glass manufacturer has been honored with the 'Entrepreneur of the year' award at Indspirit '09 in Mumbai. The accolade was the recognition of his remarkable contribution towards the growth of HNG in the past few years and for steering the entire container glass manufacturing industry towards the new heights of success with his vision and competitiveness.

Receiving the award at the ceremony Mr. Mukul Somany said, "I am extremely privileged to be designated as the entrepreneur of the year by the respectable organizers of Indspirit. At HNG, it has always been my endeavor to best serve our clients with world class products, technology and enhanced services. Today, the award has further strengthened my confidence and assurance to perform even better and serve my people in the best manner in the coming years."

The involvement of the youngest entrepreneur of the family in the past few years have hugely contributed to the success story of the organization. Mr. Mukul Somany, son of Mr. C.K. Somany, a veteran in the glass manufacturing industry, brought in with him series of innovations, acquisition, technology upgradation while charting an aggressive growth path for HNG, resulting into the company growing from a **Rs. 230 crore** business in **FY 2000-01** to **Rs.1300 crore in FY 2008-09**. Today, HNG is the undisputed leader in the container glass manufacturing industry with a market of more than 60%.

**A Brief profile of Mr. Mukul Somany**

Mr. Mukul Somany has over 23 years of experience in the Glass Industry and is a noted industrialist in the Glass Manufacturing segment. As the Joint Managing Director of HNG, he has contributed significantly in the progress of the company with his rich experience and knowledge about the market.

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With his vision and insights, he has introduced some path breaking initiatives such as Transformation of HNG from a two unit business to a pan India business with several successful acquisitions including two units of Owens' Brockway and units from L&T, Mariana Sheet Glass, garnered the most prestigious set of customers in the liquor, cosmetics, beverages, processed foods and pharmaceuticals, introduced breakthrough technology and maintained its undisputed position of industry first.

Under Mr. Mukul Somany's leadership, the company has achieved several recognitions. Presently he is also the Chairman of CII - Eastern Region. He is a keen sportsman and enjoys reading books and listening to music.

**About HNG:**

Hindusthan National Glass (HNG) is the largest container glass manufacturers in India with a 60% plus market share and an annual income of more than Rs. 1300 crores, as recorded in FY 09. HNG was founded by Mr. C.K. Somany - a visionary entrepreneur in 1952 with the inauguration of India's first fully automatic glass container manufacturing plant at Rishra, near Calcutta. Headquartered in Kolkata, HNG's pan-India manufacturing operations are spread over six centres Rishra, Bahadurgarh, Rishikesh, Puducherry, Nashik and Neemrana and its products are available in more than 20 countries. The company possesses an operational capacity of 11 furnaces and 44 production lines with fully-automated IS machines, sourced from reputed global technology providers of glass industry from Europe and US.

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