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THE TREND

Production of Natural Rubber (NR) in the country during August 2011 was 71,200 tonnes compared to the production of 72,500 tonnes during August 2010. The total production during April 2011 to August 2011 was 311,200 tonnes compared to 297,750 tonnes during the corresponding period of the previous year, recording a growth of 4.5%. The provisional estimate of NR production for September'11 is 80,200 tonnes.

The rubber goods manufacturing industry in the country consumed 76,190 tonnes of NR during August 2011 compared to 81,210 tonnes during July 2011. The cumulative consumption during the first five months of 2011-12 was 400,615 tonnes as against 388,550 tonnes during the same period last year, registering a growth of 3.1%. The rate of growth in

consumption in the auto tyre manufacturing sector during the first five months of the current financial year was 7.8% as against 4.1% attained during the corresponding period of the previous year, where as the non-tyre sector registered a negative growth of 4.9% compared to a positive growth of 0.9% during the same period last year. The consumption of NR provisionally estimated for September'11 is 74,000 tonnes.

Import of NR during August'11 was 17,605 tonnes compared to 24,209 tonnes during August'10. The cumulative import of NR during the first five months of the current fiscal year was 79,661 tonnes as against 85,058 tonnes during the corresponding period of the previous year. The country exported 2,053 tonnes of NR during August 2011 as against a nominal export of 17 tonnes during August 2010.

The total export of NR during April 2011 to August 2011 was 13,233 tonnes as against 4,364 tonnes during the same period of the previous year. Stock of NR at the end of August 2011 was 268,690 tonnes.

Synthetic Rubber (SR) production during August 2011 increased to 9,391 tonnes from 8,929 tonnes during July'11. The total production of SR during April'11 to August'11 increased to 46,329 tonnes compared to 43,911 tonnes during the analogous period of the previous year. Consumption of SR decreased to 33,635 tonnes during August 2011 as against 36,355 tonnes during July 2011. Consumption of SR during the initial five months of the current financial year increased to 179,565 tonnes compared to 167,145 tonnes during the corresponding period of the previous year.

PRICE OF NATURAL RUBBER (Rupees per quintal)

| Month / year | | RSS 5 | RSS 4 | RSS 3 | Latex(60% drc) | | ISNR 20 | SMR 20 |
|--------------|------|----------|-------|---------------|----------------|---------------|----------|---------------|
| | | Domestic | | International | Domestic | International | Domestic | International |
| October | 2010 | 17336 | 18112 | 17308 | 19753 | 18475 | 17743 | 16768 |
| November | " | 18844 | 19876 | 19614 | 21537 | 20555 | 19377 | 18746 |
| December | " | 19377 | 20188 | 21404 | 21980 | 23061 | 19673 | 20745 |
| January | 2011 | 21250 | 22160 | 25061 | 24915 | 24949 | 21725 | 23722 |
| February | " | 22600 | 23400 | 28153 | 24617 | 26653 | 23113 | 25247 |
| March | " | 21715 | 22002 | 24826 | 21543 | 24701 | 21646 | 21458 |
| April | " | 23568 | 23868 | 26071 | 23974 | 25976 | 23322 | 22235 |
| May | " | 22306 | 22523 | 23367 | 22622 | 23760 | 21520 | 20165 |
| June | " | 21950 | 22185 | 22577 | 23163 | 23089 | 21623 | 20314 |
| July | " | 20994 | 21242 | 21266 | 22877 | 21895 | 21002 | 20157 |
| August | " | 19917 | 20462 | 21356 | 21861 | 21912 | 20086 | 20705 |
| September | " | 20744 | 21459 | 21843 | 22253 | 22254 | 20879 | 21310 |
| October | " | 20931 | 21185 | 20252 | 21592 | 21348 | 20153 | 20051 |

Note: Domestic price refers to Kottayam market, international RSS 3 refers to Bangkok price and international price of latex and SMR 20 to Kuala Lumpur market.

| (Metric Tonnes) | | | | | | |
|---|---------------|---------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|---|
| Type-wise Production & Consumption of NR & SR | August 2011 | August 2010 | April 2011 to August 2011 | April 2010 to August 2010 | April 2010 to March 2011 | Percentage increase (+)/ decrease(-) of (3) & (4) (6) |
| | (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) | (5) | (6) |
| PRODUCTION | | | | | | |
| Natural Rubber (NR) | | | | | | |
| Ribbed Smoked Sheet (RSS) | 51365 | 53035 | 222330 | 213515 | 618960 | |
| Solid Block Rubber | 9740 | 9535 | 42840 | 40795 | 117830 | |
| Latex Concentrates (drc) | 6115 | 5690 | 28130 | 26210 | 76065 | |
| Others | 3980 | 4240 | 17900 | 17230 | 49095 | |
| Total | 71200 | 72500 | 311200 | 297750 | 861950 | 4.5 |
| Synthetic Rubber (SR)^p | | | | | | |
| Styrene Butadiene (SBR) | 1515 | 1524 | 7848 | 7062 | 19994 | |
| Poly Butadiene(BR) | 6670 | 6325 | 32700 | 32345 | 75905 | |
| Others | 1206 | 918 | 5781 | 4504 | 14441 | |
| Total | 9391 | 8767 | 46329 | 43911 | 110340 | 5.5 |
| Total NR & SR | 80591 | 81267 | 357529 | 341661 | 972290 | 4.6 |
| CONSUMPTION * | | | | | | |
| Natural Rubber (NR) | | | | | | |
| Ribbed Smoked Sheet (RSS) | 44965 | 45190 | 254165 | 247165 | 607455 | |
| Solid Block Rubber | 22720 | 25580 | 103485 | 97360 | 235130 | |
| Latex Concentrates (drc) | 6210 | 6310 | 31290 | 32305 | 77380 | |
| Others | 2295 | 2420 | 11675 | 11720 | 27750 | |
| Total | 76190 | 79500 | 400615 | 388550 | 947715 | 3.1 |
| Out of which Auto Tyre Manufacturers | 47246 | 49358 | 263348 | 244230 | 597623 | 7.8 |
| Synthetic Rubber (SR)^p | | | | | | |
| Styrene Butadiene (SBR) | 14605 | 14535 | 76760 | 69435 | 174855 | |
| Poly Butadiene(BR) | 9830 | 10330 | 55205 | 48585 | 125305 | |
| Others | 9200 | 9355 | 47600 | 49125 | 111670 | |
| Total | 33635 | 34220 | 179565 | 167145 | 411830 | 7.4 |
| Out of which Auto Tyre Manufacturers | 23530 | 25092 | 130877 | 118803 | 298414 | 10.2 |
| Total NR & SR | 109825 | 113720 | 580180 | 555695 | 1359545 | 4.4 |
| Out of which Auto Tyre Manufacturers | 70776 | 74450 | 394225 | 363033 | 896037 | 8.6 |

*: indigenous and imported

| (Metric Tonnes) | | | | | |
|---|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|--|--|---|
| Production Consumption and stock of RR | August 2011 (1) | August 2010 (2) | April 2011 to August 2011 (3) | April 2010 to August 2010 (4) | April 2010 to March 2011 (5) |
| Reclaimed Rubber (RR) | | | | | |
| Production @ | 8590 | 8540 | 41620 | 39670 | 99960 |
| Consumption | 8385 | 8480 | 41300 | 40160 | 100290 |
| Out of which Auto Tyre Manufacturers | 3676 | 3406 | 17235 | 16032 | 40511 |
| Stock with Manufacturers (end of month/year) | 5270 | 4790 | | | |

@: indigenous purchase by manufacturers

| IMPORT/EXPORT & STOCK OF NR & SR | | | | | |
|---|--------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| Import (p) | | | | | |
| Natural Rubber | 17605 | 24209 | 79661 | 85058 | 188337 |
| Synthetic Rubber | 27719 | 21630 | 146730 | 126410 | 302030 |
| Total NR & SR | 45324 | 45839 | 226391 | 211468 | 490367 |
| Export (p) | | | | | |
| Natural Rubber | 2053 | 17 | 13233 | 4364 | 29851 |

| STOCK AT THE END OF AUGUST 2011 | | | |
|--|---------------|---------------------|---------------|
| (Metric tonnes) | | | |
| Natural Rubber | | | |
| With Growers | 117695 | Ribbed Smoked Sheet | 176335 |
| With Dealers & Processors | 95560 | Solid Block Rubber | 38020 |
| With Auto Tyre units© | 34610 | Latex(drc) | 9620 |
| With other manufacturing units | 20825 | Others | 44715 |
| Total | 268690 | Total | 268690 |

©: including transit

| | | | |
|--------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Synthetic Rubber | | | |
| With Producers | 7240 | | |
| With Auto Tyre units | 36925 | SBR | 22860 |
| With other manufacturing units | 5490 | Others | 26795 |
| Total | 49655 | Total | 49655 |

p:provisional

STATEWISE TOTAL AREA AND PRODUCTION OF RUBBER 2010-11p

| | Total Area (Hectares) | Production (Tonnes) |
|-------------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|
| Traditional Region | | |
| Kerala | 534228 | 770580 |
| Tamil Nadu | 19767 | 25160 |
| Sub Total | 553995 | 795740 |
| Non Traditional Region | | |
| a)North Eastern Region | | |
| Tripura | 59285 | 25875 |
| Assam | 32659 | 8050 |
| Meghalaya | 10584 | 5135 |
| Other NE | 11157 | 2140 |
| Sub Total | 113685 | 41200 |
| b) Others | | |
| Karnataka | 38110 | 23705 |
| A&N Islands | 879 | 312 |
| Goa | 1081 | 361 |
| Maharashtra | 1173 | 72 |
| Others | 2637 | 560 |
| Sub Total | 43880 | 25010 |
| Grand Total | 711560 | 861950 |

p: provisional