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THE TREND

Natural Rubber (NR) production in India during May 2009 decreased to 53,550 tonnes as against 60,115 tonnes during May 2008. The cumulative production during the first two months of 2009-10 was 105,070 tonnes compared to 117,365 tonnes during the corresponding period of the previous year registering a negative growth of 10.5% due to unfavourable weather conditions. The production provisionally estimated for June'09 is 54,000 tonnes.

Consumption of NR by the rubber goods manufacturing industry in the country during May'09 decreased to 71,250 tonnes from 73,470 tonnes during April'09. The total natural rubber consumption for the first two months of the current financial year

was 144,720 tonnes as against 141,240 tonnes with a growth of 2.5%. The consumption in the auto tyre sector was 89,147 tonnes during the above two months, recording a growth of 2.0% over the corresponding two months of the previous year. The consumption provisionally estimated for June'09 is 74,000 tonnes.

Import of NR in the country during May'09 was 19,828 tonnes as against 9,950 tonnes during May'08. The cumulative import during the first two months was 30,249 tonnes as against 14,341 tonnes during the corresponding period of the previous year. Export of NR during May'09 was only 116 tonnes compared to 3,159 tonnes during May'08. The total export of NR during April'09 and May'09 was

840 tonnes compared to 6,849 tonnes during the same period of the previous year. Stock of NR at the end of May'09 was 189,960 tonnes.

Production of Synthetic Rubber (SR) during May'09 decreased to 7,810 tonnes from 8,169 tonnes during April'09. The total production of SR during April'09 and May'09 decreased to 15,979 tonnes as against 18,079 tonnes during the same period of the previous year. Consumption of SR was 25,390 tonnes during May'09 as against 26,315 tonnes during April'09. The total consumption of SR during the first two months of the current year was 51,705 tonnes as against 49,275 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
July	2008	13180	13340	13780	14772	15391	13141	13643
August	"	13549	13782	12720	14033	13338	13145	12547
September	"	13284	13536	13228	13658	13983	12560	12837
October	"	8831	9074	9963	10886	10640	8659	9320
November	"	7413	7681	8599	9230	10308	7393	8256
December	"	6279	6488	6156	7502	7732	6075	5921
January	2009	6874	7034	7449	9652	8885	6800	6922
February	"	6788	6903	7331	9543	9257	6633	6757
March	"	7448	7583	7388	9540	10277	7250	7096
April	"	9309	9488	8189	11528	9948	9066	7740
May	"	9546	9805	8300	11877	9640	9218	7855
June	"	9676	9913	8109	13744	8856	9076	7683
July	"	9619	9819	8505	13763	8999	8824	8046

Note: Domestic price refers to Kottayam market, international price for RSS 3 refers to SICOM price from 23-1-2009 and that of latex and SMR 20 to Kuala Lumpur market.

(Metric Tonnes)						
Type-wise Production & Consumption of NR & SR	May 2009	May 2008	April 2009 & May 2009	April 2008 & May 2008	April 2008 to March 2009	Percentage increase (+)/ decrease (-) of (3) & (4) (6)
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
PRODUCTION						
Natural Rubber (NR)						
Ribbed Smoked Sheet (RSS)	36510	40675	72945	80705	617125	
Solid Block Rubber	9025	9480	16100	16745	110275	
Latex Concentrates (drc)	4735	6430	9515	11780	88070	
Others	3280	3530	6510	8135	49030	
Total	53550	60115	105070	117365	864500	-10.5
Synthetic Rubber (SR)^P						
Styrene Butadiene (SBR)	1195	1574	2910	2929	12523	
Poly Butadiene(BR)	5200	6500	10200	12500	71758	
Others	1415	1316	2869	2650	12458	
Total	7810	9390	15979	18079	96739	-11.6
Total NR & SR	61360	69505	121049	135444	961239	-10.6
CONSUMPTION*						
Natural Rubber (NR)						
Ribbed Smoked Sheet (RSS)	45930	47935	95150	97045	597440	
Solid Block Rubber	15375	13375	29255	24670	146060	
Latex Concentrates (drc)	6690	6080	13170	12000	80520	
Others	3255	3825	7145	7525	47700	
Total	71250	71215	144720	141240	871720	2.5
Out of which Auto Tyre Manufacturers	43856	45377	89147	87413	508121	2.0
Synthetic Rubber (SR)^P						
Styrene Butadiene (SBR)	10165	10325	20735	20015	111745	
Poly Butadiene(BR)	7945	7375	15800	14970	82740	
Others	7280	7070	15170	14290	98465	
Total	25390	24770	51705	49275	292950	4.9
Out of which Auto Tyre Manufacturers	16645	16778	33971	32784	185094	3.6
Total NR & SR	96640	95985	196425	190515	1164670	3.1
Out of which Auto Tyre Manufacturers	60501	62155	123118	120197	693215	2.4

*: indigenous and imported

(Metric Tonnes)					
Production Consumption and stock of RR	May 2009 (1)	May 2008 (2)	April 2009 & May 2009 (3)	April 2008 & May 2008 (4)	April 2008 to March 2009 (5)
Reclaimed Rubber (RR)					
Production @	7120	6970	14710	14800	86390
Consumption	6975	6865	14415	14615	86030
Out of which Auto Tyre Manufacturers	2228	2158	4689	5181	29191
Stock with Manufacturers (end of month/year)	4290	3820	8435		

@: indigenous purchase by manufacturers

IMPORT/EXPORT & STOCK OF NR & SR					
Import (p)					
Natural Rubber	19828	9950	30249	14341	81545
Synthetic Rubber	19690	19900	36755	37495	190630
Total NR & SR	39518	29850	67004	51836	272175
Export (p)					
Natural Rubber	116	3159	840	6849	46926

STOCK AT THE END OF MAY 2009			
(Metric tonnes)			
Natural Rubber			
With Growers	79675	Ribbed Smoked Sheet	134705
With Dealers & Processors	66300	Solid Block Rubber	21475
With Auto Tyre units©	28680	Latex(drc)	7450
With other manufacturing units	15305	Others	26330
Total	189960	Total	189960

©: including transit

Synthetic Rubber			
With Producers	5710p		
With Auto Tyre units	17545	SBR	14995
With other manufacturing units	3445	Others	11705
Total	26700	Total	26700

p:provisional, Revised

TYPE-WISE PRODUCTION OF NATURAL RUBBER

(Tonnes)

Type	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09p
RSS Grades	532155	566445	612735	583875	617125
Latex Concentrate(drc)	78795	90950	86780	88305	88070
Solid Block Rubber	84275	92540	98500	100705	110275
Others	54440	52690	54880	52460	49030
Total	749665	802625	852895	825345	864500

p:provisional

TYPE-WISE CONSUMPTION OF NATURAL RUBBER

(Tonnes)

Type	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09p
RSS grades	519855	561655	561580	577635	597440
Solid Block Rubber	117130	115840	132755	155670	146060
Latex Concentrate(drc)	71880	74670	76190	77715	80520
Others	46540	48945	49780	50435	47700
Total	755405	801110	820305	861455	871720

p:provisional