



**13<sup>th</sup> International Mining & Machinery Exhibition  
16 - 19 November 2016 Kolkata, India**

CII – India’s Premiere Industry Association Organized the 13<sup>th</sup> edition of IMME – the International Mining and Machinery Exhibition. The event was held between 16 - 19 November 2016, at Eco Park, Rajarhat, Kolkata, India.

Since its inception in 1984, IMME is growing steadily and has again proved to be The Largest Trade Fair dedicated to the Mining Fraternity in India. The response to the event was very encouraging despite the sector was facing hurdles.

This year the 4 day exhibition was spread over an area of **60000 Sq mtrs** taking place at a new location (Eco Park, Rajarhat) has proven to be one stop solution for the Mining Industry in India. IMME 2016 witnessed **292 Exhibitors** including **88 exhibitors from overseas** featuring **8 Country Pavilions** and individual exhibitors from **14 Countries - Australia, Belarus, Belgium, China, Czech Republic, Finland, Germany, Indonesia, Italy, Poland, Russia, Spain, Turkey, UK and Ukraine.**

The event had a stupendous footfall of **4938 Business Visitors** from India and Overseas.

One of the key element was the active participation from the Centre with the support from Ministry of Coal, Ministry of Mines, Ministry of Steel, Department of Heavy Industry, Government of India and Coal India Limited along with State Government participation from Odisha, Jharkhand and West Bengal.

Australia being the “**Partner Country**” at IMME 2016 with the focus on technology and innovation trends was showcased by 14 Australian companies and 85 member delegation attended the event to bring the mining synergies between the two nations.

An impressive display in the outdoor exhibition area was the key feature at this edition compelled with the global players participation at the event which includes JCB, CAT, Volvo, VE Commercials, Tata Hitachi, Mahindra, Sany, Leeboy, SREI Finance, Dozco, Voltas, Sandvik, Atlas Copco, ABB, Puzzolana, Joy Global, L&T - Komatsu, BEML, FLSmidth, BKT, NLMK (Europe), MMD Heavy, Aeolus Tyres, etc., with live demonstration of Equipment’s & Machineries.

IMME 2016 & Global Mining Summit was inaugurated by **Dr. Amit Mitra**, Hon’ble Minister-in-Charge of Finance, Excise, Commerce & Industries, Public Enterprise, and Industrial Reconstruction, Government of West Bengal; **Mr Balvinder Kumar**, Secretary, Ministry of Mines, Government of India; **Mr Tim Martin**- Trade Commissioner at Australian Trade and Investment Commission; **Shri Sarat kumar Acharya**, Chairman and Managing Director, NLC India Limited; **Mr Tom Albanese**, Chief Executive Officer, Vedanta Resources plc and **Mr. Sutirtha Bhattacharya**, Chairman & Managing Director , Coal India Limited.

## Global Mining Summit:

Dr Amit Mitra, Minister for Excise, Finance, Commerce, Industries, Industrial Reconstruction, Public Enterprise, Government of West Bengal; Mr Peter Nicholls, Fellow – Perth USAsia Centre, Director, South Asia - Mining Innovation: State of play; Mr S Bhattacharya, Chairman-cum-Managing-Director, Coal India Ltd; Mr Tom Albanese, Co-Chair, CII National Committee on Mining and CEO of Vedanta Limited; Dr Sarat Kumar Acharya, Co-Chair, CII National Committee on Mining and Chairman and Managing Director, NLC India Limited; Ms Ratika Jain, Senior Director, CII; and Mr V K Arora, Chairman, CII Mining & Construction Equipment Division and Chief Mentor, Karam Chand Thapar & Bros (CS) Limited, at the inaugural session of the Global Mining Summit in Kolkata on 16 November 2016

## Ribbon-Cutting-IMME 2016



**Mr Balvinder Kumar** (*Sixth from left*), Secretary, Ministry of Mines, Government of India, cutting the ribbon to inaugurate IMME 2016, along with **Mr Tim Martin** (*fifth from left*) - Trade Commissioner at Australian Trade and Investment Commission; **Shri Sarat kumar Acharya** (*third from left*), Chairman and Managing Director, NLC India Limited; **Mr Tom Albanese** (*fourth from left*), Chief Executive Officer, Vedanta Resources plc.

## Summing Up

The concurrent deliberations at the Global Summit on the first two days of the event voiced a confirmation of positive turn in the business minerals sentiment, both locally and globally. Another key takeaway was a strong Buyer-Seller Meet, where large mining companies shared their procurement plans along with identifying the key technology and collaboration opportunities available with them in the next 2 -3 years' time. From the points of view of active players, stemming of the downtrend in demand and easing of regulatory hurdles of the past few years was perceptible. Going forward, growth trajectory should only be upwards.

It is not just the “feel good factor”, but anecdotal experience of top professionals which suggested progress towards “good days” in the Indian mining sector. In sum, the CII-organized biennial mega event raised the flag of immense hope for the mining sector.