

IMME 2008
9th International Mining and Machinery Exhibition
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A Report

The 9th International Mining & Machinery Exhibition (IMME 2008), organized by the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) in association with the Ministry of Coal, Ministry of Mines, Government of India and Coal India Limited was successfully concluded on the 8th November 2008 at Kolkata. The event was supported by the Department of Transport, Sports & Youth Affairs, Government of West Bengal.

IMME'08 has received a tremendous response in terms of both domestic and international participation with over 300 exhibitors from 15 countries. The exhibition was spread across an area of 50,000 Sq.mtrs. IMME'08 has grown by more than 100% over the previous exhibition in terms of size. The special focus, this time, has been on Mining Construction, Material Handling and Mineral Processes.

Germany, the Partner Country at IMME'08, has put up the largest ever exposition of latest equipments and engineering technologies for the Mining Sector. A business delegation led by **Mr Hartmut Schauerte**, Deputy Minister, Federal Ministry of Economics & Technology, Germany also attended the event.

Australia has participated as the Focus Country with over 50 exhibitors participating in an exclusive National Pavilion, coordinated by the Australian Trade Commission to showcase the latest world class Mining Technologies, besides that they have shared their expertise in the mining activities at the International Summit, held concurrently with the exhibition.

The event was supported by International Organisations like, VDMA - Germany, ABMEC - UK, Austrade, USIS - USA, Polish Embassy in India, besides 20 national and international publications in the mining sector. Around 60% of the exhibitors at IMME'08 were from overseas, with a strong international participation from China, Canada, Greece, Hong Kong, Japan, Korea, Poland, Singapore, Sweden, UK, Ukraine, USA, etc. Out of the total participation, 54% were first time participants, and this includes major global equipment and machinery manufacturers.

The inaugural session had various luminaries like **Mr Buddhadeb Bhattacharjee**, Chief Minister, Government of West Bengal; **Mr Hartmut Schauerte**, Deputy Minister, Federal Ministry of Economics & Technology, Germany; **Mr Martin Ferguson AM MP**, Minister for Resources & Energy, Australia; **Mr Partha S Bhattacharya**, Chairman, Coal India Ltd; **Mr Rajive Kaul**, Chairman, CII Apex Council for Trade Fairs; **Mr Madan Mohanka**, Chairman, CII Mining & Construction Equipment Division; **Mr Sandipan Chakravorthy**, Chairman, CII (Eastern Region).

A number of new products for the Mining Construction and Mineral processing sector have been launched at IMME 2008 by some of the participants.

Around 13,750 visitors attended the exhibition which includes over 11,500 business visitors and 1,750 overseas visitors. Overseas delegations from 18 countries attended the IMME 2008 and conducted successful business meetings. During the four days, the event has generated around 15,300 business enquiries, in addition to a number of instant orders booked by visiting delegations for some of the latest products on display.

Some of the major participants at IMME 2008 included Automotive Coaches & Components Ltd (ACCL - Ashok Leyland Group), Abhijeet Group, AMW, Atlas Copco, BEML, Caterpillar, CDE Asia, Cummins India, Cuprum Bagrodia, C.S. Diesel, Doosan Infracore, Dosco Overseas Engineering, Dozco, Eimco Elecon, Fenner, Fuchs Lubricants, Gates India, Gorica Auto, Humboldt Wedag Coal & Minerals Tech., Hydralulic Syndicate, Hyundai Construction, Intrac Tyres, JCB, JCBL, Liebherr-Hydraulikbagger, Liugong India, L&T, McNally Bharat, Magma Shracchi, Mercedes Benz, Nanda Miller, Nawa Engineers, Phoenix Yule, Puzzolana Machinery, P&H Joy Mining, Phooltas Tamper, Pix Transmission, Revathi Equipment, Ritchie Bros, Rotamic Hydraulics, Sandvik Asia, Sany Heavy Industry India Pvt Ltd, SKF, Siemens AGI, SREI, Steel Authority of India, Tata Capital, Takraf, TELCON, Tega Industries, Timken, Titagarh Wagons, Tractor Engineers, TRF, Voith Turbo, Volvo, Voltas, W.B. Engineers, Wirtgen India, Worldwide Machinery Solutions, etc.

The day two of IMME'08 witnessed the inauguration of the first Global Mining Summit in India on 6th November 2008. The two day Summit was attended by over 450 delegates from India and overseas representing the mining, mineral industry and equipment manufacturing companies from 15 countries. A number of technical presentations were made at the Summit, which was addressed by prominent speakers from many countries and covered the subjects like India's Mining Sector-Policy and Regulatory Imperatives for accelerating investments, Business Opportunities in the Mining Sector in India, Need for focusing on exploration, Bringing Sustainability in Mining, Financing Options and strategies for supporting large investments in India's Mining Sector etc.

CII has also organized a Buyer Seller Meet where India' large mining companies made presentations of their projects overview showcasing their future expansion plan for the next 5-10 years. The meet has provided a vital link between the mining companies, mineral processing companies and mining equipment suppliers which was attended by around 300 delegates. Major buyers who made presentation include Coal India Ltd., Singareni Collieries Ltd., JSPL, Hindustan Zinc Ltd., Hindustan Copper Ltd., and the Ministry of Northern Development & Mines, Government of Ontario, Canada, etc.

The event was closed on a positive note with over 97.5% of the exhibitors made a commitment to repeat participation at the next event.

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