

## Major Indian Presence at Project Rebuild Iraq 2008

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With 31 Indian companies participating at Project Rebuild Iraq 2008, The 5th International Rebuild Iraq Exhibition from 5 - 8 May 2008, at Amman, Jordan, India has once again shown its strong desire to be an important part of Rebuild Iraq process.

31 countries were represented at the fair with national pavilions from France, Germany, Greece, India, Indonesia, Italy, Jordan, Pakistan and the Netherlands and there were country pavilions from China, Korea, Romania, Saudi Arabia, Turkey and the United Arab Emirates.

Speaking at a press conference, Mr. Sooraj Dhawan, official spokesperson for the Indian delegation said "India and Iraq have historic trade relations and we are extremely pleased with the level of interest from Iraqi companies who wish to establish business relations with their Indian exporters."

The Event was inaugurated by Minister Maher Madadha, of Public Sector reform and acting minister of Industry and Trade, Deputising for Prime Minister Nader Dahabi, Madadha toured the exhibition and got firsthand information on the products and services exhibited by around 500 Arab and international companies wishing to serve the region's markets.

India pavilion was inaugurated by H.E Mr. R Dayakar – Indian Ambassador to Jordan in presence of Mr. LB Singhal – Director General of Export Promotion Council for EOUs and SEZ Units, together with Iraqi and Jordanian business leaders, and managers of the exhibiting companies.

Sectors covered in Project Rebuild Iraq included building and construction, electricity, telecommunications, water and sanitation, health, agriculture, security and information technology and general products and goods.

"Project Rebuild Iraq 2008 was a high-profile event showcasing one of the most ambitious, investment-opportunity-laden reconstruction undertakings and Indian companies were well set to execute potentially-rewarding business contacts", added Mr. Dhawan.

"Iraq businessmen visiting the Indian pavilion saw a wide range of Construction and Building products, high quality Engineering products, pharmaceutical products etc. Indian exhibitors in the power sector included Goldstone Infratech Ltd. who displayed High Performance Silicon Rubber Polymer Insulators; Genus Power Infrastructures Ltd. displayed Power Solutions; Yamuna Power & Infrastructure Ltd. show cased Power Cables; Anish Industrial Corporation displayed Qualitative conductors and wires for overhead transmission lines;" mentioned Mr. Dhawan.

"Indian companies such as Speedcrafts Limited, Capious Roadtech Pvt. Ltd., Esquire Machines Pvt. Ltd. and Solid India Pvt. Ltd. showcased their expertise in construction

equipment and India's pharma capabilities was demonstrated by leading companies such as Glow Pharma Pvt. Ltd., informed Mr. Dhawan.

Other Indian companies at Project Rebuild Iraq 2008 included Dura-Line India Pvt. Ltd., Mayur Industries, VNS Switchgear (I) Pvt. Ltd., Muskaan Engineers, Indiana Gratings Pvt. Ltd., S.S. Foundry Chemical Industries Pvt. Ltd., Kabra Extrusiontechnik Ltd., Bygging India Ltd., Aster Comfort Designs Pvt Ltd., Woodgrip Industries, Crystal Granite & Marble Pvt. Ltd., Esteem Auto Pvt. Ltd. and Rolltech Engineering Pvt. Ltd.

Indian participation at Project Rebuild Iraq 2008 received good encouragement from the Government of India and major export promotion councils such as Engineering Export Promotion Council of India and Export Promotion Council for EOU's & SEZ Units brought exhibitor delegations at this mega expo. The event was supported by the Indo-Arab Chamber of Commerce & Industries who has been a catalyst for Indo Arab trade for over 27 years.

Project Rebuild Iraq 2008 was a great opportunity for Jordanian, Iraqi and other Arab contractors, business men, traders, consultants and decision makers to connect with the Indian exhibitors offering the latest solutions, products and services to serve the region's market needs.

Iraqi Business Council (IBC) also organised matchmaking and bilateral meetings between Iraqi businessmen and the international exhibitors in a special hall at the Amman Exhibitions Park.