

INDUSTRIAL VISIT TO GUJARAT – AIRIA-WR

The Western Region had organised a 2 day Industrial Visit to Gujarat on 21st & 22nd August 2010.

Nearly 40 members were confirmed to visit Industries in Gujarat, but due to entry restriction by the industries only 20 members could visit. The members were enthusiastic to visit vibrant Gujarat.

Members were taken to **LANXESS INDIA LTD, ELIOCHEM LTD, MERCHEM LTD. AND GUJARAT RECLAIM & RUBBER PRODUCTS LTD.**



(Chairman Vinod Patkotwar & Vice Chairman & Nikhil Modi along with delegates)

At Lanxess Mr. Kishor Katkar along with his team welcomed AIRIA delegates. After Refreshments ,there was a presentation on Lanxess & its products.

The delegates divided in 2 groups were given an exhaustive tour of the the fully automatic process starting right from raw material to finished products packaging. The delegates appreciated the safety measures installed and the concern for Enviornment shown by Lanxess. The delegates proceeded to Eliokem after a nice lunch at Lanxess.

At Eliokem the members were greeted by Mr. A. K. Sinha along with his team. A brief account on the quality of the product manufactured was explained followed by factory visit. All the members appreciated the way manufacturing facilities were shown including the complete manufacturing of Acrylonitrile Rubber from reaction to final bale of Rubber. The members were than shown the manufacture of Nitrile – PVC blends. The members were than treated to sumptuous Snacks before departure.

In the evening at the Hotel Lord Plaza, Ankleshwar, AIRIA-WR hosted a gala dinner for the members as well as the invitees (Officials of all the 4 host companies). An evening full of entertainment and togetherness was the highlight.

Next day the members proceeded to the Merchem plant. Mr. Manojit Saha with his team accorded a warm welcome to the delegation. After a brief presentation in the conference room, The delegates, divided in two groups appreciated the factory, which was excellent with all the modern controls. The sophisticated modernised testing lab ensured that the quality of the material developed was strictly monitored. Lunch was arranged at their canteen.

The last company on the list was Gujarat Reclaim & Rubber Products Ltd. Mr. Sunil Dolia along with Mr. Mehul Patel welcomed the members & after a brief presentation showed the plant. The complete process of reclaiming rubber was shown & explained. The members appreciated the way everything was shown & explained.

The members enjoyed two days of fellowship and the insight gained into the manufacturing process of some of the vital Raw Materials.