## LANXESS India

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Address on the Occasion of the LANXESS India support to BCI school in Nagda

Nagda, Mumbai July 09, 2010 Representatives from the school committee of BCI school, members of the faculty, colleagues from LANXESS Nagda and my dear students,

A very good morning to all of you!

I feel delighted to see the bright, young faces on this school ground this morning. Most of us present here would agree that the school days were some of the best days of our life. A good school sows the seed for a good life. Some of the most important lessons in life are learnt in school. Irrespective of how we earn our livelihood as adults, the primary skills required for any profession are usually picked up in school. I cannot emphasize any further the significance of the foundation that is laid by the school in a child's life.

It is my pleasure to say that Bharat Commerce Vidyalaya has had the reputation of being a good school and many students who have passed out of this school, have demonstrated outstanding performance in various walks of life. We are also proud of the fact that children of many of our employees at Nagda study in this school. From LANXESS, we decided to contribute to the upgrade of infrastructure of the school so that the students of this school experience the benefits of a holistic approach towards education in a good institution.

LANXESS is a multinational firm whose values are an integral part of its business. At LANXESS, we firmly believe that people are an asset to any organization or society. And the economy can only progress through the sustainable growth and development of the people and the environment. In any part of the world that we operate in, we have been engaged with several initiatives from which the community in that region can benefit. To our minds, education is one of the most important factors that will be instrumental in the betterment of lives of people tomorrow. Many of the initiatives taken worldwide have been in the area of education of young children alone. Therefore, in Nagda also, we found it prudent to support a school with equipments and facilities that can help it harness the skills of its students. And Bharat Commerce Vidyalaya, which is a renowned institution in Nagda, emerged as the natural choice. The students who would undergo training in this school today would definitely become more employable and better citizens of tomorrow.

We are happy to be able to set up the first computer centre of this school, wherein students can pick up the most indispensable IT skills of this age. Being a chemical company, we also feel that science and technology builds the backbone of the economy and is the key for innovation - driven growth. Therefore, we would like school students to explore the world of science at the Physics and Chemistry laboratories. These young minds would only then foster the innovation necessary for more productive technologies that would help us build a brighter tomorrow. We also believe in an all inclusive growth of students, hence we would support the availability of books and periodicals in the library.

We are assured that this investment would go a long way in helping the students and teachers of this school to accomplish the task of learning.

On behalf of LANXESS, I wish all students and Bharat Commerce Vidyalaya all the very best in their future endeavors.