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Announcement of Exploration Success

Highlights

- Increase in reserves and resources by 46.3 million tonnes containing 4.7 million tonnes of zinc-lead metal, prior to depletion
- Total reserves and resources now at 272.0 million tonnes containing 31.5 million tonnes of zinc-lead metal

Mumbai: Hindustan Zinc Limited ("HZL") announces that ongoing exploration activities have yielded significant success with an increase of 46.3 million tonnes to its reserves and resources, prior to a depletion of 6.7 million tonnes in FY 2009. Contained zinc-lead metal has increased by 4.7 million tonnes, prior to a depletion of 0.7 million tonnes during the same period. Total reserves and resources at 31 March 2009 were 272.0 million tonnes containing 31.5 million tonnes of zinc-lead metal. The reserves and resources position has been independently reviewed and certified as per JORC standard.

In FY2009, record annual drilling of 70,300 metres was completed. The success of our exploration efforts has been primarily at the Rampura Agucha and Sindesar Khurd mines. The success of exploration efforts during the year is signified by additions at the Rampura Agucha and Sindesar Khurd mines where we now have a reserve and resource base of 118.7 million tonnes (FY2008: 107.3 million tonnes) and 56.6 million tonnes (FY2008: 37.1 million tonnes), respectively

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About Hindustan Zinc

HZL is India's leading integrated producer of zinc and is among the world's leading integrated producers. It has a metal production capacity of 754,000 tonnes per annum with its smelter operations situated in Chanderiya, Debari and Visakhapatnam. HZL has lead-zinc mines in Rajpura Dariba, Rampura Agucha, Sindesar Khurd and Zawar. HZL has approximately 6,400 employees. The company is a subsidiary of the NYSE listed, Sterlite Industries (India) Limited (NYSE: SLT) and London listed FTSE 100 diversified metals and mining major, Vedanta Resources plc.

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