



# EASTERN INDIA CORRUGATED BOX MANUFACTURERS' ASSOCIATION

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To: All Members.

Dear Friends,

I have great pleasure and pride to inform you that Shri R G Agarwala, our past-President, having been elected President of the FCBM, will lead this prestigious all-India body from now. We have enlisted our whole hearted co-operation and support to his mission ahead. We hope, he will carry the FCBM to a new height of glory and eminence.

It is also heartening to note that the prolonged demand of the Corrugated Box Manufacturing Industry for rationalization of Excise Duty on corrugated box has been addressed by the Hon'ble Union Minister of Finance while presenting the Union Budget for 2010-11. The Excise Duty on corrugated box has now been reduced to 4%. This rare achievement is possible by the continuous harping on the issue by Shri R G Agarwala, with his belief, willingness and with the blessings of Shri A B Ajmera, our distinguished past-President along with focused efforts of Shri B D Kothari, former President and Shri Bharat Kedia, Hony. Secretary and initiatives taken by Shri Achyut Chandra, Committee Member of our Association.

However, we all are not able to enjoy these moments thoroughly as our industry is witnessing unprecedented price hike in Kraft Paper since January, 2010. The spurt in price has not only been seen in Eastern Region but also in all over India.

Apart from paper, steel, starch, fuel, electricity and labour have become very expensive and is not only eroding the bottom line but also is hitting the corrugating and converting industry badly. Your Association along with the FCBM has been continuously monitoring the situation and is bringing the problems faced by the industry to the notice of the Government, customers and media. In order to strengthen the hands of the members, we are enclosing the cuttings of Press Publications appeared recently. This justified or unjustified increase in overall cost has to be borne by ultimate users of corrugated boxes. We, as the body, can be transparent, vigilant and facilitate the members by providing them the facts and figures. As a body, we request all the corrugated box consumers to evaluate and pay increased prices to the corrugating units as the basic survival of the corrugating industry is at stake.

You are aware that the 'Sino Corrugated 2010' – an International Exhibition of corrugated machines and other accessories required for the corrugating industry will be held from April 7, 2010 at China. We are pleased to enclose the package tour details as negotiated with Orbitz, the official Tour Agent of FCBM. The special package rates are applicable for a Group of 15 members from a Region and till date 8-Members have confirmed their participation for the Exhibition.

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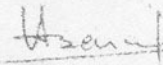
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At the 37<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting of the FCBM held in Kolkata in the month of December, 2009, it was resolved to issue a letter to the corrugated box users regarding Performance Standards of corrugated boxes. Accordingly, FCBM has issued a letter addressed to corrugated box users. Two copies of the FCBM letter are also enclosed for your perusal and necessary follow up with the corrugated box users.

Finally, we invite you to visit our Website [www.eicma.com](http://www.eicma.com) for latest updates on Corrugating Box Manufacturing Industry in your own interest. You may post your views/opinion on the Website through Feedback Form which will be addressed instantly.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,



**[Hemant Saraogi]**  
**President**

**Encl: As stated.**

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