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The Manager

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Subject: Submission of Press Release

Dear Sir/Madam,

Pursuant to Regulation 30 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015, we are pleased to submit herewith a copy of the press release issued by Kothari Industrial Corporation Limited.

The same is also being made available on the Company's website.

Kindly take the above on record.

Thanking you

Yours faithfully

For Kothari Industrial Corporation Limited

Anil Kumar Padhiali

Company Secretary and Compliance officer



PRESS RELEASE

KICL Unveils Vision 2030: Accelerating Growth in Agriculture, Drones, Precision Farming and Footwear Manufacturing

Chennai, India

Kothari Industrial Corporation Limited (KICL), one of South India's most respected business groups with a legacy spanning over six decades, today announced an ambitious growth roadmap that positions the Company at the intersection of agriculture, technology, manufacturing, and skill development.

With strategic investments across precision agriculture, drones, geospatial intelligence, footwear manufacturing, design education, and advanced technologies, KICL is building a diversified platform designed to create long-term value while contributing to India's economic growth and employment generation.

Speaking on the Company's future direction, Chairman and Managing Director Dr. Rafiq Jinnah Ahmed said:

"India is entering a transformational phase driven by technology, manufacturing, infrastructure development and agricultural modernization. KICL is positioning itself to participate meaningfully in this growth story. Our investments today are aimed at building sustainable businesses that create value for farmers, customers, employees, shareholders and society at large."

KICL Accelerates Growth in Agriculture, Drone Technology and Precision Farming

Kothari Industrial Corporation Limited (KICL), one of South India's most respected industrial groups with a legacy spanning over six decades, is embarking on an ambitious growth journey aimed at transforming agriculture through technology, strengthening India's drone ecosystem, and creating next-generation manufacturing capabilities.

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Speaking about the Company's future roadmap, Chairman and Managing Director Dr. Rafiq Jinnah Ahmed said that KICL is strategically investing in agriculture, geospatial intelligence, drone technology, precision farming, and advanced manufacturing to create sustainable long-term value for farmers, customers, shareholders, and the nation.

1. REVOLUTIONISING AGRICULTURE THROUGH TECHNOLOGY

KICL's Fertilizers & Agro Division has been serving Indian agriculture since 1962 and today operates fertilizer blending facilities at Trichy, Vellore, and Madurai, supported by a strong dealer network across Tamil Nadu.

The Company manufactures customized fertilizer mixtures for diverse crops and markets a growing portfolio of speciality nutrients, bio-fertilizers, bio-stimulants, micronutrients, neem-based products, and crop protection solutions. Products such as Bio Sakthi Gold, Nutribest, Calcium Nitrate, Mycorrhiza-based bio-inputs, and advanced agrochemical formulations are helping farmers improve productivity while supporting sustainable farming practices.

The Company is also actively exploring strategic international partnerships and investment opportunities in fertilizer manufacturing and raw material sourcing, including discussions with partners in Qatar and Algeria, to strengthen long-term supply security and support future growth.

2. BUILDING INDIA'S FIRST DATA-DRIVEN FARMER ECOSYSTEM

KICL is currently developing a pioneering Farmer Identity-Linked Precision Agriculture Platform.

The proposed platform will integrate:

- Farmer identity and landholding information

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- Survey number and geo-spatial land records
- Crop-wise cultivation databases
- Soil nutrient intelligence and geo-referenced soil maps
- Drone-based field services
- Precision fertilizer and crop protection recommendations

This integrated ecosystem will enable farmers to receive highly customized recommendations based on their crop, soil condition, location, and nutrient requirements.

The initiative is expected to transform KICL from a conventional agri-input supplier into a technology-enabled agricultural intelligence company capable of delivering precision farming solutions at scale.

3. DRONE & GEOSPATIAL DIVISION EXPANDS NATIONAL FOOTPRINT

KICL's Drone & Geospatial Division has emerged as one of the Company's fastest-growing businesses.

The division currently undertakes large-scale drone surveys and geospatial projects across multiple states in India. It executes infrastructure mapping assignments for the National Highways Authority of India, covering thousands of kilometres of highway corridors annually.

The Company also supports Keltron and the Kerala Government through advanced drone, LiDAR, and geospatial surveys of mining assets and natural resources. In Tamil Nadu, KICL undertakes drone-based surveys for mining and quarry management projects while also supporting various urban and infrastructure initiatives.

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KICL was among the early private sector participants in deploying AI-enabled drone surveillance systems for public safety applications, including the establishment of a Drone Police Unit and Command Centre for the Greater Chennai Police.

The Company is also expanding the use of agricultural drones for precision spraying of fertilizers, micronutrients, bio-stimulants, and crop protection products, helping farmers improve efficiency while reducing input costs and environmental impact.

4. INVESTING IN INDIGENOUS DRONE MANUFACTURING

As part of its long-term strategy, KICL is investing in the development and manufacture of indigenous drone platforms.

The Company is progressing through the DGCA Type Certification process while simultaneously evaluating opportunities in LiDAR drones, multiple-payload platforms, autonomous systems, and next-generation drone technologies.

KICL has also established a Remote Pilot Training Organisation (RPTO) to train drone pilots and build a skilled workforce capable of supporting India's rapidly expanding drone industry.

In parallel, the Company is exploring partnerships for establishing a drone manufacturing facility focused on both civilian and strategic applications, including advanced autonomous and defence-oriented drone platforms.

VISION 2030

KICL's vision is to create a unique convergence of Agriculture, Artificial Intelligence, Geospatial Technologies, Drones, Manufacturing, and Data Analytics.

The Company aims to significantly expand revenues from both the Agriculture and Drone businesses over the coming years while creating a technology-driven platform that delivers



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measurable value to farmers, infrastructure agencies, government departments, and industrial customers.

“Our objective is not merely to sell products or provide services. We are building technology platforms that improve agricultural productivity, support national infrastructure development, strengthen indigenous manufacturing, and contribute to India’s growth story. We believe the future belongs to companies that successfully combine data, technology, manufacturing, and execution excellence,” said Dr. Rafiq Jinnah Ahmed.

5. FOOD SERVICES, FACILITY MANAGEMENT & LOGISTICS

KICL has also established a strong presence in the food services, facility management, and logistics sectors through strategic business initiatives that support industrial operations, workforce welfare, and institutional catering requirements.

▪ Food Services

Under its food services portfolio, KICL operates multiple food and hospitality brands including Una Villa Restaurant & Bakery, Una Villa Traditional, and Pattukkottai Mess. These businesses cater to a diverse customer base by offering continental, traditional South Indian, and specialty food products.

To support its growing food services operations, KICL has established three centralized kitchens that serve large-scale institutional and industrial catering requirements.

These facilities provide food services to factory employees, government officials, corporate establishments, and various institutional customers while maintaining high standards of quality, hygiene, and operational efficiency.


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The Company continues to expand its food services capabilities with a focus on quality, consistency, nutrition, and scalable operations.

▪ **Facility Management Services**

KICL is actively expanding its facility management business by providing integrated support services for industrial, commercial, and institutional establishments. These services include workforce management, housekeeping, maintenance support, catering coordination, and other operational support solutions designed to enhance workplace productivity and efficiency. The facility management division currently provides employment opportunities to more than 1,000 personnel deployed across various client locations and industrial establishments.

▪ **Logistics & Supply Chain**

KICL has established its own logistics and transportation operations through Parveen Roadways, which forms an integral part of the Group's diversified business portfolio. It supports transportation, warehousing, and supply chain requirements across various business sectors. The Company's logistics capabilities play an important role in supporting the movement of raw materials, finished products, industrial supplies, and consumer goods across multiple locations.

By integrating food services, facility management, and logistics with its broader industrial ecosystem, KICL is creating additional value streams while strengthening operational excellence, employment generation, and service delivery capabilities across its business portfolio.

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6. FOOTWEAR BUSINESS INITIATIVES

Kothari Industrial Corporation Limited (KICL) is rapidly emerging as a significant force in India's footwear industry, driven by a vision that combines employment generation, manufacturing excellence, brand creation, design education, and skill development.

The company's footwear strategy is built on five pillars: creating employment opportunities—particularly for women from underprivileged communities; partnering with Indian manufacturers to serve global brands; building domestic and international brands; promoting design education; and developing industry-ready skills.

▪ Non-Leather Footwear Manufacturing

A key milestone in this journey has been KICL's Joint Venture with Taiwan's Evervan Shoe Town Group. Together, we have established two world-class footwear manufacturing facilities in Tamil Nadu. The first, located in Perambalur, is already producing for global footwear giant Crocs, while the second facility in Karur will commence production for Adidas in July 2026. Both projects have been executed in record time and will together create a manufacturing capacity of nearly 80 million pairs annually, generating large-scale employment and export opportunities.

▪ Business Partnering

KICL is also supporting Indian factories in serving leading international brands such as Aldo and GAS by providing technology, product development, and world-class quality systems. Discussions are underway with additional global brands to further expand this business.

▪ Branding

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On the brand front, KICL holds a 30-year licence for the iconic Kickers brand across nine countries, including India. Kickers brand is aimed at Gen Z consumers and, within just one year, has opened five exclusive stores and established presence in nearly 100 multi-brand outlets. The objective is expanding both the retail footprint and introducing the world-famous Kickers Kids range.

Zodiz and Jeetlo

KICL has also acquired the Zodiz and Jeetlo brands, which are available through more than 2,500 retail outlets across India. The objective is to expand pan-India and be present in a minimum of 15,000–20,000 retail stores by 2030.

- **Design Education**

Looking beyond manufacturing and brands, KICL is bringing global expertise to India through a proposed Joint Venture with Italy's IUAD to offer world-class design education from August 2026.

- **Skilling**

The company has also signed an MoU with DOTE, Tamil Nadu, and partnered with leading institutions from Italy, Spain, and France to enhance footwear-related skills for students and professionals.

With a strong focus on social impact, innovation, and global partnerships, KICL is embarking on an exciting growth journey with a bold ambition:

To contribute at least 10% of India's footwear exports by 2030 and help establish India as a leading global footwear manufacturing and design hub.

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