

Atul Punj**Chairman, Punj Lloyd Group**

Mr Atul Punj is the Chairman of Punj Lloyd, a diversified conglomerate providing engineering and construction services in Energy and Infrastructure, with interests in upstream and defence sectors. Headquartered in India, Punj Lloyd is a US\$ 2.4 billion organisation with operations spread across the Middle East, the Caspian, Asia Pacific, Africa, South Asia, China and Europe. Mr Punj's focused approach and foresight has seen the company grow phenomenally, with the last 3 years witnessing a quadruple growth.

Mr Punj's global vision for the Group led him to cross boundaries and establish international offices in 20 countries and gain project experience worldwide. The 15000 strong multicultural workforce underlines his focused approach to harness diversity within the organisation. As many as 32 nationalities form an integral part of the workforce at the company's various project sites. This rich amalgamation of diverse skill sets and cultures has resulted in a powerful intellectual work environment, encouraging dynamic ideas and innovative thinking.

It is Atul Punj's entrepreneurial skills and foresight that resulted in the acquisition of SembCorp E&C, Singapore, now called Sembawang, and Simon Carves, UK in 2006. Through a combination of strategic acquisitions and joint ventures with partners in Germany, UK, Saudi Arabia, and India, he led the Group to enhance its scale and competitive position to acquire a leadership position in the industry with an impressive list of international and national clients. Be it exploring multiple opportunities for the Group in defence or capitalise on the emerging nuclear renaissance, Mr Punj has been instrumental in consolidating Group's diverse businesses.

It is his altruistic initiatives that have resulted in setting up of the Institute of Physical Infrastructure at the new Indian School of Business (ISB) campus at Mohali, the craftsmen training institutes for training and the implementation of the Life Enrichment Project for worker welfare at the Punj Lloyd sites.

Mr Punj was awarded the Ernst & Young 'Entrepreneur of the Year 2007' in the Infrastructure & Construction category. The award noted Mr Punj's clear vision, foresight and focused approach to establish the Punj Lloyd Group as the leader in the industry. CNBC TV 18 conferred the 'First Generation Entrepreneur of the Year' award to Mr Punj. The Company was also declared the 'Best Infrastructure Company' at the NDTV Profit Leadership Awards 2008 and the 'Infrastructure Company of the Year' at the Essar Steel Infrastructure Excellence Awards 2010 in association with CNBC TV 18.

Born in 1957, Atul Punj is based in New Delhi and is actively involved with many trade bodies. Representing India at various international forums, Atul Punj is Member of the CII National Council on Infrastructure and CII's North Joint Task Force on Roads and Highways. Atul Punj is also a Director of Aspen Institute India, Global Health and Chairman of Samena Capital.

Atul Punj enjoys swimming and skiing. A voracious reader, he enjoys non-fiction.