



Subject : **Disruption of operations at AIS Plant at Taloja, District Raigarh**

This is further to our letter dated 27<sup>th</sup> July, 2005 on the subject.

Since the flood induced catastrophe on 27<sup>th</sup> July, AIS team has been working tirelessly in reviving the Float Glass Plant at Taloja, District Raigarh. Normally, the greatest risk of damage in such an unplanned seizure is to the furnace. It is rare for the damage to extend to the metal bath where the glass ribbon flows on tin.

On reheating the furnace by a planned and correct procedure, there was minor damage found in the furnace. Unfortunately some refractories were also observed to be damaged in the metal bath. While the furnace is being repaired by a Hot Repair, we are not sure about the extent of damage to the metal bath and the time required to fix it. In such a situation, the shut down of plant is likely to vary from end September to end December. We should have a firm idea of the time and cost to repair the metal bath by end of this month after detailed examination of the plant by the visiting experts from our technical collaborators, Asahi Glass Co., Ltd. / Glaverbel.

We shall give a further update by end of this month.

Thanking you,

Yours truly,  
Asahi India Glass Ltd.,