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Speaker and Participant Bios

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The Hon. Jon M. Huntsman, Jr. *Chairman, Atlantic Council*



Governor Jon M. Huntsman, Jr. is Chairman of the Atlantic Council Board of Directors. He began his career in public service as a Staff Assistant to President Ronald Reagan. He has served each of the four US presidents since then in critical roles around the world, including as Ambassador to Singapore, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Asia, US Trade Ambassador, and most recently, US Ambassador to China. In all three Senate confirmations, he received unanimous votes. Twice elected Governor of Utah, Governor Huntsman brought about strong economic reforms, tripled the state's rainy day fund, and helped bring unemployment rates to historic lows. During his tenure, Utah was named the best managed state in America. Recognized by others for his service, Governor Huntsman was elected as Chairman of the Western Governors Association, serving nineteen states throughout the region. He currently serves on the boards of Ford

Motor Company, Caterpillar Corporation, Chevron Corporation, Huntsman Corporation, the US Naval Academy Foundation, and the University of Pennsylvania. In addition, he serves as a Distinguished Fellow at the Brookings Institute, a Trustee of the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, a Trustee of the Reagan Presidential Foundation, and Chairman of the Huntsman Cancer Foundation. Governor Huntsman has served as a Visiting Fellow at Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government as well as a Distinguished Lecturer at Duke University's Sanford School of Public Policy. He was recently inducted into the American Academy of Diplomacy. Governor Huntsman is the father of seven children, including two adopted daughters from China and India. His two sons are midshipmen at the US Naval Academy, where his oldest son was selected as a Naval Aviator. Governor Huntsman is a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania and has eight honorary Doctoral degrees.

The Hon. Richard Verma *US Ambassador to India, US Department of State*



Ambassador Richard Verma serves as the twenty-fifth United States Ambassador to India. He was formerly nominated by President Obama in 2009 to serve as the Assistant Secretary of State for Legislative Affairs at the US Department of State, a position he held until March 2011. From 2009 to 2011, he served as a Principal Adviser to Secretary Clinton. He led the State Department's budget and policy efforts on Capitol Hill, handled more than two hundred Senate confirmations, and managed several major congressional investigations. He was also the administration's lead negotiator with Congress on Iran sanctions and the ratification of the new START Treaty. He most recently served as a Senior Counselor at both Steptoe & Johnson and the Albright Stonebridge Group, where his practice focused on international law and global regulatory compliance. Earlier in his career, Ambassador Verma served in the Senate as the Senior National Security Advisor to Senate Majority Leader

Harry Reid. He also worked in the US House of Representatives for Defense Appropriations Committee Chairman Jack Murtha. Formerly a Country Director for the National Democratic Institute for International Affairs in Eastern Europe, Ambassador Verma was a Senior National Security Fellow at the Center for American Progress, a member

of the Council on Foreign Relations, and served on the boards of the Clinton Foundation, Human Rights First, and the National Democratic Institute. Ambassador Verma served on active duty in the US Air Force from 1994 to 1998. He received his LLM with distinction from Georgetown University Law Center, and his JD cum laude from American University's Washington College of Law. He holds a BS from Lehigh University.

Dr. Bharath Gopalswamy

Director, South Asia Center, Atlantic Council



Bharath Gopalswamy is the Director of the South Asia Center. Prior to joining the Atlantic Council, Gopalswamy managed the Program in Arms Control, Disarmament, and International Security at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, where he oversaw developing projects on South Asian security issues. He has held research appointments with the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute and with Cornell University's Judith Reppy Institute of Peace and Conflict studies. Dr. Gopalswamy holds a PhD in mechanical engineering with a specialization in numerical acoustics from Trinity College, Dublin. In addition to his studies abroad, he has previously worked at the Indian Space Research Organization's High Altitude Test Facilities and the EADS Astrium GmbH division in Germany.

Dr. Alok Bansal

Director, India Foundation



Dr. Alok Bansal is a Director of the India Foundation. He also serves as the Executive Director of the South Asian Institute for Strategic Affairs (SAISA). Previously, he was a Visiting Professor at Jamia Millia Islamia University and Executive Director of the National Maritime Foundation (NMF). He has worked with the Institute of Defence Studies and Analyses (IDSA) and the Centre for Land Warfare Studies (CLAWS). He is the author of *Balochistan in Turmoil: Pakistan at Cross Roads* (2009), and has coedited several other books.

Shri M. Venkaiah Naidu

Minister of Urban Development & Parliamentary Affairs, Government of India



Shri M. Venkaiah Naidu is the Minister of Urban Development and Parliamentary Affairs in the Bharatiya Janaat Party (BJP). He launched his political career in his youth when he gained prominence as an orator who vigorously championed the farmers' cause, and the improvement of underdeveloped areas. Shri Naidu has held multiple political positions within the BJP including: Secretary of the BJP Parliamentary Board, Secretary of the BJP Central Election Committee, Spokesperson of the BJP, Minister of Rural Development, National Vice President of the BJP, and the National President of the BJP. Following his passion, Shri Naidu created a social organization, Swarna Bharath Trust, in Nellore, which serves the poor and needy.

Shri C. Vidyasagar Rao
Governor, Maharashtra



Shri V.S. Rao took charge as Governor of Maharashtra in August 2014, and brings with him a vast and varied experience in public life. A senior Bharatiya Janta Party (BJP) leader from Telangana, Shri Rao has served as Union Minister of State for Home Affairs and subsequently as Union Minister of State for Commerce and Industry in the government led by Shri Atal Behari Vajpayee from 1999 to 2004. He was elected to the twelfth Lok Sabha from Karimnagar constituency in 1998 for the first time. In the year 1999, he was elected as President of the State unit of the BJP. Shri Rao was reelected to the thirteenth Lok Sabha in 1999. Prior to becoming a Member of Parliament, he was elected multiple times to the Legislative Assembly of undivided Andhra Pradesh in 1985, 1989, and 1994 from Metpalli assembly constituency in Karimnagar district. He was the Floor leader of BJP in the

Andhra Pradesh Legislative Assembly for three consecutive terms. Shri Rao also served as President of Jan Sangh, and as President of Janata Party, Karimnagar district.

Consul General Thomas Vajda

Consul General, US Consulate General, Mumbai



Consul General Thomas Vajda assumed his post in 2014. He is responsible for representing American interests and promoting US-India relations. Consul General Vajda is a career member of the Senior Foreign Service, and has served overseas in Northeast and Southeast Asia, Central Europe, the Balkans, and in Washington, DC. Consul General Vajda served as Deputy Chief of Mission in Rangoon, Burma; as Director of the Middle East Partnership Initiative; and as Deputy Coordinator for Assistance to the Middle East. He holds a bachelor's degree from Stanford University and a master's from the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy.

Dr. Kadir Topbas

Mayor, Istanbul



Dr. Kadir Topbas is the Mayor of Istanbul Metropolitan Municipality. Currently, he also serves as the President of United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG). Dr. Topbaş worked as an adviser for Recep Tayyip Erdogan when Mr. Erdogan was the Mayor of Istanbul Metropolitan Municipality between 1994 and 1998. During this period, he contributed to the restoration of the municipal palaces and historic buildings. Dr. Topbas became the Mayor of Beyoglu in 1999. As Mayor, he implemented the "Güzel Beyoğlu" ("Beautiful Beyoglu") Project. Dr. Topbas also served as the Deputy Director of Istanbul's first Cultural Heritage Protection and Monuments Committee of the Ministry of Culture. He is also a member of the supervisory board and trustee committee of the Foundation of History and Environment (TAC). He graduated from Marmara University, Faculty of Theology in 1972 and Mimar Sinan University, Department of Architecture in 1974. Dr. Topbaş earned his PhD degree from Istanbul University, Department of Art History and Archeology.

Dr. Swadheen Kshatriya

Chief Secretary, Government of Maharashtra



Dr. Swadheen Kshatriya was appointed Chief Secretary of the Maharashtra in 2014. Dr. Kshatriya is the former commissioner of Birhanmumbai Municipal Corporation. He is a senior Indian Administrative Service (IAS) Officer. He was an additional Chief Secretary prior to his current position, and has handled several important departments in the state.

Dr. Peter Engelke

Resident Senior Fellow, Atlantic Council



Dr. Peter Engelke is a Senior Fellow with the Atlantic Council's Strategic Foresight Initiative. Dr. Engelke's project work at the Council examines how global trends are shaping US national security and the transatlantic alliance, how rapid global urbanization is shifting the global governance challenge, how technological changes are altering labor markets in Europe and the United States, and how global trends are affecting food, water, and energy security in Africa. Dr. Engelke was previously a Visiting Fellow with the Stimson Center's Environmental Security Program. Formerly, he was on the research faculty at the Georgia Tech Research Institute, where he authored his first book, a study of public health and urban form. He is also a former Bosch Fellow with the Robert Bosch Stiftung in Stuttgart, Germany. In 2011, Dr. Engelke received a PhD in history from Georgetown University. While there, he coauthored his second book, a global environmental history from 1945 to 2013. He holds additional graduate degrees from Indiana University, the University of Maryland, and from Georgetown's School of Foreign Service.

Dr. Ian Klaus

Policy Planning Staff, US Department of State



Dr. Ian Klaus joined the Secretary's Policy Planning Staff in December 2011. His portfolio includes international organizations, countering violent extremism, energy security, and public diplomacy. Formerly, he was an Ernest May Fellow for history and strategic studies at Harvard Kennedy School's Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs. He received his BA from Washington University in St. Louis, his MA from Oxford University, and his PhD from Harvard University.

The Hon. David Heyman

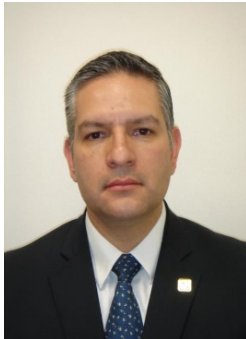
Former Assistant Secretary of Policy, US Department of Homeland Security



The Hon. David Heyman recently stepped down after five years as Assistant Secretary of Policy for the US Department of Homeland Security (DHS). At DHS, he was part of the senior management team, with broad responsibilities in policy development, risk analysis, and strategic planning across all five mission areas: counterterrorism, border security, immigration, cybersecurity, and building national resilience to disasters. He was the chief architect of a number of domestic, bilateral, and global initiatives to strengthen US security and prosperity, including leading the development of the nation's first and second Quadrennial Homeland Security Reviews (QHSR), as well as national strategies and worldwide efforts to bolster aviation and global supply chain security following the 2009 and 2010 attempted terrorist attacks. He also oversaw and coordinated the Department's international affairs. His career has included extensive service in national security and international affairs. He has worked in senior staff positions at the White House, the US Department of Energy, and the US Department of Homeland Security. Prior to entering government, he worked as a computer systems software engineer, and was the head of international operations for a firm developing and deploying industrial automation, robotics, and supply-chain management systems for Fortune 100 companies.

Mr. Gerardo Gonzalez

Former Director General of Center of Command, Control, and Communications (C4), Government of Mexico City



Mr. Gerardo Gonzalez previously served as the General Manager of the Center for Attention to Emergencies and Civil Protection of Mexico City. Prior to this, he was the Executive Management and Implementation Coordinator at the Center. In 2008, Mr. Gonzalez became the Chief Operating Office of the Bicentennial Project in the Secretary of the Police Force. He also held the position of Chief Operating Office for the Call Center in Proventel. Mr. Gonzalez's career includes many accomplishments such as reducing the crime rate, reducing emergency response time, and integrating all emergency services and police elements of security and investigation.

Mr. Ted Berger

Chief of Staff, Office of Emergency Management and Communications, City of Chicago



Mr. Ted Berger is the Chief of Staff of the City of Chicago Office of Emergency Management and Communications. Prior to his current position, Mr. Berger served as the Deputy Chief for the North Park Fire Protection District. He also took a post as the Chief of Staff for the Illinois State Fire Marshal. Mr. Berger attended Bradley University, where he received his bachelor's degree in political science. He is currently pursuing his master's in security studies at the Naval Postgraduate School.

Mr. Ravi Satkalmi

Intelligence Research Specialist, New York City Police Department



Ravi Satkalmi is a senior Intelligence Research Specialist at the New York City Police Department, working directly with the Deputy Commissioner for Intelligence and Counterterrorism. Mr. Satkalmi oversees analysis of terrorist threats to the city emanating at home and abroad, and has served as the primary analyst related to threats stemming from South Asia-based terrorist organizations. Prior to joining the NYPD, Mr. Satkalmi worked as a South Asia analyst at the US Department of Defense for four years, which included two deployments to Afghanistan to provide analytical support to senior coalition commanders. Mr. Satkalmi holds an MA in International Relations from School of International Advanced Studies Johns Hopkins University – , and a BS in Business Management from St. John's University. He is also a Fulbright

grant awardee.

Shri R. K. Singh

Member of Parliament, Former Home Secretary, Government of India



Shri R K Singh began his political career as the District Magistrate in East Champaran and Patna in the 1980s and joined the State Home Department in 1997. He held the position of Principal Secretary in the Road Construction Department, playing an important role in improving the condition of roads in Bihar. Shri Singh was also the Union Home Secretary of India from 2011 to 2013. He is currently a Member of Parliament of Bharatiya Janta Party from Arrah, Bihar.

Dr. Rohan Gunaratna

Professor of Security Studies, Rajaratnam School of International Studies, Singapore



Dr. Rohan Gunaratna is a Professor of Security Studies at the Rajaratnam School of International Studies, Nanyang Technology University, and Head of International Centre for Political Violence and Terrorism Research, Singapore. He received his Master's from the University of Notre Dame in the United States where he was a Hesburgh Scholar, and received his Doctorate from the University of St. Andrews in the United Kingdom where he was a British Chevening Scholar. A former Senior Fellow at the Combating Terrorism Centre at the United States Military Academy at West Point and at the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, Dr. Gunaratna was invited to testify on the structure of al-Qaeda before the 9/11 Commission. He is the author of fifteen books including *Inside al Qaeda: Global Network of Terror* (University of Columbia Press), in which Dr. Gunaratna interviewed terrorists and insurgents in Afghanistan, Pakistan, Iraq, Yemen, Libya, Saudi Arabia, and other conflict zones. For advancing international security cooperation, Dr. Gunaratna received the Major General Ralph H. Van Deman Award in June 2014.

Shri Devendra Fadnavis

Chief Minister, Maharashtra



Shri Devendra Fadnavis is the Chief Minister of Maharashtra. He was President of the Bharatiya Janata Yuva Morcha (BJYP), which is the youth wing of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) in Maharashtra. Shri Fadnavis held multiple positions within the BJP including: Nagpur President of the BJYM, National Vice President of the BJYM, the General Secretary of the BJP in Maharashtra, and President of the BJP in Maharashtra. Throughout his career, he has received the Best Parliamentarian Award from 2002 to 2003, Best Speaker Award in the National Inter University Debate, the Most Challenging Youth Regional Award, and the Bose Prize in Hindu Law. Shri Fadnavis graduated from the Government Law College in Nagpur where he received a degree in Law.

General Jonathan Ferdinand Miano

Police Director, Directorate of Operations, Government of Philippines

General Jonathan Ferdinand Miano is a member of the Philippine Military Academy Class of 1984. He was recently promoted to Police Director Operations by the National Police Commission. Prior to this position, Mr. Miano was the Director Chief Superintendent for the Northern Police District.

Shri Satyapal Singh

Member of Parliament, Government of India



Shri Satyapal Singh, former police commissioner of Mumbai, first started his career as the Assistant Superintendent of Police of Nasik. Following that post, he became the Superintendent of Police of Buldhana and was also Maharashtra's Additional Director General of Police. He also served as the Joint Commissioner of Police in Crime in Mumbai. Shri Singh is recognized for breaking the backbone of the organized crime syndicates that terrorized Mumbai during the 1990s. In 2014, Shri Singh joined politics, and was elected as MP-Lok Sabha of Bharatiya Janta Party from Bagpat, UP.

Mr. Yaroslav Trofimov

Senior Correspondent, Wall Street Journal



Mr. Yaroslav Trofimov is a *Wall Street Journal* Columnist and Senior Correspondent. He writes on topics regarding the security, economic, and political challenges facing the Greater Middle East. Prior to his current position, Mr. Trofimov was an Editor for journal coverage in Afghanistan and Pakistan, generating and editing news and feature stories within these countries. In 2010, as an Afghanistan Editor, he received the Elizabeth Neuffer Memorial Prize for an article that investigated the Taliban's cooperation with the United Nations agencies in the fight against polio. Aside from the aforementioned positions, Mr. Trofimov has held several positions with the Wall Street Journal including: Rome Correspondent, Middle East and Africa Correspondent, and Senior International Affairs Correspondent. During this time, he received the Overseas

Press Club Bob Considine Award, the Washington Institute Book Prize Gold Medal, Daniel Pearl Award for Best Story on South Asia, SAJA Award, and the Human Rights Press Award.

Mr. Jason Burke

India Correspondent, The Guardian



Mr. Jason Burke is a British journalist, working as the India Correspondent for the Guardian. He has addressed a wide range of topics including politics, social affairs, and culture in Europe as well as the Middle East. Mr. Burke has written extensively on Islamic extremism. In 1998, Mr. Burke relocated to Pakistan to cover events within that region. In addition to his current duties, and those in Pakistan and the surrounding region, he has traveled all throughout the globe to further his journalistic endeavors. Mr. Burke attended Oxford University.

Ms. Suhasini Haidar

Strategic & Diplomatic Affairs Editor, The Hindu



Ms. Suhasini Haidar is the Strategic & Diplomatic Affairs Editor for *The Hindu*. Over the course of her career, Ms. Haidar has covered the most challenging stories including Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Libya, Lebanon, and Syria. In 2012, she was chosen as media personality of the year by yFLO. In 2011, Ms. Haidar won the Indian Television Academy-GR8! Award for Global News Coverage and the Exchange4Media Enba Award for best spot news reporting from Libya. Ms. Haidar also worked with CNN International from 1995 to 2005, regularly reporting from India, Pakistan, Nepal, Sri Lanka, and Bangladesh. Ms. Suhasini earned a bachelor's degree at Lady Shriram College in Delhi, and her master's in broadcast journalism at Boston University's

College of Communications.

Mr. Dinesh Pillai

CEO, Mahindra Special Services Group



Mr. Dinesh Pillai is the CEO of Mahindra Special Services Group (MSSG), a leading corporate risk management consulting firm that helps organizations reduce risk and enhance competitive advantage. He has been with MSSG since its inception in 2004, and was responsible for running the operations and overseeing implementation of client projects across all service lines. Mr. Pillai was instrumental in setting up the physical security consulting practice in MSSG, and designed and delivered physical and environmental security solutions to a large number of clients. Mr. Pillai is a certified BS 7799 Lead Auditor and has played a prominent role in getting various organizations certified in ISO27001 standard of information security. He has attended the executive program at ISB and the executive program in Business Leadership at Harvard Business School. Mr. Pillai holds a postgraduate degree in Electronic Engineering, and brings a rich industry experience spanning seventeen years. He started his career with the Tata Group, and worked with the

Mukund Group before joining MSSG.

Commander Manish Tiwari

National Information Security Officer, Microsoft



Commander Manish Tiwari (Ret.) has twenty-eight years of work experience including twenty-five years in the Indian Navy where he set up the Information Security and Incident Response Practice, including the formulation of Policy Frameworks, Security Audits, Product Testing, Implementation of Solutions, Cyber Forensics, and Risk Management. His experience includes coordinating and directing all phases of project based efforts, whilst managing, motivating, guiding, and mentoring teams, in the course of building up the Information Security organization of the Indian Navy. He is a qualified CISA, CISP, Lead Auditor, CEH, E|CSA, C|HFI, and LPT. In his last appointment, he represented the Indian Navy at all national level government forums, on issues related to IT security, for the protection of the National Critical Information Infrastructure.

After leaving the Armed Forces, he served in an IT Risk Management Firm handling overall governance and service delivery of security services in the UID project and a major telecom. In October 2014, he took over as the National (Information) Security Officer India for Microsoft Corporation.

Shri Madhusudan Prasad

Secretary, Minister of Urban Development, Government of India



Shri Madhusudan Prasad is the Minister of Urban Development, and is a Senior Indian Administrative Service (IAS) officer. Prior to his current position, Shri Prasad served as the Special Secretary in the Department of Commerce. He also held the position of Joint Secretary for the Ministry of Finance. Shri Prasad served as the Part-Time Official Director of The State Trading Corporation of India Ltd. from 2012 to 2015. Shri Prasad also worked as a Director of Indian Overseas Bank from 2005 to 2007, and as Director of Andhra Bank at Andhra Bank Financial Services Limited from 2008 to 2009. Shri Prasad has over twenty-four years of experience, and a postgraduate degree in economics.

Ms. Juliana Kerr

Director, Global Cities and Immigration, The Chicago Council on Global Affairs



Ms. Juliana Kerr joined the Chicago Council in 2002, and currently directs the Council's work on global cities and immigration. She manages the Council's publications, research, and partnerships on issues related to global cities, urbanization, Global Chicago, and migration. She sits on the board of the Women's Global Education Project and was selected to participate in the Bucerius Stiftung Latin American Forum and Rotary Group Study Exchange in Paris. A dual-citizen of the United States and Brazil, she has a degree in Political Science and French from the University of Iowa and a certificate of Political Studies from Sciences Po in Lyon, France.

The Hon. Jane Holl Lute

President and CEO, Council on Cyber Security



The Hon. Jane Lute is the President and Chief Executive Officer of the Council on Cyber Security and is responsible for the overall direction and activities of the organization. She most recently served as Deputy Secretary for the Department of Homeland Security (DHS). As the Department's Chief Operating Officer, she was responsible for the day-to-day management of the Department's efforts to prevent terrorism and enhance security, secure and manage the nation's borders, administer and enforce US immigration laws, strengthen national resilience in the face of disasters, and ensure the nation's cybersecurity. From 2003 to 2009, she served as Assistant Secretary-General of the United Nations (UN) and established the Department of Field Support, responsible for comprehensive on-the-ground support to UN peace operations worldwide, including rapid-response efforts in support of development and humanitarian operations and crises. She also served as Assistant Secretary-General for Peacebuilding, responsible for coordinating efforts on behalf of the Secretary General to build sustainable peace in countries emerging from violent conflict. Prior to joining the UN, she was Executive Vice-President and Chief Operating Officer of the United Nations Foundation and the Better World Fund. From 1994 to 2000, she worked with David A. Hamburg, former President of the Carnegie Corporation of New York, and Cyrus Vance, former US Secretary of State, on the Carnegie Commission on Preventing Deadly Conflict, a global initiative that pioneered the cause of conflict prevention. She served on the National Security Council staff under both President George H.W. Bush and President William Jefferson Clinton and had a distinguished career in the United States Army, including service in the Gulf during Operation Desert Storm. She has a PhD in political science from Stanford University and a JD from Georgetown University.

Shri B.S. Bassi

Commissioner of Police, New Delhi



Shri BS Bassi became the Commissioner of Police, New Delhi in 2013. Previously, Shri Bassi served as the Special Commissioner of Police in Administration, and prior to that, as the Special Commissioner of Police in Traffic. Shri Bassi has held roles including Director General of Police of the Goa Police, and the Inspector General of Police of the Chandigarh Police. Shri Bassi graduated from the Shri Ram College of Commerce of the University of Delhi with a degree in Commerce. Following that, he completed a degree in Law Studies.

Mr. Nitin Gokhale

Security & Strategic Affairs Editor, NDTV



Mr. Nitin Gokhale is the Security & Strategic Affairs Editor for NDTV in Delhi. For nearly ten years, Mr. Gokhale has worked for NDTV and maintains the team in charge of reporting and analysis of internal security issues, armed forces, and strategic affairs. Prior to working for NDTV, Mr. Gokhale was responsible for coverage of Eastern India at Tehelka. First starting out his career, he reported on Northeast India for Outlook Magazine group. Mr. Gokhale attended Kendriya Vidyalaya and Nowrosjee Wadia College.

Mr. A.M. Naik

Executive Chairman, Larsen & Toubro Ltd.



Mr. Naik is credited with infusing a global perspective to Larsen &Toubro's (L&T) business orientation. This involved revamping mindsets and ensuring that virtually all critical activity is benchmarked against global standards. Among other landmark achievements that have yielded significant value for the company and its stakeholders, is the de-merger of the cement business. He played an active part in conceptualizing the proposal of an Employees' Foundation to strengthen the employees' sense of belonging, and enable L&T to retain its unique character. Mr. Naik is the Honorary Consul General for Denmark. He was conferred the Danish Knighthood by Her Majesty Queen Margarethe in 2008, and a further honor, the Order of the Dannebrog, Knight First Class in 2015. Mr. Naik is a Padma Bhushan Awardee (2009) and recipient of the Gujarat Garima (Pride of Gujarat 2009) Award. Mr. Naik is a senior member of the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) National

Council. He also led the Indian industry's delegation to the 17th Congress of World Energy Council at Houston.