



21 August 2007

The Manager  
Australian Stock Exchange Limited  
Level 4  
20 Bridge Street  
Sydney, NSW 2000

Dear Sir

**APPOINTMENT OF INDEPENDENT NON-EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

The Board of Aditya Birla Minerals Limited is pleased to advise of the appointment of Dr Suresh K Bhargava as an Independent Non-Executive Director of the Company.

Dr Bhargava is Professor and Chair of Industrial Chemistry at RMIT University. He is also Director of the Integrated Victorian XRD and Materials Characterisation Facility and the RMIT Vibrational Spectroscopy Facility, unique collaborative facilities established in alliance with other Victorian universities and major industry groups and with support from the Australian Research Council.

Dr Bhargava has considerable years of experience working with many Australian companies on various aspects of mineralogy and hydrometallurgy including technology development.

Among many distinguished awards and achievements throughout his career, Dr Bhargava has received the 2006 Vice-Chancellors Award for Research Excellence.

Dr Bhargava will also assume the position of Chairman of the Company's Remuneration and Nomination Committee. The Board welcomes his appointment and looks forward to his valuable input in during his tenure.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Peter Torre', is written over a horizontal line.

**Peter Torre**  
**Company Secretary**