

VINOD BINDLISH, President,
KANDLA TIMBER ASSOCIATION: GANDHIDHAM

Together we can.

Dear Friends,

Warm Greetings.

It gives me immense pleasure to announce that today we are opening our own Web-Site. This will help us to make more efficient and effective communication. This web site will help us to access to global timber trade movement as KANDLA SITCZ is being the biggest hub of timber in south- East Asia. Now you will get all the news about our industry with one click.

Since, this is my first address I take this opportunity to thank you all for your affectionate co-operation and unstinted support. The words at my disposal will not be enough to express my gratitude to all the members.

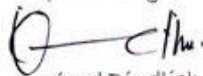
I will be failing in my duty if I do not remember my predecessor, all past presidents and committee members today. They were the real people with real stuff. With their immensely practical wisdom our organization has progressed and scaled new height. It is tough job like climbing Everest for me to keep pace with their rich legacy. I owe an enormous thanks to them and I am sure their blessing and guidance will always be available to me.

I am confident that with your continuous support the association can fight with any kind of crises and we will continue to prosper. Together we can. What we can not alone.

As the festival of color is approaching I wish all the members and their family very happy, joyous and colorful holly

With warm regards

Yours truly,



Vinod Bindlish
President.

Historically, in the year 1985 when Government of India liberalized import of timber under OGL, M/S Kozi India Pvt.Ltd., Kolkata were the first importer of timber in Kandla. In year 1985 they have imported 7000 CBM of hard wood from Malaysia. In 1987 M/S. Associated Lumbers Pvt. Ltd. and M/S. Farukh Saudagar Darvesh shifted their import from Bhavnagar to Kandla Port. As they had their customer base in north India lot of buyers from north India came to Kandla. There after more and more importer have entered in the Kandla Market and the industry picked up the momentum.

On 11.07.1989 KANDLA TIMBER ASSOCIATION was established with a view to protect the interest of the industry by dissolving the Gandhidham Timber Industries Association with only 29 registered members. The office of the Association was inaugurated on 08.12.1991 by Shree Ramkrisna Tulsidas Somaiya then President of Timber Importers Association of India at Plaza Centre, Tagore Road, Gandhidham. At that time the Association had more then 200 registered members. Mr.Ashok Agicha was the president of the Association. There after Mr. Mukesh Gupta, Mr. Shantilal Parekh and Mr. Navneet Gajjar had the honor of being president of the Association. At present Mr.Vinod Bindlish is the president of the Association.

On 27.06.2006 Shree Mangubhai Patel Hon.Minister for Forest, environment and tribal welfare laid foundation stone for new building "TIMBER BHAVAN" at Plot No.47, Sector No.8, Gandhidham which was inaugurated by him on 19.07.2008.

In the year 2008 Government of Gujarat declared Kandla as SPECIAL IMPORTED TIMBER CONVERSION ZONE. And the Hon. Supreme Court appointed Central Empowered Committee to monitor the issue of license to Saw Mills. Today, the KANDLA TIMBER ASSOCIATION is having more than 800 members associated with timber trade and the import of timber has touched a mammoth figure of 50.00 lacs CBM. per annum.