

## **PRESS RELEASE: STERLITE INDUSTRIES (INDIA) LTD.**

This release pertains to the misleading press conference organized by an NGO on 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec 2010 at Chennai.

The organizers of the press conference claimed to have carried out certain 'tests' and 'analysis' pertaining to environment in the surrounding areas of Sterlite Copper at Tuticorin. The 'finding' of the so called 'tests' were presented before a section of the media.

Sterlite Copper wishes to state that the issue is sub judice, and the matter is being heard by the Honourable Supreme Court. The press conference called by the NGO at Chennai today is an attempt to subvert justice.

Sterlite Copper questions the intention of the NGO in holding the press conference and resorting to publicity gimmicks. Such actions are only detrimental to the development and growth of industries in the state of Tamil Nadu. The company also feels that if the NGO was indeed serious then it could have proactively engaged with the industry instead of resorting to antics about its one-sided and unscientific 'claims' and 'findings'.

Sterlite Copper follows internationally accepted best practices with regard to environment. The company has been operating for more than a decade and periodic checks and audits by government as well as reputed private agencies are testimony to our best practices. We disregard any 'findings' and 'claims' made by the NGO whose intention is to only oppose the industry without any reason or basis.