

Board of Directors



W.T. Ellawala
Chairman

A highly respected business leader who holds key positions on the Boards of several major companies. He is presently Chairman and CEO of C.W. Mackie PLC, Director of Maersk Lanka (Pvt.) Ltd and Managing Director of the Ceylon Trading Co. Ltd

He is the Chairman of The Sri Lanka Society of Rubber Industries and a past Chairman of the Colombo Rubber Traders' Association. A former Member of the Committee of the Ceylon Chamber of Commerce and Chairman of the Chamber's Advisory Council. He is a honorary Member of the Colombo Tea Traders' Association and President and Trustee of the Singhalese Sports Club.

He was a former Advisor to the Ministry of Ports & Shipping and has served as a Consultant on sea transport at UN-ESCAP in Bangkok.



C.T.A. Schaffter
Deputy Chairman

Instrumental in the founding of the Company, he counts more than fifty-five years in the insurance industry, contributing immensely to the development of the industry in Sri Lanka as an active member of numerous industry related forums and committees.

He also played a key role in setting up several renowned insurance companies, and has served on the management of those companies as well.

An outstanding sportsman, having represented the country at cricket and hockey, he served as the Manager of the National Cricket Team on many occasions and continues his association with sports as President of the Tamil Union Cricket and Athletic Club.



Prakash Schaffter
Managing Director

Appointed as Managing Director of the Company in September 2006, he is now entrusted with the task of leading Janashakthi into the future. He is a Fellow of the Chartered Insurance Institute and counts industry experience of over two decades complemented by a thorough knowledge of insurance practices in several countries. He possesses a Bachelor's Degree in Political Science from the University of London and an MBA from the University of Cambridge. He is a Member of the Executive Committee of the Insurance Association of Sri Lanka (IASL).

Having played a pivotal role in the Company's progress from inception, his initial appointment as Deputy General Manager Finance and Administration in 1995 led to a subsequent promotion three years later to General Manager. In 1998, he furthered his career on being appointed Director/General Manager prior to his current appointment as Managing Director.

He has made a significant contribution to cricket, and was also a Member of the Interim Committee which governed Sri Lanka Cricket a few years ago. He is the Honorary General Secretary of the Tamil Union Cricket & Athletic Club, which he has served as a Committee Member since 1992.

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L.C.R. de C Wijetunge
Director

An eminent business leader who has been at the helm of a number of companies, he is currently Chairman Emeritus of Nestle Lanka Ltd and Chairman of Lion Brewery Ceylon Ltd, and Union Residencies (Pvt) Ltd.

Currently serving on the Boards of Belvoir Education Foundation, Hunter & Co Ltd, East India (Pvt) Ltd, and Joseph Frazer Memorial Hospital. He serves as an Advisor to the Monetary Policy Committee of the Central Bank of Sri Lanka, a member of the Legal and Taxation Cluster of the NCED of the Ministry of Finance and also the President of the Swiss Business Circle of Colombo.



Manjula Mathews
Director

With a notable 18 years experience in finance and marketing both in Sri Lanka and the United Kingdom, she is currently the Managing Director of the listed conglomerate Kshatriya Holdings PLC .

Prior to taking up her current appointment, she served as the Finance Director of Janashakthi Insurance Company Ltd and as the Managing Director of The Montessori Workshop (Pvt) Ltd,- an export-oriented company, which now comes under the umbrella of the Kshatriya Group of Companies.

She is an Associate Member of the Chartered Institute of Management Accountants (UK) and holds a Masters Degree in Business Administration from the University of Cambridge, UK.



Deshamanya Dr. Nihal Jinasena
Director

Dr. Nihal Jinasena, 68 years, is an eminent industrialist and is the Chairman / Managing Director of the Jinasena Group of Companies. This family owned Group of 22 companies, has more than 7,500 employees and in the financial year ended 31st March 2008, it achieved a turnover in excess of Rs. 36 Billion. The Group has within it, Loadstar (Pvt) Limited, which is the largest export company in Sri Lanka.

He was a member of the Securities and Exchange Commission and a member of the Insurance Board of Sri Lanka. He is a member of the Presidential Task Force on Science and Technology and Presidential Commission on Trade and Tariffs. He was the Chairman of DFCC Bank and DFCC Vardhana Bank. He is a member of TAFREN, the Task Force to rebuild the Nation. He is a member of the National Research Council.

He received his primary education at S. Thomas' College, Mt. Lavinia and has a B. Tech Degree in Mechanical Engineering and an Honorary Doctorate from Loughborough University, UK. He is a Chartered Engineer and a Fellow of the Institution of Engineers, Sri Lanka and a Fellow of the Institution of Engineers of the UK. He received the prestigious National Award of 'Deshamanya'. He is Chairman of The Appeal for Children Committee of Ceylon, an NGO assisting malnourished children.

A keen sportsman, he has been the Sri Lanka Champion in Yachting and in Motor Racing, and has captained the Sri Lanka Team in these two sports. He set up and is the Commodore of the Ruhunu Sailing Association, which introduces sons of fishermen to the sport yachting.



Ramesh Schaffter
Director

Associated with the company since its inception and with over 20 years experience in finance and marketing, he was appointed Secretary to the Board in 1994 and subsequently took a seat as a fully fledged member of the Board in 2004.

An Associate Member of the Chartered Institute of Management Accountants UK, also serves on the Board of several group companies. He has served as a Council Member of CIMA, Sri Lanka.



Eardley Perera
Director

A Chartered Marketer and Graduate of the Chartered Institute of Marketing, he has also had management training in Sweden, U.K., South Korea, the Philippines and Singapore.

Currently the Non Executive Chairman of M & E (Pvt) Ltd and a Director of Keells Food Products PLC, Sting Consultants, Superbrands Sri Lanka (Pvt) and BRAND. He also serves as a member on the Board of Study of the Postgraduate Institute of Management, University of Sri Jayawardenepura.



Anushya Coomaraswamy
Director

A Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Management Accountants UK and the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Sri Lanka, her work experience counts over 20 years in senior management experience in the private sector, notably from 1994 to 2002 as Group Finance Director of John Keells Holdings.

Her portfolio also includes the position of Advisor to the Ministry of Finance, Chairperson of the Public Utilities Commission and a member of the Public Enterprise Reform Commission. She currently works as a freelance consultant and is also a member of the Urgent Issues Task Force of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Sri Lanka and the Taxation Subcommittee of the Ceylon Chamber of Commerce.