



## RAJESH KAKKAR

*Senior Director - Excellence in Manufacturing and Environment, Health and Safety*

Rajesh Kakkar is Senior Director - Excellence in Manufacturing and Environment, Health and Safety. Prior to this he was Director- Manufacturing & Supply Chain at Mahle Filter Systems Limited.

Starting his career with Kelvinator India in 1979, Rajesh joined ANAND Automotive Systems in 1981 as Engineer-Quality Assurance at Purolator India (now MAHLE Filter Systems India) at the Parwanoo plant, working through Design, Product Development, Materials and Production departments, acquiring knowledge and skills to take on higher responsibilities. Rajesh was promoted as plant Manager in 1996 and after 3 years, he was moved to the Stuttgart office of ANAND Automotive Systems Ltd as Regional Manager-Europe. In July 2002, he was promoted as General Manager-International Business for Purolator India and later in 2005 he was promoted as Director Manufacturing - MAHLE Filter Systems India Ltd.

In his current role, Rajesh is responsible for VSME deployment in all ANAND Plants, including improving Quality, Maintenance and efficiency at the suppliers end. He also oversees the COPQ (Cost of Poor quality) to monitor progress on monthly basis and help plants to achieve their targets by focus on projects. As the leader of the AHPS (ANAND Heijunka Production System), he ensures manufacturing excellence is maintained across the Group. A large part of his responsibility also includes ensuring Safety, Environment and Health standards are met.

Rajesh has successfully undergone the VLFM programme from July 2008 to May 2009. He has also completed a Senior Management Programme for Management Development conducted at IIM Ahmedabad in 1998 and Oxford Advanced Management Programme in 2007.

Rajesh holds a Mechanical Engineering Diploma from Board of Technical Education Delhi.