

Mr. P. Mukundan, promoter of Servals Automation, the first company that Aavishkaar invested in, passed away on 31st August 2014.

A 12 year long relationship has ended – one that started with a common passion to reach out to the less fortunate segments of society and a relationship that had gotten stronger. Mr. Mukundan always had an uncanny ability to connect to the people outside at an individual level cutting across all barriers which was true to his nature. His demise has been a personal loss for each of us at

Aavishkaar. Commitment, passion and a person with a deep sense of empathy is what we have always associated him with and what we have learnt from him over these years.

Some of us have had the opportunity to work closely with him and interact with him at close quarters, for those of us the loss is greater. As we look back over the years, we can only savour the memories of those days – times we travelled together with burners

in our pockets attempting to sell them to pavement eateries that used kerosene stoves, sitting with all the women producer groups and explaining to them how cooking at homes can be less inhibiting, the exhilaration on hearing the burner had been voted as the best and of course, the never ending discussions on planning for the next month.

We will all miss you, Sir.

P. Pradeep, Executive Director & The Aavishkaar Family