



ESSAR STEEL LIMITED
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Audited Financial Results for the period from 1st April, 2004 to 30th September, 2004					
Particulars	Rs. in crores				
	Quarter ended		Half year ended		Year ended
	30.09.04 (audited)	30.09.03 (unaudited)	30.09.04 (audited)	30.09.03 (unaudited)	31.03.04 (audited)
Sales	1,528.33	896.13	2,926.74	1,679.34	4,024.60
Less : Excise Duty	(90.50)	(60.22)	(162.35)	(122.92)	(323.65)
Net Sales	1,437.83	835.91	2,764.39	1,556.42	3,700.95
Other Income	0.11	0.91	1.29	2.54	16.70
	1,437.94	836.82	2,765.68	1,558.96	3,717.65
Expenditure					
(a) (Increase) / Decrease in Finished Goods / Work-in-Progress	(8.60)	34.60	(56.21)	(49.62)	(19.39)
(b) Materials Consumed & others	513.53	315.90	1,062.38	669.08	1,555.49
(c) Energy including provisions	373.63	247.36	656.50	476.26	1,108.05
(d) Staff Cost	18.00	12.46	30.69	23.53	48.94
(e) Other expenditure and write off	146.96	38.98	329.14	72.41	165.35
(f) Interest (net)	136.05	121.15	273.84	189.02	397.68
(g) Depreciation	94.06	102.84	195.10	204.50	403.27
(h) Exchange variation pertaining to earlier years / other provisions	137.33	-	137.33	-	(16.31)
(i) Gains on settlement of debts (net)	-	-	-	-	(19.50)
Profit / (Loss) before Taxation	26.98	(36.47)	136.91	(26.22)	94.07
Provision for Deferred Tax	42.41	9.93	(17.08)	9.93	(34.08)
Net Profit / (Loss) after tax	69.39	(26.54)	119.83	(16.29)	59.99
Paid-up Equity Share Capital	507.97	330.35	507.97	330.35	507.97
Reserves excluding revaluation reserves					
Basic Earnings Per Share (not annualised) (in Rupees)	1.36	(0.80)	2.34	(0.49)	1.33
Diluted Earnings Per Share (not annualised) (in Rupees)	1.36	(0.80)	2.34	(0.49)	0.96

Notes:

- The above results were reviewed by the Audit Committee in its meeting held on 25th October, 2004 and taken on record at the meeting of Board of Directors held on that date.
- The qualifications by the auditors in respect of the audited accounts for the year ended 31st March, 2004, have been fully dealt with by making adequate provisions in the accounts. There are no audit qualifications on the audited accounts for half year ended 30th September 2004.
- The aggregate of non-promoters share holding was 222,069,687 equity shares (43.39%) as on 30th September, 2004. (221,489,387 equity shares (43.27%) as on 30th September, 2003).
- The number of investors complaints received during the quarter, resolved and pending are

Pending as at 01.07.2004	:	35
Received during the Quarter	:	1,833
Disposed off during the Quarter	:	1,851
Pending as at 30.09.2004	:	17
- The figures have been regrouped / reclassified wherever necessary to make them comparable.

For Essar Steel Limited

Mumbai
25th October, 2004

V G Raghavan
Director (Finance)