



ESSAR STEEL LIMITED
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 Corp. Office: Essar House, 11 Keshavrao Khadye Marg, Mahalaxmi, Mumbai 400 034.

Audited Financial Results for the period from 1st April, 2003 to 31st March, 2004

Particulars	Rs. in crores				
	Quarter ended		Year ended		Six months' period
	31.03.04	31.03.03	31.03.04	31.03.03	31.03.2003
	(unaudited)		(audited)	(unaudited)	(audited)
Sales	1,322.69	925.00	4,024.60	3,013.07	1,764.78
Less : Excise Duty	(104.75)	(66.20)	(323.65)	(251.79)	(136.76)
Net Sales	1,217.94	858.80	3,700.95	2,761.28	1,628.02
Other Income	9.17	4.84	16.70	11.56	6.59
	1,227.11	863.64	3,717.65	2,772.84	1,634.61
Expenditure					
(a) (Increase) / Decrease in Finished Goods / Work-in-Progress	42.49	8.77	(19.39)	(8.89)	16.83
(b) Materials Consumed & others	496.95	351.36	1,555.49	1,230.02	643.78
(c) Energy	333.16	247.75	1,108.05	873.34	482.60
(d) Staff Cost	12.59	11.77	48.94	48.98	23.43
(e) Administration & other expenditure	56.26	43.22	165.35	126.65	63.53
Profit before Interest, Depreciation and Taxation (EBIDTA)	285.66	200.77	859.21	502.74	404.44
Finance Cost (net)	72.11	(23.61)	397.68	393.62	143.13
Gross Profit / (Loss) before Depreciation and Taxation	213.55	224.38	461.53	109.12	261.31
Less:					
Depreciation	95.99	96.19	403.27	367.93	195.47
Deferred Revenue Expenditure written off	-	8.32	-	87.63	22.42
Provision for expenses pertaining to earlier years	(16.31)	41.91	(16.31)	562.14	41.91
Gains on settlement of debts (net)	(19.50)	-	(19.50)	-	-
Profit / (Loss) before Taxation	153.37	77.96	94.07	(908.58)	1.51
Provision for Deferred Tax	(55.35)	(10.54)	(34.08)	345.91	-
Net Profit / (Loss) after tax	98.02	67.42	59.99	(562.67)	1.51
Paid-up Equity Share Capital	507.97	330.35	507.97	330.35	330.35
Reserves excluding revaluation reserves					96.87
Basic Earnings Per Share (not annualised) (in Rupees)	1.92	2.04	1.33	(17.03)	0.05
Diluted Earnings Per Share (not annualised) (in Rupees)	1.43	2.04	0.96	(17.03)	0.05

Notes:

- The above results were reviewed by the Audit Committee in its meeting held on 18th May, 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 period ended 31st March, 2004, have been extensively dealt with in the notes forming part of the said accounts, accordingly, the said qualifications do not require additional disclosures.
- In line with the approval received from Corporate Debt Restructuring Group certain residual formalities are expected to be completed shortly.
- The Company is engaged in only one segment viz Steel, hence there are no reportable segment as per Accounting Standard "AS-17"
- The aggregate of non-promoters share holding was 221,538,887 equity shares (43.28 %) as on 31st March, 2004. (221,449,687 equity shares (66.26%) as on 31st March, 2003).
- The number of investors complaints received during the quarter, resolved and pending are

Pending as at 01.01.2004	:	26
Received during the Quarter	:	3,807
Disposed off during the Quarter	:	3,820
Pending as at 31.03.2004	:	13
- The figures have been regrouped / reclassified wherever necessary to make them comparable.

For Essar Steel Limited

Mumbai
18th May, 2004

V G Raghavan
Director (Finance)