



ESSAR STEEL LIMITED
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Unaudited Financial (Provisional) Results for the period from 1st April, 2003 to 30th September 2003

Particulars	Rs. in crores				
	Quarter ended		Half year ended		Six months' period
	30.09.03	30.09.02	30.09.03	30.09.02	31.03.2003
	(unaudited)		(unaudited)		(audited)
Sales	896.13	720.28	1,679.34	1,248.29	1,764.78
Other Income	0.91	3.40	2.54	4.97	6.59
	897.04	723.68	1,681.88	1,253.26	1,771.37
Expenditure					
(a) (Increase) / Decrease in Finished Goods / Work-in-Progress	34.60	(16.76)	(49.62)	(25.72)	16.83
(b) Materials Consumed & others	317.66	359.28	668.32	582.21	641.22
(c) Excise Duty	58.46	68.23	123.68	119.06	139.32
(d) Energy	247.36	235.39	476.26	390.74	482.60
(e) Staff Cost	12.46	13.67	23.53	25.55	23.43
(f) Administration & other expenditure	38.98	45.64	72.41	63.12	63.53
Profit before Interest, Depreciation and Taxation (EBIDTA)	187.52	18.23	367.30	98.30	404.44
Finance Cost (net)	121.15	106.94	189.02	250.49	143.13
Gross Profit / (Loss) before Depreciation and Taxation	66.37	(88.71)	178.28	(152.19)	261.31
Less:					
Depreciation	102.84	65.38	204.50	172.46	195.47
Deferred Revenue Expenditure written off	-	51.67	-	65.21	22.42
Provision for expenses pertaining to earlier years	-	520.23	-	520.23	41.91
Add :					
Deferred Tax Credit	9.93	300.03	9.93	345.91	-
Net Profit / (Loss)	(26.54)	(425.96)	(16.29)	(564.18)	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)	(0.59)	(12.89)	(0.41)	(17.08)	0.05
Diluted Earnings Per Share (not annualised) (in Rupees)	(0.42)	(12.89)	(0.29)	(17.08)	0.05

Notes:

1. The above results were reviewed by the Audit Committee in its meeting held on 29th October, 2003 and taken on record at the meeting of Board of Directors held on that date.
2. The qualifications by the auditors in respect of the audited accounts for the period ended 31st March, 2003, have been extensively dealt with in the notes forming part of the said accounts, accordingly, the said qualifications do not require additional disclosures.
3. In line with the approval received from Corporate Debt Restructuring Group certain residual formalities are expected to be completed shortly.
4. The Company has during the quarter issued 17,76,19,893 equity shares of Rs. 10 each at a premium of Rs. 1.26 per share aggregating to Rs. 200 crores to promoter group.
5. The Company is engaged in only one segment viz Steel, hence there are no reportable segment as per Accounting Standard "AS-17"
6. The aggregate of non-promoters share holding was 221,489,387 equity shares (43.27%) as on 30th September, 2003. (22,57,91,172 shares (67.56%) as on 30th September,2002).
7. The number of investors letters received during the quarter, resolved and pending are

Total no. of letters pending at the beginning	:	Nil
Total no. of letters received	:	2,637
Total no. of letters disposed off	:	2,618
Total no. of letters pending at the end	:	19
8. The figures have been regrouped / reclassified wherever necessary to make them comparable.

For Essar Steel Limited

Mumbai
29th October, 2003

Vikram Amin
Executive Director