

Akzo Nobel India Limited



Press Release

AkzoNobel India records high operating profit in Q3 FY15

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Operating profit at 68 crore rupees; up by 125%

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Today, the Board of Directors of AkzoNobel India Limited approved the unaudited financial results for the quarter ended December 31, 2014.

Performance highlights:

AkzoNobel India Limited (Q3 FY15 versus Q3 FY14)

- **Total revenue** at 687 crore rupees as compared to 656 crore rupees of the corresponding quarter of the previous year; a **QoQ growth** of 5%
- **Operating Profit** at 68 crore rupees as compared to 30 crore rupees of the corresponding quarter of the previous year; a **QoQ growth** of 125%
- **Profit after tax (PAT)** at 51 crore rupees as compared to 27 crore rupees of the corresponding quarter of the previous year; a **QoQ growth** of 88%

Comments:

Nihal Kaviratne CBE, Chairman, Akzo Nobel India Limited:

*"I am pleased with the financial results for the quarter. The Board, at its meeting today has appointed **Ms. Kimsuka Narsimhan**, CFO, PepsiCo India, as an Independent Director, subject to shareholder approval. I am confident that her rich experience and business insights will add immense value to the Company."*

Jayakumar Krishnaswamy, Managing Director, Akzo Nobel India:

"Akzo Nobel India's improved business performance is led by both, a robust growth in sales of high-performance products as well as a continued focus on cost management, supplemented by soft input prices, especially the crude-linked ones. In line with the company's growth plans, we have also introduced some new products in the market, including water-based enamel, 'Dulux Satin Stay Bright'."

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*"We have also signed a MoU with **CRY - Child, Rights and You**, so as to partner with them in promoting the cause of holistic education via multiple initiatives including those fostering the understanding and practice of safety and sustainability. This partnership is a critical facet of the Company's endeavour to participate in creating 'Human Cities', a global initiative of AkzoNobel."*

About AkzoNobel India:

Present in India for 60 years and a significant player in the paints Industry. Over the years, it has witnessed sustained expansion, growth and transformation. In 2008, the Company became a member of the AkzoNobel Group.

AkzoNobel India manufactures and markets a wide range of coatings covering Decorative paints Protective coatings and Specialty Chemicals. We provide solutions to many industries and sectors including automotive, consumer electronics, power, aviation, shipping and leisure craft, construction, oil and gas, water and waste water, food and beverages, etc. We supply industries and consumer with innovative products and are passionate about developing sustainable answers for our customers. Our portfolio includes well-known brands such as Dulux, Sikken's, International and Interpon. Our employee strength is close to 1900.

AkzoNobel India has manufacturing sites, offices and distribution network spread across the country. All manufacturing facilities have state-of-art environmental management system. Its commitment to Health, Safety, Environment & Security (HSE&S) has been amongst the best in class globally, with due care being taken to protect the people and the environment.

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