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Hindalco Announces Q3FY 2014-15 Standalone Results [Unaudited]

Excellent Operational performance in both Aluminium and Copper Businesses.
Vs. Q3 FY14

Revenues	Rs. 8,603 crore	18% ↑
PBITDA	Rs. 1,135 crore	36% ↑
Profit After Tax	Rs. 359 crore	8% ↑

Financial Highlights

(In Rs. crore)	Q3FY15	Q2FY15	Q3FY14	9MFY15	9MFY14
Revenue from Operations	8,603	8,554	7,273	25,153	19,416
EBITDA	923	898	630	2,569	1,647
Other income	212	223	204	652	912
PBITDA	1,135	1,121	834	3,221	2,559
Depreciation	216	196	200	599	579
Finance Costs	447	386	165	1,171	497
Profit before tax before exceptional item	472	539	469	1,451	1,483
Exceptional Item	-	431	-	431	-
Profit after Exceptional Item	472	108	469	1,020	1,483
Tax Expenses	113	29	135	254	318
Net profit	359	79	334	766	1,165
Basic EPS (not Annualised) in Rupees	1.74	0.38	1.62	3.71	5.91

Hindalco, the Aditya Birla Group flagship Company, today announced its unaudited results for the quarter ended December 31, 2014.

Financials

Net sales stood at Rs. 8,603 crore as compared to Rs. 7,273 crore in the corresponding quarter of the previous year. Profit before Interest, Depreciation and Tax (PBITDA) was Rs. 1,135 Crore versus Rs. 834 Crores in the corresponding quarter of the previous year. However, finance cost and depreciation were significantly higher compared to Q3FY14 due to progressive capitalisation of the Company's greenfield projects. As a result, net profit was only 7.5% higher at Rs. 359 crore vs. Rs. 334 crore in Q3FY14.

Higher sales reflect increased volume and better realisation in both Aluminium and Copper Businesses. PBITDA for the quarter improved by 36% to Rs. 1,135 crore.

Of the total revenue of Rs. 8,603 crore, Aluminium Business contributed Rs. 3,636 crore vs. Rs. 2,471 crore in Q3FY14. The higher Revenue is attributable to higher volume and higher realization. As a result, the segment results of Aluminium Business went up from Rs. 170 Crore in Q3FY14 to Rs. 384 Crore in Q3FY15.

In the Copper Business, revenue stood at Rs. 4,976 Crore compared to Rs. 4,817 crore in Q3FY14. The performance of the Copper Business reflected enhanced volume, better TcR and improved by-product credit. The segment results rose from Rs. 300 crore in Q3FY14 to Rs. 396 crore in Q3FY15.

Operational Review

Aluminium

Metal production was up 37% to 217 Kt vs. 158 Kt in Q3FY14, consequent to the ongoing ramp-up at Mahan Smelter and Aditya Smelter. On a sequential basis, the metal production is up by 16%.

Alumina production (including Utkal) was up by 38% to 593 Kt over Q3FY14. The standalone results do not include the performance of Utkal Alumina refinery, as it is a subsidiary of the Company.

Coal availability is posing a significant challenge for ongoing pot ramp-up at the upcoming Mahan and Aditya Smelters.

The downstream value added production was impacted by adverse market demand conditions.

Copper

Cathode production was higher at 95 Kt as against 89 Kt in Q3FY14 (vs. 96 Kt in Q2FY15). Value added CC rods production was at 36 Kt compared to 34 Kt in Q3FY14.

In conclusion, the core operational performance of the Company in terms of volume is showing a remarkable improvement. Coal availability is impacting the pace of ramp-up in Greenfield aluminium projects. With the coal auction planned shortly, the Company is looking forward to a faster resolution to the coal availability issue.

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