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Hindalco Announces Q4 FY 2011-12 Standalone Results [Unaudited]

Highest Ever Aluminium Metal Production

Commendable performance despite steep cost escalation

Financial Highlights

(In Rs. Crore)	Q4FY12	Q4FY11	FY12	FY11
Revenues From Operations	7,647	6,846	26,597	23,859
Other income	161	122	616	347
Profit Before Interest Depreciation and Taxes	1,025	1,019	3,721	3,502
Depreciation	166	176	690	687
Finance Costs	80	56	294	220
Profit before tax	779	787	2,737	2,595
Provision for taxes	139	79	500	458
Net profit	640	708	2,237	2,137
Basic EPS – Rupees	3.34	3.70	11.69	11.17

Note: Certain description and /or figures of earlier periods have been changed/regrouped to conform to current practices

Hindalco, the Aditya Birla Group flagship Company today announced its unaudited results for the fourth quarter and year ended March 31, 2012.

Results for FY12

Standalone Revenues for the year crossed the Rs. 25,000 crore mark and stood at Rs. 26,597 crore driven by higher volume and realisation

Profit before Interest and Depreciation was Rs. 3,721 crore, an increase of over 6% compared to FY11, on account of higher volumes in Aluminium Business and better TcRc in Copper Business, along with improved efficiencies and higher other income.

In the Aluminium Business, there has been significant increase in costs, especially in case of coal (by 20%), furnace oil (by 40%), caustic soda (by 25%) and carbon (30%). The cost surge was partly offset by asset-sweating and improving operational efficiencies, coupled with better realisation. The Profit before Interest and Taxes stood at Rs. 1,822 crore for FY12 compared to Rs. 2,004 crore in FY11.

The capital employed for **Aluminium Business** at Rs. 23,912 crore as on March 31, 2012 includes Rs. 16,211 crore on Mahan, Hirakud Rolled and Aditya Aluminium Projects, which are at various stages of completion. The balance largely pertains to the existing Aluminium operations.

In the Copper Business, revenues stood at Rs. 17,575 crore compared to Rs. 15,902 crore in FY11, due to higher LME and by-product revenue. Profit before interest and taxes increased by 33% to Rs. 802 crore, due to improved efficiencies, higher TcRc and by-product credit, notwithstanding higher energy costs and a planned shutdown in FY12.

Results for Q4FY12

Net sales and operating revenues at Rs. 7,647 crore in Q4FY12 are up 12% over Q4FY11, driven by higher volume despite lower realisation. Profit before Interest, Depreciation and Taxes is maintained at Q4FY11 levels.

Net profit for the quarter is marginally lower than that of the corresponding quarter in the previous year due to lower provisioning for taxation in Q4FY11 on account of lower effective tax and tax write-back.

Of the total quarterly revenues of Rs.7,647 crore, **Aluminium Business** contributed Rs.2,499 crore, with Profit Before Interest and Taxes at Rs. 484 crore vis-à-vis Rs. 562 crore in Q4FY11. The results would have been better, but for increased input costs and lower realisation on the back of lower Aluminium LME.

In the **Copper Business**, revenues for the quarter are higher at Rs.5,154 crore, from Rs 4,637 crore in Q4FY11, consequent to better mix and by-product sales. Profit before Interest and Taxes are up 43% to Rs. 293 crore from Rs. 206 crore due to higher production, improved efficiencies, higher Treatment and Refining Charges (TcRc) and by-product credit, offset to some extent by higher energy costs.

Funds Raised

Preferential Warrants

The Company allotted 150,000,000 warrants on a preferential basis to the Promoters on March 22, 2012, entitling them to apply for and obtain allotment of one equity share of Re 1 each at a price of Rs 144.35 per share against each such warrant at any time on or before the expiry of 18 months from the date of allotment in one or more tranches. The Company has received an amount equal to 25% of the price of each such warrant.

Debenture Issue

To further augment financial resources, the Company has issued 10 year 9.55% Secured Redeemable Non-convertible Debentures for a total amount of Rs 3,000 crore on private placement basis on April 25, 2012. These debentures are listed on the wholesale debt market segment of National Stock Exchange.

Operational Review

Aluminium

Aluminium production registered a growth of 4% over Q4FY11 backed by improved operating efficiencies and continued focus on asset-sweating.

(Kt)	Q4FY12	Q4FY11	FY12	FY11
Alumina	345	344	1,355	1,353
Metal	144	139	574	538

The value added downstream sales grew by 12% over the last year's corresponding quarter.

(Kt)	Q4FY12	Q4FY11	FY12	FY11
Downstream Sales	64	57	231	230

Copper

Quarterly cathode production and CCR production was up by 11% and 21% respectively. The Cathode production for the year is lower due to a planned shutdown in FY12.

(Kt)	Q4FY12	Q4FY11	FY12	FY11
Cathode	95	85	330	336
CCR (own)	40	33	147	145

Expansion Projects: A review of the projects of the Company and its subsidiaries shall be published along with the consolidated results.

Company Outlook

The volatile commodity prices and spiralling energy costs pose significant challenge for the Company. The Company is confident to mitigate the cost pressure to a larger extent on the strengths of integration in operation and operational efficiencies.

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