

ADITYA BIRLA

Hindalco Reports commendable FY 2012 Results

- Consolidated Net Sales touches Rs. 80,000 crore – up 12%
- Consolidated Net Income at a record Rs. 3,397 crore – up 38%
- Consolidated Capex Spending at over Rs. 12,500 crore

Financial Highlights - [Audited]

	Standalone		Consolidated	
(In Rs. crore)	FY12	FY11	FY12	FY11
Revenue from Operations	26,596.8	23,859.2	80,821.4	72,202.3
Other income	615.8	347.5	783.1	513.3
PBITDA	3,720.6	3,502.2	8,972.5	8,442.0
Depreciation	690.0	687.5	2,869.6	2,759.5
PBIT	3,030.6	2,814.7	6,102.9	5,682.5
Finance Costs	293.6	220.0	1,758.0	1,839.4
Profit before tax	2,737.0	2,594.7	4,344.9	3,843.2
Tax Expenses	499.8	457.8	786.2	963.8
Profit before Minority Interest	2,237.2	2,136.9	3,558.7	2,879.4
Minority interest	-	-	211.3	365.9
Share in Profit/(loss) of Associates (Net)	-	-	49.6	(57.1)
Net profit	2,237.2	2,136.9	3,397.0	2,456.4
EPS (Basic)- Rupees	11.69	11.17	17.74	12.84

Hindalco Industries Ltd., the flagship company of the Aditya Birla Group, today announced its standalone and consolidated audited financial results for the year ended 31 March 2012. Consolidated Net Revenue for the year touched USD 17 billion and Net Income exceeded USD 700 million.

Consolidated Results

Hindalco's consolidated Revenue at Rs. 80,821 crore has been the highest ever, a growth of 12% Year-on-Year, aided by better product mix and depreciating Rupee. Profit before depreciation, interest and taxes stood at Rs. 8,973 crore as against Rs. 8,442 crore in FY11.

Net profit attributable to the shareholders increased to Rs. 3,397 crore, up by 38 % over FY11. The increase in profit is primarily attributable to the strong performance at Novelis and Copper Business in India.

Despite economic headwinds, the balanced portfolio approach, low cost operation and strong value added businesses resulted in commendable performance. With low cost advantage and formidable global presence in aluminium downstream, Hindalco is well set for being the Last Man Standing and the First Man Forward.

Segment Performance

Of the total annual revenue of Rs. 80,821 crore, Aluminium Business contributed Rs.62,119 crore, up 11% over the last year. Earnings before Interest and Taxes (EBIT) for Aluminium business for FY12 remained flat at Rs. 4,495 crore compared to Rs. 4,469 crore in FY11. Strong growth in Novelis EBIT was offset by lower EBIT in Indian Aluminium Business.

Copper Business revenue is higher at Rs. 18,379 crore, a rise of 16% from Rs 15,887 crore in FY11, mainly on account of higher copper LME and by-product credits. EBIT of Rs. 1,119 crore vs. Rs. 1,082 crore in FY11 was on the back of superior performance of custom smelting operations in India.

Standalone Results

Standalone revenue 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 per cent compared to FY11, on account of higher volumes in aluminium business and better Treatment and Refining Charges (TcRc) in copper business, along with improved efficiencies and higher other income.

Novelis Inc. (Wholly Owned Subsidiary)

Novelis reported strong operating results in FY12 despite challenging market conditions globally. The premium product portfolio, long-term customer base and focused business model enabled Novelis to produce solid results for the year.

Net sales for FY12 were \$11.1 billion, a 5% increase compared to the \$10.6 billion reported for the same period a year ago, mainly the result of favourable conversion premiums across all regions and an increase in average aluminum prices.

Novelis's robust business model, good cost management and focus on premium products resulted in a record EBITDA per tonne of \$371 for the year and the second straight year of \$1 billion plus adjusted EBITDA. Shipments of aluminium rolled products totalled 2,838 Kt for FY12, compared to 2,969 Kt in FY11. Lower shipments were primarily the result of the overall economic slowdown and de-stocking by customers. The continued optimization of Novelis's footprint will improve its competitive position; these include the divestiture of three foil plants in Europe and closure of an aluminum sheet mill in Canada. During the year, Novelis invested in major recycling initiatives in all the four operating regions, including advanced equipment and technology to process diversified scrap inputs, which will enable Novelis achieve recycled content of 50% by 2015.

During FY12, Novelis completed the acquisition of 31.3% of the outstanding shares of its Korean subsidiary for USD 344 million, raising Novelis's ownership to 99%.

Aditya Birla Minerals Ltd [51% subsidiary]

Production of copper remained flat at 59.7 Kt in FY12. Net profit for the year at AUD 27 million was against AUD 57 million in FY11. The profitability of the subsidiary was impacted due to lower production at Nifty Mines on account of the decline in mine grade (which was in line with the mining plan) and slower-than-expected ramp-up at Mt Gordon Mines.

Dividend

The Board of Directors of the Company has recommended dividend of Rs. 1.55 per share aggregating to Rs. 344.89 crore (including dividend distribution tax of Rs. 48.14 crore) for the year ended 31st March, 2012.

Expansion Projects

India

Project	Location	Capacity	Power Plant	Timelines
Hirakud smelter expansion	Hirakud	161 KTPA to 213 KTPA	367 MW to 467 MW	2012
Hirakud Flat Rolled Products [FRP] project	Hirakud	135 KTPA	NA	2012
Utkal Alumina [UAIL]	Rayagada, Odisha	1.5 mio-tonne Alumina Refinery with integrated Bauxite Mines	90 MW CPP	2012
Mahan Aluminium	Mahan, MP	360 KTPA Aluminium Smelter	900 MW CPP	2012
Aditya Aluminium	Lapanga, Odisha	360 KTPA Aluminium Smelter	900 MW CPP	2013
Aditya Alumina	Koraput, Odisha	Alumina Refinery with integrated Bauxite Mines		2014
Jharkhand Aluminium	Sonahatu, Jharkhand	Aluminium Smelter		2015

All of the above smelters (Mahan, Aditya, and Jharkhand) have dedicated coal blocks. Both Utkal and Aditya Alumina have captive Bauxite mines. Financial Closures have already been achieved for UAIL and Mahan Aluminium. Financial Closure for debt portion of Aditya Aluminium is currently being pursued.

Mahan Coal: The Group of Ministers constituted by the Government of India to consider environmental and developmental issues related to coal mining etc, has reported to have recommended granting of forest clearance by the Ministry of Environment & Forest [MoEF] for Mahan Coal block on certain conditions.

Novelis

Brazil: The previously announced expansion of Pinda facility in Brazil is expected to be commissioned at the end of 2012. Additionally, plans have been announced to install a new coating line for beverage can end stock and to expand recycling capacity in the Pindamonhangaba, Brazil facility.

Asia: The expansion of rolling and recycling capacity in Yeongju, South Korea and Ulsan, South Korea is on schedule and expected to become operational at the end of 2013.

During the fourth quarter of FY12, plans to invest \$100 million into an aluminium automotive heat treatment plant in China has been announced, which will have annual capacity of approximately 120 Kt. Construction of the new facility is expected to begin in the fall of 2012 and it is expected the plant to be operational in late 2014.

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