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PRESS RELEASE

NMDC DECLARES INTERIM DIVIDEND OF 300%

- **Iron ore production – 5.94 MT (Q2)**
- **Sales – 6.50 MT (Q2)**
- **Turnover – Rs.2,480 crore (Q2)**
- **Profit Before Tax (PBT) - Rs.1,997 crore (Q2)**

The NMDC Board at its meeting today has recommended interim dividend of 300%.

The Company's production of iron ore during the 2nd quarter is 5.94 million tonnes (MT) registering a growth of more than 10% over CPLY while sales of iron ore was 6.50 MT which is about 11% more than that of the corresponding quarter of previous year.

The Company's production of iron ore for H1 for the year 2013-14 is 12.86 MT registering a growth of 5% over CPLY while sales of iron ore was 13.76 MT which is almost 8% more than that of the corresponding half year of previous year.

NMDC has posted a turnover of Rs.2480 crore, gross profit of Rs. 1997 crore and net profit after tax of Rs.1318 crore in the second quarter of 2013-14 representing a decrease of 5% in turnover, 20% in gross profit and 22% in net profit after tax over corresponding period last year (CPLY).

NMDC's turnover for H1 for the year 2013-14 is Rs.5351 crore, gross profit of Rs.4387 crore and net profit after tax of Rs.2891 crore representing a decrease of 2% in turnover, 17% in gross profit and 19% in net profit after tax over corresponding period last year (CPLY).

For the year 2013-14, capital expenditure of Rs. 2720 crore is planned to be incurred including Rs.100 crore for overseas acquisitions. So far, the capital expenditure of Rs.1125 crore has been incurred.

The installation of 3 MTPA steel plant at Nagarnar in Chhattisgarh, as part of NMDC's forward integration programme and value addition, is being pursued vigorously. Orders for major technological packages have already been placed, other auxiliary packages are in advanced stages of finalization and construction works of the major packages are being undertaken on war footing.

As part of its expansion programme, NMDC is developing two new mines, one in Bailadila Sector in Chhattisgarh i.e. Deposit-11B Iron Ore Project and the other in Bellary-Hospet region in Karnataka i.e. Kumaraswamy Iron Ore Mine. Besides, orders have already been placed for setting up of 1.2 MTPA capacity Pelletisation plant in Karnataka.

The 2nd quarter results for 2013-14 were approved by the Board of Directors of the Company under the Chairmanship of Shri C.S. Verma, in its meeting held on 24.10.2013.

Speaking on the occasion, Shri C.S. Verma, CMD said NMDC is gearing up to ramp up its production and dispatches vigorously which is evident from these results. In spite of adverse conditions, NMDC has outperformed by showcasing growth in both production and dispatches. The resilient nature of NMDC would ensure to cope up with the challenges and would create new opportunities for sustainable growth".