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Dear Sir,

Sub: Newsletter to Shareholders on Unaudited Financial Results for the first quarter ended June 30, 2015.

We enclose herewith a copy of the newsletter being sent by the Company to its shareholders on the performance of the first quarter ended June 30, 2015.

This is pursuant to Shareholders Rights under clause 49 (Non-mandatory requirement) of the Listing Agreement.

The newsletter is also being uploaded on our website www.esselpropack.com.

Thanking you,

Yours sincerely,
For **ESSEL PROPACK LIMITED**



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Q1 FY16 EARNINGS UPDATE

Consolidated Financial Highlights for the quarter ended 30th June, 2015

(in ₹ million)

Particulars	Q1FY16	Q1FY15	% change	FY 15
Total Income from operations	5746	5487	4.7%	23230
EBIT	718	556	29.2%	2645
EBIT Margin (%)	12.5%	10.1%		11.4%
PAT	384	264	45.7%	1406
EPS (in Rs)	2.45	1.68		8.95

Consolidated Performance Highlights:

- Strong PAT growth for the quarter.
- Global operations excluding India continued to grow strongly at 12%. De-growth in India flexible packaging business (since divested) and flat sales in India tubing however pulled down the overall revenue growth.
- Operating margin improved y-o-y by 240 bps for the quarter with improvement in all the regions.
- Non oral care share in revenue at 43.3% for the quarter, improved 1.1 pp over last year.
- Finance cost reduced by 3.8% over last year same quarter.
- Non core adhesive laminates Flexible Packaging Business divested during July 15.

Consolidated Category-wise break up for the quarter ended 30th June, 2015

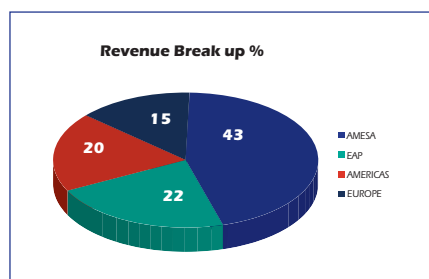
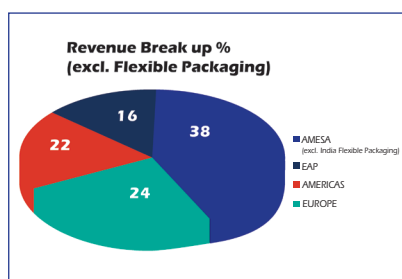
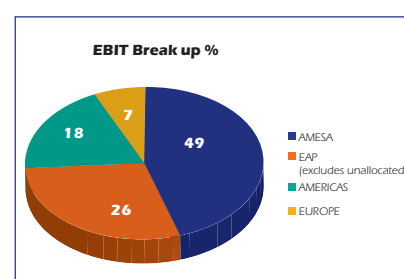
(in %)

Particulars	Q1FY16	Q1FY15	FY15
Oral Care	56.7%	57.8%	58.8%
Non Oral Care	43.3%	42.2%	41.2%

India Standalone Performance Highlights:

- India Standalone revenue growth muted, impacted by continued sluggish FMCG demand in India.
- Operating margin improved by 170 bps for the quarter compared to last year and by 170 bps sequentially due to improved product mix and operational efficiencies.

Region wise Revenue & EBIT Break-up:



Region wise Financial Highlights:

AMESA (includes India flexible packaging)

(in ₹ million)

Particulars	Q1FY16	Q1FY15	% change	FY15
Revenue	2629	2683	-2.0%	10974
Revenue (excl. India Flexible Packaging)	2129	2082	2.2%	8459
EBIT	361	326	10.7%	1333
EBIT Margin (%)	13.7%	12.2%		12.1%

- The Region's revenue performance is impacted by muted growth in India tubing business and de-growth of 16.7% in flexible packaging business during the quarter on account of sluggish macro-economic conditions in India.
- Improved product mix and efficiencies helped margin expansion by 150 bps y-o-y.
- Egypt continues to expand in the non-oral care category with several new contracts under implementation.
- Flexible packaging business was divested during July 15. Impact of this transaction will be reflected in the results for the second quarter FY16 and onwards.

EAP

(in ₹ million)

Particulars	Q1FY16	Q1FY15	% change	FY15
Revenue	1340	1147	16.8%	5338
EBIT	190	117	62.7%	688
EBIT Margin (%)	14.2%	10.2%		12.9%

- Strategy for the region is producing results. Non-oral care sales continue to grow strongly at 41.8% y-o-y with Non Oral Care revenue share growing to 30.2%.
- EAP revenue grew 16.8% for the quarter (underlying growth is 9% on constant exchange rate)
- Operating margin expanded by 400 bps on account of improved topline and better product mix.
- New cosmetic unit ramp up is on track.

AMERICAS

(in ₹ million)

Particulars	Q1FY16	Q1FY15	% change	FY15
Revenue	1210	1171	3.3%	4782
EBIT	132	107	23.3%	486
EBIT Margin (%)	10.9%	9.1%		10.2%

- Strategy for conversion of plastic tube into new generation laminated tube is on track.
- Operating Margin improved by 180 bps due to higher non-oral care and rapid ramp up of capacity in Colombia.

EUROPE

Particulars	Q1FY16	Q1FY15	% change	FY15
Revenue	929	779	19.3%	3585
EBIT	49	16	212.1%	186
EBIT Margin (%)	5.3%	2.0%		5.2%

- Europe revenue grew 19.3% for the quarter (adjusted for sharp euro devaluation, underlying growth is 38%)
- Operating margin improved by 330 bps over the previous year same quarter helped by improved economies of scale.

Overall:

It has been a good start this FY16 with robust growth in the Operating Margin and Net Profit. All the regions have turned out good performance compared to previous year, with India operations muted on account of macro-economic conditions.

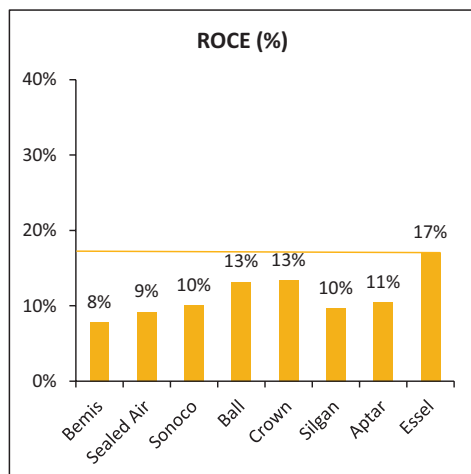
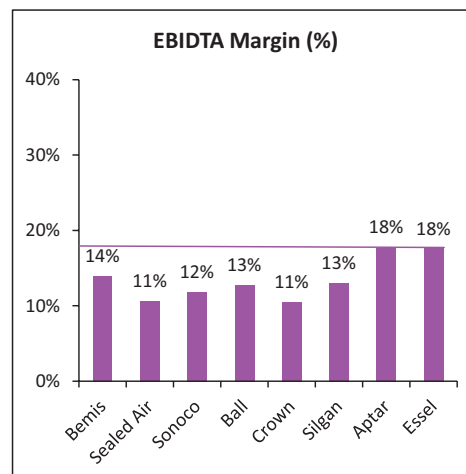
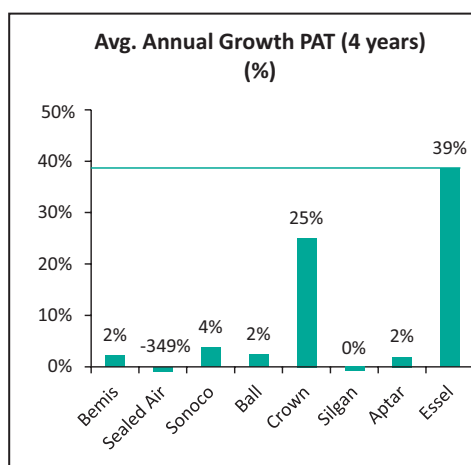
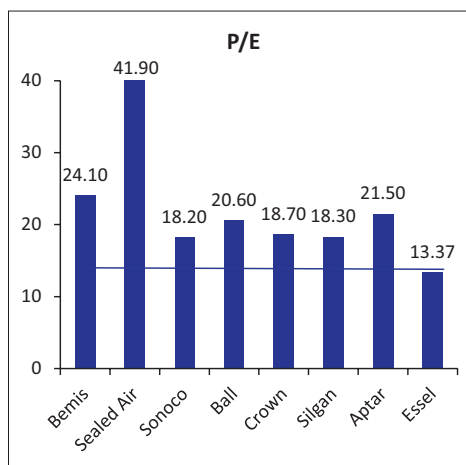
Sustained strong operational performance over the last 11 quarters continues to improve the cash flows and balance sheet. The ROCE and ROE on trailing twelve month basis improved to 17.03% and 19.51%. Divestment of the non-core adhesive lamination business will further improve the finances and help pursue growth opportunity in the core business. With the robust strategy and commitment to execution, we continue to be on track to achieve our stated objectives.

Valuation Comparison with Global Peers – 30-06-2015

	Company Name	Business Description	Performance Indicators*				Value Indicators			
			ROE	EBITDA Margin (LTM)	ROCE	Avg. Annual Growth PAT (Last 4 years)	P/E (LTM)	Book Value (LTM) (\$)	P/BV (LTM)	EV/EBITDA
1	Bemis	Manufacturer of flexible packaging materials and pressure sensitive label materials throughout USA, Canada, South America, Europe, and Asia.	12.30%	13.90%	7.80%	2.21%	24.10	13.63	3.41	10.94
2	Sealed Air Corporation	Manufacturer of a range of flexible packaging material, shrink films and packaging equipment that serve food, industrial, medical and consumer applications across USA, South America, Europe, and Asia.	20.20%	10.60%	9.40%	-348.96%	41.90	5.47	9.46	20.83
3	Sonoco Products Company	Manufacturer of rigid papers & closures, flexible packaging materials, pallets, containers etc. for industrial and consumer use in USA, Canada, South America, Europe, and Asia.	14.90%	11.80%	10.10%	3.69%	18.20	14.92	2.90	11.38
4	Ball Corporation	Manufacturer of metal cans and plastic blow moulded containers for beverage, food and household use in USA, Canada, South America, Europe, and Asia.	42.10%	12.70%	13.20%	2.41%	20.60	6.82	10.28	14.57
5	Crown Holdings Inc	Manufacturer of metal cans, closures for food, beverage, household and consumer applications in US, Europe and other regions.	629.31%	10.50%	13.40%	25.04%	18.70	-0.19	-277.78	15.81
6	Silgan Holdings, Inc.	Manufacturer of metal and plastic containers and closures for consumer applications in USA, South America, Europe, and Asia.	25.60%	13.00%	9.70%	-0.26%	18.30	8.97	5.92	10.57
7	AptarGroup, Inc.	Manufacturer of caps & closures, spray pumps, valves etc. primarily for the cosmetic, and personal care, pharmaceutical, household, food and beverage markets across USA, South America, Europe, and Asia.	14.80%	17.70%	10.50%	1.92%	21.50	16.40	3.88	9.84
8	Essel Propack	Essel Propack is leading specialty packaging company for personal care & hygiene, cosmetic, pharmaceutical, household and food having presence in USA, South America, Europe, and Asia.	19.51%	17.52%	17.03%	38.64%	13.37	52.94 (INR)	2.45	6.93

Source: www.in.advn.com & Company filings for competitor companies.

*LTM- Latest Twelve Months for Peers and Trailing Twelve Months for EPL



Essel leads the pack in Avg. Annual PAT growth, EBIDTA Margin and ROCE

Source: www.in.advn.com for competitor companies

For more details – see table (Page 6)

About Essel Propack Ltd:

Essel Propack, part of the USD 2.4 billion Essel Group, with turnover of over USD 380 million, is the largest specialty packaging global company, manufacturing laminated plastic tubes catering to the FMCG and Pharma space. Employing over 2700 people representing 25 different nationalities, Essel Propack functions through 21 state of the art facilities and in eleven countries, selling more than 6 billion tubes and continuing to grow every year.

Holding Oral Care market share of 33% in volume terms globally, Essel Propack is the world's largest manufacturer with units operating across countries such as USA, Mexico, Colombia, Poland, Germany, Egypt, Russia, China, Philippines and India. These facilities cater to diverse categories that include brands in Beauty & Cosmetics, Pharma & Health, Food, Oral and Home, offering customized solutions through continuously pioneering first-in-class innovations in materials, technology and processes.

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Certain statements in this release concerning our future growth prospects are forward-looking statements which involve a number of risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially from those in such forward-looking statements. The risks and uncertainties relating to these statements include, but are not limited to, risks and uncertainties regarding fiscal policy, competition, inflationary pressures and general economic conditions affecting our industry. The Company does not undertake to update any forward-looking statement that may be made from time to time by or on behalf of the Company.

GLOBAL OPERATIONS

UNAUDITED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE QUARTER ENDED 30TH JUNE 2015

(₹ in Lacs)

Particulars	Quarter ended			Year ended
	30 th June 2015	31 st Mar 2015	30 th June 2014	31 st Mar 2015
	Unaudited	Audited (Refer note 3)	Unaudited	Audited
1 Income from operations				
a. Net Sales / Income from Operations (Net of Excise Duty)	56697	60262	54412	229256
b. Other Operating Income	765	911	457	3040
Total Income from operations (net)	57462	61173	54869	232296
2 Expenses				
a. Cost of materials consumed	28160	31702	25034	113683
b. Changes in inventories of finished goods and goods-in-process	(1873)	(852)	2177	(61)
c. Employee benefits expense	9690	8854	8770	36283
d. Depreciation and amortisation expense	3204	3060	3302	13179
e. Other expenses	11099	10848	10029	42767
Total expenses	50280	53612	49312	205851
3 Profit from Operations before other income, finance costs and exceptional items (1-2)	7182	7561	5557	26445
4 Other income	456	671	523	2096
5 Profit from ordinary activities before finance costs and exceptional items (3+4)	7638	8232	6080	28541
6 Gain/(Loss) on Foreign Exchange Fluctuations (Net)	(36)	(134)	(107)	(548)
7 Finance costs	1859	1953	1933	7936
8 Profit from ordinary activities after finance costs but before exceptional items (5+6-7)	5743	6145	4040	20057
9 Exceptional (income) / expense	-	(552)	-	(552)
10 Profit from ordinary activities before tax (8-9)	5743	6697	4040	20609
11 Tax expense (Current tax, Deferred tax, MAT credit entitlement, excess provisions)	1867	1948	1288	6105
12 Net Profit from ordinary activities after tax (10-11)	3876	4749	2752	14504
13 Extraordinary Item	-	-	-	-
14 Net Profit after tax before minority interest and share of profit / (loss) of associate (12-13)	3876	4749	2752	14504
15 Add : Share of Profit of associates	55	(54)	(12)	32
16 Less : Minority interest	(90)	(154)	(103)	(472)
17 Net Profit for the period (14+15+16)	3841	4541	2637	14064
18 Paid-up Equity Share Capital (Face Value Rs. 2/-each)	3142	3142	3141	3142
19 Reserve excluding Revaluation Reserves as per Balance Sheet of previous accounting year				75022
20 Earnings per Share (EPS)	2.45	2.89	1.68	8.95
Basic & Diluted EPS (not annualised)				

Notes:

- The above Consolidated results were reviewed by the Audit Committee and approved by the Board of Directors of the Company in its meeting held on 30 July, 2015.
- "On 13 July 2015, the Company has divested its wholly owned subsidiary, Packaging India Private Limited for full cash consideration, as part of its strategy to pursue growth opportunity in its core tube packaging business which has great potential across the globe in the Beauty & Cosmetics, Pharma & Health and Food categories.
- Figures for the quarter ended 31 March 2015 are the balancing figures between the audited figures in respect of full financial year and the published year to date figures upto third quarter of relevant financial year.
- The Company is engaged in the business of Plastic Packaging Material. Geographical segment has been identified as primary segment and reported as per AS-17 below:
Geographical Segmentation are:
 - AMESA : Africa, Middle East and South Asia include operations in India and Egypt.
 - EAP : East Asia Pacific includes operations in China, Philippines and Hongkong.
 - AMERICAS : includes operations in United States of America, Mexico and Colombia.
 - EUROPE : includes operations in Germany, United Kingdom, Poland and Russia.

Consolidated Segment Information	Quarter ended		Year ended	
	30 th June 2015	31 st Mar 2015	30 th June 2014	31 st Mar 2015
	Unaudited	Audited (Refer note 3)	Unaudited	Audited
Segment Revenue				
A AMESA	26289	27054	26830	109735
B EAP	13396	13461	11471	53382
C AMERICAS	12096	12934	11707	47815
D EUROPE	9289	10198	7788	35850
E Unallocated	18	22	15	69
Inter Segmental elimination	(3626)	(2496)	(2942)	(14555)
Total Sales / Income from operations	57462	61173	54869	232296
Segment Result				
Profit / (Loss) before other income, finance costs and exceptional items from each segment				
A AMESA	3610	3707	3261	13330
B EAP	1896	1793	1165	6875
C AMERICAS	1317	1497	1068	4861
D EUROPE	490	636	157	1858
E Unallocated	(112)	(4)	(94)	(411)
Inter Segmental elimination	(19)	(68)	-	(68)
Total	7182	7561	5557	26445
Add: Other income	456	671	523	2096
Add: Gain/(Loss) on Foreign Exchange Fluctuations (Net)	(36)	(134)	(107)	(548)
Segment Result	7602	8098	5973	27993
Less: Financial costs	1859	1953	1933	7936
Less: Exceptional (income) / expense	-	(552)	-	(552)
Profit from ordinary activities before tax	5743	6697	4040	20609
Capital Employed				
(Segment Assets - Segment Liabilities)				
A AMESA	63916	62338	61396	62338
B EAP	43100	40840	40462	40840
C AMERICAS	26611	25701	23460	25701
D EUROPE	24212	23784	27032	23784
E Unallocated	(72710)	(72594)	(76937)	(72594)
Inter Segmental elimination	(1953)	(1772)	(2047)	(1772)
Total	83176	78297	73366	78297

5. Figures of the previous period have been regrouped / reclassified / rearranged wherever considered necessary.

For Essel Propack Limited

Place : Mumbai
Date : 30th July 2015

Ashok Goel
Vice Chairman & Managing Director



INDIA STANDALONE

UNAUDITED FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE QUARTER ENDED 30TH JUNE 2015

(₹ in Lacs)

Particulars	Quarter ended			Year ended
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PART I	Unaudited	Audited (Refer note 5)	Unaudited	Audited
1 Income from operations				
a. Net Sales / Income from operations (net of excise duty)	18,020	17,590	18,176	72,748
b. Other operating income	673	776	534	2,713
Total income from operations (net)	18,693	18,366	18,710	75,461
2 Expenses:				
a. Cost of materials consumed	8,859	8,697	9,498	37,911
b. Changes in inventories of finished goods and work in progress	(289)	439	117	276
c. Employee benefits expense	1,840	1,675	1,521	6,402
d. Depreciation and amortisation expense	1,222	1,067	1,115	4,575
e. Other expenses	4,179	3,973	3,889	16,515
Total expenses	15,811	15,851	16,140	65,679
3 Profit from operations before other income, finance costs and exceptional items (1-2)	2,882	2,515	2,570	9,782
4 Other income	520	538	519	2,088
5 Profit from ordinary activities before finance costs and exceptional items (3+4)	3,402	3,053	3,089	11,870
6 Gain/(Loss) on foreign exchange difference (net)	(39)	(98)	(65)	(246)
7 Finance costs	914	969	968	4,093
8 Profit after finance costs but before exceptional items (5+6-7)	2,449	1,986	2,056	7,531
9 Exceptional Items	-	-	-	-
10 Profit before tax for the period (8+9)	2,449	1,986	2,056	7,531
11 Tax expense (current tax, deferred tax, mat credit entitlement etc)	795	473	602	1,878
12 Net Profit after tax for the period (10-11)	1,654	1,513	1,454	5,653
13 Paid-up equity share capital (Face Value ₹ 2/- each)	3,142	3,142	3,141	3,142
14 Reserves excluding Revaluation Reserves				44,711
15 Earnings Per Share (EPS)	1.05	0.96	0.93	3.60
Basic and Diluted Earnings Per Share (not annualised)				
PART II				
A PARTICULARS OF SHAREHOLDINGS				
1 Public shareholding				
- Number of Shares (Lacs)	@ 678.23	@ 681.73	610.73	@ 681.73
- Percentage of Shareholding	43.17%	43.39%	38.88%	43.39%
2 Promoters and Promoters Group Shareholding				
a. Pledged / Encumbered (Lacs)				
- Number of Shares (Lacs)	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00
- Percentage of Shares (as a % of the total shareholding of Promoter and Promoter Group)	2.24%	2.25%	2.08%	2.25%
- Percentage of Shares (as a % of the total Share Capital of the Company)	1.27%	1.27%	1.27%	1.27%
b. Non-encumbered				
- Number of Shares (Lacs)	872.78	869.28	940.28	869.28
- Percentage of Shares (as a % of the total shareholding of Promoter and Promoter Group)	97.76%	97.75%	97.92%	97.75%
- Percentage of Shares (as a % of the total Share Capital of the Company)	55.56%	55.34%	59.85%	55.34%
@ Includes 57,120 forfeited equity shares of ₹ 2 each				

B. INVESTOR COMPLAINTS: Pending at the beginning of the quarter - 0; Received during the quarter - 0; Disposed off during the quarter - 0; Remaining unresolved at end of the quarter - 0

NOTES:

- The above financial results were reviewed by the Audit Committee and approved by the Board of Directors of the Company in its meeting held on 30 July 2015. The Statutory Auditors have carried out a limited review of the above financial results.
- None of the financials of the Subsidiaries / Associates / Joint Ventures have been consolidated in the above results.
- Under AS-17, the Company has only one major identifiable business segment viz. Plastic Packaging Material.
- On 13 July 2015, the Company has divested its wholly owned subsidiary, Packaging India Private Limited for full cash consideration as part of its strategy to pursue growth opportunity in its core tube packaging business which has great potential across the globe in the Beauty & Cosmetics, Pharma & Health and Food categories.
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For Essel Propack Limited

Place : Mumbai
Date : 30th July 2015

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Vice Chairman & Managing Director



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