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Hindustan Zinc Limited Production Release for the Second Quarter and Half Year Ended 30 September 2011

Q2 Highlights

- Mined metal production up by 2%
- Refined Zinc-Lead metal production up by 5%
- Refined Silver production up by 12%
- Commissioned the 100ktpa Lead smelter at Dariba - taking total Zinc & Lead capacity to 1.064mtpa

Operational Performance

Mined metal production in Q2 and H1 was 210,000 tonnes and 398,000 tonnes, up 2% and 3% respectively, as compared with the corresponding prior periods. This reflects near normal production at Rampura Agucha following the maintenance shutdown in Q1.

Refined Zinc production in Q2 and H1 was 185,000 tonnes and 378,000 tonnes, up 5% and 11% respectively, as compared with the corresponding prior periods. This was primarily on account of improved operational performance at our hydro smelters.

Refined Lead production in Q2 and H1 was 17,000 tonnes and 33,000 tonnes, up 6% and 6% respectively, as compared with the corresponding prior periods. This was primarily due to volume contribution from the new 100kt Dariba Lead smelter which was commissioned and capitalized during the quarter.

Refined Silver production in Q2 and H1 was 49,000 kg and 96,000 kg, up 12% and 10% respectively, as compared with the corresponding prior periods. The increase in production was mainly attributable to higher silver content in the mined ore and improved plant efficiencies.

Growth Projects

Ramp-up of the Sindesar Khurd mine is on track to achieve its targeted 2.0mtpa capacity by the end of the year. The 100ktpa Dariba Lead smelter was commissioned during the quarter, taking the total refining capacity for Lead to 185ktpa. The new Silver refinery is scheduled to be commissioned in Q3 FY2012. With the ramp-up of SK mine and commissioning of the Silver refinery, our Silver capacity will reach 500 tonnes by the end of the year.

We have commissioned 105MW of the 150MW expansion in wind power generation capacity announced in January 2011. The balance capacity is expected to be commissioned in Q3 FY2012. Post the expansion, the Company's wind power generation capacity will increase to 273MW.

Production Summary (Unaudited)

(in '000 tonnes, except as stated)

Particulars	Quarter Ended 30 September			Half Year Ended 30 September		
	2011	2010	Change (%)	2011	2010	Change (%)
Mined Metal Production						
Zinc & Lead	210	205	2%	398	387	3%
Refined Metal Production						
Zinc	185	176	5%	378	341	11%
Lead ¹	17	16	6%	33	31	6%
Silver ² (in '000 kg)	49	44	12%	96	87	10%
Energy (in million units)						
Surplus from CPP's	25	19	29%	36	20	76%
Wind Power	94	52	82%	200	120	66%

- (1) Includes captive consumption of 1,348 tonnes and 2,739 tonnes in Q2 FY2012 and H1 FY2012, as compared with 1,646 tonnes and 2,812 tonnes in corresponding prior periods, respectively.
- (2) Includes captive consumption of 7,193 kg and 14,389 kg in Q2 FY2012 and H1 FY2012, as compared with 8,612 kg and 14,745 kg in corresponding prior periods, respectively.

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About Hindustan Zinc

HZL is the world's largest integrated producer of Zinc-Lead. It has a metal production capacity of 1,064,000 tonnes per annum with its smelter operations situated in Chanderiya, Debari, Dariba and Visakhapatnam. HZL has Lead-Zinc mines in Rampura Agucha, Sindesar Khurd, Rajpura Dariba and Zawar. HZL has over 6,500 employees. The Company is a subsidiary of the NYSE listed, Sterlite Industries (India) Limited (NYSE: SLT) and London listed FTSE 100 diversified metals and mining major, Vedanta Resources plc.

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