



Sundram Fasteners Limited

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Sundram Fasteners Limited recorded total sales and other income of Rs. 752.58 crores for the half year ended September 30, 2008 as against Rs. 597.09 crores achieved during the same period in the previous year, a growth of 26%.

Export sales for the period grew by 40% to Rs. 233.64 crores as against Rs. 167.07 crores during the same period. The growth has been achieved despite weakness in US market.

Gross Profit before interest, depreciation and provision for taxation was at Rs. 112.93 crores (Rs. 80.23 crores) . The margins continued to be under pressure due to increase in cost of raw materials, manufacturing inputs and additional usage of captive power.

Operating expenses were at Rs. 639.65 crores (Rs. 516.86 crores). Interest charges were Rs 18.56 crores (Rs 12.95 crores). Exchange fluctuations on foreign currency loans resulted in a loss of Rs.40.20 crores as against a gain of Rs.17.72 crores on account of a rapid depreciation in rupee vis-à-vis US dollar.

Exchange fluctuations on foreign currency loans includes restatement loss of Rs. 32.55 crores as against gain of Rs. 13.41 crores during the same period in the previous year. A major portion of the loss relates to long term loans and has no immediate impact on cash flows.

Depreciation for the half year was Rs. 20.78 crores (Rs. 16.81 crores). The provision for taxes, inclusive of Fringe Benefit Tax and deferred tax was at Rs. 11.37 crores (Rs. 22.18 crores).

The net profit after tax was lower at Rs. 22.02 crores (Rs. 46.01 crores). Earnings per share (on face value of Re 1 per share) for the half year amounted to Rs. 1.05 (Rs. 2.19).
