



Sundram Fasteners Limited

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PRESS RELEASE

Sundram Fasteners Limited recorded total sales and other income of Rs. 1207.76 crores for the year ended March 31, 2008 as against Rs. 1201.13 crores achieved during the previous year.

Domestic sales, net of excise duties, increased to Rs. 864.00 crores as against Rs. 841.19 crores and Exports sales was at Rs.341.92 crores as against Rs.358.25 crores in the previous year on account of a 10% depreciation of U.S. Dollar against Rupee.

Operating expenses were at Rs.1057.18 crores compared to Rs. 1029.35 crores during the previous year. Higher Cost of raw materials and other inputs and strengthening of Rupee made in roads into the operating margins. Gross Profit before interest, depreciation, extra-ordinary items and provision for taxation was at Rs. 150.58 crores during the year as against Rs. 171.78 crores in the previous year.

Repeated hikes in interest rates, increased working capital requirements and investments in new projects resulted in higher interest charges at Rs.27.02 crores as against Rs.24.46 crores in the previous year. Foreign exchange fluctuations resulted in a gain of Rs.13.15 crores as against a loss of Rs.1.79 crores in the previous year.

Depreciation for the year was Rs. 34.23 crores (Rs. 30.12 crores). The provision for taxes, inclusive of Fringe Benefit Tax and deferred taxes, was at Rs. 34.99 crores (Rs. 40.08 crores).

The net profit before extraordinary items was at Rs. 67.49 crores (Rs. 75.34 crores). Provision made in the previous year written back in the current year as no longer required was amounting to Rs. 1.99 crores. Net profit after extraordinary item was Rs. 69.48 crores as against Rs. 71.86 crores for the previous year. Earning per share for the year amounted to Rs. 3.31 (on face value of Re 1 per share) as against Rs. 3.42 for the previous year.

The Directors have decided to pay a second Interim Dividend of Re. 0.45 per share (face value Re 1 each). First Interim Dividend of Re.0.45 per share was declared and paid earlier. The total dividend for the year amounts to Re.0.90 per share on enhanced capital consequent to the issue of bonus share at 1:1 in the previous year. First Interim Dividend disbursed amounted to Rs. 945.58 lakhs. Second Interim Dividend will also absorb a total amount of Rs. 945.58 lakhs. The directors have not recommended any final dividend. A sum of Rs 50 crores has been transferred to the General Reserve.

All the subsidiaries showed improved performance. Sales and other income of subsidiaries improved to Rs.454.12 crores from Rs. 392.71 crores. The subsidiaries made a cash profit of Rs. 17.08 crores as against Rs.6.62 crores during the previous financial year. Profit after tax amounted to Rs. 3.79 crores as against loss of Rs.5.54 crores in the earlier year.

The consolidated sales of the Company and its subsidiaries after adjusting inter company transactions increased to Rs.1626.26 crores from Rs.1569.35 crores. Profit after tax after adjusting results of an associate amounted to Rs.71.08 crores as against Rs.70.77 crores in the previous year.