



Sundram Fasteners Limited

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Sundram Fasteners Limited recorded total sales and other income of Rs. 597.09 crores for the half year ended September 30, 2007 as against Rs. 605.02 crores achieved during the same period in the previous year.

Export sales for the period was Rs 167.07 crores as against Rs. 186.34 crores during the same period in the previous year mainly due to lower realisation in rupee terms due to strengthening of rupee against U.S. Dollar and softening of U.S. market.

Domestic sales, net of excise duties, increased to Rs. 429.40 crores (Rs. 417.84 crores) despite slow down in Heavy/Medium commercial vehicles sector and the slump in sale of two wheelers.

Gross Profit before interest, depreciation and provision for taxation was lower at Rs. 80.23 crores during the period (Rs. 101.78 crores) on account of lower realisation on exports and increase in cost of raw materials and other inputs.

Operating expenses were at Rs. 516.86 crores (Rs. 503.24 crores). Interest charges was Rs 12.95 crores (Rs 12.89 crores). Exchange fluctuations on foreign currency loans resulted in a gain of Rs.17.72 crores as against a loss of Rs.10.69 crores in the previous year.

Depreciation for the half year was Rs. 16.81 crores (Rs. 14.67 crores). The provision for taxes, inclusive of Fringe Benefit Tax and deferred tax, was at Rs. 22.18 crores (Rs. 20.07 crores).

The net profit after tax was higher at Rs. 46.01 crores (Rs. 43.46 crores). Earning per share (on face value of Re 1 per share) for the half year amounted to Rs. 2.19 (Rs. 2.07).

The Company has established a state of the art facility at Special Economic Zone in Mahindra World City near Chennai for manufacture of hubs and shafts, to cater to the requirements of major export customers. The Unit is on regular production stream from 1st September, 2007.

The Company has also commissioned the Project at Rudrapur, Uttarakhand State. The Unit awaits statutory clearances for commencement of regular production.

The Board of Directors has decided to pay an interim dividend of 0.45p per share (45%) on the equity share of the Company.
