

**NOTE ON PERFORMANCE FOR THE QUARTER ENDED 30<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2008 AND YEAR ENDED 30<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2008**

The company has managed to continue a solid financial performance during the last quarter of the financial year.

Despite power generation figures being average and on par with expected levels for this quarter, the bottom line performance was extra-ordinary due to continued bullish trends in the manganese markets.

SNAPSHOT OF THE RESULTS ARE GIVEN BELOW : (Rs. in lakhs)

	Quarter ended June 30,2008	Quarter ended 30 <sup>th</sup> June 2007	Year ended June 30, 2008	Year ended June 30, 2007
GROSS SALES	3780	1881	11551	7293
PBDIT	870	336	2671	1209
PBT	704	161	2027	514

The smelter division's performance was also aided by increased focus on extra Low carbon manganese alloy production which fetched higher premium compared to the normal medium carbon alloys.

**OUTLOOK :**

The South West monsoon has not set in over Kerala yet. So far, the monsoon trends are quite disturbing.

The smelter division continues to perform well even though stainless steel markets are showing some signs of weakness. The company has contracts for its finished products for production until the end of this quarter and the raw material sources too have been tied up.

The Indonesian manganese ore mines venture is progressing on expected lines and is expected to yield commercial grade Manganese ore by middle of August, this year. Upon good volume availability of manganese ore from its captive mines, the company's raw material cost would decrease significantly and bottomline performance would further improve.

Subject to the South west monsoon not playing spoil sport, the company is expected to maintain good performance levels for this quarter also.