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Sub.: Outcome of the Board Meeting held on February 9, 2016

This is to inform you that at a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Company held today, February 9, 2016, (commenced at 02:30 p.m. and concluded at 04:47 p.m) the Unaudited Financial Results for the quarter and nine months ended December 31, 2015 were adopted.

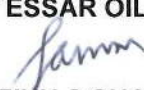
Enclosed please find the unaudited financial results for the quarter and nine months ended December 31, 2015 prepared in terms of Regulation 33 of SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015, along with a copy of the Limited Review Report dated February 9, 2016 received from the Statutory Auditors, M/s. Deloitte Haskins & Sells, Chartered Accountants, Ahmedabad in respect of the said Unaudited Financial Results.

Also enclosed the press release made on the above unaudited financial results for the quarter and nine months ended December 31, 2015.

Please note that the trading window was closed with effect from February 2, 2016 for the above purpose.

Kindly acknowledge receipt.

Yours faithfully
For **ESSAR OIL LIMITED**


SHEIKH S SHAFFI
COMPANY SECRETARY

- cc: 1) National Securities Depository Ltd.
2) Central Depository Services (India) Ltd.
3) IDBI Trusteeship Services Ltd., Debenture Trustee
4) Overseas Depository to GDS, The Bank of New York Mellon
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PART I							(₹ in Crore)
Statement of standalone unaudited financial results for the Quarter and Nine months ended on December 31, 2015							
Sr. No.	Particulars	Quarter ended on			Nine months ended on		Year ended on
		31-12-2015 (Unaudited)	30-09-2015 (Unaudited)	31-12-2014 (Unaudited)	31-12-2015 (Unaudited)	31-12-2014 (Unaudited)	31-03-2015 (Audited)
1	Income from operations						
	a) Net sales / income from operations (Net of excise duty & VAT)	10,861	13,077	20,238	40,241	67,420	82,983
	b) Other operating income	48	41	57	126	178	223
	Total income from operations (net)	10,909	13,118	20,295	40,367	67,598	83,206
2	Expenses						
	a) Cost of raw materials consumed (See sr. no. 9 below)	7,168	9,789	15,871	30,363	59,294	70,498
	b) Purchase of traded goods	1,602	846	862	3,297	1,775	2,922
	c) (Increase) / Decrease in stock of finished goods, work-in-progress and stock-in-trade	(204)	769	1,468	(24)	436	1,479
	d) Employee benefits expenses	78	72	48	229	168	229
	e) Selling and marketing expenses	118	125	135	359	428	564
	f) Depreciation / Amortisation expenses (Refer note 7)	255	247	58	744	529	757
	g) Other expenses (See sr. no. 9 below)	777	572	561	2,024	1,729	2,436
	Total expenses	9,794	12,420	19,003	36,992	64,359	78,885
3	Profit / (Loss) from operations before foreign exchange loss / (gain), other income, finance cost and exceptional item (1-2)	1,115	698	1,292	3,375	3,239	4,321
4	Other income	434	616	295	1,374	882	1,026
5	Profit / (Loss) from ordinary activities before foreign exchange loss / (gain), finance cost and exceptional item (3+4)	1,549	1,314	1,587	4,749	4,121	5,347
6	Foreign exchange loss / (gain)	45	131	354	241	692	343
7	Finance cost	551	495	589	1,802	1,861	2,565
8	Profit / (Loss) from ordinary activities after finance cost before exceptional item (5-6-7)	953	688	644	2,706	1,568	2,439
9	Exceptional item : (Refer note 3)	288	49	-	339	-	-
	(Refer note 5)	301	438	592	739	592	918
10	Profit / (Loss) from ordinary activities before tax (8-9)	364	201	52	1,628	976	1,521
11	Tax expense (net of MAT credit entitlement)	-	-	-	-	-	-
12	Net profit / (Loss) from ordinary activities after tax (10-11)	364	201	52	1,628	976	1,521
13	Paid up equity share capital (Face value : ₹ 10/- per share)	1,451	1,450	1,450	1,451	1,450	1,450
14	Reserves excluding revaluation reserves as per Balance Sheet of previous accounting year						2,403
15	Earnings per share before and after extraordinary items (in ₹)						
	-Basic (Not Annualised)*	2.51*	1.39*	0.36*	11.23*	6.73*	10.50
	- Diluted (Not Annualised)* (Refer note 6)	2.51*	1.38*	0.36*	11.21*	6.72*	10.48

Segment wise Revenue, Results & Capital Employed :

(₹ in Crore)							
Sr. No.	Particulars	Quarter ended on			Nine months ended on		Year ended on
		31-12-2015 (Unaudited)	30-09-2015 (Unaudited)	31-12-2014 (Unaudited)	31-12-2015 (Unaudited)	31-12-2014 (Unaudited)	31-03-2015 (Audited)
1	Segment Revenue						
	Refining and marketing	10,957	13,150	20,339	40,482	67,765	83,426
	Exploration and production activities	1	1	5	3	14	7
	Unallocated	3	51	17	60	33	40
	Total Segment revenue	10,961	13,202	20,361	40,545	67,812	83,473
2	Segment Results Profit / (Loss) before interest and tax						
	Refining and marketing	551	96	429	2,231	2,186	3,387
	Exploration and production activities	(2)	(2)	1	(5)	3	(8)
	Unallocated	(140)	(53)	(62)	(293)	(213)	(315)
	Total	409	41	368	1,933	1,976	3,064
	Less: Interest expenses	427	372	545	1,501	1,668	2,302
	Add : Interest income	381	466	227	1,128	666	755
	Add : Profit on sale of Investments	1	42	1	44	1	2
	Add : Credit balances written back / write back of old liabilities	(0)	24	1	24	1	2
	Total Profit / (Loss) before tax	364	201	52	1,628	976	1,521
3	Capital employed (Segment assets - Segment liabilities)						
	Refining and marketing	28,619	25,930	25,866	28,619	25,866	28,010
	Exploration and production activities	4,393	3,856	3,464	4,393	3,464	3,590
	Unallocated	637	713	400	637	400	397
	Total Capital employed	33,649	30,499	29,730	33,649	29,730	31,997

*0 represents amount less than ₹ 1 crore

Notes to standalone unaudited financial results for the Quarter and Nine months ended on December 31, 2015

- 1 The above results have been reviewed by the Audit and Risk Management Committee and approved by the Board of Directors at their meetings held on February 08, 2016 and February 09, 2016 respectively at Mumbai.
- 2 The Company has received approval for delisting of its equity shares from the National Stock Exchange of India Limited and Bombay Stock Exchange Limited. Trading in shares of the Company will be discontinued from February 10, 2016 and the shares will be delisted effective from February 17, 2016.
- 3 The planned shutdown of the Refinery which commenced on September 18, 2015 was completed and the plant was restarted on October 17, 2015. There was no production during this period. Hence the throughput for the quarter and Nine months ended on December 31, 2015 was lower at 4.24 MMT (Million Metric Tonnes) and 13.88 MMT respectively compared to the previous periods. The throughput for various periods are as under:

Particulars	Quarter ended on			Nine months ended on		Year ended on
	31-12-2015	30-09-2015	31-12-2014	31-12-2015	31-12-2014	31-03-2015
Throughput (in MMT)	4.24	4.47	5.19	13.88	15.37	20.49

The expenses relating to the shutdown being exceptional in nature, have been disclosed separately in the periods in which they were incurred.

- 4 Based on instructions received from Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas, Government of India (MOPNG), Indian refineries released certain payments for oil imports from Iran in tranches, which could not be previously paid on account of certain restrictions. The Company has accordingly to date released payments of USD 1,969 million. In accordance with the terms of the contract with the oil vendor and the MOU between MOPNG and Central bank of Iran, the Company is not liable for foreign exchange variations and interest after the credit period due to non-availability of payment channels arising out of such restrictions. The restrictions have been lifted on January 16, 2016, however, banking channels are still not available and the schedule of payments is presently under negotiation. In respect of the aforesaid payments made so far, the negative exchange variation of ₹ 284 crores (net) has not been reckoned with in the statement of profit and loss since the same will be adjusted in subsequent payments. The outstanding payable of USD 2,640 million, as on December 31, 2015, has in accordance with AS 11 on "The effects of changes in foreign exchange rates" been stated at the contracted rates, which reflects the amount at which the liability is likely to be ultimately settled.
- 5 Exceptional item include abnormal inventory losses consequent upon the month on month steep and unprecedented fall in the global prices of crude oil, during those periods.
- 6 The Company had received ₹ 1,501 crore (USD 246 million) as advance towards Global Depository Shares ("GDS") during the year ended March 31, 2015 from Essar Energy Holdings Limited, a Promoter Company. The Company is in the process of completing relevant formalities for allotment of securities and has not considered the same for calculation of diluted earning per share since the number of underlying shares per GDS has not presently been determined.
- 7 Depreciation / Amortisation expenses for the quarter and nine months ended December 31, 2014 include, in accordance with Accounting standard 6 on Depreciation Accounting, adjustment of surplus arising on re-computation of depreciation consequent to a change in method of calculating depreciation and is therefore not comparable with the charge for the corresponding periods.
- 8 Previous periods' figures have been regrouped / rearranged, wherever considered necessary.

By Order of the Board
For Essar Oil Limited


Lalit Kumar Gupta
Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer

Place : Mumbai
Date : February 09, 2016

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REVIEW REPORT ON REVIEW OF INTERIM FINANCIAL RESULTS

TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF ESSAR OIL LIMITED

1. We have reviewed the accompanying Statement of Standalone Unaudited Financial Results of **ESSAR OIL LIMITED** ("the Company") for the Quarter and Nine Months ended December 31, 2015 ("the Statement"), being submitted by the Company pursuant to the requirement of Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. This Statement which is the responsibility of the Company's Management and approved by the Board of Directors, has been prepared in accordance with the recognition and measurement principles laid down in Accounting Standard for Interim Financial Reporting (AS 25), prescribed under Section 133 of the Companies Act, 2013 read with relevant rules issued thereunder and other accounting principles generally accepted in India. Our responsibility is to issue a report on the Statement based on our review.
2. We conducted our review of the Statement in accordance with the Standard on Review Engagements (SRE) 2410 'Review of Interim Financial Information Performed by the Independent Auditor of the Entity', issued by the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India. This Standard requires that we plan and perform the review to obtain moderate assurance as to whether the Statement is free of material misstatement. A review is limited primarily to inquiries of Company personnel and analytical procedures applied to financial data and thus provides less assurance than an audit. We have not performed an audit and, accordingly, we do not express an audit opinion.
3. Based on our review conducted as stated above, nothing has come to our attention that causes us to believe that the accompanying Statement, prepared in accordance with the aforesaid Accounting Standards and other accounting principles generally accepted in India, has not disclosed the information required to be disclosed in terms of Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015, including the manner in which it is to be disclosed, or that it contains any material misstatement.

For DELOITTE HASKINS & SELLS
Chartered Accountants
(Firm's Registration No. 117365W)

P. B. Pardiwalla

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Partner
(Membership No. 040005)

MUMBAI, February 09, 2016

For Immediate Release

Essar Oil Limited reports strong performance for the quarter ended 31st December 2015; registers highest ever gross refining margin

Q3FY16 Performance Highlights

- Refinery throughput at 4.24 MMT as against 5.19 MMT in Q3FY15 (15 day shutdown in Q3FY16)
- Gross revenues Rs. 13,947 crore compared with Rs. 22,220 crore in Q3FY15
- EBITDA at Rs 1,759 crore vs Rs 1,291 crore in Q3FY15
- Profit after tax Rs 364 crore vs Rs 52 crore in Q3FY15
- Current Price Gross Refining Margin at \$13.25/bbl (highest ever) vs \$7.00 /bbl in Q3FY15

Mumbai, 9th February 2016: Essar Oil Ltd., India's second largest private refiner, today reported results for the third quarter ended 31st December 2015.

Q3FY16 Performance

Refinery throughput stood at 4.24 MMT, compared with 5.19 MMT in the same period of the previous year. The decline in throughput was due to the planned shutdown of 30 days (completed in 28 days from 18th September 2015 to 15th October 2015).

Gross revenues for the quarter stood at Rs.13,947 crore, compared with Rs.22,220 crore in the same period last year. This decline in revenues was due to the fall in oil prices and lower throughput due to the continuation of shutdown for 15 days in the quarter.

The EBITDA increased by 36% to Rs 1,759 crore as against 1,291 crore in Q3FY15. The Net Profit after Tax soared 7 times to Rs 364 crore from Rs 52 crore in the same quarter of previous year.

The Current Price Gross Refining Margin (CP GRM) for the latest quarter was \$13.25/bbl, the highest ever for Essar Oil, versus \$7.00/bbl in the same quarter last year.

9-Month of FY16 highlights

The refinery throughput for the nine-month period ended December 2015 was 13.88 MMT, compared with 15.37 MMT in the same period of previous year. Gross revenues for the period were Rs 50,080 crore, as against Rs 73,731 crore in the same period of last year.

The EBITDA stood at Rs 5,252 crore versus 3,957 crore in the previous year period. The net profit was Rs.1,628 crore compared with Rs.976 crore in the nine months of the previous financial year.

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The CP GRM for the 9-month period ended December 2015 was \$10.45/bbl versus \$7.69/bbl in the same period last year.

	Q3FY16	Q3FY15	Comparative Performance	9-Month FY16	9-month FY15	Comparative Performance
Throughput (in MMT)*	4.24	5.19	-18%	13.88	15.37	-10
Gross Revenue (in Rs.crore)	13,947	22,220	-37%	50,080	73,731	-32%
CP GRM (in \$/bbl)	13.25	7.00	89%	10.45	7.69	36%
EBIDTA (in Rs.crore)*	1,759	1,291	36%	5,252	3,957	33%
Profit After Tax (in Rs. crore)	364	52	600%	1,628	976	67%

*Impacted due to Shutdown

Refinery Performance

In the quarter ended 31st December 2015, the refinery successfully completed its planned turnaround shutdown on 15th October 2015. During the shutdown the company undertook the routine inspection and maintenance and converted VGO-HT unit into a mild Hydrocracker unit to enable the refinery to convert the entire VGO (Vacuum Gas Oil) into higher margin products. Also, the company modified crude blend window to enable the refinery to process higher quantity of ultra-heavy and high acidic crudes.

Management Speak

Mr. Lalit Kumar Gupta, Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer, on the announcement of the performance, said: "Essar Oil has delivered excellent performance despite very challenging domestic and global macro-economic environment. The safe and successful completion of the turnaround shutdown of the refinery before schedule along with completion of the Diesel Maximisation Project will help us to sustain our excellent all round performance in future. We have generated a vibrant momentum in expanding our retail network as well as leveraging the potential of our existing network."

Mr. Suresh Jain, Chief Financial Officer, said: "Our company has reported excellent financial performance despite shutdown and inventory impact due to fall in oil prices. The refinery clocked a CP GRM of \$13.25/bbl during the quarter, which is the highest ever since the commissioning of refinery in 2008. Our profitability is further expected to improve pursuant to overall improvement in crude mix and product slate post shut down. Retail business contribution in overall revenue has improved to 16% compared to 6% in Q3 FY15 and it will be the key driver to foster the overall growth and profitability of the company."

Retail Operations

During the quarter, Essar Oil commissioned 220 new outlets taking the total operational outlets nationwide to 1,910. As many as 2,186 are at different stages of implementation.

Retail sale volumes for the quarter under review advanced 87% to 448 KL from 239 KL in the same period of last year. Retail sales accounted for 16% of Essar Oil's revenues in Q3FY16 as against 6% in the corresponding quarter last fiscal.

Exploration & Production

At our flagship Raniganj CBM Asset, we have achieved production of 655,000 standard cubic meters per day (scm/d). This is being sold to industrial consumers in the catchment area. Essar Oil is presently India's largest CBM gas producer. As many as 286 wells have been drilled and the company is on course to increase production to 2.5 million scm/d.

The promoters of Essar Oil Ltd. completed the delisting process from the National Stock Exchange and Bombay Stock Exchange after agreeing to pay Rs. 262.8 per share to the public shareholders. Consequently, trading in shares of Essar Oil Ltd will halt from 10th February 2016 and delisting will be effective from 17th February 2016.

Essar Oil has been recognised as one of the top Climate Disclosure Leaders for India for the 5th year in a row in 2015 by Carbon Disclosure Project India. CDP publishes an annual index on climate disclosure that ranks companies on the basis of their energy management techniques and climate change initiatives.

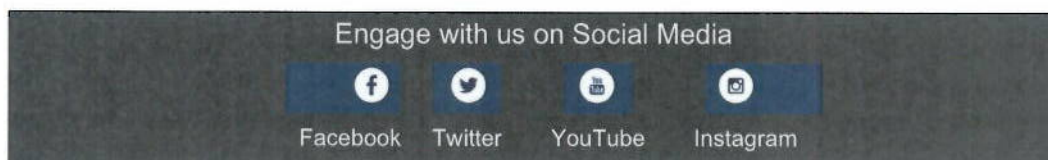
Essar Oil won the Golden Peacock HR Excellence award for 2015.

About Essar Oil Limited

Essar Oil is a fully integrated oil & gas company of international scale with strong presence across the hydrocarbon value chain from exploration & production to refining and oil retail. Essar Oil owns India's second largest single site refinery having a capacity of 20 million tonnes and complexity of 11.8, which is amongst the highest globally. It has a portfolio of onshore and offshore oil & gas blocks with about 1.7 billion barrels of oil equivalent in reserves & resources. There are 1,910 Essar-branded oil retail outlets in various parts of India with another 2,186 under various stages of implementation.

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