# The Sandur Manganese & Iron Ores Limited

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Symbol: SANDUMA

Dear Sir/Madam,

Investor Presentation for the quarter ended 30 June 2024 Sub:

Pursuant to Regulation 30 of Securities and Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015, please find enclosed herewith the copy of Investor Presentation for the quarter ended 30 June 2024.

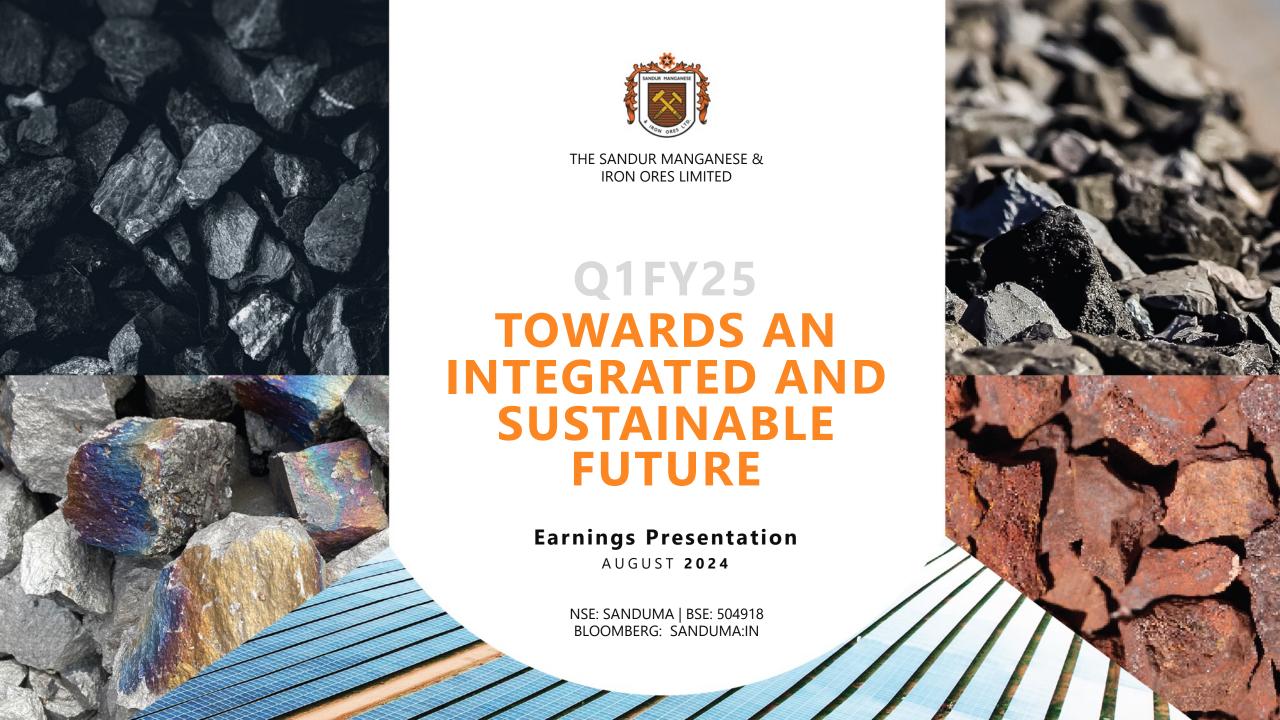
Stock Exchanges are requested to take the same on record.

Thank you

for The Sandur Manganese & Iron Ores Limited

Bahirji Ajai Ghorpade Managing Director DIN: 08452844

Encl: A/a



# **SMIORE** at a **Glance**

## 7 decades

As one of the most respected private sector merchant miners of manganese and iron ores

# 3<sup>rd</sup> Largest

Manganese ore miner in India

# A+ (Stable)

ICRA RATING & CRISIL A/POSITIVE RATED
Robust credit rating

2,558\*

SMIORE family members

#### **VAST MINING RESERVES WITH LEASES UP TO 2033**

17 MT

Manganese Ore

117 MT

Iron Ore

#### **CURRENT CAPACITIES**



**0.46** MTPA Manganese Ore



3.81 MTPA Iron Ore



**0.50** MTPA Coke



32 MW WHRB-based Power



**42.9** MW Solar-Wind Renewable Energy



**95,000/1,25,000 TPA** Ferroalloys (SiMn/ FeMn)

# **Operational Units**

**EVOLUTION OF THE LEASE AREA OVER TIME** 

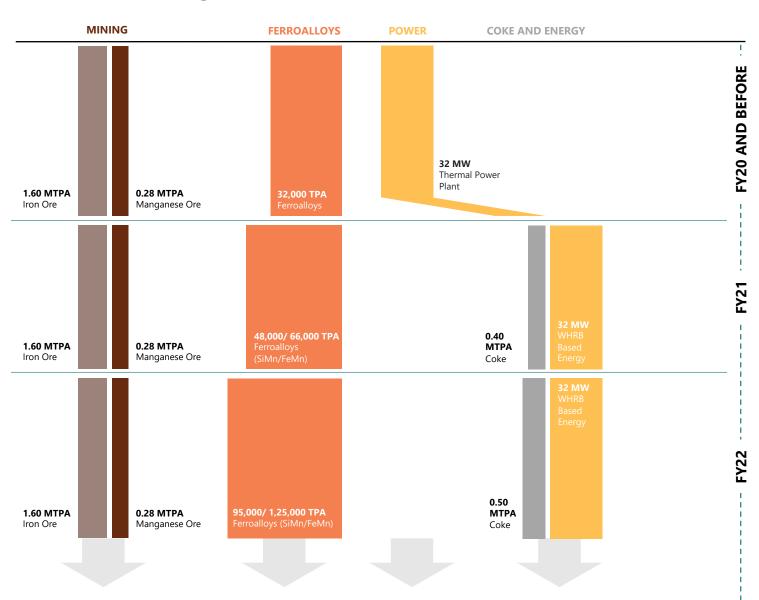
### **Mining Leases** (Deogiri, Kammathuru, Subbarayanahalli and Ramghad)

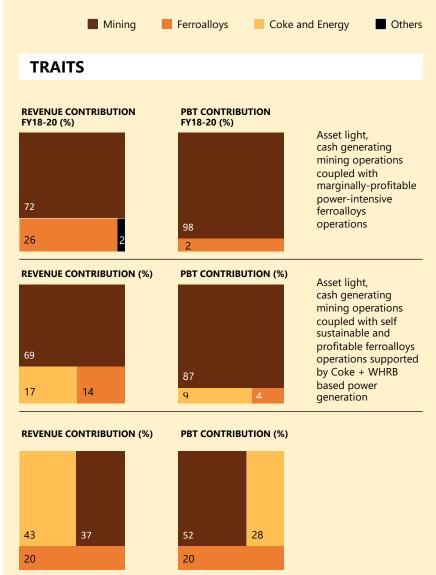
Ferroalloy Plant, Power Plant, **Coke Oven Plant** (Vyasankere)

Ballari and Vijayanagara Districts,



# **Transforming Business Canvas**

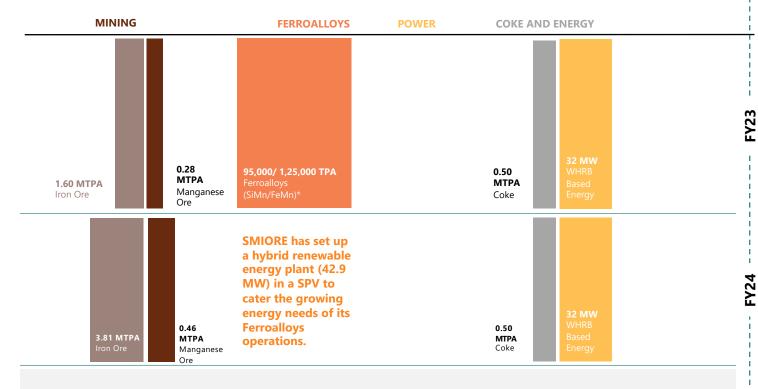




Coke and Energy

#### **ABOUT SMIORE**

# **Transforming Business Canvas**



- Asset-light and high Return on Capital Employed (ROCE)
- Cost-efficient operations resulting in high Operating Profit Margins (OPM) and significant operating-leverage
- Generating consistent Cash Flows

- Long-term vision of growth
- Mitigates sustainability concerns as a pure-play merchant miner
- Forward integration into value-added end-products

Mining

**TRAITS** 

**TRAITS** 

**REVENUE CONTRIBUTION (%)** 

Ferroalloys

**PBT CONTRIBUTION (%)** 

**REVENUE CONTRIBUTION (%) PBT CONTRIBUTION (%)** Further expansion of mining operations underway

<sup>\*</sup>Note: Existing capacities are used primarily to produce SiMn/FeMn, hence capacity calculations are as per SiMn/FeMn. However, the Company plans to add new products, hence actual capacities may differ as per the product-mix.

## **Values that Drive Us**

### **SMIORE** is run by the ethos

"All that we get (earn) from the soil of Sandur in one form or the other should be primarily used to benefit Sandur" M.Y.
GHORPADE

Values

**Scientific Mining & Sustainable Operations** 

**Environment Preservation & Community Development** 

**Employee Welfare & Development** 

**Adherence to Highest Corporate Governance Standards** 

### **Awards and Recognitions**

Awarded 5-STAR rating by the Government of India every year since the introduction of Sustainable Development Framework (SDF) Other prestigious awards include **National Safety Award** (**Mines**) from the Government of India, prizes secured during competitions held by **Mines Safety Association Karnataka**, prizes secured during competitions held by **Mines Environment & Mineral Conservation Association**, among others.



## Some of SMIORE's successful Employee Welfare Programs

#### Food Security

A food package for a family of 5 costs ₹ 145 against actual cost of ~₹4,300, balance being absorbed by the Company.

#### **Subsidized LPG Cylinder**

SMIORE provides subsidised LPG cylinders to a large subset of its employees with a 90% subsidy to prevent them from cutting trees for fuel.

#### **Housing Loan Subsidy**

Interest subsidy on housing loans availed by employees.

#### Pension

Lifetime pension to certain long-standing employees.

#### Other

Includes cloth subsidy, marriage & festival gifts, medical care, sickness benefits, education & training facilities, housing & electricity, and many more.

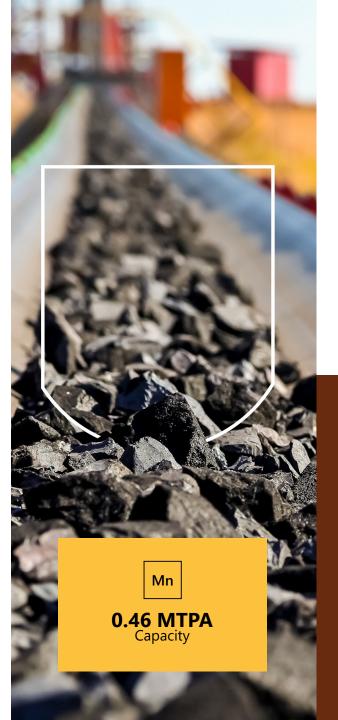
#### **BUSINESS VERTICALS REVIEW**

# Mining – our mainstay

- Mining manganese and iron ores from two mining leases located in Sandur (Karnataka)
- Fully-mechanized iron ore mining contributing to higher margins
- Semi-mechanized, labour-intensive manganese ore mining with relatively lower margins but generating large scale employment opportunities
- Mining operations with one of the best operating metrics & track record in the Industry
- Mining operations conducted with utmost respect for environment and adherence to regulatory norms of authorities

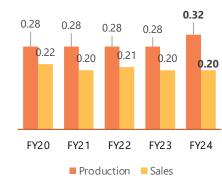
# **Capacity Enhancement**

Capacity already enhanced for manganese ore production from 0.28 MTPA to 0.46 MTPA, and further proposed to increase to 0.58 MTPA. Similarly, iron ore production capacity has been enhanced from 1.60 MTPA to 3.81 MTPA, and further proposed to increase to 4.36 MTPA. All the proposed expansions are duly complying with the parameters prescribed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court.



# MANGANESE ORE MINING OPERATIONS

(MTPA)



# IRON ORE MINING OPERATIONS

(MTPA





#### **BUSINESS VERTICALS REVIEW**

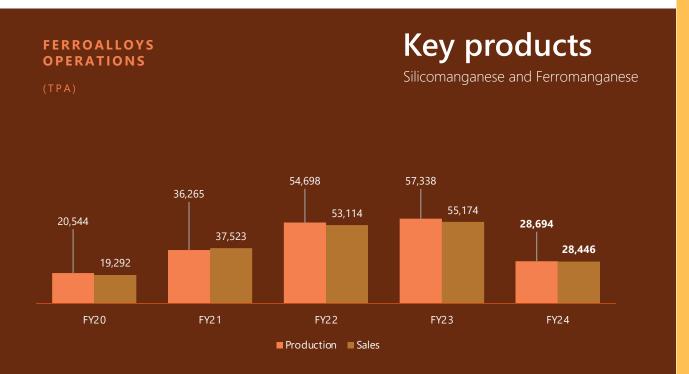
# Ferroalloys – new and improved

Turnaround of Ferroalloys operations in FY21 through feasible power generation

Achieved a shift towards a cleaner source of energy such as Waste Heat & Green Energy against previously used coal-based energy

The combination of Coke Oven Plant and WHRB generates power as a by-product, thus leading to substantial savings by eliminating the need for thermal coal

Effective power generation cost was reduced significantly post commissioning of WHRB & further setup of hybrid renewable energy plant



CAPACITIES

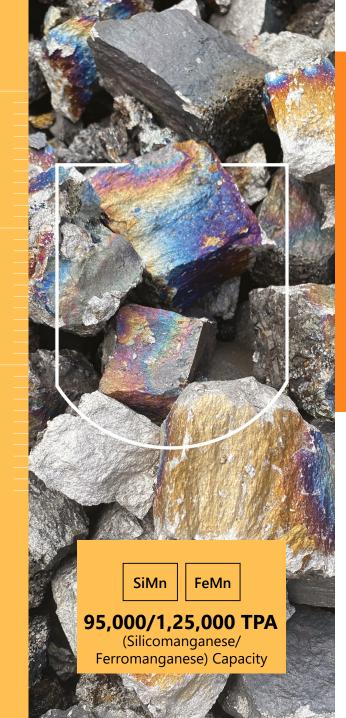
FY22 Onwards

95,000/ 1,25,000 TPA (SiMn/FeMn)\*

48,000/ 66,000 TPA

FY20

**32,000** TPA



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#### **BUSINESS VERTICALS REVIEW**

# **Coke and Energy – strengthening operations**

# **0.5 MTPA**

4 Batteries with a cumulative capacity of 0.5 MTPA

# 32 MW

2 Waste Heat Recovery Boilers with a cumulative capacity of 32 MW setup for generating cleaner energy

# March 2018

Started expansion work



18 January 2021

Fully commissioned Coke Oven



# Strategic Business Acquisition

Strategic business acquisition of Arjas Steel Private Limited (Arjas) by SMIORE Announced on 25 April 2024

# ~₹ 3,000 Crore EV

Arjas has been valued at an Enterprise Value (EV) of ~₹ 3,000 Crore, equity value to be decided basis customary and agreed adjustments to the EV at the closing date

# Share Purchase Agreement (SPA)

SPA with an entity affiliated with ADV Partners, an Asia-focused private equity firm

# Bought controlling stake

80% equity capital to be acquired by SMIORE

### Consideration

Pure cash consideration to be paid by SMIORE

# Regulatory approvals

Received approval from Competition Commission of India (CCI) on 18 July 2024

## **Timelines**

Expect to complete the transaction within 7 months, subject to customary closing conditions as per the SPA

# Indirect acquisition of AMSPL

Will also result in acquisition of Arjas' Wholly-Owned Subsidiary i.e. Arjas Modern Steel Private Limited located in Punjab

# **Leading Independent Player in a Specialised Industry**

A **speciality steel company** focused on high quality auto grade Special Bar Quality (SBQ) steel

**Integrated manufacturer** from coke, sinter, hot metal & billets, to value-add bars & bright bars

Amongst the **top 5 players** in this very specialised industry

Manufacturing over **100+ grades** with varied applications



#### **Snapshot**

## ~5 LTPA

Manufacturing capacity, being expanded further

### 2

Production facilities, one each in Andhra Pradesh & Punjab

# Robust financial profile

Revenue & EBITDA growth and a robust balance sheet

## CRISIL A

Rated CRISIL A (Positive outlook)

## **20 MW**

Captive power capacity (Solar + Waste-Heat)

## ~950 acres

Enough land bank & infrastructure to expand up to 1 MTPA in future

# Successful acquisition

Acquired & stabilized Modern Steel (Punjab) into Arjas Modern Steel

~2,500

Team strength

#### SUPERIOR BUSINESS PROFILE

# Strengthening an Already Robust Business

## A quality business

### **High-quality convertor:**

SBQ steel has better realisations and margins vis-à-vis commodity steel products

### **Strong entry barriers:**

Empaneled vendor, after a stringent process, with numerous auto-Original Equipment Manufacturers (OEM) over many years of operations

### **Strategic locations:**

To cater to auto OEM clusters in both South & North India

# Focusing on growing non-auto opportunities:

Working on product development for non-auto sectors like Railways (already RDSO approved), Energy, EVs & exports

## To be strengthened further

**Highest-possible integration in the industry** 

Iron ore

**Transportation** 

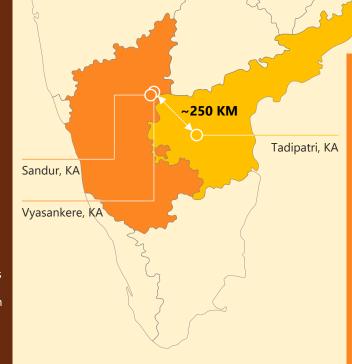
Integrated manufacturing facility (Including coke oven, sinter plant and captive power)

Value-add processing

**Quality control & dispatch** 

Customers

- SMIORE aids
  backward integration
  & sourcing for key
  RM of Arjas
- Limited distance between SMIORE-Arjas (~250 km) and both sites are equipped with railway sidings
- To enhance Arjas'
  business positioning
  & costcompetitiveness
  further





# **Rationale for the Acquisition**



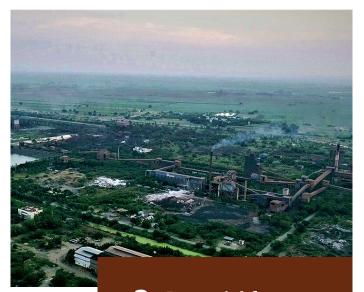
As opposed to a minimum 2-3 years of gestation period for a greenfield project, and further time to get numerous OEM empanelments

2 Acquired a business over an asset

Thriving i.e., superior growth & profitability metrics

Well-managed i.e., seasoned management team & CXOs

Quality facility i.e., technically-advanced facility with good SOPs established by a Brazilian steel major



Potential for future brownfield investments

Sizable land bank & infrastructure to expand up to 1 MTPA, add more products to the portfolio

# **Key Milestones of FY24**

## April 2023

Received Environmental Clearance for mining expansion from 1.6 to 4.5 MTPA of iron ore

### June 2023

Commissioned 42.9 MW captive hybrid renewable energy project



## September 2023

SMIORE was listed on the National Stock Exchange of India Limited (NSE)



### December 2023

Announced Bonus Issue of equity shares in the ratio of 5:1

## January 2024

SMIORE crossed \$ 1 billion in market capitalization

## January 2024

Commenced exports of iron ore after lifting of export restrictions by the Hon'ble Supreme Court in May 2022

## February 2024

Received enhanced MPAP of 3.81 MT of iron ore and 0.462 MT of manganese ore from the Monitoring Committee

# **April 2024**

Announced strategic business acquisition of Arjas Steel Private Limited

## February 2024

ICRA upgraded SMIORE's credit rating to A+(Stable)



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#### CONCLUSION

## **Investment Rationale**

## Stable & Growing Cash Flows



# Company With a Heart

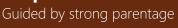
Adhering to the highest standards of corporate governance and sustainability

# Strong Balance Sheet



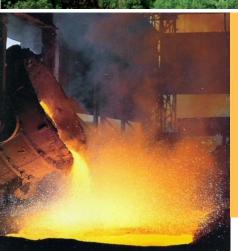
# New and **Improved Ferroalloys**





# **Emerging Integrated Player**

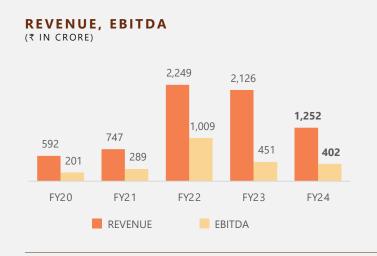
Merchant miner to hot metal & value-added products manufacturer, to enjoy benefits of higher conversion and margins



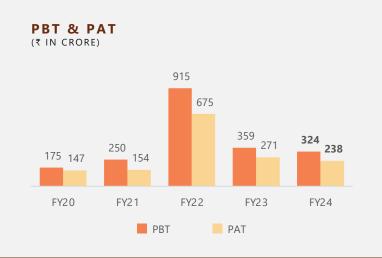
# **Strategic Inorganic Growth**

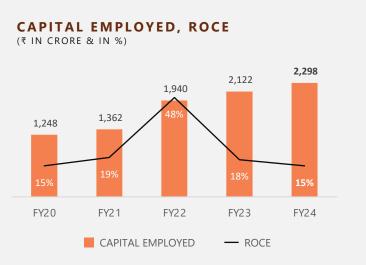
#### **FINANCIALS REVIEW**

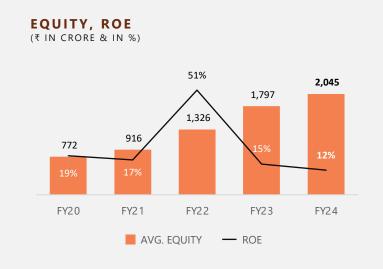
# **Key Performance Indicators**

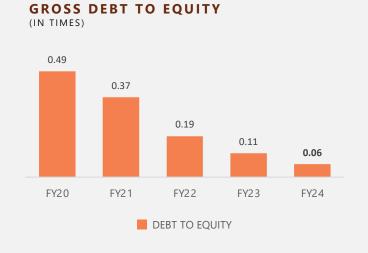












# **Q1FY25 Operational Highlights**

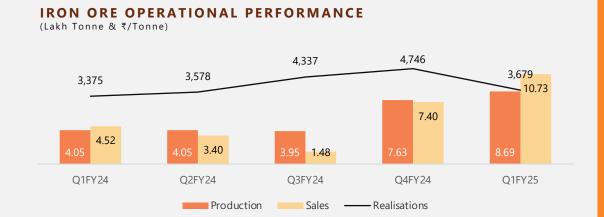
MANGANESE ORE		IRON ORE	FERROALLOYS	COKE
Production	<b>0.85</b> Lakh Tonne	<b>8.69</b> Lakh Tonne	<b>6,464</b> Tonne	<b>30,133</b> Tonne
Sales	<b>0.67</b> Lakh Tonne	10.73 Lakh Tonne	<b>9,396</b> Tonne	<b>26,026</b> Tonne
YoY Sales Volume	87%	137%	35%	(23%)
QoQ Sales Volume	(10%)	45%	(43%)	155%
Average/Tonne Realization	₹8,530/-	₹3,679/-	₹69,602/-	₹29,872/-
QoQ Change in Realizations	6%	(22%)	16%	0%
Realization Remarks	Increase	Decrease	Increase	Flat
Sales Volumes Significant Increase in YoY Remarks & Marginal Decrease in QoQ		Significant Increase in YoY & QoQ	Increase in YoY & Decrease in QoQ	Decrease in YoY & Significant Increase in QoQ

# **Q1FY25 Segment Highlights**

## MANGANESE ORE OPERATIONAL PERFORMANCE (Lakh Tonne & ₹/Tonne)

8,530 7,897 7,449 0.75 0.75 0.67 0.72 0.36 0.72 0.52 0.73 0.40 0.98 0.85

Sales —— Realisations



## FERROALLOYS OPERATIONAL PERFORMANCE (Tonne & ₹/Tonne)

Production

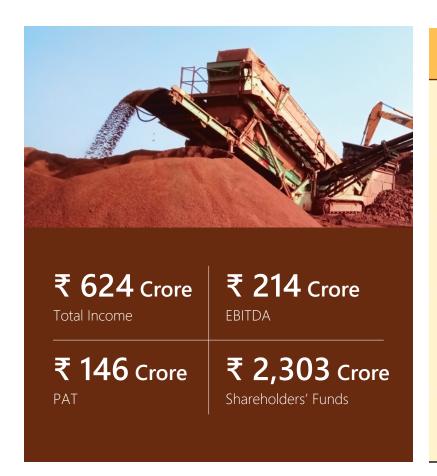
70,362 69,269 69,602 16,538 9,396 60,069 59,234 6,937 609 6,344 4,363 Q1FY25 Q1FY24 Q2FY24 O3FY24 O4FY24 Production Sales —— Realisations

### COKE OPERATIONAL PERFORMANCE

(Lakh Tonne & ₹/Tonne)



# **Q1FY25 Financial Highlights**



	Total Income	EBITDA	PAT	Capital Structure
Growth (YoY)	64%	180%	268%	
Growth (QoQ)	7%	(10%)	(10%)	
Margin		34%	23%	
Margins Expansion/ (Contraction) (YoY)		1,422 bps	1,299 bps	
Gross Debt/Equity				0.05

# **Management Commentary**

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Our first focus was on ramping up iron ore production and offering the mined ore for sale.

BAHIRJI A. GHORPADE MANAGING DIRECTOR



#### Mining

The production activity for iron ore has significantly increased in line with the new Maximum Permissible Annual Production (MPAP) limits effective from February 2024. This was the first full quarter of operations with the enhanced MPAP limits, and our initial focus was on ramping up iron ore production and offering the mined ore for sale. This will now be followed by an increase in manganese ore production over the coming quarters. The SMIORE team was fully prepared to deliver on the mining expansion, and it is a testament to their hard work that we have been able to achieve this target in the first quarter itself.

In line with the strategic guidance given earlier, we have started a more balanced quarterly approach with respect to mining volumes, keeping in mind our growing scale of operations in both mining and non-mining business segments. Realisations for manganese ore have seen some improvement, while iron ore realisations have taken a hit in Q1, although this was compensated by higher volumes.

### **Mining Expansion**

Following the expansion of MPAP limits to 3.81 MT of iron ore and 0.462 MT of manganese ore in February 2024, SMIORE is further pursuing the expansion to 4.36 MTPA of iron ore and 0.58 MTPA of manganese ore, duly complying with the parameters prescribed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court.

The mining plan for MPAP enhancement has been approved, and further processes have been initiated. Updates on this expansion endeavour will be shared as developments unfold.

### **Coke and Energy**

Performance in the Coke and Energy segment remains unchanged, with volatility in coking coal prices being the major impediment.

### **Ferroalloys**

Ferroalloys' performance is interdependent on the Coke and Energy segment, with lower volumes in Coke and Energy leading to lower energy generation and thus production in Ferroalloys. Commissioning of renewable energy assets has proved to be a very strategic decision on this front, diversifying energy-mix and allowing at least one furnace to operate irrespective of volatility in coking coal market. While the recent improvements in demand and realisations have been a welcome relief for the segment, the Company still utilises only one furnace on account of waste-heat energy constraints.

#### **Strategic Business Acquisition**

Following the recent announcement of the strategic business acquisition of Arjas Steel Private Limited in April 2024, the Company applied for the approval of the Competition Commission of India (CCI). I am pleased to share that we received the necessary approvals from CCI on 18 July 2024.

As communicated earlier, we are on track to close the transaction within 7 months from the announcement, subject to customary closing conditions as per the Share Purchase Agreement (SPA).

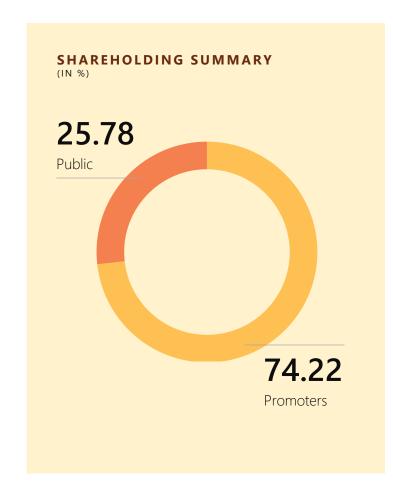
#### **Augmenting Management Bandwidth**

I am also delighted to announce the appointment of SMIORE's new CEO and COO. Krishnendu Sanyal, a seasoned executive with ~32 years of global experience, has been appointed as the CEO. His previous roles include various leadership positions at Tata Steel in India and Sri Lanka, The Siam Industrial Wire Co. in Thailand, and Sedibeng Iron Ore in South Africa. He has a proven track record in turning around and expanding operations in the steel industry, and creating value through acquisitions, integrations, and divestments initiatives.

Further, Manjunath Prabhu has been appointed as the COO of the Company. Manjunath has ~36 years of work experience in the metals and mining industry, with a long stint at JSW Steel, Vijayanagar since 1996. He possesses extensive work experience in the Ballari region's metals and mining operations.

This is a strategic initiative to augment our management bandwidth and bolster our strategic leadership as we march forward with our strategic priorities and further solidify SMIORE's legacy in the industry.

# **Corporate Information**







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