



CEAT Q2 PROFIT SURGES TO RS 77 CR; ANNOUNCES RS 650 CR EXPANSION PLAN

- **Net Sales up 9%, at Rs 1,319 crore**
- **EBITDA grows to 13.8% from 7.2%**

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CEAT Limited, an RPG Group company, announced its unaudited results for the second quarter ending September 30, 2013.

On a standalone basis, the India operations reported a revenue growth of 9% year on year at Rs 1,263 crore. PBT rose to Rs 109.7 crore from Rs 4.1 crore in the same quarter last year. EBITDA for Q2FY14 stood at 13.1% compared to 6.7% in the corresponding quarter of the previous year.

The consolidated EBITDA margins stood at 13.8% compared to 7.2% in Q2 last year. The company's PAT rose to Rs 77 crore from Rs 3.8 crore (YoY), while the net sales zoomed to Rs 1,319 crore as against Rs 1,213 crore in Q2 FY13.

Mr. Anant Goenka, Managing Director, CEAT Limited said, "Q2 has been positive for CEAT with strong volume growth in passenger segments. Going forward, we expect both growth and margins to be on similar levels. Our Sri Lankan operations too continue to show robust and profitable growth.

Mr. Subbarao Amarthaluru, CFO, CEAT Limited said, "On a consolidated basis, we have clocked EBITDA of around Rs 340 crore for the first half of the current fiscal as compared to Rs 450 crore clocked for the full year ended March 2013. This is indeed very encouraging."

As passenger car penetration in India continues to increase, CEAT has announced its plan to expand production at its Halol plant. As part of its expansion, it is investing an additional Rs 650-crore to enhance the existing capacity of the radial tyre unit by 120 tonne per day (TPD).

"CEAT is seeing traction in UV radials and passenger cars. In order to cater to the growing demand of CEAT tyres in the domestic replacement market as well as to cater to new OEMs, we are expanding our production in passenger car and UV radials by 120 TPD," Mr Goenka added.

About CEAT Ltd:

CEAT, the flagship company of RPG Enterprises, was established in 1958. Today, CEAT is one of India's leading tyre manufacturers and has strong presence in global markets, and produces over 700 tonnes of tyre per day. CEAT offers the widest range of tyres to all segments and manufactures world-class radials for: Heavy-duty Trucks and Buses, Light Commercial Vehicles, Earthmovers, Forklifts, Tractors, Trailers, Cars, Motorcycles and Scooters as well as Auto-rickshaws. CEAT enjoys a major market share in the light truck & truck tyre market and its tubes and flaps are renowned for their superior quality and durability.

About RPG Enterprises

RPG Enterprises, established in 1979, is one of India's fastest growing business groups with a turnover of Rs 17,000 crore. The group has diverse business interests in the areas of Tyre, Infrastructure, IT and Specialty.

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