

PRESS RELEASE

The networth of the Company has crossed the milestone of Rs. 2000 crores during the year.

Sundram Fasteners Limited (Standalone) has posted a net profit of Rs. 314.04 crores for the year ended March, 2020, despite a slowdown in the automotive industry. The significant decline in the volume of passenger vehicles and commercial vehicles segment during the year due to economic slowdown and the Coronavirus pandemic outbreak during March 2020 has impacted the sales performance during the fiscal year 2019 - 20.

The Company has posted a healthy EBITDA percentage of 18% due to operational efficiencies and cost control measures.

Coronavirus pandemic

In view of the lockdown measures imposed by the Central and State Governments due to Coronavirus pandemic, the operations of all offices and manufacturing facilities of the Company came to a halt from March 24, 2020, which has impacted the sales performance of the Company during April and May 2020.

The operations of all offices and manufacturing facilities were shut down during the lockdown period and re-opening was initiated only after obtaining requisite approvals from the concerned authorities.

The Company had implemented the 'Work from Home' policy from March 2020 as per the directions of Government at all its office locations. The offices have resumed operations with limited staff base as per the directives issued by the Central and State Government with due compliance to the guidelines on maintaining safe work practices.

A comprehensive Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) was framed containing the best practices for strict adherence and has taken all the precautionary measures relating to hygiene and social distancing in the areas of transportation of employees, workplace, canteen, thorough cleaning and disinfection of factory/office premises to secure the employees from any health hazard.



In view of the impact of Coronavirus Pandemic, the remuneration payable to the employees of SFL has been reduced in the range between 15% and 35%. The Chairman has voluntarily reduced his remuneration by 50% and the Chairman, Managing Director and the Joint Managing Director have voluntarily waived the Commission payable to them for the financial year 2020-2021 resulting in a reduction in their remuneration by 70%.

Standalone Financials

Revenue from the operations of Sundram Fasteners Limited for the year ended March 31, 2020 was at Rs. 3,124.57 crores as against Rs. 3,990.22 crores in the previous year.

Due to the drop in industry volumes, the domestic sales was also lower at Rs. 1,900.97 crores as against Rs. 2,456.74 crores in the previous year.

The export sales for the year ended March 31, 2020 was at Rs. 1,117.16 crores as against Rs. 1,382.99 crores in the previous year. The global economic slowdown during the fiscal year 2019-20 and the Coronavirus pandemic outbreak during March 2020 has impacted the export sales. Our key customers in USA faced a slowdown due to the cyclical nature of the industry.

The earnings before interest, depreciation and taxes (EBITDA) for the year ended March 31, 2020 was at Rs. 568.07 crores as against Rs. 768.95 crores in the previous year. Finance cost was at Rs. 43.86 (Rs. 38.96 crores). Finance costs have been contained despite a higher average borrowings.

The tax expenses for the year include a credit towards restatement of deferred tax liability pursuant to an amendment to tax laws in terms of which the Company has chosen to adopt the lower rate of corporate tax.

The net profit of SFL (standalone) for the year ended March 31, 2020 was at Rs. 314.04 crores as against Rs. 436.19 crores in the previous year.

The Earnings per share (EPS) for the year ended March 31, 2020 was at Rs. 14.95 compared to Rs. 20.76 in the previous year.

4th Quarter performance

Revenue from the operations of Sundram Fasteners Limited for the quarter ended March 31, 2020 was at Rs. 719.60 crores as against Rs. 1,004.25 crores during the same period in the previous year.

The net profit of SFL (standalone) for the quarter ended March 31, 2020 was at Rs. 46.80 crores as against Rs. 107.35 crores in the previous year.

Consolidated Financials

The company's consolidated total revenues for the year ended March 31, 2020 was at Rs 3,751.32 crores (Rs. 4,584.70 crores). The consolidated net profit was at Rs 326.53 crores (Rs. 458.97 crores).

The consolidated earnings per share (EPS) for the year ended March 31, 2020 was at Rs. 15.46 compared to Rs. 21.77 in the previous year.

Capital Expenditure

The company incurred Rs 304.70 Crores towards capital expenditure as a part of capacity expansion of existing lines of business as well as establishing a new facility at Sri city, SEZ.

Unit at Sri City, SEZ

Sundram Fasteners Limited has set up a new SEZ Unit at Sri City, Andhra Pradesh with an initial investment of Rs 100 Crores.

The Unit has been set up to manufacture and export high precision engineering components to a leading European manufacturer for onward supply to its global marquee OEM customers for their existing as well as new programs.

The Unit has commenced commercial production and has made the first shipment to Germany on January 27, 2020.

The new Unit will provide further impetus to the Company's export thrust through an addition of products to its portfolio as well as diversifying its export customer base.

Transfer to General Reserve

The Company has transferred Rs 200 Crores to General Reserve.



Dividends

The Company has already paid two interim dividends (Rs.1.35 per share and Rs. 2.80 per share) aggregating to Rs 4.15 per share (On a paid-up value of Re.1 per share) for the financial year 2019-20. No final dividend is proposed.
