

Mumbai, February 7, 2017

Tata Steel reports Consolidated Financial Results for the Quarter and Nine Months ended December 31, 2016

Highlights for Quarter ended December 31, 2016:

- Consolidated revenues up by 7% sequentially and by 14% Year-on-Year (YoY). The growth is largely driven by strong performance from Indian Operations.
- Consolidated EBITDA at Rs. 3,550 crore. EBITDA margin improves by 120 bps sequentially.
- Profit after Tax at Rs. 232 crore. Higher by Rs 281 crore sequentially and by Rs. 2,980 crore YoY.

Tata Steel Standalone and Consolidated-Highlights

(Figures in Rs. crore unless otherwise specified)

As per Ind AS	Standalone					Consolidated				
	Q3FY17	Q2FY17	Q3FY16	9M FY17	9M FY16	Q3FY17	Q2FY17	Q3FY16	9M FY17	9M FY16
Steel Deliveries (Million Tonnes)	2.99	2.62	2.35	7.76	6.82	6.11	5.65	5.81	17.16	17.47
Turnover	14,106	11,718	10,145	36,148	30,961	29,392	27,471	25,767	83,269	81,249
EBITDA	3,393	2,000	1,618	7,628	5,554	3,550	2,992	842	9,812	5,164
Profit after Taxes from Continuing Operations	1,205	250	298	2,030	435	175	(172)	(2,161)	175	3,975
Profit after Taxes from Discontinuing Operations	-	-	-	-	-	57	123	(587)	(3,176)	(1,430)
Net Profit after Taxes for the period	1,205	250	298	2,030	435	232	(49)	(2,748)	(3,001)	2,545
Other Comprehensive Income	(558)	572	804	652	(3,305)	289	(2,607)	895	(1,968)	(2,403)
Total Comprehensive Income	646	822	1,102	2,682	(2,870)	521	(2,656)	(1,852)	(4,969)	141
Earnings per Share (Rs.)	12.10	1.97	2.77	19.70	3.28	2.09	(1.11)	(28.63)	(32.14)	25.03

Key Operating and Financial Highlights:

India Operations:

- Deliveries grew by 14% sequentially and 27% YoY, outperforming the domestic markets which grew by 3% sequentially and contracted by 2% YoY.
- Kalinganagar Steel plant crossed 1.5 million tonnes of Hot Metal and 1 million tonnes of Hot Rolled Coil production since commissioning in May 2016.
- Automotive sales grew by 20% YoY, while Industrial Products, Projects & Exports vertical witnessed 47% YoY growth. Branded products grew by 13% YoY, despite the impact of demonetisation.
- The performance of Ferro Alloys & Minerals division registered sharp improvement on the back of improved market conditions. Operating profit of the division at Rs. 302 crore is higher by Rs.141 crore sequentially and by Rs. 267 crore YoY.
- EBITDA improved to Rs. 3,393 crore, up 70% sequentially and 110% YoY on the back of supportive realisations, strong growth in deliveries and ramp-up of Kalinganagar plant.
- Jamshedpur plant continues to be the benchmark in India for Coke & Pulverized Coal Injection (PCI) usage and achieved lowest best-ever coke rate of 361 kg/tonne of hot metal and highest best-ever PCI rate of 179 kg/ tonne of hot metal in Q3.

European Operations:

- Liquid steel production of 2.68 million tonnes was about flat on sequential basis, but 4% lower than Q3 FY16. Deliveries of 2.37 million tonnes were 3% higher sequentially, but 13% lower YoY following the strategic decision to focus on higher-value added products in UK.
- EBITDA for the quarter improved to Rs. 610 crore, compared with a loss of Rs. 757 crore a year earlier as a result of a more competitive Pound, a lower UK cost base and more favorable market conditions. Higher raw material and energy costs in Q3 FY17 led to EBITDA being Rs. 425 crore lower sequentially.
- Differentiated product sales continued to gather pace, with the proportion of total sales rising to over 35% and their value rising by almost 30% YoY.

South East Asian Operations:

- Revenue for South East Asia operations grew by 11% YoY to Rs. 1,985 crore, on the back of improved deliveries at Tata Steel Thailand and supportive realisations.
- EBITDA increased by 82% sequentially and 138% YoY on better spreads, reflecting improved market conditions at both NatSteel & Tata Steel Thailand.

Consolidated Debt and Liquidity position:

- Gross debt remained stable at Rs. 84,752 crore as on December 31, 2016. Net debt was Rs.76,680 crore.
- Strong liquidity position with cash & cash equivalents, current investments including undrawn bank lines of ~Rs. 15,000 crore.

Corporate Developments:

- Tata Steel Limited progressed towards de-risking the supply chain and improving the logistics for the fast growing India operations. Entered into definitive agreements to acquire:
 - (a) 100% equity stake in Brahmani River Pellets Limited, a pellet and iron ore beneficiation plant connected through an underground slurry pipe line, which is a strategic fit especially for Kalinganagar steel plant.
 - (b) Majority stake in the port company for the proposed development of 'Subarnarekha port' in Odisha.
- Tata Steel UK (an indirect wholly owned subsidiary of Tata Steel Limited) reached an agreement with the trade unions to progress towards the closure of its defined benefit pension scheme to future accrual and take an important step towards a more sustainable future. Ballot on the scheme is currently open.
- Tata Steel UK signed a Letter of Intent with Liberty House Group to enter into exclusive negotiations for the potential sale of its Specialty Steels business for an enterprise value of £100 million.
- Tata Steel Minerals Canada together with its parent companies concluded Direct Shipping Ore Project de-risking transaction, securing equity & debt investments of CAD 175m from Government of Quebec. Achieved sales of 1.6 million tonnes.

Management Comments:

Mr T V Narendran, Managing Director, Tata Steel India and South East Asia, said: "Tata Steel recorded strong sales this quarter as the strength of our franchise helped us counter headwinds due to demonetisation. While the broader market was affected by lower rural sales and adverse consumer sentiments, we were able to increase overall volumes by 14% sequentially and register strong growth across all our target customer segments.

Further, our focus on cost improvement initiatives and our integrated operations helped us to contain the impact of rising raw material prices.

Our Kalinganagar facility continues to ramp up smoothly and we are well positioned to serve the increase in demand due to the expected thrust on infrastructure in FY'18.

Our SEA operations delivered stronger operating performance this quarter due to a combination of better market conditions, cost rationalisation and higher exports."

Mr. Koushik Chatterjee, Group Executive Director (Finance and Corporate), said: "The Tata Steel Group showed consistent improvement in the performance for the December quarter compared to the comparable period previous year with 900 basis points EBITDA margin at the consolidated level backed by about 800 basis point expansion by Indian operations and a turnaround of European EBITDA from negative 6% in the previous year to positive margin of 5% during this quarter. The financial performance reflects strong underlying operating performance across the group inspite of a seasonally slow quarter in Europe. While there were challenges on the working capital levels due to increased prices of both raw materials and finished goods especially in Europe, the company has been able to maintain its overall debt level at the end of the quarter.

The strategic initiatives in the UK on the pensions continue to be an important priority for the Company and we welcome the Unions recommendation to its members to support the ballot process that is currently on to close the BPS to future accruals. This is part of the several steps being undertaken to make the UK business more sustainable in the future. We continue to be deeply engaged with the British Steel Pension Trustees and the Regulator towards developing a structural solution for the UK pensions in the coming months."

Mr Hans Fischer, MD & CEO of Tata Steel in Europe, said: "Our European strategy continues to be focused on developing differentiated products and services which improve our customers' competitiveness. Sales of differentiated products were +13% higher and their value-add almost 30% higher than a year ago, with stronger sales in the automotive and construction sectors.

"This helped us to achieve an EBITDA in the third quarter of Rs. 610 crore, though this was lower than the sequential quarter due to higher raw material and energy costs. Our third-quarter EBITDA result was significantly better than the loss recorded in the previous year partly due to better market conditions and the weakness of the pound relative to the Euro.

"Among new product launches were a faster-to-install insulated building panel, a product used in lighting and ceiling components made from our innovative MagiZinc® coated steels, and an extension to a range of coated automotive steels which reduce costs for customers.

"We are continuing to focus on improving our competitive performance in the context of the global supply-demand imbalance which held deliveries steady from European mills in the nine months to September despite growth in EU demand."

Disclaimer:

Statements in this press release describing the Company's performance may be "forward looking statements" within the meaning of applicable securities laws and regulations. Actual results may differ materially from those directly or indirectly expressed, inferred or implied. Important factors that could make a difference to the Company's operations include, among others, economic conditions affecting demand/supply and price conditions in the domestic and overseas markets in which the Company operates, changes in or due to the environment, Government regulations, laws, statutes, judicial pronouncements and/or other incidental factors.

For media enquiries contact:**Kulvin Suri**

Tel: +91 657 664 5512/+91 92310 52397

Email: kulvinsuri@tatasteel.com**Rob Simpson**

Tel: +44 207 717 4404/ +44 7990 786 531

Email: rob.simpson@tatasteel.com