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Q3 Highlights

- Record production volumes in mined zinc & lead, aluminium and iron ore and record commercial power sales
- Strong EBITDA, benefiting from higher volumes, efficient cost management and recovering commodity prices
- Expansion projects progressing well

Zinc Business

During the quarter ended 31 December 2009 ("Q3"), the company achieved its highest ever zinc and lead mined metal production of 200,000 tonnes. During the same period, refined zinc and lead metal production was stable at 169,000 tonnes, whilst silver production was up 48% at 1.38 million ounces.

Sales in Q3 were augmented by sales of 41,000 dry metric tonnes of surplus zinc concentrate.

EBITDA during the quarter increased over 6 times to \$290.6 million, compared with \$44.3 million in the corresponding prior quarter. The positive impact of higher LME prices, production volume and operational efficiencies was partially offset by a decline in by-product realizations and the impact of the settlement of a long term wage agreement effective from 1 July 2007.

The Rampura Agucha mine expansion from 5mtpa to 6mtpa is on schedule for commissioning by mid 2010. Construction at the 210 kt Zinc smelter, 100 kt lead smelter and 160 MW CPP is progressing well and on schedule. Sindesar Khurd Mine's primary development is on schedule for progressive commissioning from mid 2010.

Iron Ore Business

During Q3, the company achieved record iron ore production of 5.40 million tonnes, an increase of 36% compared with the corresponding prior quarter. The increase in production was on account of the additional volumes from the Dempo acquisition. Iron Ore sales during the same period were higher by 25% at 6.79 million, compared with the corresponding prior period.

EBITDA in Q3 was \$216.1 million compared with \$85.8 million in the corresponding prior quarter due to higher volumes and improved realisations.

Copper - India/Australia Business

During Q3, copper cathode production at our Tuticorin smelter was up 12% at 85,000 tonnes compared with 76,000 tonnes in the corresponding prior quarter. The production volumes were marginally impacted by lower concentrate grades, which are expected to improve to normal levels during Q4 FY10.

Mined metal production at our Australian Mine was 4,000 tonnes in Q3. The production is rapidly ramping up after resumption of production in October 2009, post the temporary mine closure in August 2009 following a mud rush.

EBITDA for Q3 was higher at \$39.3 million, compared with \$22.3 million in the corresponding prior quarter, primarily on account of higher LME prices, partly offset by lower acid prices.

Copper - Zambia Business

During Q3, KCM produced 42,000 tonnes of copper cathodes including 14,000 tonnes from purchased concentrate, significantly higher than the 25,000 tonnes produced in the corresponding prior quarter. The increase was due to the ramp up of the new Nchanga smelter.

Mine output was 22,000 tonnes, 10% higher than the corresponding prior quarter reflecting improved mine performance as a result of ongoing operational improvement initiatives.

EBITDA in Q3 was \$35.6 million compared with a loss of \$159.4 million in the corresponding prior quarter. The positive impact of improved volumes, higher copper prices, and lower operating cost was partially offset by loss on metal price hedges.

The Konkola Deep Mine Project expansion is progressing well with the cold commissioning of the rock winder. We expect to commission the mid shaft loading station by end FY 2010 and full project completion by end 2011, on schedule.

Aluminium Business

Aluminium production in Q3 was 130,000 tonnes, an increase of 7% over the corresponding prior quarter despite closure of BALCO-I and MALCO smelters. Production at BALCO-II continues to be above rated capacity. The second 250 kt potline is on track for completion by the end of the financial year, with 448 pots out of the total 608 pots currently in operation.

The Lanjigarh alumina refinery produced 181,000 tonnes of alumina in Q3, an increase of 10% compared to the corresponding prior quarter. We await the final clearance for bauxite mining in Orissa.

EBITDA from the Aluminium business increased to \$45.1 million, from \$13.1 million in the corresponding prior quarter, primarily due to higher sales volume and LME prices, and stable costs.

The first metal tapping from the 1.25 mtpa Jharsuguda II aluminium smelter project is expected in Q1 FY11. Progress on the 3 mtpa alumina refinery expansion project and the 0.6 mtpa de-bottlenecking project at Lanjigarh remains on schedule.

The first metal tapping from the 325 ktpa aluminium smelter project at BALCO is expected in Q3 FY11. Construction at the associated 1,200 MW captive thermal power plant has resumed and the first unit is expected to commence power generation on schedule in October 2010.

Energy Business

We sold 589 million units of power in Q3 compared with 42 million units sold in the corresponding prior quarter.

EBITDA in Q3 was \$36.7 million compared with \$3.5 million in the corresponding prior quarter.

Construction work on the 2,400 MW (4x600 MW) power plant at Jharsuguda, Orissa is in progress, with the first unit of 600 MW expected to be commissioned by the end of this financial year, and the remaining units expected to be progressively commissioned by the end of CY 2010.

Production Summary (Unaudited)

(in '000 tonnes, except as stated)

Particulars	Quarter ended 31 December			Nine months ended 31 December		
	2009	2008	Change	2009	2008	Change
Alumina						
Lanjigarh	181	165	9.7%	559	415	34.7%
Korba/Mettur	3	57	(94.7%)	43	200	(78.5%)
Aluminium	130	122	6.6%	375	328	14.3%
Jharsuguda	65	26	150.0%	174	33	427.3%
Korba/Mettur	65	96	(32.3%)	201	295	(31.9%)
Copper India / Australia						
Copper mined metal content	4	7	(42.9)%	17	19	(10.5%)
Copper - Cathodes	85	76	11.8%	255	224	13.8%
Copper - Zambia						
Copper mined metal content	22	20	10.0%	59	62	(4.8%)
Copper - Cathodes	42	25	68.0%	120	98	22.4%
Zinc and Lead						
Mined metal content	200	192	4.2%	575	538	6.9%
Zinc -refined	148	152	(2.6%)	428	401	6.7%
Lead -refined ¹	21	16	31.3%	52	47	10.6%
Silver (in 000' ounces) ²	1,384	938	47.5%	4,018	2,712	48.2%
Iron Ore						
Saleable Ore ³	5,396	3,977	35.7%	13,600	11,106	22.5%
Energy						
Units sold (in Million)	589	42	1302.4%	1570	184	753.3%

1. Including captive consumption of 2000 tonnes vs 1000 tonnes in Q3FY10 vs Q3 FY09 and 6,000 tonnes vs 2,000 tonnes in 9months FY 2010 vs 9 months FY2009
2. Including captive consumption of 238,000 ounces vs 138,000 ounces in Q3FY10 vs Q3FY09 and 948,000 ounces vs 466,000 ounces in 9months FY 2010 vs 9 months FY2009
3. Iron ore is reported on wet tonnes basis

Financial Summary (Unaudited)

Particulars	Quarter Ended 31 December			Nine Months Ended 31 December		
	2009	2008	Change	2009	2008	Change
Revenue						
Aluminium	221.4	183.2	20.9%	486.4	775.3	(37.3%)
Copper						
India/ Australia	753.4	528.9	42.4%	1,960.6	2,100.6	(6.7%)
Zambia	264.6	121.9	117.1%	694.5	636.2	9.2%
Zinc	460.3	191.9	139.9%	1120.2	969.2	15.6%
Iron Ore	389.3	277.4	40.3%	705.5	780.7	(9.6%)
Energy	69.3	3.6	1825.0%	178.2	18.1	884.5%
Elimination	(13.0)	-	-	(21.5)	-	-
Total	2,145.3	1,306.9	64.2%	5,123.9	5,280.1	(3.0%)
EBITDA						
Aluminium	45.1	13.1	244.3%	91.0	192.8	(52.8%)
Copper						
India/ Australia	39.3	22.3	76.2%	109.3	253.7	(56.9%)
Zambia	35.6	(159.4)	-	103.9	(88.5)	-
Zinc	290.6	44.3	556.0%	664.0	495.5	34.0%
Iron Ore	216.1	85.8	151.9%	346.5	408.7	(15.2%)
Energy	36.7	3.5	948.6%	95.8	17.6	444.3%
Others	(0.9)	0.5	-	(1.7)	2.7	-
Total	662.5	10.1	6,459.4%	1,408.8	1,282.5	9.8%

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