

JK LAKSHMI'S PROFIT BEFORE TAX GROWS OVER THREE TIMES

JK Lakshmi Cement's profit for the quarter July-Sept 09 jumped over three times to Rs. 90.77 crore as against Rs. 27.14 crore recorded in the corresponding quarter of the last year, viz. a growth of 234%.

The net profit, however, were at Rs. 47.17 crore in this quarter as against Rs. 26.88 crore in the corresponding quarter. The lower growth in the net profit has been due to higher deferred tax provision.

As per Mrs. Vinita Singhania, Managing Director, this impressive growth has been possible due to 18% growth in the net sales at Rs. 345.19 crore and lower expenditure on the power & fuel due to improved efficiency as also lower cost of energy. The interest cost of the company for the quarter has also substantially come down.

The Board of Directors announced the split of its equity shares of Rs. 10/- each into two shares of Rs. 5/- each, subject to requisite approval.

The Directors also announced an interim dividend of Rs. 2/- per share (20%) on its equity shares.

Company's Waste Heat Recovery project of 12 MW and Thermal Power Project of 18 MW are progressing as per schedule and are expected to be commissioned by March 2011.

Mrs Singhania said that company is also planning to set up a Split Location Grinding Unit of 5.5 lakh tonne capacity in one of the Northern markets. This shall result in saving in the logistic cost and also bring the company closer to its customers in the Northern markets.