

PRESS RELEASE

ESCORTS FIRST QUARTER NET PROFIT AT ₹ 10.86 CRORE

- First Quarter sales at ₹ 823 crore
- · Net sales up 7.8% on sequential basis

New Delhi, February 2, 2012: Escorts Limited today reported a Net Profit of ₹10.86 erore for the first quarter of the 2011-12 financial year ending December 31, 2011. Net sales increased 7.8% sequentially to ₹823 erore on account of a sequential increase of 9.2% in tractor sales. Escorts Limited follows an October-September fiscal year and the reported quarter is the first quarter of fiscal 2011-12.

The Agri Machinery division recorded revenue of ₹772.8 erore. Tractor volumes are up 1.7% to 16,606 units as against 16,333 units in the corresponding quarter. The Auto Parts Division showed a growth of 25% though the postponement of large tenders by the Railways to Q 2 resulted in a decline of 28% in sales of the Railways Division. The impact of inflationary pressures resulted in cost of raw materials going up by 2 per cent over the preceding quarter and by 0.7% over the corresponding quarter. The company has raised prices by ₹7,000 - per tractor in January 12 and this along with cost compression measures, will improve profitability in coming quarters:

Speaking on the results, Chairman and Managing Director Mr. Rajan Nanda said, "Despite a profitable quarter and growth over the immediate preceding quarter, the results reflect the constraints of the current economic environment and the impact of inflation and finance costs. A number of managerial initiatives are underway to meet this challenge. Today, Escorts is embarking on an expansion of its product portfolio, re-gearing product and pricing strategies to meet the aspirations of its customer base with higher dependency on mechanization and undertaking geographic and capacity expansion."

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Mr. Nikhil Nanda, Joint Managing Director said. "Our focus is on building a national market base, providing customers a range of crop solutions and implements. PTO and haulage applications for tractors, product upgrades and improvements as well as targeted marketing for non-agriculture usages. At the crux of our approach to the market is the increasing demand for farm mechanization and the accessorized deployment of tractors for non-farm uses. We believe multi-domain growth drivers along with cost compression measures will enable Escorts to deliver profitable growth."

Escorts Construction Equipment continued to demonstrate strong growth, with a sales turnover of ₹ 206 erore as against ₹ 163 erore in the corresponding quarter of the previous fiscal.

The audited accounts of the first quarter of 2011-12, ending December 31, 2011, has been approved by the Board of Escorts Limited.

Note for Editors: Escorts Limited follows an October-September fiscal year. The results reported are for the first Quarter of Fiscal October 1, 2011 to September 30, 2012.

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