



Hindustan Zinc Limited
 Yashad Bhawan
 Udaipur - 313004
 India
 Tel: + 91 294 2420813
 Fax: + 91 294 2423753
www.hzllindia.com

21 October 2008

Hindustan Zinc Limited

Results for the Second Quarter and Six Months Ended 30 September 2008

Highlights

- Refined zinc production at 122,000 tonnes, an increase of 29% over the corresponding prior quarter
- Positive impact of increased volume was more than offset by decline in the zinc LME prices
- Expansion projects on track to make HZL the world's largest integrated zinc - lead producer

Mumbai, 21 October 2008: Hindustan Zinc Limited ("HZL" or the "Company") today announced its results for the second quarter ended 30 September 2008 ("Q2"). Revenues and net profit for Q2 were Rs. 1,744 crore and Rs. 960 crore respectively.

Unaudited Financial Summary

(in Rs crore, except as stated)

	Quarter ended 30 September		Change %	Six months ended 30 September		Change %
	2008	2007		2008	2007	
Net Sales/Income from operations	1,744	1,984	(12)%	3,388	3,954	(14)%
Profit After Taxes	960	1,168	(18)%	1,807	2,380	(24)%
Earnings Per Share (Rs.)	22.70	27.65		42.77	56.32	
Production - Mined Metal (Tonnes)						
Zinc	166,998	143,219	17%	305,276	277,558	10%
Lead	21,048	18,225	15%	40,632	37,667	8%
Production - Saleable Metal (Tonnes)						
Zinc	121,556	94,108	29%	249,445	186,739	34%
Lead	12,530	13,081	(4)%	29,828	26,732	12%

During the quarter, HZL produced 122,000 tonnes of saleable zinc, an increase of 29% compared with the corresponding prior quarter. The saleable lead metal production was marginally lower at 13,000 tonnes primarily on account of a 50 - day planned maintenance shutdown of the pyrometallurgical smelter at Chanderiya. The mined zinc and lead metal production was 167,000 tonnes and 21,000 tonnes, an increase of 17% and 15% respectively, over the corresponding prior period.

Sales during the quarter were augmented by the sale of 97,000 dry metric tonnes of zinc and lead concentrate.

The positive impact of the higher metal volumes and the depreciation of the Indian rupee in Q2 was more than offset by the sharp decline in the zinc LME prices. During the quarter, the average zinc LME price was \$1,773 per tonne as compared with \$3,238 per tonne in the corresponding prior quarter.

During Q2, the company was able to achieve significant reduction in the operating cost on the back of increased volumes, improved operational efficiencies and higher by-product credits.

Progress of Projects

The construction work for the 310,000 tonnes zinc and lead smelter at Rajpura Dariba with 160 MW associated captive power plant alongwith Rampura Agucha mine expansion is progressing well and is on schedule for completion by mid-2010, as announced earlier. Work at the other mining projects at Sindesar Khurd and Kayar are also progressing as per schedule for progressive commissioning by early 2012.

Post completion of these projects, HZL will be the world's largest integrated zinc - lead producer with a total smelting capacity of 1,064,000 tonnes.

For further information, please contact:

Sumanth Cidambi

Director - Investor Relations

sumanth.cidambi@vedanta.co.in

Tel: +91 22 6646 1531

Sheetal Khanduja

Manager - Investor Relations

sheetal.khanduja@vedanta.co.in

Tel: +91 22 6646 1427

About Hindustan Zinc

HZL is India's leading integrated producer of zinc and is among the world's leading integrated producers. It has a metal production capacity of 754,000 tonnes per annum with its smelter operations situated in Chanderiya, Debari and Visakhapatnam. HZL has lead-zinc mines in Rajpura Dariba, Rampura Agucha, Sindesar Khurd and Zawar. HZL has approximately 6,400 employees. The company is a subsidiary of the NYSE listed, Sterlite Industries (India) Limited (NYSE: SLT) and London listed FTSE 100 diversified metals and mining major, Vedanta Resources plc.

Disclaimer

This press release contains "forward-looking statements" - that is, statements related to future, not past, events. In this context, forward-looking statements often address our expected future business and financial performance, and often contain words such as "expects," "anticipates," "intends," "plans," "believes," "seeks," "should" or "will." Forward-looking statements by their nature address matters that are, to different degrees, uncertain. For us, uncertainties arise from the behaviour of financial and metals markets including the London Metal Exchange, fluctuations in interest and or exchange rates and metal prices; from future integration of acquired businesses; and from numerous other matters of national, regional and global scale, including those of a political, economic, business, competitive or regulatory nature. These uncertainties may cause our actual future results to be materially different that those expressed in our forward-looking statements. We do not undertake to update our forward-looking statements.