

THE GREAT EASTERN SHIPPING CO. LTD.
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UNAUDITED FINANCIAL RESULTS (Provisional)
FOR THE THREE MONTHS AND NINE MONTHS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2005

(Rs.in Crores)

Quarter Ended on		% Increase/ (Decrease)		Nine Months Ended on		% Increase/ (Decrease)	Year ended on
31.12.2005 (REVIEWED)	31.12.2004 (REVIEWED)			31.12.2005 (REVIEWED)	31.12.2004 (REVIEWED)		
			1. Income from Operations & Sales				
271.10	268.70		(a) freight & demurrage	680.83	601.74		816.92
300.66	311.84		(b) charter hire / contract revenue	927.30	848.32		1177.35
0.18	13.21		(c) others	35.89	43.95		54.93
571.94	593.75		Total Income from Operations & Sales	1644.02	1494.01		2049.20
124.04	26.47		2. Gain /(Loss) on sale of ships	331.36	24.75		24.75
			3. Other Income				
18.37	7.89		(a) Interest & dividend	50.63	20.47		33.28
(5.75)	5.13		(b) Others	4.16	8.84		12.00
708.60	633.24		Total Income (1+2+3)	2030.17	1548.07		2119.23
			4. Total Expenditure				
56.87	48.50		(a) Staff Cost (ashore & floating)	169.93	135.44		202.04
82.37	54.15		(b) Repairs & Maintenance -Fleet & Rigs	186.03	147.96		201.74
136.57	83.54		(c) Direct operating expenses	358.40	233.86		312.11
43.46	55.79		(d) Other expenses	152.69	165.68		223.76
-	4.20		(e) Decrease in stock in trade	9.00	18.58		20.53
319.27	246.18		Total Expenditure	876.05	701.52		960.18
389.33	387.06	0.6%	5. (a) Operating Profit (PBIDT)	1154.12	846.55	36.3%	1159.05
265.29	360.59	-26.4%	(b) Operating Profit (PBIDT)	822.76	821.80	0.1%	1134.30
			(excl. gain/ (loss) on sale of ships)				
31.72	21.01		6. Interest	84.89	60.52		82.87
357.61	366.05	-2.3%	7. Gross Profit after interest but before depreciation and taxation [5 (a) -6]	1069.23	786.03	36.0%	1076.18
79.65	68.44		8. Depreciation	235.35	211.43		285.00
87.55	-		9. Impairment loss on certain assets	87.55	-		-
190.41	297.61	-36.0%	9. Profit before tax	746.33	574.60	29.9%	791.18
			11. Provision for tax -				
3.97	9.63		- current	22.97	16.74		22.00
0.81	-		- deferred	4.94	-		(47.38)
0.44	-		- fringe benefit	2.31	-		-
185.19	287.98	-35.7%	12. Profit from ordinary activities	716.11	557.86	28.4%	816.56
0.02	(0.48)		13. Prior period adjustments	(0.03)	(0.75)		(7.77)
185.21	287.50	-35.6%	14. Net Profit	716.08	557.11	28.5%	808.79
			15. Paid-up Equity Share Capital (Face Value Rs.10/-)	190.34	190.33		190.34
			16. Reserves excluding revaluation reserves				1998.70
9.73	15.10		17. Basic and diluted earnings per share (in Rs.)	37.62	29.12		42.34
			18. Aggregate of Non -Promoter Shareholding				
			- Number of Shares	143495601	144605457		144834957
			- Percentage of Shareholding	75.39	75.97		76.09

Reporting of Segment-wise Revenue, Results and Capital employed:

(Rs.in Crores)

Quarter Ended on			Nine Months Ended on		Year ended on
31.12.2005 (REVIEWED)	31.12.2004 (REVIEWED)		31.12.2005 (REVIEWED)	31.12.2004 (REVIEWED)	
			a) Segment Revenue :		
603.93	512.89	(i) Shipping	1709.31	1222.29	1678.03
86.37	94.56	(ii) Offshore	235.83	259.25	347.99
18.30	25.79	(iii) Others	85.03	66.53	93.21
708.60	633.24	Total	2030.17	1548.07	2119.23
-	-	Less: Inter segment revenue	-	-	-
708.60	633.24	Total Revenue	2030.17	1548.07	2119.23
			b) Segment Results :		
		Profit/ (Loss) before tax and interest:			
183.57	269.12	(i) Shipping	721.70	533.67	746.46
26.15	39.45	(ii) Offshore	73.19	102.21	130.26
16.97	11.60	(iii) Others	51.40	18.90	33.49
226.69	320.17	Total	846.29	654.78	910.21
31.72	21.01	Less : Interest	84.89	60.52	82.87
4.56	1.55	Un-allocable expenditure :	15.07	19.66	36.16
190.41	297.61	Total Profit before tax	746.33	574.60	791.18
			c) Capital employed :		
2518.17	2334.47	(i) Shipping	2518.17	2334.47	2614.11
760.52	618.66	(ii) Offshore	760.52	618.66	608.06
1582.65	1039.72	(iii) Others	1582.65	1039.72	1046.62
4861.34	3992.85	Total	4861.34	3992.85	4268.79

NOTES:

- 1 The Company has recognised an impairment of Rs.87.55 crores in respect of three of the dry bulk carriers during the current quarter under review in accordance with the Accounting Standard (AS 28) consequent to a sharp fall in the recoverable values of the said assets. In the opinion of the management, the book value of these assets, after correcting for the impairment recognised, are aligned closer to the current market price and also broadly reflect the earnings expectations from them. The said assets belong to the Shipping Division and segment results of the Shipping Division are net of impairment of Rs.87.55 crores.
- 2 Provision for current income-tax is based on MAT calculation, mainly, arising from tax payable on gain on sale of ship.
- 3 The Company has declared a 2nd interim dividend of Rs.2.50 per equity share. The outgo on this account is Rs. 54.26 crores including tax on dividend.
- 4 Contingent Liability: Claims received by the Company not acknowledged as debt Rs.41.59 lakhs.
- 5 During the quarter under review, the company undertook the following transactions:

sold -
 - a Handysize Dry bulk Carrier "Jag Ratna" (Year built : 1977) of DWT 35662 MT.
 - a double hull Product Carrier named "Jag Prakash"(Year built : 2003) of DWT 46346 MT.
 - a Handysize Dry bulk Carrier "Jag Radha" (Year built : 1983) of DWT 35676 MT.
 - a Handysize Dry bulk Carrier "Jag Rupali" (Year built : 1983) of DWT 37092 MT.
- 6 The Board of Directors of the Company at its meeting held on September 15, 2005 has approved a Scheme of Arrangement for demerger of the Offshore service business into a separate Company, Great Offshore Limited, with effect from April 1, 2005 subject to the approval of High Court of Bombay and other necessary approvals. Every 5 shares of the Company will effectively be split into 1 share of Great Offshore Limited and 4 shares of the Company. Upon the Scheme becoming effective, the paid-up share capital of the Company shall reduce to Rs.152.27 crores from Rs.190.34 crores, being the existing capital.

Scheme of Arrangement has been approved by the High Court of Bombay on January 27, 2006.

Pending receipt of certain other approvals, the Board has not announced "Effective Date" under the Scheme and as such the Quarterly Results as shown above do not take into account the effect of the Scheme.
- 7 Previous year figures have been re-grouped wherever necessary.
- 8 Number of Investor Complaints outstanding at the beginning of the quarter was "nil", received during the quarter was 23, disposed off during the quarter was 22 and lying unresolved at the end of the quarter was 1.
- 9 The Board of Directors has approved the aforesaid results at its meeting held on January 30, 2006. These results have been subjected to a "Limited Review" by the auditors of the Company, as per listing agreements with the Stock Exchange, Mumbai and the National Stock Exchange.

For The Great Eastern Shipping Co. Ltd.

Date : 30.01.2006.

(K M Sheth)
Executive Chairman