

THE GREAT EASTERN SHIPPING CO. LTD.
Regd. Office: Ocean House,134-A, Dr.Annie Besant Road, Mumbai-400 018.
**FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE QUARTER AND
YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2009.**

(Rs. in Crores)

CONSOLIDATED Year Ended on			STANDALONE Quarter Ended on		STANDALONE Year Ended on	
31.03.2009 (AUDITED)	31.03.2008 (AUDITED)		31.03.2009 (UNAUDITED)	31.03.2008 (UNAUDITED)	31.03.2009 (AUDITED)	31.03.2008 (AUDITED)
3791.56	3108.39	1. Income -				
254.47	289.42	(a) Freight & Charter hire	560.75	737.98	2829.00	2580.71
		(b) Gain/(loss) on sale of ships	(26.50)	45.68	254.47	289.42
4046.03	3397.81	Total	534.25	783.66	3083.47	2870.13
		2. Expenditure -				
303.11	246.49	(a) Employees Cost (ashore and floating)	54.38	60.37	259.78	232.12
221.51	178.37	(b) Repairs & Maintenance-Fleet	65.05	41.46	213.77	176.52
824.98	550.42	(c) Direct operating expenses	131.53	128.14	669.87	435.14
658.59	592.33	(d) Hire of chartered ships	3.60	78.66	63.80	309.86
228.12	177.79	(e) Other expenses	41.19	39.74	150.86	156.63
2236.31	1745.40	Total	295.75	348.37	1358.08	1310.27
1809.72	1652.41	3. (a) Operating Profit (PBIDT) (including (loss)/gain on sale of ships & unrealised loss on revaluation of foreign currency balances)	238.50	435.29	1725.39	1559.86
1555.25	1362.99	(b) Operating Profit (PBIDT) (excluding gain on sale of ships)	265.00	389.61	1470.92	1270.44
383.95	355.08	4. Depreciation	108.45	83.00	348.49	340.95
70.00	-	5. Impairment on certain asset	70.00	-	70.00	-
1355.77	1297.33	6. Profit from Operations before Other Income, Interest and Exceptional Items [3(a) - 4]	60.05	352.29	1306.90	1218.91
296.85	208.67	7. Other Income	88.16	40.68	281.28	187.85
1652.62	1506.00	8. Profit before Interest and Exceptional Items [5 + 6]	148.21	392.97	1588.18	1406.76
184.68	161.63	9. Interest	34.87	45.20	153.64	149.28
1467.94	1344.37	10. Profit after interest but before Exceptional Items [7 - 8]	113.34	347.77	1434.54	1257.48
(14.85)	156.34	11. Exceptional items (see note 2)	138.57	(40.96)	(14.85)	145.53
1453.09	1500.71	12. Profit from Ordinary Activities before tax [9 + 10]	251.91	306.81	1419.69	1403.01
45.39	47.36	13. Tax expense -				
(10.13)	-	- current tax including fringe benefit Tax	4.00	7.40	45.00	46.20
35.26	47.36	- for prior years	(2.14)	-	(10.13)	-
			1.86	7.40	34.87	46.20
1417.83	1453.35	14. Net Profit after tax [11 - 12]	250.05	299.41	1384.82	1356.81
152.29	152.27	15. Paid-up Equity Share Capital (Face Value Rs.10/-)	152.29	152.27	152.29	152.27
5067.87	4156.71	16. Reserves excluding revaluation reserves	4775.94	4005.10	4775.94	4005.10
		17. (a) Earnings per share excluding exceptional item (in Rs.)				
94.08	85.18	- Basic	7.32	22.35	91.91	79.55
93.89	84.47	- Diluted	7.31	22.22	91.73	78.89
		(b) Earnings per share including exceptional item (in Rs.)				
93.11	95.45	- Basic	16.42	19.66	90.94	89.11
92.92	94.66	- Diluted	16.39	19.55	90.75	88.37
106278341	106969942	18. Public Shareholding -				
69.79	70.25	- Number of Shares	106278341	106969942	106278341	106969942
		- Percentage of shareholding	69.79	70.25	69.79	70.25
		19. Promotes and promoter group shareholding				
		(a) Pledged/Encumbered				
7000	-	- Number of shares	7000	-	7000	-
0.02	-	- Percentage of shares(as a % of the total shareholding of promoter and promoter group)	0.02	-	0.02	-
-	-	- Percentage of shares(as a % of the total share capital of the Company)	-	-	-	-
		(b) Non-encumbered				
46004343	45303982	- Number of shares	46004343	45303982	46004343	45303982
99.98	100	- Percentage of shares(as a % of the total shareholding of promoter and promoter group)	99.98	100	99.98	100
30.21	29.75	- Percentage of shares(as a % of the total share capital of the Company)	30.21	29.75	30.21	29.75

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REPORTING OF SEGMENTWISE REVENUE, RESULTS AND CAPITAL EMPLOYED :

The Company is mainly engaged in shipping business and there are no separate reportable segments as per Accounting Standard (AS) 17 for standalone results. Hence Segment information is given below for consolidated results only.

(Rs. in crores)

	Consolidated	
	Year Ended 31.03.2009 (AUDITED)	Year Ended 31.03.2008 (AUDITED)
a) Segment Revenue :		
Shipping	4036.93	3657.23
Offshore	302.24	105.73
Others	(3.64)	0.03
Sub-total	4335.53	3762.99
Add/(Less): Inter Segment Revenue	7.35	(0.17)
Total	4342.88	3762.82
b) Segment Results :		
Profit/(Loss) before tax and interest		
Shipping	1549.84	1608.27
Offshore	75.00	54.30
Others	12.93	(0.23)
Sub-total	1637.77	1662.34
Less : Interest	184.68	161.63
Total Profit before tax	1453.09	1500.71
c) Capital employed :		
Shipping	7013.51	6122.02
Offshore	2465.45	938.39
Others	19.07	18.17
Total	9498.03	7078.58

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NOTES :

1. The Company has recognised an impairment of Rs. 70 crores in respect of one dry bulk carrier in accordance with Accounting Standard (AS) 28 consequent to a sharp fall in the recoverable value of the said asset. In the opinion of the management, the book value of this asset, after correcting for the impairment recognised, is aligned closer to the current market price and also broadly reflects the earnings expectations from it.
2. Exceptional items include:
 - (a) Net Compensation (paid)/received on cancellation of vessel construction/ship sale contracts : Year ended March 31, 2009 - Rs. (14.85) crores ; and
 - (b) Exchange gain/(loss) on revaluation of foreign currency loan liabilities in accordance with AS-11.
3. The Company has opted for accounting the exchange differences arising on reporting of long term foreign currency monetary items in line with the Companies (Accounting Standards) Amendment Rules 2009, on Accounting Standard AS 11, notified by Government of India on March 31 2009. Accordingly, losses arising from the effect of changes in foreign exchange rates on foreign currency loans relating to acquisition of depreciable capital assets, amounting to Rs. 540.23 crores for the year ended March 31, 2009, are added to the cost of such assets. Consequent to the change, the depreciation for the year is higher by Rs. 22.53 crores and the profit for the year and reserves are higher by Rs. 517.70 crores. The corresponding foreign exchange gains of Rs. 122.60 crores (net of depreciation of Rs. 10.05 crores) for the year ended March 31, 2008, have been reversed from the General Reserve and deducted from the cost of such assets.

The Company has with effect from April 1, 2008, adopted the principles of hedge accounting enunciated in Accounting Standard (AS) 30 – Financial instruments: Recognition and Measurement in respect of derivative transactions entered into to hedge currency, interest rate and bunker price risk. Consequently, the mark-to-market losses of Rs. 365.14 crores on such designated hedging instruments that qualify as effective hedges have been recorded in the hedging reserve account until the maturity of the underlying hedged item, when the actual crystallised gains or losses will be recognized in the Profit and Loss Account or adjusted to the cost of the hedged asset. The reserves as at March 31, 2009 are lower to that extent.

4. (a) The Board of Directors has declared and paid two interim dividends aggregating Rs. 5.00 per equity share. The outgo on this account was Rs. 89.08 crores including Tax on Dividend.
- (b) The Board of Directors has declared a 3rd interim dividend of Rs. 3.00 per equity share. The outgo on this account is Rs. 53.45 crores including Tax on Dividend. The Board of Directors has decided that there will be no further dividend for the Financial Year ended March 31, 2009.
5. The Company had on August 09, 2007 allotted 50,05,000 convertible warrants to certain Promoters and non-executive directors, of which the option has not been exercised for 49,95,000 warrants. Accordingly the said warrants stand cancelled and the amount of Rs. 1598 lakhs received upfront from the warrant holders has been forfeited and credited to the Capital Reserve.

6. During the quarter , the Company undertook following transaction:

- (i) sold and delivered -
 - a Gas Carrier named "Jag Vayu" (Year Built : 1978) of DWT 28400 MT.
 - a Handymax Drybulk Carrier named "Jag Riddhi" (Year Built : 1997) of DWT 47240 MT.

Subsequent to the end of the year, the Company undertook following transactions:

- (i) took delivery of a newly built Long Range One (LR1) Product Tanker named "Jag Amisha" of DWT 74500 MT.
- (ii) contracted to sell a Handymax Drybulk Carrier named "Jag Reena" (Year Built : 2000) of DWT 45659 MT for delivery in first quarter of Financial Year 2009-10.
- (iii) delivered a Double Hull Medium Range Product Tanker named "Jag Payal" of DWT 37159 MT.

7. During the quarter, the Company has subscribed 6,60,00,000 7.50% Cumulative Convertible Redeemable Preference Shares of Rs. 10/- each at a premium of Rs. 20/- per share aggregating to Rs. 198 crores in its wholly owned subsidiary "Greatship (India) Ltd." The total investment in "Greatship (India) Ltd." till date aggregates to Rs. 1116 crores.

8. Previous period figures have been re-grouped wherever necessary.

9. Number of Investor Complaints at the beginning of the quarter were "Nil", received during the quarter were "9", disposed off during the quarter were "9" and lying unresolved at the end of the quarter were "Nil".

10. The Board of Directors has approved the aforesaid results at its meeting held on May 08, 2009.

For The Great Eastern Shipping Co. Ltd.

**(K. M. Sheth)
Executive Chairman**

Place: Mumbai.

Date : 08.05.2009