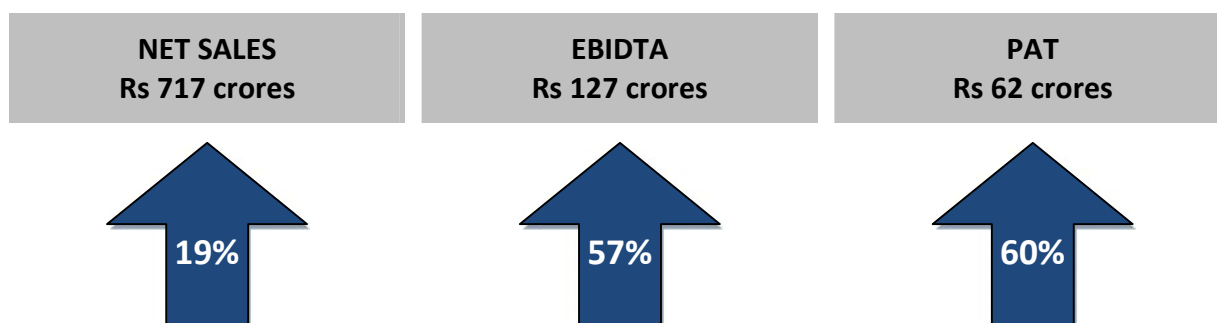


Prakash Industries' Q4FY14 PAT up by 60% to Rs. 62 crores
FY14 Revenues up by 3% to Rs. 2597 crores; PAT up by 5% to Rs. 173 crores

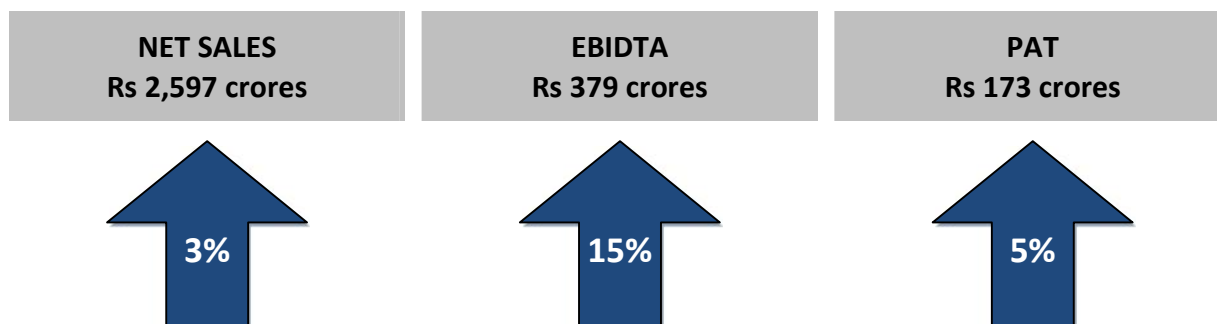
28th May, 2014, New Delhi: Prakash Industries Ltd (PIL), a business house with interests in steel & power today announced its results for the fourth quarter (Q4FY14) and the financial year (FY14) ended 31st March, 2014.

Q4FY14 vs. Q4FY13



The Company's Net Sales/Income from operations for Q4FY14 stood at Rs. 717 crores against Rs. 602 crores in the corresponding quarter ended March 2013 (Q4FY13). The Company's EBIDTA increased by 57% for Q4FY14 to Rs. 127 crores against Rs 81 crores in Q4FY13. The Profit after tax stood at Rs. 62 crores for Q4FY14 against Rs 39 crores in Q4FY13.

FY14 vs. FY13



The Company reported Net Sales /Income from operations of Rs. 2597 crores for FY14 . The EBIDTA improved by 15% during the year under review to Rs.379 crores against Rs.329 crores in FY13. The PAT also increased to Rs.173 crores against Rs. 165 crores in FY 13.

The Board has also recommended a dividend @10% (Re. 1 per share) per Equity Share of Rs. 10 each of the Company for the year ended 31st March, 2014. The proposed dividend would translate to a payout ratio of 9% of the profits for the year.

Commenting on the results, Mr. Vikram Agarwal, Managing Director, Prakash Industries Ltd., said “The Company’s improved production volumes, turnover and profitability is commendable, given the challenging environment we operated in last year. Softening of the input prices coupled with strengthening of the steel prices, towards the end of the year, helped relieve cost pressures and enable margin improvements. We will continue to focus on our commitment towards quality. We have also utilized this financial year to lay a strong foundation for future growth through capacity additions. In the coming year, we expect to reap improved dividends for the efforts put in by the company”.

In 2014, the Company added capacities in its Steel Melting Shop and Ferro Alloys divisions, resulting in achieving record production levels in these divisions. In the finished steel segment, the company achieved optimum level of production and capacity utilization.

OUTLOOK

Presently the Company is setting up an additional sponge iron Kiln and expects the same to be commissioned towards the end of the current financial year. With full stream operations of the Steel and Ferro Alloys capacities set up in the last year alongwith fresh capacities coming up in the current year, the company expects significant growth in its production, sales volumes and EBIDTA margins in FY15. As regards the captive iron ore mines allotted to the Company in the states of Chhattisgarh and Orissa, it is making all efforts to open the mines at the earliest, subsequent to which the Company shall not only become completely self-reliant but also get insulated against any vagaries of the market.
