

REVIEW OF ANNUAL REPORT AND AUDITED ACCOUNTS OF IRCON INTERNATIONAL LIMITED FOR 2014-15

BACKGROUND

Ircon has a long standing reputation as a consistent sectoral leader amongst the public sector construction companies in the Country with specialization in Railway and Highway constructions on turnkey basis and otherwise. The Company is a Schedule 'A' Company since 15th May 2006; a Mini Ratna Category-I since 1998.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

During 2014-15, Ircon has achieved turnover of ₹ 3122 crore and profit before tax of ₹ 844 crore, which is lower by 28% and 32% respectively as compared to previous financial year. The decline had been primarily on account of delay in start of few major projects in domestic sector due to various clearances, and also lower contribution from foreign projects after the completion of major foreign projects.

Ircon has maintained the total dividend for 2014-15 at ₹ 182.12 crore, which is 31.43% of post-tax profits.

Some important indicators of financial performance of the Company for the year 2014-15 vis-a-vis 2013-14 are given below:

		(₹ in crore)	
S.No.	Particulars	2014-15	2013-14
1.	Total income (Gross Sales)	3122	4307
2.	Total Operating income	2950	4067
3.	Profit before tax	844	1249
4.	Profit after tax	579	907
5.	Net worth	3354	2993

OPERATIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

Out of the four on-going foreign projects, two are in Bangladesh, and one each in Algeria and Malaysia. These are: (a) Bangladesh - (i) Construction of 2nd Bhairab Railway Bridge and (ii) Design & Commissioning of computer based Interlocking Colour Light Signalling system in 11 stations between Ishrudi-Darsana section (b) Algeria - Installation of double track line, and (c) Malaysia - Operation of meter gauge diesel electric locomotives on Malaysian Railway System.

Major projects secured and being executed in India include Preparation of Detailed Project Report (DPR), Land Acquisition and feasibility study of East-West Corridor in the State of Chhattisgarh; Widening and Strengthening of Bikaner Phalodi section of NH-15 in the State of Rajasthan; Four laning of Shivpuri-Guna Section of NH-3 in the State of Madhya Pradesh; Detailed Engineering Project Management and Construction of Coal Transportation System for Darlipali Super Thermal Power project; Establishment of SCADA compatibility and improving quality of consumer supply in four towns of Uttar Pradesh under Restructured

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Accelerated Power Development and Reforms Programme (R-APDRP) scheme; Metro works for Kochi Metro and Delhi Metro.

Other projects under execution in India include BG New Railway line from Dharam to Qazigund in J&K; New Rail Coach Factory at Rae Bareli, U.P.; Construction of East Corridor Rail Line in the State of Chhattisgarh; Rail cum road bridge across river Ganga at Patna; Sivok-Rangpo New Rail Line Project; Road Over Bridges (RoBs) in the State of Bihar and Rajasthan; Construction / upgradation of rural roads under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) in Jharkhand; RAPDRP Project in Jammu province in J&K; Rail link between Jayanagar (India) – Bijalpura (Nepal) and between Jogbani (Bihar) India to Biratnagar (Nepal), Electric Loco sheds at Bondamunda, Daund, and Mughalsarai; Coaching Terminal at Shalimar and Development of Circulating area at Santragachi and essential passenger amenities and road connectivity to Kona expressway.

During the year, the Company has completed three projects in Sri Lanka viz. Re-construction of railway line from Pallai to Kankesanthurai, Re-construction of Railway Line from Madhu Road to Talai Mannar, Signaling and telecommunication system for the entire railway network from Anuradhapura to Kankesanthurai and from Medawachchiya to Talaimannar Pier.

The Company has also completed three projects in India viz. Multi-functional complexes (MFCs), Railway siding for Kalisindh Power Project, Consultancy work for evaluation of assets installed by DAMEPL on Airport Express Line of Delhi MRTS.

Order Book

The new projects already secured in the ongoing year (i.e. 2015-16) have taken the order book of the Company to ₹ 19000 crore. This sizeable order book, coupled with opportunities in offing in infrastructure sector, is likely to give impetus to growth of the Company in the coming years.

AWARDS

The Company has so far received 45 awards from PEPC [formerly known as Overseas Construction Council of India (OCCI)] and 25 awards from EEPC. The awards received during the year include: 'Asia Pacific HRM Congress Award 2014' for "Organisation with innovative HR practices", Dun and Bradstreet's Infra Awards 2014 in the category of 'Construction and Infrastructure Development (Railways)', SCOPE Meritorious Award under the category of 'Corporate Social Responsibility & Responsiveness', National Award for Excellence in Cost management – 2013, and Vishwakarma Award 2015 in the category of best professionally managed company with a turnover of more than ₹ 1000 crore.

CSR & Sustainability

The Company has spent a total amount of ₹ 6.72 crores towards Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) initiatives, broadly comprising of activities in the field of health, education, rural infrastructure development, environment, sanitation and cleanliness, socio-economic development, and relief measures.

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SUBSIDIARIES AND JOINT VENTURE COMPANIES

During the period starting from 1st April 2014, two wholly owned subsidiaries (WOS) and two joint venture companies (JVCs) have been formed. These are:

- (i) 'Irecon PB Tollway Limited' and 'Irecon Shivpuri Guna Tollway Limited', both wholly-owned subsidiary companies, incorporated on 30.09.2014 and 12.05.2015 respectively, to execute road projects of NHAI on Build-Operate-Transfer (BoT) basis in the State of Rajasthan and Madhya Pradesh.
- (ii) 'Mahanadi Coal Railway Limited' and 'Jharkhand Central Railway Limited', JVCs, both incorporated on 31.08.2015, to implement coal connectivity projects in the State of Odisha and Jharkhand, with equity investment of 26% by Irecon.

As of now, Irecon Group comprises four subsidiaries (viz. Irecon Infrastructure & Services Limited, Indian Railway Stations Development Corporation Limited, Irecon PB Tollway Limited, Irecon Shivpuri Guna Tollway Limited) and five JVCs in India (viz. Irecon-Soma Tollway Private Limited, Chhattisgarh East Railway Limited, Chhattisgarh East-West Railway Limited, Mahanadi Coal Railway Limited, and Jharkhand Central Railway Limited). Irecon has equity stake of 25% in Companhia Dos Caminhos De Ferro Da Beira SA (CCFB), a joint venture company which was formed for execution of Beira Rail Concession Project in Mozambique. The said stake of 25% would be divested in terms of Settlement Agreement [between Government of Mozambique, RITES Limited, Irecon, CFM (a railway undertaking of Mozambique), and CCFB] in favour of an entity owned by Government of Mozambique.

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Statement giving reasons for delay in submission of Annual Report and Audited Accounts (2014-15) of IRCON INTERNATIONAL LIMITED (IRCON) in the Parliament

The Auditors' Report (on standalone and consolidated financial statements) was received on 13th October 2015. The Audit Committee and BoD had considered the said Report along with Management Replies thereon at its meeting held on 5th November 2015 and 6th November 2015 respectively.

Thereafter, the Auditors' Report was submitted to C&AG for their comments which were received on 23rd November 2015. The C&AG comments were considered by the BoD at its meeting held on 24th November 2015.

Annual General Meeting (AGM) was held on 22nd December 2015 within the extension period granted by the Office of Registrar of Companies (RoC).

Accordingly, Annual Report (including audit report and C&AG comments) of Ircon after adoption by the shareholders at AGM was translated and printed.