

**THE GREAT EASTERN SHIPPING COMPANY LIMITED**

**Unaudited Financial Results**

**September 30, 2000.**

**(Rs. million)**

<b>Three Months ended on 30.09.2000</b>	<b>Corresponding Three Months ended on 30.09.1999</b>		<b>Six Months ended on 30.09.2000</b>	<b>Corresponding Six Months ended on 30.09.1999</b>	<b>% Increase (Decrease)</b>	<b>Previous Accounting Year ended on 31.03.2000 (AUDITED)</b>
<b>2,278</b>	2,077	1. Income from Operations & sales	<b>4,592</b>	4,104	<b>11.9%</b>	9,145
	379	2. Gain on -				
<b>2</b>	1	- sale of ships	<b>188</b>	429		480
		- other assets	<b>2</b>	1		2
<b>98</b>	57	3. Other Income -	<b>154</b>	112	<b>38.0%</b>	309
<b>46</b>	0	- Interest & Others	<b>48</b>	0		10
		- Exchange difference				
		4. Total Expenditure				
<b>339</b>	263	a) Staff Cost (ashore and floating)	<b>657</b>	560		1,119
<b>330</b>	282	b) Repairs & Maintenance-Fleet & Rigs	<b>597</b>	554		1,734
<b>457</b>	667	c) Other Expenditure (includes expenses on fuel, port expenses, cargo expenses, brokerage & commission, vessel management fees, insurance & p& i club fees, sundry steamer exps., stores and administration expenses excluding staff cost)	<b>979</b>	1,210		2,450
<b>187</b>	117	d) Cost of Sales	<b>284</b>	443		1,134
<b>45</b>	123	e) (Increase)/Decrease in stock in trade	<b>196</b>	66		(175.7)
<b>1,358</b>	1,451	Total	<b>2,712</b>	2,833		6,260
<b>1,067</b>	1,063	5. Operating Profit (PBIDT) (including gain on sale of ships & other assets)	<b>2,272</b>	1,812	<b>25.4%</b>	3,684
<b>1,064</b>	683	5 Operating Profit (excluding gain on sale of ships & other assets)	<b>2,082</b>	1,382	<b>50.6%</b>	3,203
<b>188</b>	141	6. Interest	<b>372</b>	270		608
<b>879</b>	922	7. Gross Profit after interest but before depreciation and taxation	<b>1,900</b>	1,542	<b>23.2%</b>	3,076
<b>522</b>	443	8. Depreciation	<b>1,014</b>	857		1,812
<b>357</b>	479	9. Profit before tax	<b>886</b>	685	<b>29.3%</b>	1,265
<b>29</b>	41	10 Provision for taxation	<b>73</b>	89		160
<b>328</b>	437	11 Net Profit after tax	<b>813</b>	596	<b>36.4%</b>	1,105
		12 Paid-up Equity Share Capital (Face Value Rs.10/- )				2,588
		13 Reserves excluding revaluation reserves				8,693
<b>0.3</b>	0.3	14 Basic and diluted cash earnings per share (in Rs.)	<b>0.7</b>	0.6		1.1
<b>0.1</b>	0.2	15 Basic and diluted earnings per share (in Rs.)	<b>0.3</b>	0.2		0.4

NOTES :

1. The break up of operating profit (PBIDT) is as follows :

	( Rs. in million		%
	Six Months ended 30.09.2000	Six Months ended 30.09.1999	Increase (Decrease)
Shipping	1,884	1,575	19.6%
Offshore	433	248	74.6%
Others	44	90	-51.1%
		1,913	
	<b>2,360</b>	1,913	<b>23.4%</b>
Less : Corporate Administration Expenses	<b>88</b>	101	
Total	<b>2,272</b>	1,812	<b>25.4%</b>

2. Income from Operations & sales for the quarter ended September 30, 2000 includes Rs.112.1 million (net) being differential charter hire for shipping division settled and received pertaining to an earlier year.

3. Operating profit of offshore division includes non-recurring N.G.Flare project's operating profit - Rs.24 million

4. Staff cost for the six months ended September 30, 2000 has increased over corresponding six months of last year due to a) payment made under voluntary retirement scheme to the shore staff - Rs. 21.6 million, and b) revision in the wages of shore and floating staff.

5. The repairs and maintenance expenses of fleet and rigs have been charged in the above results on the basis of half of the yearly budgeted figures. This practice is being followed consistently by the company keeping in mind the nature of this expenditure and to avoid distortion in the results. Due to this policy, the repairs & maintenance expenditure for the current quarter is higher by Rs. 36.2 million and the half year's expenditure is higher by Rs. 72.3 million.

6. The Company has reviewed the total life of a Gas Carrier and reduced it from 30 years to 27 years. Due to this the depreciation for the current quarter is higher by Rs. 12.5 million and half year depreciation is higher by Rs. 24.1 million. Consequently profit before tax is lower to this extent. The corresponding figures for the previous quarter and half year have been readjusted for the above change.

7. The Company has provided for tax based on the MAT calculation, however the final tax liability will be determined at the year end.

8. During the quarter the Company has placed orders for building two Aframax Crude Oil Carriers and two Offshore Vessels involving the total capital expenditure of USD 100 million. The vessels are due for delivery in the year 2002 to 2003.

9. Subject to the approval of the members, the company proposes to Buy Back its own equity shares, upto an extent of Rs. 1.50 billion at a price not exceeding Rs. 42 per share.

10. The Board of Directors has approved the aforesaid results at its meeting held on October, 31, 2000.

Date : 31.10.2000.