THE GREAT EASTERN SHIPPING CO. LTD.

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UNAUDITED FINANCIAL RESULTS (Provisional) FOR THE THREE MONTHS ENDED

JUNE 30, 2001

		Three Months ended on 30.06.2001 (UNAUDITED)	Corresponding Three Months ended on 30.06.2000 (UNAUDITED)	% Increase/ (Decrease)	(Rs. in million) Previous Accounting Year ended on 31.03.2001 (AUDITED)
1	Income from Operations & sales - (a) freight & demurrage (b) charter hire (c) project (d) others Total Income from Operations &	1,271 1,576 213 319	593 1,604 0 238		3,310 6,438 66 937
	sales	3,380	2436		10,752
2	Gain on sale of - (a) ships (b) other assets	0 4	188 0		359 0.7
3	Other Income - (a) Interest & dividend (b) Exchange difference (b) Others	39 0 5	45 0 12		243 0 139
	Total Income (1+2+3)	3,428	2,682		11,495
4	Total Expenditure				
	(a) Staff Cost (ashore and floating)(b) Repairs & Maintenance-Fleet	351	318		1,228
	& Rigs (c) Direct operating expenses (d) Other operating expenses (e) Cost of Sales	329 641 448 165	266 282 362 96		1,190 1,620 1,595 715
	(f) (Increase)/Decrease in stock in trade	99	135		194
	(g) Diminution in value of property & investments written off	46	15		210
	Total Expenditure	2,081	1,477		6,755
5	Operating Profit (PBIDT)	1,347	1,205	11.8%	4,739

5.	(a) Operating Profit (PBIDT) (including gain on sale of ships & other assets)	1,347	1,205	11.8%	4,739
	(b) Operating Profit (PBIDT) (excluding gain on sale of ships & other assets)	1,343	1,017	32.1%	4,379
6	Interest	143	184		717
7	Gross Profit after interest but befor depreciation and tax	1,203	1,020	17.9%	4,022
8	Depreciation	485	492		2,008
9	Profit before tax	718	528	35.8%	2,014
10	Provision for taxation (current)	55	43		240
11	Net Profit after current tax	663	485	36.7%	1,774
12	Provision for deferred tax	46	0		0
13	Net Profit	617	485	27.2%	1,774
14	Paid-up Share Capital - (a) Equity (Face Value Rs.10/-) (b) Preference (Face Value Rs.10)	2,159 950	2,588 0		2,177 950
15	Reserves excluding revaluation reserves				8,732
16	Basic and diluted cash earnings per share (in Rs.)	0.5	0.4		1.7
17	Basic and diluted earnings per share (in Rs.)	0.3	0.2		0.8
18	Aggregate of Non-Promoter Shareholding - Number of Shares - Percentage of shareholding	17,054,757 79.0			17,609,143 80.9

NOTES:

1. The break up of operating profit (PBIDT) as in 5(a) above is as follows:

			(Rs. in million)
	Three Months	%	
	ended	ended	Increase
	30.06.2001	30.06.2000	(Decrease)
Shipping	1,181	1,017	16.1%
Offshore	249	238	4.6%
Others	10	37	-72.0%
	1,441	1,293	11.4%
Less :Corporate Administration Expenses	33	55	
Less: Share issue & buy back expenses, Demerger expenses & Goodwill w/off	14	17	
Less : Diminution in value of property & investments w/off	46	15	
	1,347	1,205	11.8%

The repairs and maintenance expenses of fleet and rigs have been charged in the above results on the basis of the yearly budgeted figures. This practice is 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 and maintenance for the current quarter is higher by Rs. 85 million

- (a) The Company has provided for tax based on the MAT calculation, however the final tax liability will be determined at the year-end.
- (b) The Company has made provision of Rs. 46 million towards deferred tax liability in accordance with the new Accounting Standard "Accounting for Taxes on Income" (AS-22) issued by the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India and made mandatorily applicable from the current financial year.
- The Company has bought back and extinguished 18,74,719 equity shares during the current quarter thereby reducing the paid-up equity share capital to Rs. 2159 million.
- During the quarter the company has acquired two 1996 built double hull product carriers at the aggregate cost of US \$ 47 million.
- Previous year figures have been re-grouped wherever necessary.
- 7. The Board of Directors has approved the aforesaid results at its meeting held on July 26, 2001.

For The Great Eastern Shipping Company Limited

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26.07.2001 (K. M. Sheth)