# **SITI Cable Network Limited**

# **Consolidated Financial Results Q4 FY16 & FY16**

**Investor Release** 

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**New Delhi, India**; **25**<sup>th</sup> **May, 2016**: The Board of Directors of SITI Cable Network Limited (SITI CABLE) (BSE: 532795, NSE: SITI CABLE EQ) in its meeting held today, has taken on record the Audited Consolidated Financial Results of the company for the Fourth Quarter and Full Year ended March 31, 2016.

## **FY16 Highlights**

- o Profitable Turnaround for the first time in Company's history with PBT at INR22 Crores
- o EBITDA at INR323 Crores; up 92% YoY
- o Revenue at INR1,213 Crores; up 30% YoY
- Subscription Income at INR561 Crores; up 6% YoY
- o Broadband Income at INR49 Crores; up 83% YoY
- Highest ever customer acquisition at 2.7 mn with a Total Digital Subscriber Base of 7.9 Mn;
  Largest presence in the country at 312 cities
- o Added ~72,000 Broadband subscribers; Total Broadband Subscriber Base at 1.32 Lakh

Income Statement		(INR Million)
	FY16	FY15
Revenues	11,889	9,059
Other Income	241	311
Total Revenue	12,130	9,370
Total Expenditure	8,900	7,686
EBITDA	3,230	1,684
Finance cost	1,378	1,209
Depreciation	1,632	1,328
PBT	221	(852)
Tax	131	167
PAT	90	(1,019)





Income Statement	(INR Million)			
	Quarter Ended			
	Q4 FY 2016	Q3 FY 2016	Q4 FY 2015	
Revenues	3,567	3,699	2,560	
Other Income	82	48	227	
Total Revenue	3,648	3,748	2,787	
Total Expenditure	2,614	2,449	2,466	
EBITDA	1,034	1,299	321	
Finance cost	351	346	311	
Depreciation	515	391	339	
PBT	169	562	(328)	
Tax	89	2	125	
PAT	81	560	(453)	

Revenue Streams	Quarter Ended		
(INR Million)	Q4 FY 2016	Q3 FY 2016	Q4 FY 2015
Subscription	1,479	1,458	1,424
Carriage	634	605	735
Activation	782	1,050	211
Broadband	159	139	79
	Quarter Ended		
Operational Metrics	Q4	FY 2016	Q3 FY 2016
Cable Universe (Mn)		12.2 12.2	
Digital Subscribers (Mn)		7.9 6.8	
Digital Subscribers added (Mn)		1.1 1.	
HD Subscribers		50.170	35.372

# **Operational Highlights**

**Broadband Subscribers** 

Broadband Home Passess (Lakhs)

Profitable Turnaround for the first time in Company History; Reported Profit before Tax
 (PBT) at INR22 Crores in FY16

8.9

1,32,500

6.7

1,07,000

- Highest seeding for a particular year at 2.7 mn. The Company will continue to aggressively digitize its subscriber base
- Siti Cable now has the largest Pan India presence at 312 cities, in line with its strategy to expand in Phase 3 areas across different geographies
- SITI Cable is now offering 45+ HD Channels with 8 additional channels in the pipeline in the near future
- o **Broadband**: Added ~4.5 lakh home passes and ~72,000 customers in FY16; Looking to aggressively roll out broadband in select geographies in the near future





#### o **Fund infusion by Promoter** Group Entities

- Encouraged by the improvement in performance in Q4FY16, the promoters infused fresh funding of INR530 Crores. This was the first tranche of the previously announced INR 680 crore funding. The Funding will be utilized primarily for debt reduction
- o *ICRA upgraded the long-term rating* of *SITI Cable* to A- from BBB+. Further ICRA has a rating of AA (SO) on the term loan facility of SITI Cable. The outlook on the ratings is 'stable'
- SITI Cable Network Limited has been chosen to be a constituent of the Morgan Stanley
  Capital International (MSCI) India Domestic Small Cap Index, effective 31<sup>st</sup> May, 2016

#### Awards & Recognitions

- o The Company was awarded at the 7<sup>th</sup> Broadcasting, Cable & Satellite (BCS) Ratna Awards
  - Outstanding MSO Providing Technology & Services
  - Best CEO Award
    - Mr. VD Wadhwa, Executive Director & CEO of SITI Cable received the Best CEO
      Award for his strategic leadership and profitable turnaround of the company
- Mr. VD Wadhwa, Executive Director & CEO, has been nominated for the "Best CEO category in Asia" for the Asia Communication Awards (ACA) 2016, along with 11 other leading CEO's from the Asia-Pacific Region
- o Consolidated Gross Debt at INR1,116 Crores & Net Debt at INR743 Crores

While commenting on the results Mr. V D Wadhwa, Executive Director & CEO, SITI Cable mentioned that

"Our strategy of tighter control on cost lines and improving monetization has started yielding results and the company's profitable turn-around, first time in 20 years, is a testament to that.

We continue on our journey of being the fastest growing company in Cable and Broadband by expanding the breadth & width of our distribution. As a part of our strategy, we are working on gaining Industry leadership through organic and inorganic growth.

Our growth story was recognized not only by the promoters who increased their stake, but also by independent agencies like ICRA who upgraded the long term rating of SITI Cable to [ICRA]A- from [ICRA]BB+. Morgan Stanley Capital International (MSCI) will also be including SITI Cable as constituent of their India Domestic Small Cap Index with effect from 31st May 2016.

Having expanded in DAS Phase 3, our biggest challenge in FY17 will be monetization. We are well positioned to scale up our Broadband operations aggressively in new geographies in FY17."





#### **About SITI Cable Network Limited**

SITI Cable Network Limited is a part of the Essel Group, which is one of India's leading business houses with a diverse portfolio of assets in media, packaging, entertainment, technology-enabled services, infrastructure development and education.

SITI Cable Network Limited is one of India's largest Multi System Operator (MSO). With 36 analogue and 18 digital head ends and a network of more than 30,000 Kms of optical fibre and coaxial cable, it provides its cable services in India's ~300+ cities and the adjoining areas, reaching out to over 12.2 million viewers.

SITI Cable deploys State-of-the-art technology for delivering multiple TV signals to enhance consumer viewing experience. Its product range includes Digital & Analogue Cable Television, Broadband and Local Television Channels. SITI Cable has been providing services in analogue and digital mode, armed with technical capability to provide features like Video on Demand, Pay per View, Electronic Programming Guide (EPG) and Gaming through a Set Top Box (STB). All products are marketed under SITI brand name.

Note: This earnings release contains consolidated results that are unaudited and prepared as per Indian Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP).

## **Caution Concerning Forward-Looking Statements**

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