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Q2 FY16 Results

- ✓ **Highest ever Rating revenue of Rs 77.66 crore and Operating profit of Rs 54.77 crore in Q2-FY16**
- ✓ **Rating Income up by 5.35%**
- ✓ **Operating Profit up by 9.37%**
- ✓ **Interim Dividend of Rs. 6/- per share declared**

The Board of Directors of CARE Ratings approved the Q2-FY16 and H1-FY16 results in the Board Meeting held on Monday the 2nd of November 2015.

Highlights: Q2-FY16

- Increase in income from operations of 5.35% from Rs 74.26 crore to Rs 78.23 crore with highest ever quarterly rating revenue recorded.
- Operating profit margin at 70.01% (67.44% in Q2-FY15) and Net profit margin at 47.05% (54.06 % in Q2-FY15)
- Volume of debt rated increases from Rs 2.12 lakh crore to Rs 2.41 lakh crore with increase in both the corporate debt and bank loan segments.
- 758 new clients added this quarter
- Total number of active clients at 10,950 as of September

Highlights: H1-FY16

- Income from operations increases by 8.33% from Rs 116.94 crore to Rs 126.67 crore
- Operating profit margin at 61.47% (58.80% in H1-FY15) and Net profit margin at 41.99% (51.14% in H1-FY15)
- Volume of debt rated increases from Rs 4.51 lakh crore to Rs 5.06 lakh crore
- Added 1,466 new clients this H1

CARE Ratings has posted growth in income from operations in Q2-FY16 on the back of growth in total volume of debt rated of 13.68% as well as surveillance income. Rating income at Rs 77.66 crore for the quarter was the highest achieved so far. The number of active clients on the portfolio is now 10,950, which represents an increase of 618 over June 2015.

Other income was lower at Rs 2.22 crore (Rs 22.69 crore in Q2-FY15) due to two reasons. First, the company has invested its surpluses in FMPs (fixed maturity plans) of mutual funds for a tenure of three years and hence income can be booked only on maturity. Second, the investible pool of surplus reduced by Rs. 220 crores in FY15 on account of a one-time payout of special dividend.

Total expenses decreased from Rs 24.18 crore to Rs 23.46 crore mainly due to reduction in staff count coming down from 615 in September 2014 to 579 as of September 2015. Net profit decreased from Rs 52.41 crore to Rs 37.85 crore during this period due to lower investment income as explained above.

Operating profit margin improved from 67.44% to 70.01% while net profit margin decreased from 54.06% to 47.05%. Higher operating profit margin was a result also of highest operating profits. Basic EPS was at Rs 13.05 per share (Rs. 18.07 per share in Q2-FY15). The Board has announced an interim dividend of Rs. 6 per share which when combined with the interim dividend of Rs. 6 per share for the first quarter cumulates to Rs 12/share in the first half of the year.

In the first half of FY16, income from operations increased by 8.33% from Rs. 116.94 crore to Rs. 126.67 crore, while total expenses rose by 1.31% from Rs. 48.18 crore to Rs. 48.81 crore. Operating profits increased by 13.24% while net profit decreased by 29.94%. Operating profit margin and net profit margin were at 61.47% (58.80% in H1-FY15) and 41.99% (51.14% in H1-FY15) respectively.

Commenting on the results D. R. Dogra, MD & CEO, said: 'We have not yet seen a major turnaround in the state of the economy in the first half of the year, which is also reflected by the macro numbers. There do appear some signs of green shoots which might hopefully blossom in the second half of the year. The third quarter promises some hope of uptick in consumption and with the government also being positive with its spending, we do hope that the credit and debt markets show a turnaround'.

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*** In terms of rating income FY15**