

**Independent Auditor's Report on Audited Standalone Quarterly Financial Results and Year to Date Results of the Essar Shipping Limited Pursuant to the Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015, as amended****TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF  
ESSAR SHIPPING LIMITED****Report on the audit of the Standalone Financial Results****1. Opinion**

We have audited the accompanying statement of standalone financial results of **Essar Shipping Limited** ("the Company") for quarter and year ended 31 March 2021, ("the statement"), attached herewith, being submitted by the company pursuant to the requirement of Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015, as amended ("Listing Obligations").

2. In our opinion and to the best of our information and according to the explanations given to us, the statement:
- is presented in accordance with the requirements of Regulation 33 of the Listing Regulations in this regard; and
  - give a true and fair view in conformity with the recognition and measurement principles laid down in the applicable Indian accounting standards ("Ind AS") and other accounting principles generally accepted in India of the net loss and other comprehensive income and other financial information for the quarter and year ended 31 March 2021.

**3. Basis for Opinion**

We conducted our audit in accordance with the Standards on Auditing (SAs) specified under section 143(10) of the Companies Act, 2013, as amended ("the Act"). Our responsibilities under those SAs are further described in the "Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Standalone Financial Results" section of our report. We are independent of the Company, in accordance with the Code of Ethics issued by the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India together with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the standalone financial results under the provisions of the Act and the Rules thereunder, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements and the Code of Ethics.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.



#### 4. Material Uncertainty Related to Going Concern

We draw attention to Note No. 6 of the standalone financial results that the Company's current liabilities exceed its current assets as on 31 March 2021. Further, Note No. 7 of the standalone financial results mentions that some of the lenders of the company have filed applications before the High Court / National Company Law Tribunals for recovery of overdue amounts and / or enforcement of guarantees. Also, the net worth of the company is substantially eroded and it is incurring continuous losses since last several quarters. These factors give rise to a material uncertainty related to Going Concern;

Further, as informed to us, the management is in the process of negotiating with the lenders to reschedule or settle overdue borrowings on the basis of future visible cash flows. The management has also represented that though the business has been impacted by COVID-19 (as detailed in Note No 3 of the standalone financial results), based on the future business prospects which they have evaluated, the Company expects to start making operational profits in the near future;

We have relied on the management representations as above, and based on the same, the financial results have been prepared by the management on going concern basis.

#### 5. Emphasis of Matter

- i. We draw attention to Note No. 8 of the standalone financial results wherein the Company had recognized revenue in the financial year 2017-18 amounting to Rs. 369.81 crore (including accrued interest upto 31 March 2018) based on compensation granted to the Company by arbitration proceedings for breach of contract terms by a charterer and the same remains outstanding as on 31 March 2021. The Company is confident of full recovery of its claims. However, pending conclusion of the same, no further interest is accrued on the income;
- ii. We draw attention to Note No. 9 of the standalone financial results wherein the Company got admitted to Corporate Insolvency Resolution Process due to invocation of corporate guarantee on account of default by a Subsidiary Company. However, subsequently, post settlement with the lender after the date of the balance sheet these proceedings have been withdrawn against the Company. A Subsidiary Company, yet has to fulfil the settlement terms and subject to final settlement, the impact of Corporate Insolvency Resolution Process remains uncertain.

Our Opinion is not modified in respect of the above matters.



## 6. Management's Responsibilities for the Standalone Financial Results

The statement has been prepared on the basis of the standalone financial statements. The Company's Board of Directors are responsible for the preparation and presentation of these standalone financial results that give a true and fair view of the net loss and other comprehensive income and other financial information in accordance with the recognition and measurement principles laid down in Indian Accounting Standards prescribed under Section 133 of the Act read with relevant rules issued thereunder and other accounting principles generally accepted in India and in compliance with Regulation 33 of the Listing Regulations. This responsibility also includes maintenance of adequate accounting records in accordance with the provisions of the Act for safeguarding of the assets of the Company and for preventing and detecting frauds and other irregularities; selection and application of appropriate accounting policies; making judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent; and design, implementation and maintenance of adequate internal financial controls that were operating effectively for ensuring the accuracy and completeness of the accounting records, relevant to the preparation and presentation of the standalone financial results that give a true and fair view and are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the standalone financial results, the Board of Directors are responsible for assessing the Company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the Board of Directors either intends to liquidate the Company or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

The Board of Directors are also responsible for overseeing the Company's financial reporting process.

## 7. Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Standalone Financial Results

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the standalone financial results as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with SAs will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these standalone financial results.

As part of an audit in accordance with SAs, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. We also:



- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the standalone financial results, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances. Under Section 143(3)(i) of the Act, we are also responsible for expressing our opinion through a separate report on the complete set of standalone financial statements on whether the company has adequate internal financial control with reference to standalone financial statements in place and the operating effectiveness of such controls.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures in the standalone financial results made by the Board of Directors.
- Evaluate the appropriateness and reasonableness of disclosures made by the board of Directors in terms of the requirement specified under Regulation 33 of Listing Regulations.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the Board of Directors' use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Company's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the standalone financial results or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Company to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the standalone financial results, including the disclosures, and whether the standalone financial results represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.
- Obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence regarding the Financial Results of the Company to express an opinion on the Financial Results.



We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

We also provide those charged with governance with a statement that we have complied with relevant ethical requirements regarding independence, and to communicate with them all relationships and other matters that may reasonably be thought to bear on our independence, and where applicable, related safeguards.

#### 8. Other matter

The Statement includes the results for the quarter ended 31 March 2021 being the balancing figures between the audited figures in respect of full financial year ended 31 March 2021 and the published unaudited year to date figures up to the third quarter of the current financial year, which were subjected to a limited review by us, as required under the Listing Regulations.

For **C N K & Associates LLP**

Chartered Accountants

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Place: Mumbai

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**Statement of Audited Standalone Financial Results for the quarter and year ended 31 March, 2021**

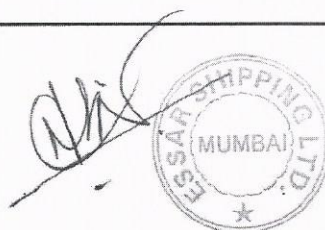
Sl.No.	Particulars	(₹ in crore)				
		Quarter ended			Year ended	
		31.03.2021 (Refer note 10)	31.12.2020 (Unaudited)	31.03.2020 (Refer note 10)	31.03.2021 (Audited)	31.03.2020 (Audited)
I	Income from operations	33.88	22.87	68.25	166.94	538.47
II	Other income	7.65	1.12	1.13	8.95	12.53
III	<b>Total income from operations (I+II)</b>	<b>41.53</b>	<b>23.99</b>	<b>69.38</b>	<b>175.89</b>	<b>551.00</b>
IV	<b>Expenses</b>					
a)	Operating expenses	18.24	19.25	43.99	84.35	300.23
b)	Employee benefit expenses	12.55	13.53	13.89	52.62	55.40
c)	Finance costs	47.50	46.29	53.51	212.16	209.87
d)	Depreciation and amortisation expenses	29.37	27.63	28.02	112.53	110.35
e)	Other expenses	4.31	5.46	12.97	12.29	48.06
	<b>Total expenses</b>	<b>111.97</b>	<b>112.16</b>	<b>152.38</b>	<b>473.95</b>	<b>723.91</b>
V	<b>Loss for the period / year before exceptional items and tax (III-IV)</b>	<b>(70.44)</b>	<b>(88.17)</b>	<b>(83.00)</b>	<b>(298.06)</b>	<b>(172.91)</b>
VI	<b>Exceptional items (refer Note no.5)</b>					
	Income	-	-	-	0.79	-
	Expenses	-	-	(2,779.42)	-	(2,779.42)
VII	<b>Loss for the period / year before tax and after exceptional items (V+VI)</b>	<b>(70.44)</b>	<b>(88.17)</b>	<b>(2,862.42)</b>	<b>(297.27)</b>	<b>(2,952.33)</b>
VIII	Tax expenses	(0.16)	(0.05)	(0.21)	(0.62)	(1.11)
IX	<b>Loss after tax (VII+VIII)</b>	<b>(70.60)</b>	<b>(88.22)</b>	<b>(2,862.63)</b>	<b>(297.89)</b>	<b>(2,953.44)</b>
X	Other comprehensive income net of tax	0.33	(0.14)	0.82	0.20	2.91
XI	<b>Total comprehensive loss net of tax (IX+X)</b>	<b>(70.27)</b>	<b>(88.36)</b>	<b>(2,861.81)</b>	<b>(297.69)</b>	<b>(2,950.53)</b>
XII	Paid-up equity share capital (face value of ₹10/- each)	206.98	206.98	206.98	206.98	206.98
XIII	Reserves excluding revaluation reserves	-	-	-	(3,253.58)	(2,955.90)
XIV	<b>Earnings per share before exceptional items (EPS)</b>					
	(a) Basic (in ₹)	*(3.41)	*(4.26)	*(4.02)	(14.43)	(8.41)
	(b) Diluted (in ₹)	*(3.41)	*(4.26)	*(4.02)	(14.43)	(8.41)
XV	<b>Earnings per share after exceptional items (EPS)</b>					
	(a) Basic (in ₹)	*(3.41)	*(4.26)	*(138.3)	(14.39)	(142.69)
	(b) Diluted (in ₹)	*(3.41)	*(4.26)	*(138.3)	(14.39)	(142.69)
	* Not annualised					



## Statement of Standalone Assets and Liabilities as at 31 March, 2021

(₹ in crore)

Particulars	As at 31.03.2021 (Audited)	As at 31.03.2020 (Audited)
<b>ASSETS</b>		
<b>Non-current assets</b>		
(a) Property, plant and equipment	687.58	742.27
(b) Investments in subsidiaries and associates	252.66	252.66
(c) Other non-current assets	9.07	15.78
<b>Total non-current assets</b>	<b>949.31</b>	<b>1,010.71</b>
<b>Current assets</b>		
(a) Inventories	9.27	10.00
(b) Financial assets		
i. Investments	6.23	-
ii. Trade and other receivables	12.77	31.82
iii. Cash and cash equivalents	13.19	6.38
iv. Loans	6.41	0.41
v. Other financial assets	440.22	444.22
(c) Other current assets	39.76	83.87
<b>Total current assets</b>	<b>527.85</b>	<b>576.70</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>1,477.16</b>	<b>1,587.41</b>
<b>EQUITY AND LIABILITIES</b>		
<b>Equity</b>		
Equity share capital	206.98	206.98
<b>Other Equity</b>		
Reserves and surplus	(3,253.58)	(2,955.90)
<b>Total equity</b>	<b>(3,046.60)</b>	<b>(2,748.92)</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
<b>Non-current liabilities</b>		
<b>Financial liabilities</b>		
Borrowings	1,853.58	1,978.36
<b>Total non-current liabilities</b>	<b>1,853.58</b>	<b>1,978.36</b>
<b>Current liabilities</b>		
(a) <b>Financial liabilities</b>		
i. Trade payables		
- Total outstanding dues to micro and small enterprises	0.27	0.03
- Total outstanding dues to creditors other than micro and small enterprises	146.08	116.66
ii. Other financial liabilities	2,512.02	2,226.67
(b) Employee benefit obligations	2.48	2.39
(c) Other current liabilities	9.33	12.22
<b>Total current liabilities</b>	<b>2,670.18</b>	<b>2,357.97</b>
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>4,523.76</b>	<b>4,336.33</b>
<b>TOTAL EQUITY AND LIABILITIES</b>	<b>1,477.16</b>	<b>1,587.41</b>



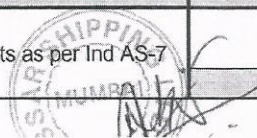
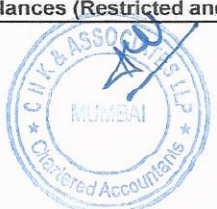
**ESSAR SHIPPING LIMITED**
**Standalone Statement of Cash Flows for the year ended 31 March, 2021**

(₹ in crore)

Particulars	Year ended 31 March, 2021	Year ended 31 March, 2020
<b>A CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>		
Profit / (Loss) before tax	(297.27)	(2,952.33)
Adjustments for :		
Exceptional Items		
- Reversal of Provision for impairment of loans & advances receivable from subsidiary	(0.79)	-
- Provision for impairment as per Ind AS 36 in the fair value of the subsidiaries based on management assessment & valuation report	-	2,728.94
- Provision for impairment as per Ind AS 36 in the fair value of the associate based on management assessment & valuation report	-	35.77
- Provision for impairment of loans & advances receivable from subsidiary	-	14.71
Gain on sale/Fair Value of current investment measured at FVTPL	(0.28)	-
Depreciation	112.53	110.35
Finance costs	212.16	209.87
Interest income	(1.27)	(1.20)
Unrealised foreign exchange loss	4.47	11.36
<b>Operating profit before working capital changes</b>	<b>29.55</b>	<b>157.47</b>
Changes in working capital:		
(Increase) / Decrease in inventories	0.73	1.58
(Increase) / Decrease in trade receivables, loans and advances and other assets	26.61	20.18
Increase / (Decrease) in trade payables, other liabilities and short term provisions	5.56	(14.11)
<b>Cash generated from operations</b>	<b>62.45</b>	<b>165.12</b>
Income taxes refunded / (paid), net	41.78	(10.43)
<b>Net cash generated from operating activities</b>	<b>104.23</b>	<b>154.69</b>
<b>B CASH FLOW FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES</b>		
Payment of capital expenditure on Property, Plant and Equipment including capital advances and Capital Work in Progress	(52.89)	(5.19)
(Purchase) / Sale of Current Investments (Net)	(5.95)	0.01
Proceeds/(Investment) in Bank deposits	0.02	22.58
Intercompany deposits given to Subsidiary	(6.00)	-
Intercompany deposits repaid back by Subsidiary	0.79	-
Interest received	1.27	1.20
<b>Net cash (used in) / generated from investing activities</b>	<b>(62.76)</b>	<b>18.60</b>
<b>C. CASH FLOW FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES</b>		
Proceeds from short-term loans	-	4.50
Proceeds from intercompany deposits	10.30	-
Repayment of intercompany deposits	(11.69)	(23.57)
Repayment of long-term loans	(18.16)	(93.81)
Repayment of short-term loans	-	(4.50)
Finance costs paid	(15.09)	(53.71)
<b>Net cash used in financing activities</b>	<b>(34.64)</b>	<b>(171.09)</b>
<b>INCREASE / (DECREASE) IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS</b>	<b>6.83</b>	<b>2.21</b>
Unrealised foreign currency loss on cash and cash equivalents	-	-
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year	6.36	4.15
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year</b>	<b>13.19</b>	<b>6.36</b>

**Note:**
**Reconciliation between cash and cash equivalents and cash and bank balances.**

Particulars	As at 31 March, 2021	As at 31 March, 2020
Cash and cash equivalents as per cash flow statement	13.19	6.36
Add: Margin money deposits not considered as cash and cash equivalents as per Ind AS-7	-	0.02
<b>Cash and bank balances (Restricted and Unrestricted)</b>	<b>13.19</b>	<b>6.38</b>





- 1 The above Standalone Financial Results were reviewed by the Audit Committee and approved by the Board of Directors at the meeting held on 24 June, 2021.
- 2 The Company has only one reportable business segment of Fleet Operating and Chartering.
- 3 The impact of the COVID-19 continued in Q4 of FY 2020-21 with the spike in cases. Due to countrywide lockdown, it impacted port & cargo operations leading to delays in berthing of vessels, clearance of documents and movement of manpower and material but we were able to manage deployment of the bulker vessels during the quarter. The Company evaluated the possible effects from the pandemic on its liquidity position, inventory and receivables and have concluded that no material adjustments are required at this stage in the Standalone Financial Results.
- 4 During the year, the Company has carried out Dry-docking of 3 vessels, which has impacted the revenue of the Company during the year. The total dry dock cost of ₹ 59.26 crore is capitalized as per Ind AS 16- Property, Plant & Equipment. Out of which ₹ 3.06 crore is charged to statement of Profit & Loss as depreciation during the year.
- 5 **Exceptional Items comprise of the following:**

Particulars	Quarter ended			Year ended	
	31.03.2021 (Refer note 10)	31.12.2020 (Unaudited)	31.03.2020 (Refer note 10)	31.03.2021 (Audited)	31.03.2020 (Audited)
<b>Income</b>					
Reversal of Provision for impairment of loans & advances receivable from subsidiary	-	-	-	0.79	-
<b>Expense</b>					
Provision for impairment as per Ind AS 36 in the fair value of the subsidiaries based on management assessment & valuation report	-	-	2,728.94	-	2,728.94
Provision for impairment as per Ind AS 36 in the fair value of the associate based on management assessment & valuation report	-	-	35.77	-	35.77
Provision for impairment of loans & advances receivable from subsidiary	-	-	14.71	-	14.71

- 6 As on 31 March, 2021, the Company's current liabilities exceeds its current assets. The management is taking appropriate steps to rectify this working capital deficit by negotiating with lenders to settle the loans through monetizing certain assets. The management is hopeful for arriving at a mutually agreed settlement. Based on the business prospects, the Company would begin making Operational profits in the future. In view of these, the Financials have been prepared on a Going Concern basis.
- 7 Some of the Lenders have filed suit against the company before the Bombay High Court / NCLT / DRT for recovery of loans granted to the company / subsidiary companies (Company is a guarantor). Company is defending all such proceedings.
- 8 During the year 2017-18, the Company had recognized income from an Arbitration Award along with interest accrued thereon amounting to ₹ 369.81 crore. The dispute in this regard has been adjudged in favor of the Company by the Arbitrator. On the direction of the Supreme Court, the contractor has deposited 50% of the awarded amount with the Court, pending disposal of the case. The interest on the awarded amount will be considered on final adjudication of the case.
- 9 The Company got admitted to Corporate Insolvency Resolution Process due to invocation of corporate guarantee on account of default by the Subsidiary Company. However, subsequently post settlement with the lender after the year end these proceedings have been withdrawn against the Company.
- 10 The figures for the quarter ended 31 March, 2020 and quarter ended 31 March, 2021 are the balancing figures between the audited figures in respect of the full financial year & the published year to date figures up to the third quarter of the relevant financial year.
- 11 The figures of the previous period(s) / year have been regrouped / reclassified wherever necessary.

Place : Mumbai  
Date : 24 June, 2021

For and on behalf of the Board

Capt. Subimal Mahato  
Director

