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Q1 PROFIT UP AT RS 317 CR; ORDER BOOK FIRMS UP

Sales light up RInfra show, net rises 25%

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RELIANCE Infrastructure, part of Anil Ambani-controlled ADAG, on Thursday said its net profit for the first quarter ended June grew 25.3% due to higher energy sales and improved utilisation of power-generating plants. The net profit for the Mumbai-based utility totalled Rs 317 crore in the April-June period, higher than the Rs 253 crore earned in the same period last year. During the quarter, Reliance Infrastructure's revenue rose 12% to Rs 2,691 crore.

Reliance Infrastructure CEO Lalit Jalan told ET NOW, this paper's business channel, that the company was fast emerging as a total infrastructure solution firm. "It's a whole infrastructure company in the making where we play in the entire electricity space across generation, distribution and transmission. We are also building roads, sea links, metros, airports and



other businesses," he said. It is developing 11 projects across India worth Rs 13,500 crore

which are expected to get completed over two years. The scrip of Reliance Infrastructure closed at Rs 1,185.10, up 1.80%, on BSE on Thursday.

The company said it posted a 9% rise in sales of electrical energy to 2,761 million units during the quarter. The April-June period also saw Reliance Infrastructure, which supplies power to most parts of suburban Mumbai, purchase 1,544 million units of power, which is higher by 7% compared to the offtake in the corresponding quarter of the previous year.

Reliance Infrastructure is currently involved in a legal tussle with Tata Power on payment of energy charges. The company

has filed an appeal in the Supreme Court contesting an earlier order of the Appellate Tribunal for Environment which directed Reliance Infra to pay Rs 323.87 crore to Tata Power towards the difference in the energy charges for energy supplied. Reliance Infrastructure said the Supreme Court has restrained Tata Power from taking any coercive action in respect of payment of energy charges.

Reliance Infrastructure, which also has interests in EPC projects, said revenue of its EPC division for the quarter stood at Rs 552 crore, compared to Rs 434 crore last year. The division had an order book position of about Rs 20,075 crore as on June 30. Engineering projects are expected to rise, given the government's focus on infrastructure. The first quarter saw activity in the road sector, with NHAI making up for the sluggishness in 2008 by bringing out bids for 37 projects.



9%
RISE IN SALES OF
ELECTRICAL ENERGY
Rs 2691 Cr
REVENUE FOR QUARTER
ENDED JUNE 30, 2009