

## **EARNINGS RELEASE FOR THE THIRD QUARTER ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2013**

**OPERATING REVENUES OF RS. 916.8 MN WITH YTD OPERATING REVENUES  
GROWING AT 12.3% AT RS. 2,523.9 MN**

**SUBSCRIPTION REVENUE GROWTH OF 21.6% AT RS. 270.0 MN WHILE YTD  
GROWTH IS AT 17.5% AT RS. 729.0 MN**

**ADVERTISING REVENUES OF RS. 613.9 MN AND YTD ADVERTISING REVENUE  
GROWTH 11.6% AT RS. 1,672.1 MN**

**EBITDA AT RS. 143.0 MN WITH YTD EBITDA AT RS. 310.9 MN**

### **Operating Highlights**

- ❖ The Subscription revenues continued to grow strongly by 21.6% at Rs. 270.0 mn in the third quarter indicating a strong demand for the Network's channels. The Subscription performance was also significantly high on YTD basis growing at 17.5% at Rs. 729.0 mn.
- ❖ The Operating revenues for the quarter grew by 6.8% at Rs. 916.8 mn. On YTD basis the growth was 12.3% at Rs. 2,523.9 mn.
- ❖ EBITDA and Net Profit Before Tax for the quarter stood at Rs. 143.0 mn and Rs. 109.5 mn while the corresponding figures on YTD basis were Rs. 310.9 mn and Rs.



259.4 mn. The Company has made substantial expenditures in new channels like Zee Madhya Pradesh Chhattisgarh and Zee Marudhara. It also has incurred preparation expenses for launch of Zee Kalinga in Odisha and relaunch of Maurya TV in Bihar/Jharkhand market.

**Noida, India; January 23, 2014** – Zee Media Corporation Limited (ZMCL), erstwhile Zee News Limited, (BSE: 532794, NSE: ZEEMEDIA) today reported third quarter fiscal 2014 consolidated revenues of Rs. 916.8 million. Consolidated EBITDA stood at Rs. 143.0 million. Net Profit Before Tax stood at Rs. 109.5 mn and Operating Expenditure at Rs. 773.8 million. The Board of Directors, in its meeting held today, approved and took on record the Unaudited financial results of ZMCL for the third quarter ended on December 31, 2013.

Mr. Subhash Chandra, Non-executive Chairman of the Board, said “Even as the global and domestic macro-economic environment poses challenges to growth, the private sector in the country has shown immense resilience to tide over the short term problems of a sluggish economy. With signs of inflation stabilizing over the next few months, the growth momentum, especially in the private sector, is likely to pick up. On its part, ZMCL has always stayed ahead in anticipating issues affecting the company performance in the long term. We have moved towards a more integrated approach to the news consumer by taking forward the process of bringing the news television, print and internet together. Our continued expansion in strategic growth markets is another indication of how we are looking to leverage the growing economy.”

Dr. Bhaskar Das, Group CEO, News Cluster said, “In order to fulfill our commitment of providing quality content for our regional viewer, we have recently introduced locally produced programming in Zee Marudhara. Additionally, we would be launching Zee Kalinga servicing Odisha market and have rebranded Maurya TV, which we acquired, as Zee Purvaiya. Our new channels launched in the current financial year have had significant growth in viewership with Zee Madhya Pradesh Chhattisgarh becoming number two channel in a few months of its launch and Zee Marudhara increasing its GTVTs by over four times in the quarter as opposed to the previous one. New Media growth numbers too have been encouraging with zeenews.com registering an increase of 28.2% in visits.”

Mr. Alok Agrawal, Whole-time Director, said, “It has been an action packed quarter for us here at ZMCL. We have restaged Zee News channel with refreshed programming and look & feel. The channel now is more contemporary and youth-oriented. The channel, post restaging, has increased its weekly TVTs by about 18% in the last four weeks of the quarter. Our other national channel Zee Business also has performed exceedingly well by

developing non-stock market hours viewership and has almost two and a half times viewership of all the English Business news channels put together. Our Network-wide initiative Bharat Bhagya Vidhaata also has had a great response especially from New Age consumers with #BBV reaching 19.9 mn.”

### Condensed Consolidated Statement of Operations

The table below presents the condensed consolidated statement of operations for Zee Media Corporation Limited and its subsidiaries for the third quarter FY 2013-14 ended December 31, 2013.

#### Consolidated Financials

(Rs. Million)	3rd Quarter ended		% Growth YoY	Upto 3rd Quarter ended		% Growth YoY
	Dec-13	Dec-12		Dec-13	Dec-12	
Operating Revenue	916.8	858.4	6.8%	2,523.9	2,247.5	12.3%
Expenditure	773.8	661.7	16.9%	2,213.0	1,918.9	15.3%
<b>EBITDA</b>	<b>143.0</b>	<b>196.7</b>	<b>-27.3%</b>	<b>310.9</b>	<b>328.7</b>	<b>-5.4%</b>
Less: Depreciation	39.1	28.7	36.4%	113.7	82.9	37.0%
Less: Finance Expenses	35.9	26.2	37.2%	76.7	71.0	8.1%
Add: Other Income	41.5	43.7	-5.0%	138.8	121.2	14.5%
<b>Net Profit before Tax</b>	<b>109.5</b>	<b>185.5</b>	<b>-41.0%</b>	<b>259.4</b>	<b>295.9</b>	<b>-12.4%</b>

#### Consolidated Financials (Break up of Revenues)

(Rs. Million)	3rd Quarter ended		% of Total Revenues		% Growth YoY
	Dec-13	Dec-12	Dec-13	Dec-12	
Advertising Revenue	613.9	595.6	67.0%	69.4%	3.1%
Subscription Revenue	270.0	222.0	29.4%	25.9%	21.6%
Other Sales & Services	32.9	40.7	3.6%	4.7%	-19.2%
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>916.8</b>	<b>858.4</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>6.8%</b>

**Consolidated Financials (Break up of Expenditures)**

(Rs. Million)	3rd Quarter ended		% of Total Expenditure		% Growth YoY
	Dec-13	Dec-12	Dec-13	Dec-12	
Cost of Goods & Operations	162.3	135.2	21.0%	20.4%	20.1%
Employee Cost	260.6	227.6	33.7%	34.4%	14.5%
Other Expenses	351.0	298.9	45.4%	45.2%	17.4%
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>773.9</b>	<b>661.7</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>17.0%</b>

**Consolidated Financials (Break up of Revenues)**

(Rs. Million)	Upto 3rd Quarter ended		% of Total Revenues		% Growth YoY
	Dec-13	Dec-12	Dec-13	Dec-12	
Advertising Revenue	1,672.1	1,498.0	66.3%	66.7%	11.6%
Subscription Revenue	729.0	620.6	28.9%	27.6%	17.5%
Other Sales & Services	122.8	128.9	4.9%	5.7%	-4.7%
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>2,523.9</b>	<b>2,247.5</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>12.3%</b>

**Consolidated Financials (Break up of Expenditures)**

(Rs. Million)	Upto 3rd Quarter ended		% of Total Expenditure		% Growth YoY
	Dec-13	Dec-12	Dec-13	Dec-12	
Cost of Goods & Operations	458.5	388.1	20.7%	20.2%	18.1%
Employee Cost	739.7	645.1	33.4%	33.6%	14.7%
Other Expenses	1,014.8	885.7	45.9%	46.2%	14.6%
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>2,213.0</b>	<b>1,918.9</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>15.3%</b>

**Consolidated Financials**

(Rs. Million)	3rd Quarter FY 2014			3rd Quarter FY 2013			Growth		
	Existing	New	Total	Existing	New	Total	Existing	New	Total
Total Revenue	839.0	77.8	916.8	824.6	33.9	858.4	1.8%	129.6%	6.8%
Total Expenses	610.3	163.5	773.8	568.0	93.8	661.7	7.5%	74.3%	16.9%
<b>EBITDA</b>	<b>228.7</b>	<b>(85.7)</b>	<b>143.0</b>	<b>256.6</b>	<b>(59.9)</b>	<b>196.7</b>	<b>-10.9%</b>	<b>43.0%</b>	<b>-27.3%</b>
<b>EBITDA Margins</b>	<b>27.3%</b>	<b>-110.2%</b>	<b>15.6%</b>	<b>31.1%</b>	<b>-176.8%</b>	<b>22.9%</b>			

### Consolidated Financials

(Rs. Million)	Upto 3rd Quarter FY 2014			Upto 3rd Quarter FY 2013			Growth		
	Existing	New	Total	Existing	New	Total	Existing	New	Total
Total Revenue	2,305.1	218.8	2,523.9	2,148.4	99.1	2,247.5	7.3%	120.8%	12.3%
Total Expenses	1,768.0	444.9	2,213.0	1,645.6	273.3	1,918.9	7.4%	62.8%	15.3%
<b>EBITDA</b>	<b>537.1</b>	<b>(226.1)</b>	<b>310.9</b>	<b>502.8</b>	<b>(174.2)</b>	<b>328.6</b>	<b>6.8%</b>	<b>29.8%</b>	<b>5.4%</b>
<b>EBITDA Margins</b>	<b>23.3%</b>	<b>-103.3%</b>	<b>12.3%</b>	<b>23.4%</b>	<b>-175.7%</b>	<b>14.6%</b>			

### Business Highlights

- ❖ ZMCL continues to be the largest News Network in India reaching out to over 150 mn viewers with its nine national and regional news channels and Digital reach of zeenews.com, dnaindia.com, Facebook and Twitter.
- ❖ Zee News, our flagship channel, reached out to over 77.2 million viewers across India. (Source: TAM, CS 4+, All India, Q3 Average Monthly Reach).

Zee News, while moving with time positioned itself with *Ab Khabar Aapke Rangon Main*. The New Look gives a vibrant and colorful persona with engaging content especially targeting youth while retaining the core strength of honest, unbiased and straight forward News delivery. With its continuous endeavour of being a responsible media channel, Zee News continued with India's largest voter awareness and award winning initiative, running in its fifth year, *Aapka Vote Aapki Taqat*. The channel was exclusive partner with the Election Commission of India during the recent assembly elections. The campaign engaged heavily with youth and contributed by getting more than 1.6 lakh voter registration details to the Election Commission of India.

- ❖ Zee Business reached out to 29.2 mn business news viewer audiences across India (Source: TAM, CS 4+, All India, Q3 Average Monthly Reach) and was the only major business channel to grow its GTVTs with growth of 15% QoQ (Source: TAM, Q2-Q3, CS 25 + M Sec ABC, HSM)

Zee Business unique initiative 'Growth Drivers Season I' aimed to empower SMEs by providing a platform for knowledge sharing and interactive learning. The forum covered SME clusters in 7 different cities including Mumbai, Delhi, Ahmedabad, etc. offering an opportunity to interact with the experts and business leaders from various functional areas. Another unique on ground initiative *Faayda Unlimited* was also launched. The forum covered 12 different cities across India, offering an opportunity to interact with the experts and business leaders from various personal finance functional areas.

- ❖ 24 Ghanta, our Bengali news offering, reached out to over 11.2 million audiences across India. (Source: TAM, CS 4+, All India, Q3 Average Monthly Reach).

24 Ghanta, in its endeavour to integrate the brand into the lifestyle of Bengali audience continued doing various on ground events like Durga Puja with 20 branded pandals across Kolkata.

- ❖ Zee 24 Taas on the back of its widespread content sourced from large cities as well as rural areas in Maharashtra had a high reach of 21.3 million viewers across India. (Source: TAM, CS 4+, All India, Q3 Average Monthly Reach).

Zee 24 Taas executed "Mission Diwali" in the third quarter where in it celebrated noise free Diwali with the ground activations in more than 100 schools in Mumbai & rest of Maharashtra with over 1 lakh students taking pledge for a noise free Diwali. Zee 24 Taas associated itself with Netraadaan Abhiyaan for which more than 5 Lakh people filled up the forms and intended to donate their eyes for blind people making it a hugely successful campaign. Zee 24 Taas also carried out activation led Don't Drink and Drive Campaign with over 5,000 people taking pledge in Mumbai.

- ❖ Zee Uttar Pradesh Uttarakhand, our Hindi heartland channel, was No. 1 with a relative market share of 25% and reach of over 3.6 million viewers across Uttar Pradesh and Uttarakhand. (Source: TAM, Q3, CS 15+, UP UK Market)

Zee News Uttar Pradesh Uttarakhand unveiled Coffee Table Book titled Jewels of Uttar Pradesh covering success stories of entrepreneurs and felicitated nine prominent personalities for their contribution to the States in welfare activities, industry, banking and finance.

- ❖ Zee Madhya Pradesh Chhattisgarh continues to make inroads into the central India reaching out to more than 10.3 million viewers across India with relevant and engaging content (Source: TAM, CS 4+, All India, Q3 Average Monthly Reach)
- ❖ Zee Marudhara, launched in July is now reaching out to more than 3.9 million viewers across India (Source: TAM, CS 4+, All India, Q3 Average Monthly Reach). It has grown three times on quarter on quarter basis with 0.5 million GTVTs for the third quarter (Source: TAM, Q3, CS15+, Rajasthan).

Based on Terrestrial Entertainment Network (TEN) content architecture, Zee Marudhara provides multifaceted generalized content to the regional viewer.

- ❖ Zee Punjabi rebranded as Zee Punjab Haryana Himachal now addresses a much wider range of audience in the Northern region of the country i.e. Punjab, Haryana and Himachal Pradesh, reaching out to more than 6.7 million viewers across India (Source: TAM, CS 4+, All India, Q3 Average Monthly Reach).
- ❖ In the third quarter, zeenews.com attracted over 24 million unique users, 46 million visits with 108 million page views registering an increase of 28.2% in visits, 15.4% in unique visitors & 21.6% in page views. The regional sections of the website also put up a good performance with visits to Hindi, Bengali and Marathi websites growing by 22.1%, 9.4% and 70.4% respectively. English Facebook page touched 1.4 million likes and the Hindi Facebook page attracted 0.9 million likes. (Source – Google Analytics, Facebook)
- ❖ The Board of Directors of the Company has accorded its in-principle approval for launch of an Odisha News & Current Affairs Television channel 'Zee Kalinga' after change of name of an existing channel 'Zee 24 Gantalu'.

## Corporate Development

- ❖ Upon receipt of approval of the Members & Public Shareholders, a Petition has been filed by the Company with Hon'ble Bombay High Court seeking its approval to the Scheme of Amalgamation for merger of Essel Publishers Pvt Ltd with the Company. The said Petition was admitted by Hon'ble Bombay High Court at the hearing held on December 20, 2013 and shall come up for final hearing in due course.

- ❖ During the quarter under review, the Company:
  - Acquired 37.87% equity stake in Maurya TV Pvt Ltd, an entity engaged in the business of broadcasting of a regional News & Current Affairs Television Channel 'Maurya TV' in the State of Bihar & Jharkhand
  
  - Divested its entire stake in a Wholly Owned Subsidiary 24 Ghantalu News Ltd at book value. The said Wholly Owned Subsidiary was formed in FY 2012-13 to house Company's Telugu News Channel.
  
- ❖ In line with the strategy for combination of News Publication Business of Diligent Media Corporation Ltd (DMCL) with News Broadcasting Business of the Company, the Board of Directors of the Company at the meeting held on December 17, 2013, had accorded its consent to the restructuring proposal of Essel Publishers Pvt Ltd (the Transferor Company in the Scheme of Amalgamation and holding Company of DMCL) by way of Demerger of Media Business Undertaking of DMCL, vesting with Zee Entertainment Enterprises Ltd through a Scheme of Arrangement.

## Channel Portfolio

### National News Channels





## Regional News Channels



**Note: This earnings release contains results that are un-audited, and prepared as per Indian Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP).**

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