

Subhash Projects Q2 net at Rs 12.5 cr

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SUBHASH Projects & Marketing (SPML) posted a net profit of Rs 12.45 crore for the second quarter (Q2) ended September 30, 2008, compared to Rs 12.39 crore net in the corresponding period last year.

The quarterly profit follows a 11.14% rise in the company's July-September net sales revenue at Rs 254.09 crore (Rs 228.61 crore).

An engineering construction and project management company, SPML vice-chairman Subhash Sethi said: "Since the restructuring into six strategic business units last year, we have been able to set in motion our plans of tapping emerging opportunities through diversification in water utilities, environmental engineering and urban infrastructure segments."

"Our focus for the next quarters is on delivery with many of our large projects being on the verge of completion," he added.

Other operating income during the period under review stood at

Rs 1.19 crore against Rs 1.30 crore in the corresponding quarter of the previous year.

While interest outgo surged to Rs 17.30 crore during the July-September quarter over Rs 9.53 crore in the earlier corresponding period, depreciation cost dipped to Rs 1.70 crore during the said period against Rs 3.76 crore in the earlier corresponding quarter.

Profit after interest but before tax during Q2 was lower at Rs 16.20 crore compared to Rs 19.72 crore in the corresponding period last fiscal.

Incidentally, the company has decided to foray into the urban infrastructure segment and undertake construction of airports, metro rail and freight corridors in a bid to become a complete infrastructure solutions provider.

The diversification will help the company earn an additional earning of Rs 1,000 crore by 2011-2012.

It has also entered into a technical arrangement with Thai firm CH Karnchang to undertake airport and metro rail projects.