



Astec LifeSciences Ltd.

Date: 27th October, 2023

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BSE Limited
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To,
National Stock Exchange of India Limited
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Ref.: "ASTEC"

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Sub: Press Release / Media Release

The Board of Directors of Astec LifeSciences Limited ("the Company"), at its Meeting held on Friday, 27th October, 2023, has approved the Unaudited Financial Results (both Standalone and Consolidated) as per Indian Accounting Standards (IND AS) for the Quarter and Half Year ended 30th September, 2023.

We enclose a copy of the Press Release / Media Release and the same is being placed on the website of the Company, i.e., www.astecls.com.

Please take the above information on your records.

Thanking you,

Yours sincerely,

For Astec LifeSciences Limited

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PRESS RELEASE

Mumbai, October 27, 2023: Astec LifeSciences Limited (“Astec”) has today announced its financial results for the second quarter ended September 30, 2023

FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

Q2FY24 Financial Summary

- The Company reported consolidated total income of Rs. 111.8 crore in Q2FY24 as compared to Rs. 203.7 crore in Q2FY23
- The Company reported consolidated EBITDA loss of Rs. 2.4 crore in Q2FY24 as compared to profit Rs. 37.3 crore in the same period last year

H1FY24 Financial Summary

- The Company reported consolidated total income of Rs. 256.3 crore in H1FY24 as compared to Rs. 390.7 crore in H1FY23
- The Company reported consolidated EBITDA of Rs. 2.4 crore in H1FY24 as compared to Rs. 65.4 crore in the same period last year

HIGHLIGHTS OF CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE (Q2FY24 and H1FY24)

(in Rs. crore)

Particulars	Q2FY24	Q2FY23	% Change	H1FY24	H1FY23	% Change
Total Income	111.8	203.7	-45.1%	256.3	390.7	-34.4%
Earnings before depreciation, interest and taxes (EBITDA)	(2.4)	37.3	NM	2.4	65.4	-96.3%
Profit Before Tax (PBT)	(17.6)	24.6	NM	(28.6)	39.9	NM
Net Profit after tax (PAT)	(13.4)	18.3	NM	(21.6)	29.7	NM

CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

Commenting on the performance, Mr. N B Godrej, Chairman, Astec LifeSciences Limited, said:

Astec's enterprise products business has been witnessing an extremely challenging external market environment. An unusually high level of demand-supply imbalance as well as pricing headwinds severely eroded the margins in Q2FY24. High level of channel inventories in export markets and continued industry-wide destocking has further delayed recovery.

However, Contract manufacturing (CMO) segment maintained strong volume and margin growth, in line with our expectations. CMO Revenues grew by 3.5x y-o-y with improved profitability led by new product development.

Astec continued with its strategic commitment to R&D projects, business diversification and investing for the future.

Revenue from Operations (in Rs. crore)	Q2FY24	Q2FY23	% Change	H1FY24	H1FY23	% Change
Category Breakdown						
Enterprise	53.9	183.4	-70.6%	111.7	339.0	-67.1%
Contract Manufacturing	56.8	16.3	247.5%	142.0	45.0	214.9%
Geography Breakdown						
Exports	77.6	137.2	-43.4%	172.6	228.0	-24.3%
Domestic	33.1	62.5	-47.0%	81.0	156.0	-48.1%

Q2FY24 Business highlights –

- Astec's revenues and margins were impacted due to continued price erosion and subdued demand of key enterprise products as compared to same period last year.
- Contract manufacturing segment, however, maintained robust performance led by new product as revenues grew by 3.5x year-on-year.
- Gross margin declined to 31.4% in Q2FY24 from 38.5% in Q2FY23 due to lower realisations and high-cost inventories. Nonetheless, on a sequential basis, gross margin has improved by ~320 bps.

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About Astec LifeSciences Limited

Astec LifeSciences Limited (Astec) was incorporated in 1994 and is engaged in the manufacturing of agrochemical active ingredients (technical), bulk, formulations and intermediate products. Astec has a healthy sales mix of both exports and domestic sales. Our exports are to over 18 countries including the United States and countries across Europe, West Asia, South-East Asia and Latin America and Africa.

For more information on the Company, please log on to www.astecls.com

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