

Pennar Ind Q1 net up 52%

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Pennar Industries Ltd has recorded a 52 per cent growth in its net profit at Rs16.46 crore and sales income (standalone) was up 45 per cent at Rs. 284.30 crore for the first quarter-ended June 30, 2010, compared with the corresponding period last year.

The consolidated gross revenue of Pennar Industries and its subsidiary Pennar Engineered Buildings Systems Ltd (PEBS) (which began production earlier this year) for the quarter was Rs 318.97 crore. It is not comparable to same period last year.

The EBIDTA and net profit on a consolidated basis were Rs 34.71 crore and Rs 17.03 crore respectively.

CHANGED FOCUS

Addressing a press conference here after the company board meet on Thursday, the Chairman of Pennar Industries, Mr Nrupender Rao and its Managing Director, Mr Ch. Anantha Reddy, said that the company performance reflects the changed focus of the company into specially-engineered and value-added

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products for automotive, railways and pollution control applications.

The PEBS unit has made quick inroads into commercial projects and has bagged orders from JSW, Ultratech, My Home, Dr Reddy's, P&G, and is on course to bag more.

The company is considering its expansion later this year, Mr Aditya Rao, Director of PEBS said.

INVESTMENT

The company plans to invest Rs 50 crore during the year to add 30,000 tonnes per annum additional capacity to its existing 2,45,000 tpa across its plants in Andhra Pradesh and Chennai during the year. "We are considering entry into value-added products for the defence and aerospace requirements," Mr Reddy said.