



VARUN SHIPPING COMPANY LIMITED

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Varun Shipping's Q1 Profit is Rs.21.33 crores

Varun Shipping's freight and charter hire income for the quarter ended 30th June, 2008 increased to Rs.205.50 crores as compared to Rs.193.50 crores for the corresponding quarter for the previous year.

Company's net profit after tax excluding exchange gain for the quarter ended 30th June, 2008 was Rs.21.33 crores as compared to Rs.29.71 crores for the corresponding quarter in the previous year.

EPS excluding exchange gain for the quarter ended 30th June, 2008 was Rs.1.42 as compared to Rs.2.05 for the corresponding quarter in the previous year.

Effective 1st April, 2008, the Company has adopted the principles of Accounting Standard 30 (AS 30) – Financial Instruments – Recognition and Measurement in respect of accounting for derivatives.

Company is actively exploring the possibility of acquiring further tonnage to implement its capital expansion programme of US\$ 400 million planned for the year 2008, out of which, the company has already acquired one large, powerful Anchor Handling Towing and Supply Vessel Suvarna in March, 2008.

The Company has convened a Board meeting on 25th August, 2008 to consider declaration of first interim dividend.

31st July, 2008

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