



**PRESS RELEASE**

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**Growth in Crude Steel production : 22% in Q1 2008-09**

JSW Steel Limited posted a 22% growth on comparable basis in crude steel production in Q1 FY 2008-09 including production of Salem works for corresponding period. The Company has also achieved 18% growth in Rolled long products segments.

The break-up of production is as below.

| Product                                      | Production  | Growth          |
|--|-------------|-----------------|
|  | Lakh tonnes | Over Q1 2007-08 |
|  | Q1 2008-09  | %               |
| Crude Steel                                  | 9.76        | 22%             |
| Rolled Product : Flat<br>(HR Coils & Plates) | 5.92        | -12%            |
| Rolled Products : Long                       | 0.92        | 18%             |

The production of HR Coils was lower mainly on account of shutdown of Hot Strip Mill for 17 days for modernization during June'08. The Hot Strip Mill, after revamp, was re-commissioned on 29<sup>th</sup> June'08 with enhanced capacity successfully upto 3.2 MTPA.

The Company has also commissioned 1<sup>st</sup> block of Coke Ovens (56 ovens) on 27<sup>th</sup> June'08 out of four blocks. The balance three blocks are also in an advanced stage of commissioning. These blocks are scheduled to be commissioned over the next 3 months. On commissioning of these additional Coke Ovens, the self sufficiency of Coke will increase to 75% in FY 08-09 against 60% in FY 07-08.

The expansion project to increase the capacity to 6.8 MTPA at Vijayanagar works is progressing satisfactorily and is expected to be on stream by 30/09/08.

**About JSW Steel Limited**

JSW Steel Ltd., belonging to JSW group, part of the US \$ 8 billion O P Jindal Group, is one of the lowest cost steel producers in the world. The group has diversified interest in mining, carbon steel, power, industrial gases, port facilities, Aluminium, Cement and Information Technology. JSW Steel Limited is engaged in manufacture of flat and long products viz. H R Coils, C R Coils, Galvanised products, auto grade / white goods grade CRCA Steel, Bards and Rods. Incorporated in 1994, it has grown to US \$ 3 billion in little over a decade. JSW Steel Limited has the largest galvanizing production capacity in the country and is the largest exporter of galvanized products with presence in over 74 countries across five continents.

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Certain statements in this release concerning our future growth prospects are forward looking statements, which involve a number of risks, and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially from those in such forward looking statements. The risks and uncertainties relating to these statements include, but are not limited to, risks and uncertainties regarding fluctuations in earnings, our ability to manage growth, intense competition within Steel Industry including those factors which may affect our cost advantage, wage increases in India, our ability to attract and retain highly skilled professionals, time and cost overruns on fixed-price, fixed-time frame contracts, client concentration, restrictions on immigration, our ability to

manage our internal operations, reduced demand for steel, our ability to successfully complete and integrate potential acquisitions, liability for damages on our service contracts, the success of the companies in which – has made strategic investments, withdrawal of fiscal governmental incentives, political instability, legal restrictions on raising capital or acquiring companies outside India, unauthorized use of our intellectual property and general economic conditions affecting our industry. The Company does not undertake to update any forward looking statements that may be made from time to time by or on behalf of the Company.