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PRESS RELEASE

MAHARASHTRA SEAMLESS PBT ZOOMS TO Rs. 184 CRORE

- **Net Profit for second quarter increases by 119% to Rs. 62 Crore.**
- **Operating Margin increases to 26% from 21%.**
- **Net Sales & Income from operations increases by 67% to Rs. 346 Crore.**
- **Installed capacity of higher Dia 14” seamless plant has been increased by 1 lac MT in view of robust demand**
- **Current Order Book Position over Rs. 460 Crore.**

Maharashtra Seamless Limited, the flagship company of Rs.2000 crore D.P. Jindal Group, Market leader in Seamless & higher Dia ERW Pipes in India today announced its results for Quarter for Q2 FY 2007 / Financial Year 2007. The Company has created a niche for itself in the Oil Services Sector. More than 60%-70% of the revenues of the Company come from supply of Pipes to Oil & Gas Sector and the balance comes from Boiler, Automobile, Heat Exchanger, Refineries, Hydrocarbon and Process Industry

Q2 FY 2007 v/s Q2 FY 2006

The Company has posted an increase in its Net Sales & Income from operations for the Quarter Ended September 30, 2006 at Rs. 346.48 crore, compared to Rs. 207 crore recorded for the quarter ended September 30, 2005 showing an increase of 67%. Profit Before Tax has gone up to Rs. 93.49 crore as against Rs. 41.72 crore in the corresponding quarter of last fiscal, an increase of 124%. Net Profit increased by 119% to Rs. 62.18 crore as against Rs. 28.37 crore in the corresponding quarter of the last fiscal. Cash Profit for the quarter was at Rs. 67.44 crore as against Rs. 35.01 crore during the quarter ended September 2005. Operating Profit margin has improved to 26.58% from 20.75% in the corresponding quarter of last fiscal owing to

Volume growth, Change in Product mix, and Value added products and Economies of Scale in Seamless division.

Mr. Saket Jindal, Managing Director, Maharashtra Seamless Limited said, “The privatisation of the exploration sector has thrown in new operators like Reliance, Cairn Energy, British Gas, Niko Resources and others. The recent discoveries in Krishna Godavari basins by Reliance Petroleum and in Rajasthan by Cairn Energy will lead to a significant demand for seamless pipes. Keeping this in mind we have increased our installed capacity in seamless pipe division by 1 lac MT.

The Global economy has witnessed an unprecedented change over the last few years with both China and India emerging as the new economic powers. The oil and gas sector has been extremely buoyant and we are going ourselves to meet this challenge with resilience and optimism and to attain new heights in the near future.

During the quarter, the Company has received the large export order from Kuwait Oil Company (KOC) for supply of Seamless Casing Pipes for an approx. value of Rs.45 crores. Further the Company has also received an order for an approx. value of Rs. 12 crores from various Oil & Gas Companies of Vietnam for supply of Seamless Casings & Tubing's. The Company has also received an order of Rs.18 crores from IOCL for supply of ERW Pipes for its Chennai Trichy Madurai Pipeline project.

The Company is having current Order Book Position over Rs.400 crore for Seamless pipes and Rs. 60 crore for ERW pipes from various customers ranging across Domestic and International Market.