

Hindalco Q3 net down 45% post US plant mishap

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Hindalco Industries, an Aditya Birla Group company, reported a 45 per cent fall in December quarter net profit at ₹2,049 crore against ₹3,735 crore logged in the same period last year, largely due to the one-time provision on account of fire accident at its US subsidiary, Novelis plant.

Revenue was up 14 per cent at ₹66,521 crore (₹58,390 crore).

EBITDA increased 5 per cent to ₹8,543 crore (₹8,108 crore). The company in-

curring an exceptional loss of ₹2,610 crore in the quarter under review.

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It has already infused \$750 million as equity in Novelis and will pump in another \$250 million in this quarter to mitigate the impact of the fire accidents. The company has received \$50 million from insurance companies as compensation for fire at the Oswego plant and expects recovery soon.

Satish Pai, Managing Director, Hindalco Industries, said Novelis' underlying performance remains strong despite short-term capacity

Q3 results

	Q3 FY25	Q3 FY26
Revenue (₹ cr)	58,390	66,521
Net profit (₹ cr)	3,735	2,049
EPS (Diluted) (₹)	16.79	9.21

constraints from the Oswego disruptions.

The 6-lakh tonne Bay Minette project is on track for commissioning in the second half of FY27, he said.

Novelis reported an EBITDA of \$495 million and this should go up to \$600 million once the Bay Minette goes on stream, he added.

"In India, we have entered the next phase of growth with a clear roadmap to expand upstream capacities across alumina, aluminium and copper with aluminium capacity planned to scale up from 1.3 mt to 1.7 mt and copper smelting capacity from 4 lt to 7 lt," said Pai.

Hindalco Industries will spend ₹10,000 crore in FY26 and expects the capex to be around ₹10,000-12,000 crore in India.

Revenue from aluminium upstream was up 6 per cent at ₹10,620 crore while EBITDA increased 14 per cent to ₹4,832 crore driven by better realisation.

EBITDA per tonne was up 6 per cent at \$1,572.

Revenue of downstream aluminium was up 22 per cent at ₹3,909 crore with an EBITDA at ₹233 crore, up 55 per cent on account of higher shipments and favourable product mix. EBITDA per tonne at \$241 was up 35 per cent.

Copper revenue was up 33 per cent at ₹18,233 crore due to higher prices and strong demand. EBITDA was down 23 per cent at ₹595 crore (₹777 crore) due to weak demand for copper continuous cast rod on back of higher LME and higher channel inventories.