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Sona Koyo Steering Systems records sales growth of 19%

New Delhi, 21st July, 2004: The Board of Directors of Sona Koyo Steering Systems Limited (SONA), India's largest manufacturer and supplier of steering systems, have in their meeting held on 21st July, 2004, taken on record the Un-audited Financial Results for the first quarter ended 30th June, 2004.

In the current quarter ended 30th June, 2004, SONA, has seen record sales of Rs. 74 crores compared Rs. 62 crores, in the first quarter of last year, a growth of 19%. The profit before tax for the first quarter grew from Rs. 4.02 crores to Rs. 4.13 crores. However, the profit after tax is marginally reduced from Rs. 2.57 crores to Rs. 2.39 crores, as the provision for tax for the current period includes Rs. 35.57 lacs towards the education cess which is pending the passing of the Finance Bill. The net profit of the company without the provision for the cess would have been Rs. 275 lacs.

Pursuant to the resolution passed by the Shareholders of the Company in its 20th Annual General Meeting held on 21st July, 2004 for sub-division of Equity Shares of the Company from the present Face Value of Rs. 10/- each to Rs. 2/- each, the Board of Directors has decided 1st September, 2004 as the 'Record Date' for the said sub-division of Equity Shares.

Sona Koyo Steerings Ltd.

SONA KOYO Steering Systems Ltd.(SONA), is the flagship company of the Rs. 500 crore SONA Group of Companies. The company is India's largest manufacturer of steering systems and is the supplier of choice to major auto manufacturers with over 45% domestic market share, supplying steering gears, columns and RPS assemblies to almost all Indian passenger car and utility vehicle manufacturers. More information about the company is available on the website www.sonagroup.com. The SONA group comprises the following companies; Sona Somic Lemforder Components Ltd., Sona Cold Forgings Ltd., Sona Okegawa Precision Forgings Ltd., Mahindra Sona Ltd, and Sona e-Design Ltd.

