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**SONA KOYO STEERING SYSTEMS LTD. SALES UP BY 9%**

**New Delhi, October 22<sup>nd</sup> 2008:** The Board of Directors of Sona Koyo Steering Systems Ltd. (SONA), India's largest manufacturer and supplier of Steering Systems, in Technical and Financial Collaboration with global No. 1 Steering System manufacturer viz. 'JTEKT Corporation', Japan (formerly Koyo Seiko Co., Ltd.), in its meeting held on 22<sup>nd</sup> October, 2008 has taken on record the Un-audited Financial Results for the Second Quarter ended 30th September, 2008.

In the Q2 '09 ended 30th Sept, 2008, SONA, has seen a modest 8.7% growth in sales to Rs. 178.9 crores from Rs. 164.6 crores, over the corresponding period last year. The Profit After Tax stands at a loss of Rs. 7.32 Crores down from a profit after tax of Rs. 8.79 Crores during the corresponding period of the previous year. For the half-year ended 30<sup>th</sup> September 2008, the over all growth in sales stands at 10 % up to Rs. 349.3 Crores from Rs. 317.2 Crores during the same period last year. Overall PAT stands at a loss of Rs. 8.96 Crores down from a profit of Rs. 16.77 Crores during the same period last year.

The downtrend in the bottom line continues due to the continued squeeze of higher input costs and delayed cost realisation from customers. The company continues to invest in upcoming projects. Various risk mitigation strategies such as lower exposure to FOREX fluctuation, greater utilization of capacities etc. are set to return the company to profit by the year end.

Dr. Surinder Kapur who turned 65 years this month, announced the promotion of Mr. Sunjay Kapur, as the Vice Chairman & Managing Director, while Dr. Kapur will retain the position of Executive Chairman. "This step as approved by the Board is towards Sona's compliance of good Corporate Governance practice", said Dr. Surinder Kapur.

**Sona Koyo Steering Systems Ltd.**

SONA KOYO Steering Systems Ltd.(SONA), is the flagship company of the Rs. 3,000 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](http://www.sonagroup.com). The SONA group comprises the following companies; Sona Okegawa Precision Forgings Ltd., Sona BLW Prazisionsschmiede GmbH, Sona Somic Lemforder Components Ltd., Mahindra Sona Ltd, Sona Mobility and Sona e-Design Ltd.

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