

Mumbai, April 04, 2012:

Essar Oil has been informed that the Supreme Court of India has disallowed the company's review petition in relation to deferred sales tax. This order has no new impact on the business.

The review petition by Essar Oil, seeking a review of the Supreme Courts decision on 17th January 2012.

As already communicated earlier:

- Essar Oil has already recognised this liability in its quarterly accounts for the quarter ended Dec 31, 2011,
- Essar Oil is in discussion with Gujarat Government for finalising the terms of Repayment of Sales Tax liabilities.

Simultaneously, the company is also in discussions with banks for meeting the repayment obligations as may be finalised with Gujarat Govt.

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About Essar Oil

Essar Oil is a fully integrated oil & gas company of international scale with strong presence across the hydrocarbon value chain from exploration & production to refining and oil retail. It has a global portfolio of onshore and offshore oil & gas blocks, with about 2.1 billion barrels of oil equivalent in reserves & resources. Essar Oil has 375,000 bpsd (barrels per stream-day) of crude refining capacity that is being expanded to 405,000 bpsd. There are more than 1,600 Essar-branded oil retail outlets in various parts of India.

About Essar Group

The Essar Group is a multinational conglomerate and a leading player in the sectors of Steel, Oil & Gas, Power, BPO & Telecom Services, Shipping, Ports, and Projects. With operations in more than 25 countries across five continents, the Group employs 75,000 people, and has revenues of USD 17 billion.

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