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# CRISIL Limited: Audited financial results for the fourth quarter and year ended December 31, 2018 

Highlights for the financial year ended December 31, 2018

- Total income up 11.5\% year-on-year in the fourth quarter; profit after tax up 19.0\% year-on-year
- Fiscal 2018 total income up 8.8\% year-on-year; profit after tax up 19.3\%
- Declared final dividend of Rs 11 per share. Total Dividend of Rs 30 per share for the year

The Board of Directors of CRISIL Ltd, at its meeting today, approved the audited financial results for quarter and year ended December 31, 2018.

CRISIL's consolidated income from operations for the quarter ended December 31, 2018, rose $5.9 \%$ to Rs 467.0 crores, compared with Rs 440.9 crores in the corresponding quarter of previous year. Consolidated total income for the quarter was up $11.5 \%$ to Rs 496.5 crores, compared with Rs 445.3 crores in the corresponding quarter of the previous year. Profit after tax grew by $19.0 \%$ to Rs 113.8 crores, compared with Rs 95.6 crores in the corresponding quarter of the previous year. During the quarter, the company received export benefits amounting to Rs 24.9 crores in the form of duty-free saleable scrips under the Service Export Incentive Scheme which has been recorded under other income.

Consolidated income from operations for the year ended December 31, 2018, increased 5.4\% to Rs $1,748.5$ crores, compared with Rs $1,658.5$ crores in the previous year. Consolidated total income was up $8.8 \%$ to Rs $1,831.7$ crores, compared with Rs $1,684.1$ crores in the previous year. Profit after tax rose $19.3 \%$ to Rs 363.1 crores, compared with Rs 304.4 crores in the previous year.

During 2018, the company paid three interim dividends totaling Rs 19 per equity share of face value of Re 1 each. The Board of Directors has recommended a final dividend of Rs 11 per share (of Re 1 face value). The total dividend for the year works out to Rs 30 per share.
"Sharp analytics and insights, and independent opinions have helped CRISIL stay ahead in a choppy environment. New offerings and capabilities, including through the acquisition of Pragmatix, supported growth for both the domestic and global businesses," said Ashu Suyash, Managing Director \& CEO, CRISIL. "In ratings, our pointed focus on analytical and surveillance quality, client engagement, differentiated positioning and excellence in ratings, along with productivity improvements, resulted in a healthy growth in revenue and margins."

During the year, issuances in the corporate bond market dropped by around $24 \%$. Yet the ratings business grew at a healthy pace on the back of improved market share through client acquisition. Additionally, securitisation transactions surged and there was robust traction in the stressed assets space as well. Revival in credit growth supported the mid-corporate ratings segment. The strong performance in ratings was however offset partially by muted SME and GAC segments.

India Research continued to grow driven by new client additions - including for the Quantix platform - and mandates stemming from capital market buoyancy and upturn in a few sectors. The GR\&A business faced headwinds from maturing regulations in the US and Europe, especially MiFID II. CRISIL Coalition
continued to grow strongly led by client demand for more insights and analytics. The business sharpened focus on products and platforms to take advantage of changing client needs.

In the Advisory segment, growth was led by Pragmatix, which was acquired in early 2018. Infrastructure Advisory won prestigious mandates from multilateral and government entities. The segment's results were impacted by an additional provision for receivables of Rs 16.84 crore.

Overall, better operational efficiencies and favorable forex helped improve margins by 160 bps in 2018.
We hosted the fifth edition of the Annual Bond Market Seminar, which saw excellent participation by top stakeholders across the industry. The unique feature of this year's seminar was deliberations on the results of a survey of corporate bond investors and issuers. The seminar provided a platform for regulators, bankers, fund managers and corporates to come together and discuss the way forward and the initiatives for the growth of bond markets.

Other flagship events such as India Outlook, NBFC Seminar and Infrastructure Conclave also saw great participation. Apart from several successful events in India, we continued to strengthen our thought leadership in the global marketplace by participating in seminars such as 'Monitoring credit risk and research portfolios as the credit cycle changes', and 'The convergence of analytics and operations in AML with Machine Learning', among others. We also published a number of white papers and thought leadership reports and articles on the ongoing digital revolution, Brexit, Blockchain, securitisation, economy, sectoral outlooks and credit risk.

CRISIL Foundation continues to propel Mein Pragati, our flagship program, and efforts towards environment conservation. A tree health audit completed in 2018 showed Team CRISIL has helped plant and grow nearly 17,000 trees since 2015 , which will offset over 3,900 metric tonne of carbon dioxide emissions over the next 15 years. In 2018, the foundation, under the aegis of the Reserve Bank of India's Moneywise Centres for Financial Literacy, achieved a major landmark by reaching out to over 100,000 people.


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Statement of Financial Results for the quarter and year ended December 31, 2018

| Particulars | Consolidated |  |  |  |  | Standalone |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 3 Months ended | 3 Months ended | Corresponding 3 Months ended | Year ended | Year ended | 3 Months ended | 3 Months ended | Corresponding 3 Months ended | Year ended | Year ended |
|  | 31-Dec-18 | 30-Sep-18 | 31-Dec-17 | 31-Dec-18 | 31-Dec-17 | 31-Dec-18 | 30-Sep-18 | 31-Dec-17 | 31-Dec-18 | 31-Dec-17 |
|  | Audited (Refer note 6) | Unaudited (Refer note 6) | Audited (Refer note 6) | Audited (Refer note 6) | Audited (Refer note 6) | Audited (Refer note 6) | Unaudited (Refer note 6) | Audited (Refer note 6) | Audited (Refer note 6) | Audited (Refer note 6) |
| 1. Income |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| A. Total income from operations | 467.03 | 425.46 | 440.90 | 1,748.49 | 1,658.46 | 317.95 | 281.74 | 305.04 | 1,181.99 | 1,177.38 |
| B. Other income (Refer notes 4 and 7) | 29.43 | 28.76 | 4.44 | 83.17 | 25.59 | 34.62 | 32.94 | 10.55 | 101.26 | 53.06 |
| 2. Total income ( $1 \mathrm{~A}+1 \mathrm{~B}$ ) | 496.46 | 454.22 | 445.34 | 1,831.66 | 1,684.05 | 352.57 | 314.68 | 315.59 | 1,283.25 | 1,230.44 |
| 3. Expenses |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| A. Employee benefits expenses | 225.53 | 216.44 | 215.47 | 887.36 | 845.93 | 129.42 | 122.49 | 128.94 | 504.19 | 498.49 |
| B. Rent expenses | 16.65 | 16.69 | 15.10 | 64.16 | 58.53 | 11.86 | 11.86 | 11.15 | 46.08 | 44.55 |
| C. Professional fees | 20.24 | 21.31 | 25.65 | 81.10 | 85.90 | 43.00 | 36.22 | 38.88 | 150.38 | 150.90 |
| D. Travel expenses | 15.94 | 12.49 | 12.63 | 51.54 | 47.33 | 8.05 | 7.13 | 6.24 | 27.55 | 26.32 |
| E. Associate service fees | 12.25 | 12.49 | 10.08 | 48.53 | 42.39 | 9.21 | 9.22 | 9.76 | 37.14 | 41.24 |
| F. Finance costs | 1.01 | - | 0.29 | 2.23 | 0.41 | - | - | 0.29 | 1.18 | 0.41 |
| G. Other expenses (Refer notes 4 and 8) | 56.22 | 34.06 | 27.89 | 154.33 | 123.31 | 35.72 | 23.46 | 24.07 | 107.49 | 94.67 |
| H. Depreciation / amortization | 11.69 | 10.24 | 9.89 | 42.82 | 46.64 | 7.57 | 7.02 | 7.10 | 28.67 | 27.81 |
| 3. Total expenses | 359.53 | 323.72 | 317.00 | 1,332.07 | 1,250.44 | 244.83 | 217.40 | 226.43 | 902.68 | 884.39 |
| 4. Profit before exceptional items and tax (2-3) | 136.93 | 130.50 | 128.34 | 499.59 | 433.61 | 107.74 | 97.28 | 89.16 | 380.57 | 346.05 |
| 5. Exceptional item | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 6. Net profit before tax ( $4+5$ ) | 136.93 | 130.50 | 128.34 | 499.59 | 433.61 | 107.74 | 97.28 | 89.16 | 380.57 | 346.05 |
| 7. Tax expense |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| A. Current tax | 40.48 | 34.78 | 41.97 | 157.07 | 146.48 | 24.31 | 25.89 | 30.94 | 116.90 | 120.42 |
| B. Deferred tax | (17.30) | 5.71 | (9.25) | (20.58) | (17.30) | (10.33) | 6.10 | (6.00) | (13.86) | (11.63) |
| 7. Total tax expense (7A + 7B) | 23.18 | 40.49 | 32.72 | 136.49 | 129.18 | 13.98 | 31.99 | 24.94 | 103.04 | 108.79 |
| 8. Net profit for the period (6-7)* | 113.75 | 90.01 | 95.62 | 363.10 | 304.43 | 93.76 | 65.29 | 64.22 | 277.53 | 237.26 |
| 9. Other comprehensive income/expense (Net of tax) | (61.82) | (7.21) | (9.66) | (94.63) | (77.42) | (33.30) | (28.17) | (4.30) | (99.51) | (85.17) |
| 10.Total comprehensive income for the period (8+9)* | 51.93 | 82.80 | 85.96 | 268.47 | 227.01 | 60.46 | 37.12 | 59.92 | 178.02 | 152.09 |
| 11. Paid up equity share capital (Face value of Re. 1 each ) | 7.21 | 7.20 | 7.17 | 7.21 | 7.17 | 7.21 | 7.20 | 7.17 | 7.21 | 7.17 |
| 12. Other equity |  |  |  | 1,129.04 | 1,041.40 |  |  |  | 801.72 | 804.53 |
| 13. Earnings Per Share (EPS) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Basic (Not annualised) | 15.78 | 12.50 | 13.34 | 50.50 | 42.58 | 13.00 | 9.07 | 8.96 | 38.60 | 33.19 |
| Diluted (Not annualised) | 15.74 | 12.45 | 13.26 | 50.33 | 42.32 | 12.97 | 9.03 | 8.91 | 38.47 | 32.98 |

*Represents $100 \%$ attributable to the shareholders of the Company

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Statement of Segment Results for the quarter and year ended December 31, 2018

| Particulars | Consolidated |  |  |  |  | Standalone |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 3 Months ended | 3 Months ended | Corresponding 3 Months ended | Year ended | Year ended | 3 Months ended | 3 Months ended | Corresponding 3 Months ended | Year ended | Year ended |
|  | 31-Dec-18 | 30-Sep-18 | 31-Dec-17 | 31-Dec-18 | 31-Dec-17 | 31-Dec-18 | 30-Sep-18 | 31-Dec-17 | 31-Dec-18 | 31-Dec-17 |
|  | Audited (Refer note 6) | Unaudited (Refer note 6) | Audited (Refer note 6) | Audited (Refer note 6) | Audited (Refer note 6) | Audited (Refer note 6) | Unaudited (Refer note 6) | Audited (Refer note 6) | Audited (Refer note 6) | Audited (Refer note 6) |
| 1. Operating revenue |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| A. Rating services | 141.07 | 122.87 | 125.71 | 507.30 | 480.29 | 141.07 | 122.87 | 125.71 | 507.30 | 480.29 |
| B. Research services | 289.44 | 268.14 | 286.99 | 1,106.01 | 1,080.39 | 176.88 | 158.87 | 179.33 | 674.69 | 697.09 |
| C. Advisory services | 36.52 | 34.45 | 28.20 | 135.18 | 97.78 | - | - | - | - | - |
| 1 D. Total revenue from operations | 467.03 | 425.46 | 440.90 | 1,748.49 | 1,658.46 | 317.95 | 281.74 | 305.04 | 1,181.99 | 1,177.38 |
| 2. Less: Inter segment revenue | - | - | - |  | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 3. Net income from operations (1D-2) | 467.03 | 425.46 | 440.90 | 1,748.49 | 1,658.46 | 317.95 | 281.74 | 305.04 | 1,181.99 | 1,177.38 |
| 4. Segment profits |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| A. Rating services | 56.22 | 44.07 | 43.28 | 184.17 | 151.20 | 56.04 | 44.02 | 43.16 | 183.66 | 151.04 |
| B. Research services | 78.20 | 83.69 | 89.77 | 326.44 | 308.46 | 37.17 | 47.76 | 51.72 | 190.12 | 201.42 |
| C. Advisory services (Refer note 8) | (11.37) | 0.10 | 4.83 | (8.09) | 9.24 | - | - | - | - | - |
| 4 D . Total operating profit | 123.05 | 127.86 | 137.88 | 502.52 | 468.90 | 93.21 | 91.78 | 94.88 | 373.78 | 352.46 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 5. Add / ( less) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| i. Interest | (1.01) | - | (0.29) | (2.23) | (0.41) | - | - | (0.29) | (1.18) | (0.41) |
| ii. Other unallocable income net of unallocable expenditure (Refer notes 4 and 7) | 26.58 | 12.88 | 0.64 | 42.12 | 11.76 | 22.10 | 12.52 | 1.67 | 36.64 | 21.81 |
| iii. Depreciation / amortisation (unallocable) | (11.69) | (10.24) | (9.89) | (42.82) | (46.64) | (7.57) | (7.02) | (7.10) | (28.67) | (27.81) |
| 6. Net profit from ordinary activities before tax ( $4+5$ ) | 136.93 | 130.50 | 128.34 | 499.59 | 433.61 | 107.74 | 97.28 | 89.16 | 380.57 | 346.05 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Segment assets (Refer note 5) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| A. Rating services | 70.52 | 122.55 | 75.27 | 70.52 | 75.27 | 70.52 | 122.55 | 75.27 | 70.52 | 75.27 |
| B. Research services | 721.35 | 753.58 | 591.31 | 721.35 | 591.31 | 276.90 | 301.60 | 269.02 | 276.90 | 269.02 |
| C. Advisory services | 96.68 | 110.29 | 72.01 | 96.68 | 72.01 | - | - | - | - | - |
| D. Unallocable (net) | 745.21 | 701.82 | 756.13 | 745.21 | 756.13 | 783.79 | 744.58 | 771.96 | 783.79 | 771.96 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Segment liabilities (Refer note 5) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| A. Rating services | 132.19 | 171.80 | 124.65 | 132.19 | 124.65 | 132.19 | 171.80 | 124.65 | 132.19 | 124.65 |
| B. Research services | 238.78 | 237.22 | 217.24 | 238.78 | 217.24 | 116.57 | 104.41 | 114.71 | 116.57 | 114.71 |
| C. Advisory services | 39.64 | 37.12 | 27.99 | 39.64 | 27.99 | - | - | - | - | - |
| D. Unallocable (net) | 86.90 | 109.91 | 76.27 | 86.90 | 76.27 | 73.52 | 96.21 | 65.19 | 73.52 | 65.19 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Capital employed (Refer note 5) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| A. Rating services | (61.67) | (49.25) | (49.38) | (61.67) | (49.38) | (61.67) | (49.25) | (49.38) | (61.67) | (49.38) |
| B. Research services | 482.57 | 516.36 | 374.07 | 482.57 | 374.07 | 160.33 | 197.19 | 154.31 | 160.33 | 154.31 |
| C. Advisory services | 57.04 | 73.17 | 44.02 | 57.04 | 44.02 | - | - | - | - | - |
| D. Unallocable (net) | 658.31 | 591.91 | 679.86 | 658.31 | 679.86 | 710.27 | 648.37 | 706.77 | 710.27 | 706.77 |

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Statement of Assets and Liabilities
(Rs. in Crore)

| Particulars | Consolidated |  | Standalone |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | As at | As at | As at | As at |
|  | 31-Dec-18 | 31-Dec-17 | 31-Dec-18 | 31-Dec-17 |
|  | Audited | Audited | Audited | Audited |
| A. Assets |  |  |  |  |
| 1. Non-current assets |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| (a) Property, plant and equipment | 41.04 | 54.35 | 32.09 | 48.21 |
| (b) Goodwill | 277.25 | 232.03 | - | - |
| (c) Intangible assets | 31.64 | 7.08 | 16.63 | 2.32 |
| (d) Intangible assets under development | 7.44 | 13.21 | 4.57 | 11.60 |
| (e) Financial assets |  |  |  |  |
| i. Investments | 293.59 | 386.11 | 476.42 | 512.94 |
| ii. Loans | 36.74 | 13.85 | 36.56 | 12.61 |
| iii. Other financial assets | 0.42 | 0.99 | 0.02 | 0.48 |
| (f) Deferred tax assets (Net) | 56.76 | 34.75 | 45.40 | 27.10 |
| (g) Tax assets | 56.05 | 41.94 | 36.18 | 25.26 |
| (h) Other non-current assets | 7.90 | 3.66 | 7.67 | 3.65 |
| Sub-total non-current assets | 808.83 | 787.97 | 655.54 | 644.17 |
| 2. Current assets |  |  |  |  |
| (a) Financial assets |  |  |  |  |
| i. Investments | 183.03 | 139.33 | 183.03 | 131.32 |
| ii. Trade receivables | 284.83 | 260.42 | 164.82 | 161.44 |
| iii. Cash and cash equivalents | 203.07 | 88.69 | 48.86 | 42.21 |
| iv. Other bank balances | 3.93 | 43.09 | 2.14 | 1.05 |
| v. Loans | 8.55 | 28.54 | 9.21 | 59.40 |
| vi. Other financial assets | 94.07 | 98.90 | 33.19 | 41.19 |
| (b) Other current assets | 44.27 | 44.60 | 31.24 | 32.29 |
| (c) Asset held for sale | 3.18 | 3.18 | 3.18 | 3.18 |
| Sub-total current assets | 824.93 | 706.75 | 475.67 | 472.08 |
| TOTAL - Assets | 1,633.76 | 1,494.72 | 1,131.21 | 1,116.25 |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| B. Equity and liabilities |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| 1. Equity |  |  |  |  |
| (a) Equity share capital | 7.21 | 7.17 | 7.21 | 7.17 |
| (b) Other equity | 1,129.04 | 1,041.40 | 801.72 | 804.53 |
| Sub-total Equity | 1,136.25 | 1,048.57 | 808.93 | 811.70 |
| 2. Non-current liabilities ${ }^{\text {2 }}$, |  |  |  |  |
| (a) Financial liabilities |  |  |  |  |
| i. Borowings | 0.08 | - | - | - |
| ii.Other financial liabilities | 7.74 | 4.12 | 7.74 | 3.05 |
| (b) Other non-current liabilities | - | 0.48 | - | 0.48 |
| (c) Provisions | 13.76 | 12.88 | 12.98 | 12.88 |
| Sub-total non-current liabilities | 21.58 | 17.48 | 20.72 | 16.41 |
| 3. Current liabilities |  |  |  |  |
| (a) Financial liabilities |  |  |  |  |
| i. Short term borrowings | 2.46 | - | - | - |
| ii. Trade payables | 64.77 | 56.72 | 52.07 | 46.82 |
| iii. Other financial liabilities | 159.39 | 147.88 | 68.29 | 72.63 |
| (b) Provisions | 63.35 | 62.20 | 54.81 | 53.39 |
| (c) Tax liabilities | 11.76 | 10.01 | - | - |
| (d) Other current liabilities | 174.20 | 151.86 | 126.39 | 115.30 |
| Sub-total current liabilities | 475.93 | 428.67 | 301.56 | 288.14 |
| TOTAL - Equity and liabilities | 1,633.76 | 1,494.72 | 1,131.21 | 1,116.25 |

## Notes to Financial Results :

1 The above results have been reviewed by the Audit Committee and subsequently approved by the Board of Directors of the Company at its meeting held on February 12, 2019.

2 The Board of Directors have recommended a final dividend of Rs. 11 per share having face value of Re. 1 each.
3 The financial results have been prepared in accordance with the applicable accounting standards, as notified under the Companies (Indian Accounting Standards) Rules, 2015 and as specified in Section 133 of the Companies Act.

4 Details of foreign exchange gain or loss recorded in the respective periods in financial results are as under :
(Rs. in Crore)

| Particulars | Consolidated |  | Standalone |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Forex gain or loss included under |  |  |  |
|  | Other income | Other expenses | Other income | Other expenses |
| Quarter ended December 31, 2018 | Nil | 9.76 | Nil | 12.39 |
| Quarter ended September 30, 2018 | 13.73 | Nil | 14.12 | Nil |
| Quarter ended December 31, 2017 | Nil | 1.93 | Nil | 1.47 |
| Year ended December 31, 2018 | 31.02 | 9.76 | 29.14 | 12.39 |
| Year ended December 31, 2017 | 0.21 | 15.94 | 5.85 | 13.02 |

5 The Company's operations predominantly relate to providing rating, research and advisory services. Accordingly, revenues earned through rendering of these services represent the primary basis of segment information set out above. Assets and liabilities used interchangeably between segments has been classified as unallocable. The Company believes that it is currently not practicable to allocate all assets and liabilities since a meaningful segregation of the available data is not feasible.

6 In compliance with Regulation 33 of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015, an audit of the above results has been carried out by the Statutory Auditors of the Company.

The figures of quarters ended December 31, 2018 and December 31, 2017 are the balancing figures between audited figures of the full year ended December 31, 2018 and December 31, 2017 and unaudited published year to date figures up to period ended September 30, of the respective years.

7 During the quarter ended December 31, 2018, export benefits amounting to Rs. 24.93 crore in the form of duty free saleable scrips under the Service Export Incentive Scheme (SEIS) has been received from the government authorities which is included under 'Other income'.

8 The consolidated financial results include additional provision for receivables of Rs 12.79 crore and Rs 16.84 crore during the quarter and year ended December 31, 2018 respectively, in the Advisory services segment, which is included under 'Other expenses'.

9 The Consolidated financial results include financial results of CRISIL Limited and its wholly owned subsidiaries.

## For and on behalf of the Board of Directors of CRISIL Limited



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