# **HPL Electric & Power Limited**



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**Subject: Press Release** 

Dear Sir,

Please find enclosed a copy of the communication being released to Press today.

Thanking You

For HPL Electric & Power Limited

Vivek Kumar Company Secretary

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# HPL Electric and Power Ltd reports its Q2 FY2018-19 Results Strong Performance with Operating efficiencies and improved Profitability

New Delhi, India, October 29, 2018 – HPL Electric and Power Ltd (referred to as the "Company"; NSE: Symbol; HPL, BSE: Scrip Code; 540136), an established electric equipment manufacturing company in India, manufacturing a diverse portfolio of electric equipment, announces their financial results for the quarter ended September 30, 2018.

# **Consolidated Performance Highlights**

Particulars (In Rs Cr)	Q2 FY19	Q2 FY18	YoY %	Q1 FY19	QoQ %
<b>Revenue from Operations</b>	286.5	224.2	27.8%	260.0	10.2%
EBITDA	33.4	25.8	29.4%	27.3	22.4%
EBITDA Margin %	11.7%	11.5%	15 bps	10.5%	117 bps
Reported PAT	7.8	6.2	26.1%	5.6	39.0%
PAT Margin %	2.7%	2.8%	-4 bps	2.2%	57 bps

We have carried forward the growth momentum from the first quarter as we clocked double-digit revenue growth in Q2 FY19, both on year-on-year and sequential basis. This was fuelled by 43% YoY& 30% QoQgrowth in the Metering segment, driven by strong execution and month-on-month improvement in deliveries. The Switchgear segment also contributed towards overall sales growth as it grew by 46% YoY and 4% QoQ. YoY decline in Lighting revenue was due to the high-base effect, as festive revenue was booked in second quarter last year. Metering margin decline was due to increase in polycarbonate prices, but this decline was off-set by improved margins in Switchgear and Lighting businesses which were aided by improved realisation and efficient procurement, respectively.

Steady order inflow in the metering segment along with strong execution capabilities provide a positive outlook for the second half. We have recently received a Smart Meter order from one of the leading private power utilities. This indicates HPL's recognition as one of the leading smart meter providers in the country. We expect the Trade business to perform well in the second half, driven by business growth and procurement efficiencies. We continue to engage with our dealers and partners to devise incentivisation schemes, which will help us boost our top-line.

A new electronic component manufacturing facility is in works in the Kundli plant, which will be dedicated to the Lighting segment. Our efforts towards improving our Working Capital cycle, are yielding positive results as our overall receivable days are down to 140 in September-18 from 164 in March-18, driven by reduction in non-utility receivable days from 125 in March-18 to 87 in September-18. We are ensuring strict control on our operating costs by enhancing our internal component manufacturing capabilities, which will drive margin expansion over the coming quarters.

Gautam Seth, Joint Managing Director



#### **Key Developments in Q2 FY19**

- Consolidated order book was Rs507.5cr (Net of GST) as on 25<sup>th</sup> October2018
  - o Metering orders of Rs462.4cr
  - o Lighting orders of Rs13.4cr
  - o Switchgear orders of Rs26.9cr
  - o Wires & Cables orders of Rs4.8cr
- Strong Execution of Metering orders led to YoY and QoQ Revenue growth in Q2 FY19.
  - Company recently received Rs52.3cr worth order from one of the leading private power utilities for supply of Smart Meters.
  - o Metering order execution was at its peak level this quarter, compared to the trailing 8 quarters, with orders worth 160.3 cr being executed.

# About HPL Electric and Power Ltd

HPL is an established electric equipment manufacturing company in India, manufacturing a diverse portfolio of electric equipment, including, metering solutions, switchgears, lighting equipment and wires and cables, catering to consumer and institutional customers in the electrical equipment industry. HPL had the largest market share in the market for electricity energy meters in India, with one of the widest portfolios of meters in India and the fifth largest market share for LED lamps during the corresponding period (Source: Frost & Sullivan Report, February 2016). HPL's manufacturing capabilities are supported by a large sales and distribution network with a pan-India presence. HPL currently manufacture and sell its products under the umbrella brand 'HPL', which has been registered in India since 1975.

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