

# QAMCO posts net profit of QR 237 million for the six-month period ended 30 June 2024.

- The Board of Directors decides to distribute interim cash dividend of QAR 0.03 per share, representing payout ratio equivalent to 70% of net income for the period.
- QAMCO's share of revenue from the JV amounted to QR 1.5 billion for the six-month period ended 30 June 2024.
- QAMCO's share of EBITDA from the JV stood at QR 495 million, with an EBTIDA margin of 33% in 1H-24, compared to 31% in 1H-23.
- 1H-24 aluminium prices declined compared to 1H-23 amid macroeconomic headwinds; however, average realized prices have increased compared to the previous quarter due to slightly enhanced macro-economic fundamentals.
- Earnings per share amounted to QR 0.042 for the six-month period ended 30 June 2024.
- QAMCO's closing cash balance (including share of cash in QAMCO's JV) stood at QAR 2.0 billion as of 30 June 2024.

**Doha, Qatar; 6<sup>th</sup> August 2024:** Qatar Aluminium Manufacturing Company Q.P.S.C. ("QAMCO" or "the Company"; QE Ticker: QAMC), a 50% joint venture partner in Qatar Aluminium Company (Qatalum), today reported a net profit of QR 237 million for the six-month period ended 30 June 2024, with an earnings per share (EPS) of QR 0.042.

#### Updates on macroeconomic environment

The macroeconomic environment for the overall aluminium market started to stabilize during second quarter of 2024 after being volatile for most of 2023 and first quarter of 2024. Several factors led to challenging supply-demand dynamics of primary aluminium which resulted in volatilities in prices during the period. This included tightened monetary policies, regional geopolitical tensions in the Red Sea and weakened consumer demand stemming from relatively high inflation and interest rates.

However, the aluminum industry remained sturdy on the back of gradual global economy recovery. Moreover, US and UK restrictions on trading Russian metals continue to impact supply and demand dynamics prevailing in aluminum market.



#### Financial performance updates - 1H-24 vs 1H-23

Key financial indicators	1H-24	1H-23	Variance
Production volumes (MT 000) - 100%	339	336	+1%
Sales volume (MT 000) - 100%	329	317	+4%
Share of JV's revenue (QR m)	1,486	1,585	-6%
Share of JV's EBITDA (QR m)	495	498	-1%
Net profit (QR m)	237	240	-1%
EPS (QR / share)	0.042	0.043	-1%
EBITDA margin (%)	33%	31%	
Realized avg selling price (USD / MT)	2,485	2,743	-9%

QAMCO reported a net profit of QR 237 million in 1H-24, compared to QR 240 million for the same period of last year, with an earnings per share (EPS) of QR 0.042 compared to QR 0.043 for 1H-23.

Share of JV's revenue reached QR 1.5 billion in 1H-24, compared to QR 1.6 billion in the same period last year. EBITDA marginally declined 1% YoY and reached QR 495 million in 1H-24. However, EBITDA margin stood steady at 33% in 1H-24 compared to 31% in 1H-23.

## Analysis of QAMCO's net earnings - 1H-24 vs 1H-23

( Amounts in QR millions)



QAMCO's financial results in 1H-24 was overshadowed by an overall decline in average realized selling prices during the period compared to the same period of last year, which was partially offset by improved operating costs and increase in sales volumes.

Average realized selling price witnessed a decline of 9% compared to last year reaching USD 2,485/MT in 1H-24 amid macroeconomic headwinds. This had an impact of QR 154 million to the net profit in 1H-24 compared to the same period of last year. Additionally, financial results were also impacted by increase in finance costs due to higher interest rates. Results were partially offset by improved sales volumes, which increased by 4% mainly driven by improved demand for both foundry alloys and extrusion ingots compared to the same period of last year. Increase in sales volumes contributed QR 56 million positively in 1H-24 results, compared to



1H-23, despite challenges faced in shipments disruptions in the Red Sea that caused various delays during the first quarter of 2024.

Furthermore, cost of goods sold for the current period declined compared to 1H-23, mainly owing to lower raw material costs. On overall basis, the decline in cost of goods sold contributed QR 84 million positively to the net profit in 1H-24 compared to the same period of last year.

Production levels slightly inched higher with an increase of 1% in production volumes in 1H-24 vs 1H-23, on the back of stable current efficiency coupled with improved amperage.

## Financial performance updates – 2Q-24 vs 1Q-24

Key financial indicators	2Q-24	1Q-24	Variance
Production volumes (MT 000) – 100%	169	170	-1%
Sales volume (MT 000) – 100%	184	145	+27%
Share of JV's revenue (QR m)	847	640	+32%
Share of JV's EBITDA (QR m)	275	220	+25%
Net profit (QR m)	151	86	+77%
EPS (QR / share)	0.027	0.015	+77%
EBITDA margin (%)	32%	34%	
Realized average selling price (USD / MT)	2,532	2,425	+4%

## Analysis of QAMCO's net earnings – 2Q-24 vs 1Q-24



QAMCO's 2Q-24 net profit increased by 77% compared to previous quarter reaching QR 151 million, mainly driven by higher sales volume (up 27%), coupled with improved average selling prices realized in 2Q-24 (up 4%). Increase in quarterly sales volume can be attributed to improved demand for both foundry alloys and extrusion ingots during the quarter, stemming from gradual recovery of aluminum market. Increase in sales volumes contributed QR 171 million positively to the bottom-line profitability in 2Q-24, compared to the previous quarter. Moreover, selling prices witnessed an upward push in 2Q-24, compared to the previous quarter.



### Financial performance updates – 2Q-24 vs 2Q-23

Key financial indicators	2Q-24	2Q-23	Variance
Production volumes (MT 000) – 100%	169	168	1%
Sales volume (MT 000) – 100%	184	168	9%
Share of JV's revenue (QR m)	847	849	0%
Share of JV's EBITDA (QR m)	275	275	0%
Net profit (QR m)	151	147	3%
EPS (QR / share)	0.027	0.026	3%
EBITDA margin (%)	32%	32%	
Realized average selling price (USD / MT)	2,532	2,772	-9%

QAMCO profitability increased marginally by 3% in 2Q-24 compared to the same quarter of last year, mainly driven by improved sales volumes and reduced operating costs in 2Q-24, which offset the impact of overall decline in average selling prices in 2Q-24, in comparison to prices in 2Q-23.

### Financial position updates

Key performance indicators	As at 30 Jun-24	As at 31 Dec-23
Total assets (QR m)	6,694	6,872
Cash and cash balance (QR m) *	2,017	2,164
Share of JV's total debt (QR m)	2,093	2,125

<sup>\*</sup>Note: Cash and bank balances includes proportionate share of cash and bank balances of the joint venture and excludes restrictive cash balances.

QAMCO's financial position continued to remain robust with liquidity position reaching QR 2.0 billion in cash and bank balances as of 30 June 2024 (including proportionate share of cash and bank balances of the joint venture) after paying 2023 dividend of QR 391 million during the period. QAMCO's JV generated share of operating cash flows of QR 308 million during the period, with share of free cash flows amounting to QR 192 million.

#### Operational performance updates

QAMCO's JV has continuously demonstrated ongoing commitment to maintaining high efficiency and cost competitiveness in its production and operations. The prioritization of health and safety measures underscores its dedication to ensuring both the well-being of its workforce and the reliability, and integrity of its assets. Moreover, executing CAPEX projects as planned and in alignment with operational requirements showcases strategic foresight and resource management. Through its focus on operational excellence, health and safety, and strategic investments, QAMCO's JV is well-positioned for sustained success in its industry.



#### **Interim Cash Dividend Distribution:**

Today, the Board of Directors decided a total interim cash dividend distribution of ~ QR 167 million equivalent to QR 0.03 per share representing 3% of nominal share value for the period ended 30 June 2024.

According to relevant regulations, the interim cash dividends will be paid to shareholders as at the close of trading on 14th August 2024. Edaa will handle the payment of interim dividends in accordance with applicable rules and regulations.

### **Earnings Call**

QAMCO will host an IR earnings call with investors to discuss its results for 1H-24, business outlook and other matters, on Sunday, 11<sup>th</sup> August 2024 at 1:30 p.m. Doha time. The IR presentation that accompanies the conference call will be posted on the 'financial information' page within the Investor Relations section at QAMCO's website.

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Qatar Aluminium Manufacturing Company Q.P.S.C. (QAMCO) was incorporated on 3 December 2018 as a Qatari shareholding company. The registered office is located at P.O. Box 3212, Doha, State of Qatar. QAMCO is a 50% shareholder in Qatalum (a joint venture of QAMCO), which is a producer and marketer of primary aluminium. QAMCO owns 50% of Qatalum's issued capital with the remaining 50% being held by Hydro Aluminium Qatalum Holding B.V.

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#### GENERAL NOTES

Qatar Aluminium Manufacturing Company's accounting year follows the calendar year. However, QAMCO's first financial year was consisted of 13 months from 3 December 2018 to 31 December 2019. No adjustment has been made for leap years. Where applicable, all values refer to Qatar Aluminium Manufacturing Company's share of interest in its joint venture. Values expressed in QR millions and/or billions. All other values have been rounded to the nearest whole number. Values expressed in US \$'s have been translated at the rate of US \$1 = QR3.64.

#### DEFINITIONS

Adjusted Free Cash Flow: Cash Flow From Operations - Total CAPEX - Dividends • CAGR: 5-Year Compound Annual Growth Rate • Cash Realisation Ratio: Cash Flow From Operations / Net Profit x 100 • Debt to Equity: (Current Debt + Long-Term Debt) / Equity x 100 • Dividend Yield: Total Cash Dividend / Closing Market Capitalisation x 100 • EBITDA: Earnings Before Interest, Tax, Depreciation and Amortisation calculated as (Net Profit + Interest Expense + Depreciation + Amortisation) • EPS: Earnings per Share (Net Profit / Weighted number of Ordinary Shares outstanding at the year-end/period end) • Free Cash Flow: Cash Flow From Operations - Total CAPEX • KMT: Thousand Metric Tons • LME: London Metal Exchange • MT PA: Metric Tons Per Annum • Payout Ratio: Total Cash Dividend / Net Profit x 100 • P/E: Price to Earnings (Closing market Capitalisation / Net Profit) • Utilization: Production Volume / Rated Capacity x 100 • \$: United States Dollar