

# Tata Metaliks net loss at Rs 218.31 cr

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TATA Metaliks Ltd on Monday reported a sizeable Rs 218.31 crore net loss for the quarter to December 31, 2008, against a net profit of Rs 15.86 crore for the corresponding quarter ended December 31, 2007. Net sales for the period stood at Rs 174.31 crore, which fell 39% from Rs 271.92 crore in the earlier corresponding quarter.

When contacted, Tata Metaliks MD Harsh Jha said: "As per mark-to-market accounting norms for inventory valuation, we had to revalue our stock of raw material and finished goods at the current market price. During this period, coke and coal prices crashed by over 60%. As a

result, we had to suffer a loss Rs 132 crore on raw materials alone and another Rs 60 crore on finished goods. This made up for a total loss of Rs 192 crore on account of inventory valuation."

In the accompanying notes to the results sent to BSE, the company said it made a Rs 132.24-crore loss on account of a writedown of closing inventories — ie not receivable value in accordance with Accounting Standards 2 norms.

For the nine months to December 31, 2008, the Kolkata-based company made a net loss of Rs 168.41 crore, compared to a net profit of Rs 44 crore.

This was on net sales of Rs 793.39 crore (Rs 721.65 crore) for the period. The company also said it made a forex loss of Rs 34 crore during the nine month period.

