

Singhania company JK Paper's Q1 net profit gallops by 51%

NEW DELHI: JK Paper on Friday reported over 50.9 per cent increase in its stand-alone net profit at Rs 27.3 crore for the fourth quarter ended March 2016. The company had posted a net profit of Rs 18.1 crore in the same period last fiscal, JK Paper said in a BSE filing.

Net sales on the stand-alone basis was up 14.4 per cent during the quarter under review at Rs 657.7 crore as against Rs 575.06

crore in the same period last fiscal. "The significant operational improvement in performance is due to the substantial benefits derived from the company's new state-of-the-art pulp and paper plant at its Odisha unit, coupled with growth in market share in its mainstay office papers business and a richer product mix," said JK Paper CMD Harsh Pati Singhania. He added that the company has

been able to increase its exports despite tough overseas markets.

JK Paper would raise foreign currency convertible bond of around \$25 million (approximately Rs 166 crore) to meet its capital expenditure and payment of the external commercial borrowings (ECBs). "As part of the company's ongoing fund-raising programme, the company has decided to issue FCCBs not exceeding \$25 million." PTI