

Crown Asia Chemicals Reports Q1 Earnings

Publicly listed Crown Asia Chemicals Corporation reported first quarter, 2016 earnings growth by 87.2% to P32.2 million from P17.2 million for the same quarter of the previous year.

On April 25, 2016, the company declared a total cash dividend of P 0.05 per share. The P 0.05 cash dividend consisted of regular dividend of P 0.018 per share PLUS special dividend of P 0.032 per share.

Consolidated revenues grew by 17.1% to p277.3 million from p236.9 million year to year.

Pipe group sales increased by 47.4% to P130.6 million from P88.5 million the previous year owing to strong growth in both project and trade sales segments. Project sales increased by 54.8% to P78.2 million comprising 59.7% of total pipe group sales. Trade sales also exhibited 37.6% growth to P52.8 million from P38.4 million in the previous year.

Compounds sales revenues declined slightly by P1.7 million or 1.2% due to downward adjustment of selling prices in both export and local markets as a mechanism to pass on raw material cost savings to loyal customers. This was compensated with higher sales volume.

Compounds Division net earnings grew by 57.3% to P14.0 million for the 1st quarter compared to P8.9 million in the previous year while Pipe group net earnings grew by 106.8% to P18.2 million from P8.8 Million.

Moving forward, Compounds division revenues is expected to correct upward in the coming months owing to growing sales to bottles, IC tubes packaging, films and sheets applications.

"We look forward to a more challenging year ahead with high optimism and expectation. Our new product lines, namely, the Enduro pipe and the upcoming big-sized pipes, will be serving more market segments previously untapped such as the mid-cost and mass housing markets and for drainage systems.

We are likewise looking at suitable property acquisition/s for future expansion purposes." Says Mr. Walter H. Villanueva, Chairman of the Board.

Crown Asia Chemicals Corporation registered net earnings of P100.2 million and sales revenues of P1.1 billion in 2015.

