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9MFY17 Revenue up by 5% Y-o-Y to Rs 2,024 million

Chennai, 2nd **February**, 2017: SQS India BFSI Ltd. (BSE: 533121) (NSE: SQSBFSI), announced its **third quarter** results ended on 31st December 2016. SQS India BFSI is a specialist in providing quality assurance services for Banking, Financial and Insurance (BFSI) Software, and an independent quality assurance service provider listed in India. The results are available on the company's website, <u>http://www.sqs-bfsi.com</u>

PERFORMANCE HIGHLIGHTS Consolidated 9MFY17 Review

- Operating revenue increased by 5.5% to Rs 2,024 million during the 9m period under review, compared to Rs 1,919 million in the corresponding period of the previous year.
- Total income was Rs 2,030 million for the 9m period ended December 31, 2016 as compared to Rs 1,927 million in the corresponding period of the previous year, up by 5.3%.
- EBITDA stood at Rs 394 million with the margin at 19.5% during the 9m period under review, compared to Rs 377 million (margin at 19.6%) during the corresponding 9m period of previous year, up by 4.7%.
- Net profit stood at Rs 188 million for the 9m period ended December 31, 2016 as compared to Rs 263 million in the corresponding period of the previous year; a drop of 28.7% over the corresponding period previous year, due to loss on account of exchange fluctuations of Rs 66 million , compared to exchange gain of Rs 54 million in the previous year for same period.
- Basic EPS stood at Rs 17.6 compared to Rs 24.9 in the previous year for same period.



Consolidated Q3 FY17 Y-o-Y Review

- Q3 FY17 operating revenue was Rs 609 million compared to Rs 671 million during the previous year same quarter.
- Total income was Rs 610 million compared to Rs 672 million during the previous year same quarter; drop of 9%.
- Company reported EBITDA of Rs 99 million compared to Rs 132 million during the corresponding quarter in the previous year.
- EBITDA Margin stood at 16.2% for Q3 FY17 compared to 19.7% in Q3 FY16.
- Profit after tax stood at Rs 38 million in Q3FY17 compared to Rs 74 million during the previous year same quarter. Loss on account of exchange fluctuations was at Rs 24 million, compared to exchange loss of Rs 7 million in the previous year for same period.
- Basic EPS was at Rs 3.6 compared to Rs 6.9 for Q3 FY16.

Commenting on the results, Ms. Aarti Arvind, Managing Director & CEO, SQS India BFSI, said

"We have had healthy growth in the previous nine months due to certain large onsite projects which now have been completed. These engagements have moved to a maintenance phase and offshore model, hence the revenue from these specific engagements has come down. Traction in the US is yet to result in further client wins but we see a lot of potential in the digital space and expect some of our newer market offering to help grow this market."

About SQS India BFSI

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SQS India BFSI Limited helps clients reduce software product life cycle costs and develop 'business ready software' within compressed timelines, through intense domain focus, structured software Quality Assurance Methodologies, offshore delivery, and test automation expertise. The company also has the distinction of maintaining high standards in execution, coverage, quality and confidentiality.



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