

BLAME IT ON WEAK DEMAND IN US...

Diamond Exports Fell 32% in Dec

Demand for plain gold jewellery rose in Middle East, Australia

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Kolkata: India's diamond exports to the US have fallen amid a slump in demand following the Federal Reserve's decision not to cut interest rates, which traders said dampened consumer sentiment. Purchasing power of US consumers remains muted as interest cost stays high, they said, although the holiday season saw a short-lived uptick in sales.



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Demand situation in the US unlikely to improve for the entire 2024

"Unless the Fed cuts the rate, the recovery of diamond sales in the US is unlikely. But plain gold jewellery exports will go up as it (gold) is seen as a hedging tool during the time of risk," said Vipul Shah, chairman, Gem & Jewellery Export Promotion Council (GJEPC).

Since March 2022, the Fed has increased rates 11 times to curb inflation, which had surged at the quickest rate in decades. The US accounts for almost 50% of the total diamond exports from India.

In the first nine months of 2023-24, India's total exports of cut and polished diamonds amounted to ₹98,638.48 crore, down from ₹132,075.49 crore a year ago.

"It is not only the Fed rate that is hurting the sentiment

of US consumers. Elections are also going to be held in the country, which is impacting the sales of diamonds. There is no good news overall in the market," said Colin Shah, managing director, Kama Jewellery. He said the demand situation in the US will not improve for the entire 2024. At the same time, the Israel-Hamas and Russia-Ukraine wars have spurred demand for plain gold jewellery.

"Gold has become a safe haven asset now. Also, Indian jewellers are reaping the benefits of the Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement with the UAE, leading to a surge in exports," said Vipul Shah of GJEPC.

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On the contrary, demand for plain gold jewellery has picked up in West Asia and Australia, especially as a safe haven asset at a time when geopolitical tensions are increasing.

India's total exports of plain

gold jewellery in December 2023 stood at ₹4,983.6 crore, up 82.17% as compared to ₹2,735.62 crore a year ago. However, exports of cut and polished diamonds fell 32% year-on-year during the month.

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EXTRACT OF THE UNAUDITED STANDALONE AND CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE QUARTER AND NINE MONTHS ENDED 31 DECEMBER, 2023

(₹ in lakhs except EPS)

Sl. No	Particulars	Standalone					Consolidated					
		Quarter ended 31.12.2023 Unaudited	Quarter ended 30.09.2023 Unaudited	Quarter ended 31.12.2022 Unaudited	Nine Months ended 31.12.2023 Unaudited	Nine Months ended 31.12.2022 Unaudited	Year ended 31.03.2023 Audited	Quarter ended 31.12.2023 Unaudited	Quarter ended 30.09.2023 Unaudited	Quarter ended 31.12.2022 Unaudited	Nine Months ended 31.12.2022 Unaudited	
1.	Total Income from Operations	181411.91	18824.18	175068.07	523204.44	522699.67	701252.62	189215.58	193752.07	186719.85	554169.69	545176.55
2.	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period (before Tax, Exceptional and/or Extraordinary Items)	33474.65	24749.34	8189.84	68684.63	30000.29	43278.15	34648.62	23082.67	9528.32	67748.62	29432.43
3.	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period before Tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary Items)	33474.65	24749.34	8189.84	68684.63	30000.29	43278.15	34648.62	23082.67	9528.32	67748.62	29432.43
4.	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period after Tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary Items)	25194.27	18405.18	6534.87	51739.00	23345.84	33476.35	26343.07	17465.37	7851.68	51300.60	22673.89
5.	Total Comprehensive Income for the period (Comprising Profit / (Loss) for the period (after Tax) and Other Comprehensive Income (after Tax))	25193.42	17809.84	6517.24	51141.97	23295.99	30560.18	27088.69	16711.57	7920.05	51453.21	24154.96
6.	Equity Share Capital	5946.05	5946.05	5946.05	5946.05	5946.05	5946.05	5946.05	5946.05	5946.05	5946.05	5946.05
7.	Reserves (excluding Revaluation Reserve) as shown in the Audited Balance Sheet of the previous year					421099.47					432317.55	
8.	Earnings Per Share (of Re.1/- each) (for continuing and discontinued operations) –											
1.	Basic	4.24	3.09	1.10	8.70	3.93	5.63	4.42	2.94	1.32	8.62	3.81
2.	Diluted	4.22	3.08	1.10	8.67	3.93	5.63	4.40	2.93	1.32	8.59	3.81
												5.31

Note: The above is an extract of the detailed format of the Quarterly and Nine Months Financial Results filed with the Stock Exchanges under Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the said Quarterly and Nine Months Financial Results of the Company are available on the websites of the Stock Exchanges, i.e., on BSE Limited at www.bseindia.com and on National Stock Exchange of India Limited at www.nseindia.com and on the Company's website at www.electrosteel.com.

Date : 08 February, 2024
Place : Kolkata

For Electrosteel Castings Limited
Pradip Kumar Khatan
Chairman
DIN: 00004821



Extract of Consolidated Unaudited Financial Results for the Quarter / Nine months ended 31st December, 2023. (₹ in Lakhs)

Particulars	Quarter Ended		Nine Months Ended	
	31.12.2023 (Unaudited)	31.12.2022 (Unaudited)	31.12.2023 (Unaudited)	31.12.2022 (Unaudited)
1. Total income from operations	1,93,780	2,02,128	5,72,880	5,64,538
2. Net Profit for the period (before Tax, Exceptional and/or Extraordinary Items)	12,104	12,267	30,564	24,396
3. Net Profit for the period before tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary Items)	12,104	12,267	30,564	24,396
4. Net Profit for the period after tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary Items)	9,010	8,966	22,524	17,994
5. Total Comprehensive Income for the period	9,005	8,960	22,507	17,981
6. Equity Share Capital	5,407	5,356	5,407	5,356
7. Earnings Per Share (of Rs. 5/- each) in Rs.				
1. Basic:	8.34	8.38	20.90	16.85
2. Diluted:	8.28	8.24	20.70	16.54

Note: The above is an extract of the detailed format of Unaudited Consolidated Financial Results for the quarter and nine months ended 31st December, 2023 filed with the Stock Exchanges under Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the Unaudited Standalone and Consolidated Financial Results for the quarter and nine months ended 31st December, 2023 are available on the websites of the Stock Exchange(s) i.e. NSE at www.nseindia.com and BSE at www.bseindia.com and the Company's website www.surya.co.in.

2. The Key Standalone Financial Information is as under:

Particulars	₹ in Lakhs			
	31.12.2023 (Unaudited)	31.12.2022 (Unaudited)	31.12.2023 (Unaudited)	31.12.2022 (Unaudited)
1. Total income from operations	1,93,751	2,02,113	5,72,814	5,64,476
2. Profit before tax	12,094	12,264	30,529	24,370
3. Profit after tax	9,003	8,964	22,498	17,974

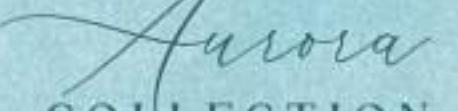
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