



**Commenting on the results, Jai Hiremath, Chairman & Managing Director, Hikal Ltd. said,**

*“This year we faced several headwinds in our business. During the year, the business operations in both divisions were impacted due to several reasons. In Q2 our Crop Division we were affected by severe flooding at our Mahad facility and water cuts at our Taloja facility. Also, in Q2 in our Pharmaceutical division we took a plant shutdown to increase capacities and incurred a onetime exceptional item of Rs 15.4 cr which resulted in a loss of revenues and profits. The nationwide lockdown imposed by Government of India to contain the COVID-19 pandemic further disrupted the operations resulting in loss of revenue towards the end of Q4.*

*Our Crop protection division recorded sales of Rs 620 cr as compared to Rs 650 cr last year, a degrowth of 4.6%. Our Pharmaceutical division recorded sales of Rs 887 cr. as compared to Rs 939 cr last year, a degrowth of 5.6%. Despite the lower sales and full operating costs in the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter, our EBITDA margins improved to 18.6% as compared to 18.4% in the corresponding quarter of the past year.*

*While we experienced challenges in FY 19’20, we are positive about the prospects of both businesses going forward. The pandemic has led to additional inquiries from customers who are looking to de-risk their current supply chains. We are confident that we will be able to capitalise on these opportunities for future growth.*

*We have used this valuable time to focus on efficiencies and better utilization of our resources. We have implemented several cost rationalization and efficiency improvement measures across the company. These include increasing our domestic sourcing of key raw materials as well as investing in increasing automation, mechanization and implementing Industry 4.0 initiatives which will lead to improvement in operations efficiency.*

*The Board of Directors have maintained the dividend for the financial year 2019-20 as compared to previous year and have proposed a final dividend of Rs. 0.20 per share (10% of Face Value). So along with the Interim dividend of Re. 1 per share (50% of Face Value) paid in February 2020, the total dividend for the financial year 2019-20 will be Rs. 1.20 per share (60% of Face Value) which is the same as FY 18’19.*

*With strong customer relationships, a healthy product pipeline, new manufacturing capacity coming on stream for future growth, supported by a healthy balance sheet we are confident of sustainable growth with improvement in margins and return profile in the years to come.”*



## About Hikal Limited

Hikal is a reliable long-term partner to companies in the Pharmaceuticals, Crop Protection, and Specialty Chemicals industry. The company is in the business of supplying research services, active ingredients and intermediates, manufactured using stringent global quality standards, for its global customers. Hikal's advanced manufacturing facilities have been inspected and approved by leading multinational companies in the Crop protection and Pharmaceutical sectors. The Crop protection facilities are located at Taloja and Mahad (Maharashtra). Hikal's R&T facilities are located at Pune. The Pharmaceutical manufacturing facilities are situated in Jigani (Bengaluru) and Panoli (Gujarat). Hikal is the first Indian life-sciences company to receive the Responsible Care® certification governed by the International Council of Chemical Associations (ICCA).

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