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**PRESS RELEASE**

The Board of Directors of Nava Bharat Ventures Limited (formerly Nava Bharat Ferro Alloys Limited) have considered the Unaudited Financial Results of the Company for the quarter and half year ending 30<sup>th</sup> September, 2006 at the Board Meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> October, 2006.

The profit after tax of Nava Bharat Ventures Limited registered a quantum jump of 75.31% for the half year ending 30<sup>th</sup> September, 2006. The total income of the Company also registered growth by 16.19% for the half year under review when compared to the corresponding previous period.

The total income for the half year ended 30<sup>th</sup> September, 2006 was Rs.258.45 crores corresponding to Rs.222.43 crores for the corresponding period in the previous year. Earnings before interest, tax and depreciation (EBIDT) was Rs.70.20 crores for the half year ended 30<sup>th</sup> September, 2006 corresponding to Rs.44.03 crores for the corresponding period in the previous year reflecting growth by 59.43%. The EPS was Rs.9.03 per share of Rs.2/- for the half year corresponding to Rs.5.15 per share in the corresponding period.

The Company attributes the growth to the business strategy adopted in maximizing revenues from the power business segment. The ferro alloy segment performance during the quarter under review also has improved with profit before interest from the segment registering significant growth. The Company envisages sustained demand from the manganese alloys while the chromium alloys appear a little subdued. The Company considers the limitation of lack of captive ore as main impediment for sustained profits in this segment. The Company's Sugar Plant performed reasonably well.

The Company's expansion projects, currently underway in power business in A.P. and Orissa and the new sugar facility are as per schedule. The Company would increase the power generating capacity from the existing 112MW to 208MW by June, 2008. Aside from this coal based power generation, the Company would also have Non Conventional Fuel based power generation capacity to an extent of 29MW by then. The Company envisages that the power segment would fuel the growth of the Company going forward with ferro alloy segment aiding inherent value addition, while integrated sugar operations would supplement the profitability.

for NAVA BHARAT VENTURES LIMITED

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