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**SONA KOYO STEERING SYSTEMS LTD. SALES UP BY 52%**

*Announces issue of Bonus shares in the ratio of 1:1*

**New Delhi, July 19th 2006:** The Board of Directors of Sona Koyo Steering Systems Ltd. (SONA) India's largest manufacturer and supplier of Steering Systems, in Technical and Financial Collaboration with world largest Steering System manufacturer viz. 'JTEKT Corporation', Japan (formerly Koyo Seiko Co., Ltd.), in their meeting held on 19th July, 2006 has taken on record the Un-audited Financial Results for the First Quarter ended 30th June, 2006.

In the current quarter ended 30th June, 2006, SONA, has seen record sales of Rs. 141 crores compared to Rs. 93 crores, in the first quarter of the previous year, a growth of 52%. During the Quarter, the Profits of the Company grew by 32% and the Profit Before Tax for the first quarter is Rs. 5.66 crores compared to Rs. 4.28 crores for the corresponding quarter of the previous year and the Profit After Tax for the first quarter is Rs. 3.68 crores compared to Rs. 2.79 crores for the corresponding quarter of the previous year.

The substantial increase in sales to the tune of 52% is primarily on account of Electric Power Steering sales to Maruti Udyog Limited and general buoyancy in the sales of all the product lines, including, 'Exports' of Rs. 1,218 lacs as compared to Rs. 1,043 lacs, in the first quarter of previous year.

Also, pursuant to the resolution passed by the Shareholders of the Company at the 22nd Annual General Meeting held on 19th July, 2006 for issue of Bonus Shares in the ratio of 1:1, the Board of Directors have decided 15th September, 2006 as the 'Record Date' for the entitlement of the said Bonus Shares.

**Sona Koyo Steering Systems Ltd.**

SONA KOYO Steering Systems Ltd.(SONA), is the flagship company of the Rs. 800 crore SONA Group of Companies. The company is India's largest manufacturer of steering systems and is the supplier of choice to major auto manufacturers with over 45% domestic market share,

supplying steering gears, columns and RPS assemblies to almost all Indian passenger car and utility vehicle manufacturers. More information about the company is available on the website [www.sonagroup.com](http://www.sonagroup.com). The SONA group comprises the following companies; Sona Somic Lemforder Components Ltd., Sona Okegawa Precision Forgings Ltd., Mahindra Sona Ltd, and Sona e-Design Ltd.