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## RESULTS PREPARED IN ACCORDANCE WITH US GAAP WIPRO RECORDS 101% NET INCOME GROWTH FOR THE QUARTER JUNE 30, 2001

Bangalore, India and Santa Clara, California – July 20, 2001-- Wipro Limited (NYSE:WIT) today announced financial results under US GAAP for the first quarter ended June 30, 2001.

#### Highlights:

- ➤ Net Income for the quarter ended June 30, 2001 were Rs. 1.89 billion (\$40 million) representing an increase of 101% over the same period last year.
- ➤ Global IT Services Revenue increased 44% for the quarter ended June 30, 2001, at Rs. 5.21 billion (\$111 million) and EBIT growth of 75% compared to quarter ended June 30, 2000.
- Increases in Offshore realization by 15% and Onsite realization by 16% over the same period last year, resulted in a 6% increase in the Operating Margin of Global IT Services.
- ➤ R&D Services contributed 52% of Global IT Services Revenue for the quarter ended June 30, 2001, representing an increase of 4%, up from 48%, over the corresponding period last year.
- ➤ The Services component of Indian IT Services and Products business grew by 15% to Rs. 484 million (\$10 million) for the quarter ended June 30, 2001 over the same period last year,.
- Rs. 1.32 billion (\$28 million) of cash was generated from operations for the quarter ended June 30, 2001.

Total Revenues for the quarter ended June 30, 2001 were Rs. 7.65 billion (\$163 million), representing an 18% increase over the corresponding period in the last year. Net Income was Rs. 1.89 billion (\$40 million), representing an increase of 101% over Net Income for the same period last year. Earnings per share from continuing operations was Rs. 8.17 (\$0.17) for the quarter ended June 30, 2001, representing an increase of 87% over the Earnings per share of Rs. 4.38, for the corresponding period last year.

Commenting on the results, Azim Premji, Chairman of Wipro, said: "In the current environment, we had the option of using price plays for getting volumes versus the tougher and long term beneficial approach of focusing on value, leveraging our technology skill sets and Six Sigma Quality approach to delivery. We chose to pursue big deals competing with the Big 5 and large system and telecom integration players.

"I am happy to share with you, that yesterday evening, we concluded a global System Integration business with a contract of US\$70 million from the telecom subsidiary of Lattice Group plc, a FTSE 100 company. The contract is a part of the Lattice Group's previously announced investment of Great Britain pound 450 million in the construction of national fiber optic backbone network in the United Kingdom. This project is recognition of the competency that Wipro has built in the Telecom space and comprehensive skill sets covering System Integration to Infrastructure Support. This project win positions us as the only leading global service provider with Offshore delivery capability to compete and win against the Big 5 in large projects. Although the project will largely generate Revenue in the second half of the year, we still expect Revenue in excess of US\$ 30 million for this fiscal year. This opens out a whole new market not only for Wipro but also for the Indian Software industry.

"Looking ahead, we currently believe that we will continue to grow ahead of the industry growth rates. With the Lattice Group project win, we expect our growth to increase in the second half of this fiscal year. We expect revenue in excess of \$ 30 million from this project for the current fiscal year.

## Global IT Services (67% of Revenues and 97% of Operating Income for the quarter ended June 30, 2001)

Wipro's Global IT Services business segment recorded Revenue of Rs. 5.21 billion (\$111 million) for the quarter ended June 30, 2001, representing an increase of 44% over the Revenue for the quarter ended June 30, 2000. Earnings before Interest and Tax (EBIT) was Rs. 1.87 billion (\$40 million) for the for the quarter., corresponding to an increase of 75% over EBIT for the corresponding quarter of the previous year.

EBIT increased from 30% for the quarter ended June 30, 2000 to 36% for the quarter ended June 30, 2001. This growth resulted from year on year increase in price realizations for Offshore projects by 15% and those for Onsite by 16% over the corresponding period of the previous year and Cost Management initiatives, which was partially offset by lower Utilization of professionals by 11% as compared to the quarter ended June 30,2000.

Offshore and Onsite realizations increased sequentially by 3.4% and 2.6%, respectively over quarter ended March 31, 2001. Our largest customer, top 5 and top 10 customers accounted for 8%, 29% and 42%, respectively of our total Revenue for the quarter ended June 30, 2001, as compared to 10%, 32% and 47% respectively for the corresponding period of the previous year. Twenty-five new clients were added in the quarter ended June 30, 2001.

For the quarter ended June 30, 2001, we continued to diversify our Revenue profile with increased contributions from Europe. The proportion of Revenues from Europe increased from 27% for the quarter ended June 30, 2000 to 33% for the quarter ended June 30,2001. Accordingly, the proportion of Revenue from North America decreased to 60% from 65% in the corresponding quarter of the previous year. Japan contributed 6% for the quarter ended June 30, 2001.

We had 9795 employees as of June 30,, 2001. Gross addition in employees in the quarter ended June 30,2001 was 158. Consequent to 297 separations (both voluntary and otherwise), there was a net decline in the number of people by 139 as compared to March 31,2001.

## Indian IT Services and Products (18% of Revenue and 4% of Operating Income for the quarter ended June 30, 2001)

Wipro's Indian IT Services and Products business segment (Wipro Infotech) recorded Revenue of Rs. 1.37 billion (\$29 million) and Earnings Before Interest and Tax (EBIT) of Rs. 71 million (\$1.5 million) for the quarter ended June 30, 2001.

The proportion of Services and Solutions segment Revenue to total Revenue increased from 23% for the quarter ended June 30,2000 to 35% for the quarter ended June 30,2001. Operating Margin for the quarter ended June 30, 2001 remained at was 5%. Annualized Return on Capital Employed (ROCE) was 33% for the quarter ended June 30,2001.

Wipro Infotech launched its services in the Asia Pacific and Middle East markets in the quarter ended June 30, 2001. In its first quarter of operations, the business won two marquee customers and generated significant interest.

## Consumer Care & Lighting (10% of Revenue and 5% of Operating Income for the quarter ended June 30, 2001)

Wipro's Consumer Care & Lighting business segment recorded Revenue of Rs. 725 million (\$15 million) for the quarter ended June 30, 2001 as compared to Rs. 736 million for the same period last year. Earnings Before Interest and Tax (EBIT) was Rs. 91 million (\$1.9 million) for the quarter ended June 30,2001 as compared to Rs. 85 million for the same period last year. Annualized Return on Capital Employed (ROCE) was 48% for the quarter ended June 30,2001.

The board of directors of Wipro Limited accepted the resignation of Dr. Nachiket Mor, Director, from the Board of Wipro Limited and commended the contribution made by him.

Wipro Limited results for the quarter ended June 30, 2001 computed under the Indian GAAP and the US GAAP, along with individual business segment reports are available in the Investor Relations section of our website at <a href="https://www.wipro.com">www.wipro.com</a>.

#### **Quarterly Conference call**

Wipro will hold conference calls today to discuss first quarter results at 11:30 AM IST (2:00 AM Eastern Time) and 7.00 PM (9:30 AM Eastern) to discuss the company's performance for the quarter and answer questions sent to email ID: <a href="mailto:Lakshminarayana.lan@wipro.com">Lakshminarayana.lan@wipro.com</a>. The audio of the management discussions and the question and answer session will be available online and can be accessed in the Investor Relations section of the company website at <a href="https://www.wipro.com">www.wipro.com</a> beginning shortly after the live broadcast.

#### **About Wipro Limited:**

Wipro Limited is the first SEI CMM Level 5 certified IT Services Company globally. Wipro provides Research and Development services to Telecom and Electronic product companies and software solutions to global corporate enterprises.

In the Indian market, Wipro is a leader in providing IT solutions and services for the corporate segment in India offering system integration, network integration and IT services. Wipro also has profitable presence in niche market segments of consumer products and lighting.

Wipro's ADSs are listed on the New York Stock Exchange, and its equity shares are listed in India on the Stock Exchange - Mumbai, and the National Stock Exchange, among others.

For more information, please visit our websites at <a href="www.wipro.com">www.wipro.com</a> and <a href="www.wiproindia.com">www.wiproindia.com</a>.

#### Forward-looking and cautionary statements

Certain statements in this release concerning our future growth prospects are forward-looking statements which involve a number of risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially from those in such forward-looking statements. The risks and uncertainties relating to these statements include, but are not limited to, risks and uncertainties regarding fluctuations in earnings, our ability to manage growth, intense competition in IT services including those factors which may affect our cost advantage, wage increases in India, our ability to attract and retain highly skilled professionals, time and cost overruns on fixed-price, fixed-time frame contracts, client concentration, restrictions on immigration, our ability to manage our international operations, reduced demand for technology in our key focus areas, disruptions in telecommunication networks, our ability to successfully complete and integrate potential acquisitions, liability for damages on our service contracts, the success of the companies in which Wipro has made strategic investments, withdrawal of fiscal governmental incentives, political instability, legal restrictions on raising capital or acquiring companies outside India, unauthorized use of our intellectual property and general economic conditions affecting our industry. Additional risks that could affect our future operating results are more fully described in our filings with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission. These filings are available at www.sec.gov. Wipro may, from time to time, make additional written and oral forward-looking statements, including statements contained in the company's filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission and our reports to shareholders. Wipro does not undertake to update any forwardlooking statement that may be made from time to time by or on behalf of the company.

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#### WIPRO LIMITED

# CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME (in Rs millions, except per share data) Three Months Ended June 30,

Year ended March 31

_	June 30, March 31				31
_	2000	2001	2001	2001	2001
	(	(unaudited)			
Revenues:					
Global IT Services  Indian IT Services and Products	Rs. 3,597	Rs. 5,160	\$ 110	Rs. 17,670	\$ 375
Indian IT Services	422	484	10	1,879	40
Indian IT Products	1,452	885	19	6,792	144
Consumer Care and Lighting	737	725	15	3,144	67
Others	252	400	9	1,329	28
Total	6.460	7,654	163	30,814	654
Cost of revenues :	0,400	7,054	103	30,614	034
Global IT Services	1,923	2,703	57	9,205	195
Indian IT Services and Products	1,323	2,703	37	9,203	193
Indian IT Services	219	267	6	1.011	22
		-		1,011	
Indian IT Products	1,273	690	15	5,457	116
Consumer Care and Lighting	520	490	10	2,215	47
Others	192	315	7	962	20
Total	4,127	4,465	95	18,850	400
Gross profit	2,333	3,189	68	11,964	254
Operating expenses :					
Selling, general, and administrative exp	(1,163)	(1,246)	(26)	(4,835)	(103)
Research and development expenses	=	(37)	(1)	=	=
Amortization of goodwill		(44)	(1)	(45)	(1)
Foreign exchange gains / (losses), net.	(12)	46	1	86	2
Gain on sale of property and equipment.	-	14		154	3
Operating Income	1,158	1,922	41	7,324	155
Other income/ (expense), net	(4)	184	4	315	7
Income taxes	(137)	(262)	(6)	(1,150)	(24)
Income before share of equity in earnings	` '	, ,			
of affiliates and minority interest	1,017	1,844	39	6,489	138
Equity in earnings of affiliates	(18)	44	1	(53)	(1)
Income from continuing operations	999	1,888	40	6,437	137
Discontinued operations	000	1,000	40	0,401	101
Income tax benefit on sale of interest.	-	-	-	78	2
Income before cumulative effect of accounting					
change	999	1,888	40	6,514	138
Cumulative effect of accounting change, net of					
tax	(59)	-	-	(59)	(1)
Net income	Rs. 940	Rs. 1,888	\$ 40	Rs. 6,455	137
Earnings per equity share: Basic Continuing Operations Discontinued operations Cumulative effect of accounting	4.38	8.17 -	0.17	28.07 0.34	0.60 0.01
change  Net income	(0.26) 4.12	- 8.17	- 0.17	(0.26) 28.15	(0.01) 0.60
Earnings per equity share: Diluted Continuing operations Discontinued Operations	4.35	8.16 -	0.17	27.83 0.34	0.59 0.01
Cumulative effect of accounting	(0.00)			(0.00)	(0.04)
change	(0.26)	- 0.40	- 0.47	(0.26)	(0.01)
Net Income	4.09	8.16	0.17	27.91	0.59
Global IT Services Indian IT Services & Products Consumer Care & Lighting Others	Rs. 1,068 96 85 19	Rs. 1,866 71 91 (38)	\$ 40 2 2 (1)	Rs. 6,018 764 436 291	128 16 9 6
Reconciling Item	(110)	(68)	(1)	(183)	(4)
Total _	Rs. 1,158	Rs. 1,922	\$ 41	Rs. 7,325	156

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS (in Rs Millions, except share data and unless stated otherwise)												
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			(una	udited)								
ASSETS												
urrent assets:	D-	000	D-	4.000	Φ.	00	D-	F 000	Φ.	440		
Cash and cash equivalents	Rs.	686	Rs.	4,632	\$	98	Rs.	5,623	\$	119		
Accounts receivable, net of allowances		4,379		5,434 1,825		115 39		5,924		126 32		
Investment securities		1,744 162		1,625		39		1,486 148		32		
Deferred income taxes		35		104		2		74		2		
		1,357		3,438		73		2,401		51		
Other current assets		•		15,585				•				
Total current assetsvestment securities		8,362 135		2,893		331 61		15,657 2,558		332 54		
operty, plant and equipment, net		3,836		5,971		127		5,668		120		
vestments in affiliates		680		734		16		690		15		
eferred income taxes		256		132		3		222		5		
tangible assets, net		10		789		17		833		18		
ther assets		327		539		11		534		11		
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Total assets	Rs.	13,606	Rs.	26,643	\$	566	Rs.	26,162	\$	556		
LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY				<u> </u>								
urrent liabilities:												
Borrowings from banks	Rs.	99	Rs.	127	\$	3	Rs.	347	\$	7		
Current portion of long term debt		1,293		149		3		1,326		28		
Accounts Payable		1,135		1,542		33		1,847		39		
Accrued expenses		1,618		2,041		43		1,793		38		
Advances from customers		891		1,052		22		1,077		23		
Other current liabilities		455		461		10		468		10		
Redeemable preferred stock		250		-		-		-		-		
Total current liabilities		5,741		5,372		114		6,858		146		
ong-term debt, excluding current portion		211		99		2		95		2		
eferred income taxes		18		98		2		91		2		
her liabilities		56		83		2		37		1		
Total liabilities		6,026		5,652		120		7,081		150		
ockholders' equity quity shares at Rs. 2 par value: 235,000,000 Shares authorized as of March 31, 2000 and 375,000,000 hares authorized as of March 31, 2001 and June 30, 2000 and 2001; Issued and outstanding: 229,156,350 shares as f March 31, 2000 and June 30, 2000, 232,433,019 shares s of March 31, 2001 and 232,436,379 shares as of June												
80, 2001		458		465		10		465		10		
dditional paid-in capital		805		6,692		142		6,696		142		
eferred stock compensation		(185)		(71)		(2)		(97)		(2)		
ccumulated other comprehensive income		2		1				2				
etained earnings		6,500		13,904		295		12,015		255		
quity shares held by a controlled Trust: 1,216,460, 1,280,885, 1,214,100 and 1,304,460 shares as of March 31, 2000, March 31, 2001, June 30, 2000 and June 30, 2001		*		*		*		*		*		
Total stockholders' equity		7,580		20,991		446		19,081		405		
otal liabilities and stockholders' equity	Rs.	13,606	_	26,643	\$	566	Rs.	26,162		556		