

Reliance Capital Q2 net up 200% at ₹181 cr on steady insurance biz

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Mumbai, Nov 12: Reliance Capital reported a net profit of ₹181 crore for the quarter ended September 30, up over 200% from the same quarter a year ago, after excluding the one-time capital gain from the stake sale in the company's mutual fund unit last year. Growth was supported by strong performance in the insurance business and a steady stream of business from the commercial finance and mutual fund businesses.

The company, which is part of the Anil Ambani-led Reliance group, sold a 26% stake in its mutual fund arm Reliance Capital Asset Management for ₹1,450 crore to Japan's Nippon Life last year, which was included in the Ju-

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ly-September 2012 quarterly earnings.

Total income rose 20% to ₹1,869 crore from ₹1,554 crore in the corresponding period last year. The company is also one of the 26 applicants for a new banking licence being granted by the Reserve Bank of India.

Among the different business lines, Reliance Life Insurance recorded a 58% rise in new business premiums, which stood at ₹509 crore. This is the first time in over two years that the life insurance business has seen an increase in new

business premiums.

Net profit in the life insurance business stood at ₹136 crore at the end of the July-September period, up 338% from a year ago.

Even in the general insurance business, the company reported a net profit of ₹16 crore in the three-month period against a loss of ₹105 crore in the same quarter last year. Reliance General Insurance saw a healthy growth in its health insurance segment as it picked up business in the government's Rashtriya Swasthya Bima Yojna (RS-

BY) scheme.

Reliance Commercial Finance (RCF) net profit rose by 27% to ₹91 crore for the quarter. The company intends to grow its home loan and loan against property business further, while focussing on smaller ticket loans.

At Reliance Capital Asset Management, net profit grew by 16% from a year ago to ₹67 crore. The group company managed ₹1,76,089 crore as on September 30 across mutual funds, pension funds, managed accounts and offshore funds. Its broking business posted a revenue of ₹50 crore for the quarter, while distribution business generated revenue of ₹35 crore for the same period, an increase of 25%.