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The five companies born of the Vedanta Ltd demerger may debut on the stock exchanges as early as May, company executives said on Thursday, with three of them bearing the parent company's \$6.7 billion debt burden.

The Vedanta management said the demerger will take effect on 1 April, and the company aims to have the shares of the new companies listed by as early as May, and definitely before the end of June. The comments were made at Vedanta's quarterly earnings call when it reported record revenue and profit.

Vedanta is yet to finalize which resultant company will bear how much debt; however, each one will get a share of Vedanta's ₹60,624-crore net debt based on the value of their assets and their cash generation abilities, as approved by the lenders, the management said.

"Broadly, net debt in Vedanta... at about \$6.7 billion, will get apportioned in the ratio of assets that each entity will carry post-demergers (and) each entity's cash generation and debt-serving ability," Ajay Goel, president and chief financial officer said during the call.

Vedanta Aluminium will take the lion's share of the company's debt burden, while some debt will go to Vedanta Power, Goel said. The remaining debt will be on the books of Vedanta Ltd, he said, without disclosing the exact debt



distribution.

Interestingly, no debt has been apportioned to the Vedanta Oil and Gas. Similarly, next to no debt will be borne by Vedanta Iron and Steel, which will house the group's iron ore mines and steel plant under ESL Ltd.

Vedanta reported its best-ever quarterly profit in the December quarter at ₹7,807 crore, which was 60% higher year-on-year.

Revenue for the quarter too was at a record

₹45,899 crore, nearly a fifth more than the preceding year. Unsurprisingly, earnings before interest, tax, depreciation and amortization (Ebitda) too were at a record level of ₹15,171 crore, up by a third from last year.

"Q3 FY26 has been a landmark quarter for Vedanta, delivering our highest-ever Ebitda of ₹15,171 crore, with two of our businesses achieving their best-ever financial results," executive director Arun Misra said in a statement.