

BSE SENSEX	S&P CNX
35,012	10,553
Bloomberg	SRF IN
Equity Shares (m)	58
M.Cap.(INRb)/(USD\$b)	112.7 / 1.6
52-Week Range (INR)	2443 / 1531
1, 6, 12 Rel. Per (%)	18/-16/8
Avg Val, INRm	625
Free float (%)	47.7

CMP: INR1,961
TP: INR2,408 (+23%)
Buy
A strong quarter; Chemicals/Packaging shine, Textiles recovers
Momentum to continue in 2HFY19

- Strong performance across the board:** SRF's revenue increased 48.9% YoY to INR19,154m (our estimate: INR15,073m) in 2QFY19. EBITDA grew 63% YoY to INR3,327m (our estimate: INR2,715m), with the margin expanding 160bp YoY to 17.4% (our estimate: 18%). Adj. PAT increased 71.6% YoY to INR1,653m (our estimate: INR1,127m).
- 1HFY19 performance:** Revenue grew 42% YoY to INR36,566m. EBITDA increased 56% YoY to INR6,440, with the margin expanding 160bp YoY. Adj. PAT grew 49% YoY to INR2,992m. For 2HFY19, we expect revenue growth of 31% YoY, with margin expansion of 130bp YoY.
- Further acceleration in Chemicals/Packaging; Technical Textiles recovers:** After robust growth in Chemicals (+33.8%) and Packaging (+52.3%) in the previous quarter, SRF took further strides with growth of 56.6% and 69.5% YoY, respectively, in 2QFY19. Technical Textiles business, too, recovered with growth of 30.3% YoY in 2QFY19 (after de-growth of 1.2% in 1QFY19). With growth drivers for all segments in place and Specialty Chemicals likely to revive, SRF is in a sweet spot for a stellar 2HFY19, in our view.
- Valuation view:** After a strong beat on all fronts in 2QFY19 and continued traction across segments, we raise our revenue and PAT estimates for FY19/20 by 12%/7% and 14%/10%, respectively. We believe that steady growth in NTCF, the favorable supply-demand situation in BOPET, and the positive outlook for Specialty Chemicals would collectively ensure robust growth for SRF. We value the stock on an SOTP basis, with implied EV/EBITDA of 10x and implied P/E of 17x (~20% premium to its five-year average P/E). We believe that the premium is justified, given the much improved outlook and a robust RoE of 19.2% in FY20E. We expect 25%/35% revenue/PAT CAGR over FY18-20. Our TP of INR2,408 implies 23% upside. **Maintain Buy.**

Financials & Valuations (INR b)

Y/E Mar	2018	2019E	2020E
Net Sales	55.9	76.0	87.0
EBITDA	9.1	13.9	17.4
PAT	4.6	6.3	8.4
EPS (INR)	79.0	107.3	144.5
Gr. (%)	-10.3	35.8	34.7
BV/Sh (INR)	609.9	691.8	813.1
RoE (%)	13.7	16.5	19.2
RoCE (%)	9.1	10.9	12.6
P/E (x)	24.8	18.3	13.6
P/BV (x)	3.2	2.8	2.4

Estimate change



TP change



Rating change


Consolidated - Quarterly Earning Model

Y/E March	(INR Million)											
	FY18				FY19				FY18	FY19E	FY19	Var
	1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q	1Q	2Q	3QE	4QE		2QE	2QE	%
Net Sales	12,933	12,864	13,971	16,123	17,413	19,154	19,139	20,313	55,890	76,018	15,073	27
YoY Change (%)	-0.5	5.8	23.3	21.6	34.6	48.9	37.0	26.0	15.9	36.0	17.2	
Total Expenditure	10,835	10,828	11,444	13,332	14,300	15,827	15,407	16,555	46,439	62,089	12,358	
EBITDA	2,098	2,036	2,527	2,790	3,112	3,327	3,732	3,758	9,452	13,929	2,715	23
Margins (%)	16.2	15.8	18.1	17.3	17.9	17.4	19.5	18.5	16.9	18.3	18.0	
Depreciation	758	768	770	861	886	880	900	970	3,158	3,590	885	
Interest	271	305	239	425	443	500	600	613	1,239	2,253	435	
Other Income	196	152	209	130	38	146	210	135	688	530	160	
PBT before EO expense	1,266	1,115	1,727	1,634	1,823	2,093	2,442	2,310	5,743	8,615	1,555	35
Extra-Ord expense	0	-74	0	0	0	179	0	0	0	179	0	
PBT	1,266	1,189	1,727	1,634	1,823	1,914	2,442	2,310	5,743	8,436	1,555	23
Tax	228	162	415	395	484	402	733	693	1,200	2,297	428	
Rate (%)	18.0	13.6	24.0	24.2	26.6	21.0	30.0	30.0	20.9	27.2	27.5	
Reported PAT	1,038	1,028	1,312	1,239	1,338	1,512	1,709	1,617	4,543	6,139	1,127	34
Adj PAT	1,038	964	1,312	1,239	1,338	1,653	1,709	1,617	4,553	6,318	1,127	47
YoY Change (%)	-32.8	-21.6	17.2	-4.1	28.9	71.6	30.3	30.5	-11.6	38.8	9.7	
Margins (%)	8.0	7.5	9.4	7.7	7.7	8.6	8.9	8.0	8.1	8.3	7.5	

E: MOSL Estimates

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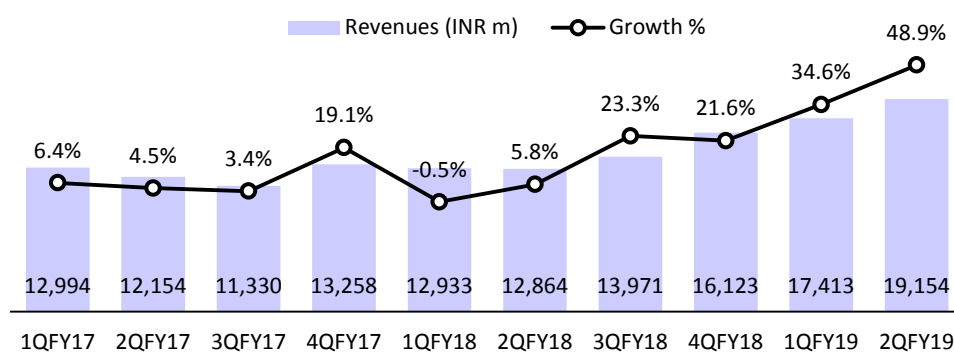
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A strong beat across the board

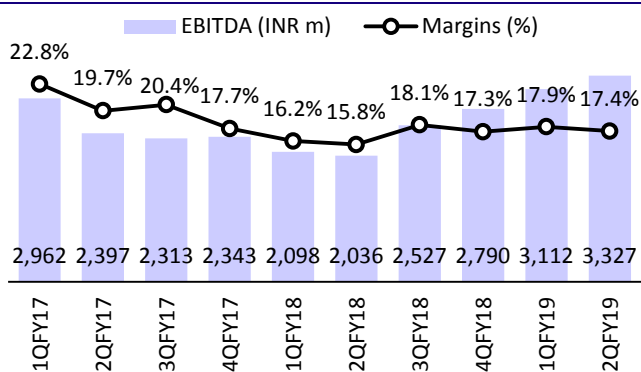
- SRF’s revenue increased 48.9% YoY to INR19,154m (our estimate: INR15,073m) in 2QFY19, led Chemicals & Polymers (+56.6% YoY to INR5,420m), Packaging Film (+69.5% YoY to INR6,959m), Technical Textiles (+30.3% YoY to INR5,436m) and Others (+19.1% YoY to INR1,353m) segments. Inter-segmental revenue stood at INR14.4m.
- EBITDA margin expanded 160bp YoY to 17.4% (our estimate: 18%) in 2QFY19, led by a decline in employee expenses (-220bp to 6.6% of sales), other expenses (-130bp to 9.7%) and power & fuel costs (-110bp to 8.4%). Gross margin, however, contracted by 300bp YoY to 42.1%.
- Margin expanded in Technical Textiles (+400bp YoY to 16.2%) and Packaging Film (+520bp YoY to 17.3%) businesses, but contracted in Chemicals and Polymers business (-120bp YoY to 11.6%).
- EBITDA grew 63% YoY to INR3,327m (our estimate: INR2,715m).
- Adj. PAT grew 71.6% YoY to INR1,653m (our estimate: INR1,127m), despite a tax rate of 21% v/s 13.6% in 2QFY18 and interest cost of INR500m v/s INR305m in 2QFY18. Exchange rate fluctuations loss was to the tune of INR179m (compared to a gain of INR74m).

Exhibit 1: Revenue trend



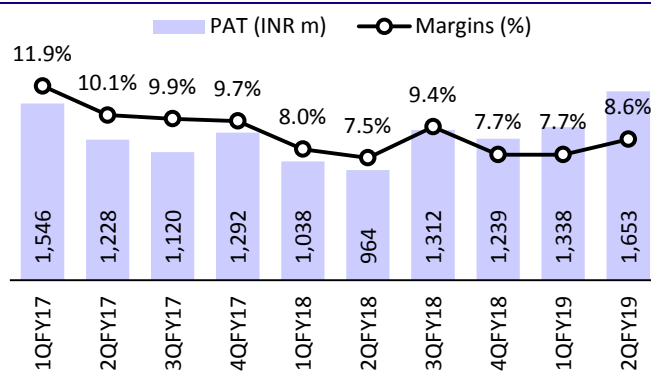
Source: Company, MOSL

Exhibit 2: EBITDA margin trend



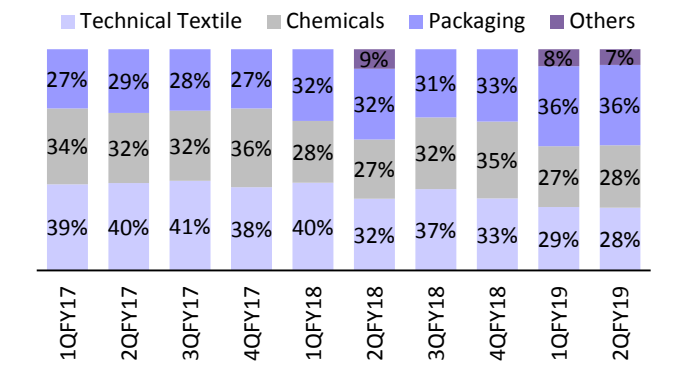
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Exhibit 3: PAT trend



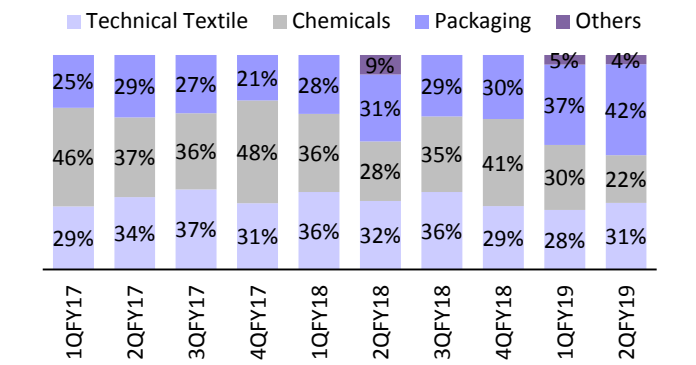
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Exhibit 4: Revenue mix



Source: Company, MOSL

Exhibit 5: PBIT mix

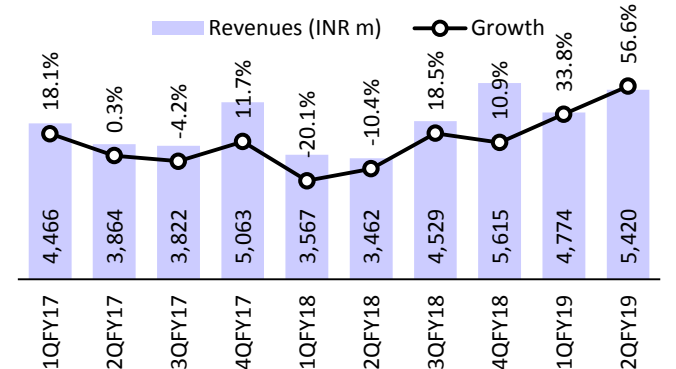


Source: Company, MOSL

Chloromethane plant drives delta in Chemicals segment

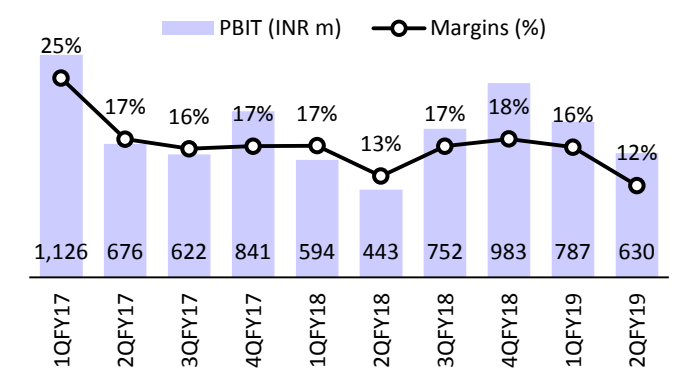
- Chemicals segment’s revenue grew 56.6% YoY to INR5,420m in 2QFY19, driven by an increased penetration of fluorochemicals in domestic markets as well as higher export volumes.
- The chloromethane plant commissioned in Dec’17 resulted in incremental volumes.
- The company’s share in domestic AC market witnessed uptick in 2QFY19 whereas the domestic passenger vehicles segment witnessed stable demand during the quarter.
- The management expects strong revival in agrochemicals space in 2HFY19 (40-50% growth in FY19 guided). The company has established new specialty chemical facilities at Dahej which is expected to contribute notably in 2HFY19.
- The focus going forward would be on increasing product portfolio and customer base in existing as well as new geographies in both agri and pharma grade chemicals.

Exhibit 6: Chemicals revenue trend



Source: Company, MOSL

Exhibit 7: Chemicals PBIT trend



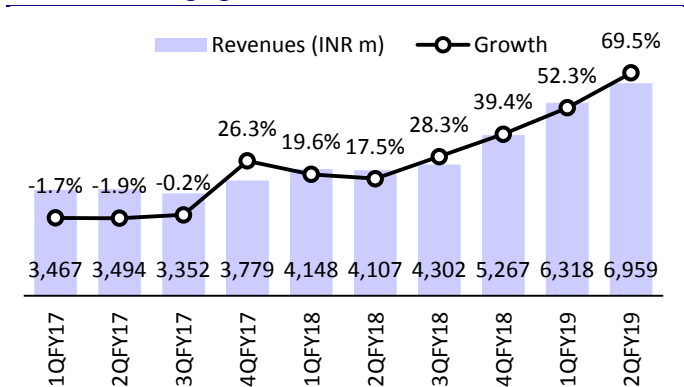
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Enhanced margins in BOPET led to strong profitability in Packaging

- Packaging segment revenue grew 69.5% YoY to INR6,959m in 2QFY19 with margin expansion of 520bp to 17.3%.
- The improved profitability was a result of optimization of product-market mix. The company witnessed an increase in total value added product sales which aided growth. Further, there were also healthy exports to Europe & South East Asia and uptick in sales to South America.

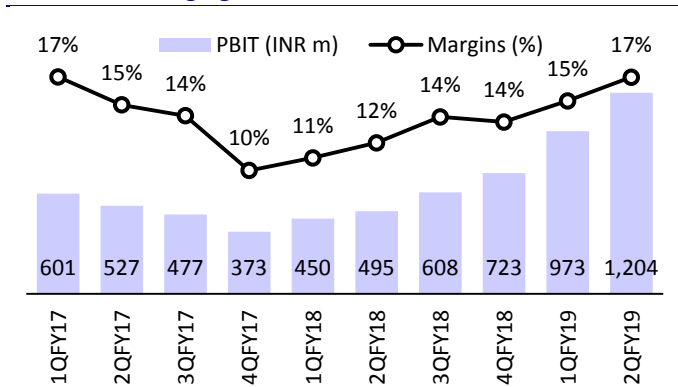
- The company began work in Hungary site and the investment in Thailand is also proceeding as per schedule.
- BOPP continues to suffer because of supply overhang which is likely to remain so in short to medium term.

Exhibit 8: Packaging revenue trend



Source: Company, MOSL

Exhibit 9: Packaging PBIT trend

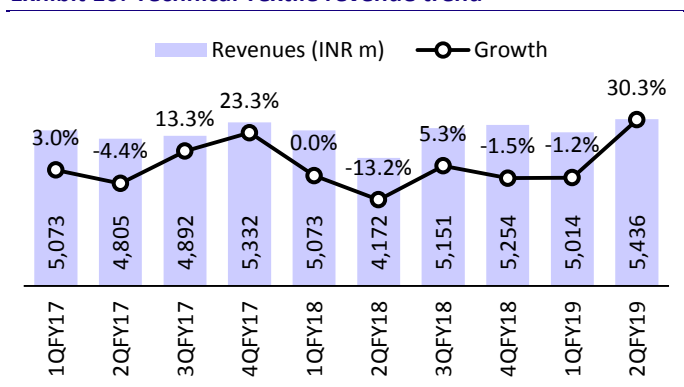


Source: Company, MOSL

NTCF drives growth in Technical Textiles

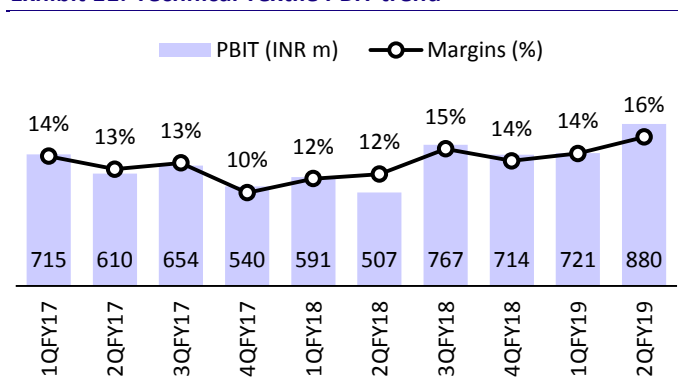
- Technical Textiles segment revenue grew 30.3% YoY to INR5,436m in 2QFY19, with margins expanding 400bp to 16.2%.
- The company maintained market leadership in NTCF and witnessed higher pre-monsoon and monsoon demand. The growth was also driven by strong market pull in bias tyres.
- The lower imports on account of high customs duty too aided domestic volume growth.
- In belting fabrics, the company registered better domestic volumes with growth from tier 2 markets. However, the competition from Chinese imports impacted realizations.
- Further, weaker INR is margin positive for the company, hence the segment benefitted from INR depreciation as well.

Exhibit 10: Technical Textile revenue trend



Source: Company, MOSL

Exhibit 11: Technical Textile PBIT trend



Source: Company, MOSL

Concall Takeaways

- Management expects a meaningful recovery in agrochemical in 2HFY19, based on enquiries from customers and pipeline.
- The focus in chemicals segment would be to increase product portfolio and customer base in existing as well as new geographies in both agri and pharma grade chemicals.
- The company launched new product *Supertron Air Pure* in domestic market for car and split AC.
- The margins in packaging business were enhanced by BOPET, which has performed well in both India and Thailand.
- The company has begun work in Hungary site and the investment in Thailand is also proceeding as per schedule.
- Growth in technical textile was driven by strong volume pull in bias tyres. The high custom duty on Chinese imports too aided volume growth.
- The laminated fabric business is being plagued by oversupply situation and increasing raw material cost.
- The company witnessed increased inventory due to firm prices of crude-linked raw materials. Receivables, too, jumped due to higher export sales.
- The consolidated net debt stood at INR38b, of which 75-80% is foreign currency borrowing.
- The margin pressure in chemicals was mainly due to higher unit cost in specialty chemicals. The inventory was booked on higher cost, which was realized to the extent of sales made.
- Management expects commissioning of increased HFC capacity and an AI plant for a specific customer in 3QFY19.
- Management guided that no new line is being announced in BOPET. Thus, for the next 2-2.5 years, the supply demand situation is expected to remain favorable.

Valuation and view

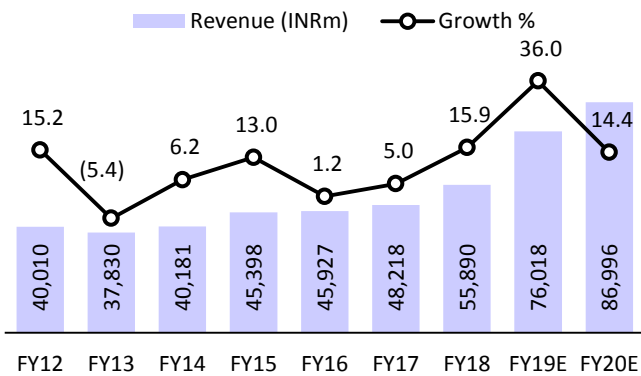
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- We assign a multiple of 14x to SRF's Chemical business – ~25% discount to industry average trading multiple and peer Pl's five-year average multiple owing to subdued RoCE of 8.1% compared to industry average of 16.6%.
- We assign Technical Textiles EV/EBITDA multiple of 6x – ~30% premium to industry average trading multiple due to much higher RoCE of 25% v/s industry average of ~7%.
- In case of Packaging business, we assign a multiple of 7x, in line with industry average trading multiple given comparable profitability and RoCE of ~12%.

We expect 25%/35% rev/PAT CAGR over FY18-20. Our TP of INR2,408 implies 23% upside. Maintain **Buy**.

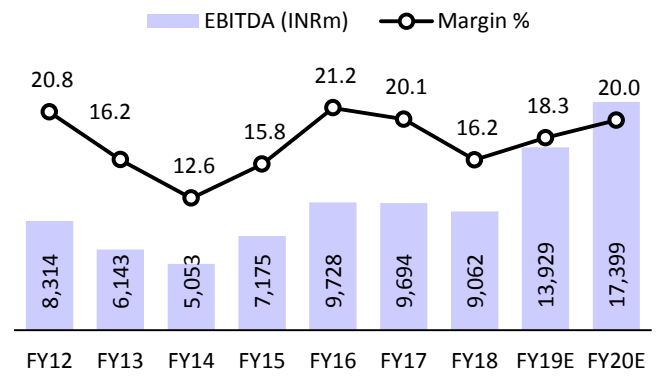
Story in charts

Exhibit 12: Expect revenue CAGR of 25% over FY18-20



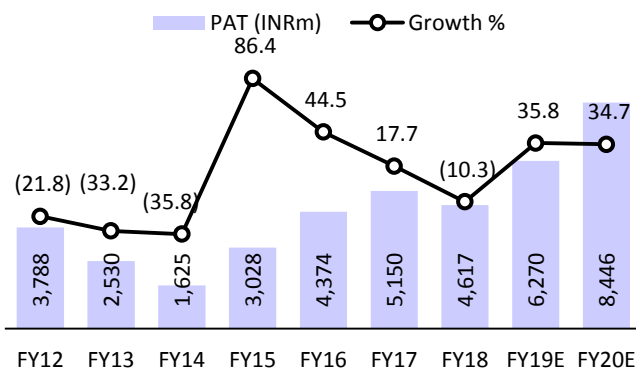
Source: MOSL, Company

Exhibit 13: Margins to expand 380bp over FY18-20



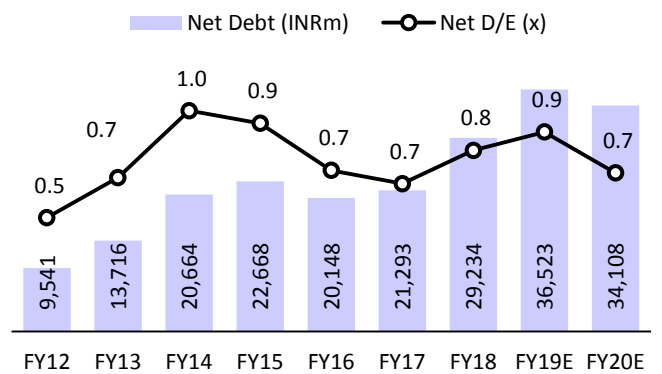
Source: MOSL, Company

Exhibit 14: Expect PAT CAGR of 35% over FY18-20



Source: MOSL, Company

Exhibit 15: Debt to equity to reduce to 0.7 in FY20E



Source: MOSL, Company

Financials and Valuations

Consolidated - Income Statement							(INR Million)	
Y/E March	FY13	FY14	FY15	FY16	FY17	FY18	FY19E	FY20E
Total Income from Operations	37,830	40,181	45,398	45,927	48,218	55,890	76,018	86,996
Change (%)	-5.4	6.2	13.0	1.2	5.0	15.9	36.0	14.4
Total Expenditure	31,687	35,128	38,224	36,199	38,524	46,828	62,089	69,598
% of Sales	83.8	87.4	84.2	78.8	79.9	83.8	81.7	80.0
EBITDA	6,143	5,053	7,175	9,728	9,694	9,062	13,929	17,399
Margin (%)	16.2	12.6	15.8	21.2	20.1	16.2	18.3	20.0
Depreciation	2,089	2,248	2,450	2,750	2,834	3,158	3,590	3,894
EBIT	4,054	2,806	4,724	6,979	6,859	5,904	10,339	13,505
Int. and Finance Charges	998	961	1,376	1,305	1,018	1,239	2,253	2,383
Other Income	420	235	646	278	730	1,151	530	609
PBT bef. EO Exp.	3,476	2,080	3,994	5,952	6,572	5,817	8,615	11,731
PBT after EO Exp.	3,476	2,080	3,994	5,849	6,572	5,817	8,436	11,731
Current Tax	564	208	314	1,551	1,422	1,200	2,297	3,285
Deferred Tax	383	247	652	0	0	0	0	0
Tax Rate (%)	27.2	21.9	24.2	26.5	21.6	20.6	27.2	28.0
Reported PAT	2,530	1,625	3,028	4,299	5,150	4,617	6,139	8,446
Adjusted PAT	2,530	1,625	3,028	4,374	5,150	4,617	6,270	8,446
Change (%)	-33.2	-35.8	86.4	44.5	17.7	-10.3	35.8	34.7
Margin (%)	6.7	4.0	6.7	9.5	10.7	8.3	8.2	9.7
Consolidated - Balance Sheet							(INR Million)	
Y/E March	FY13	FY14	FY15	FY16	FY17	FY18	FY19E	FY20E
Equity Share Capital	584	584	584	584	584	584	584	584
Total Reserves	19,105	20,082	23,463	27,045	31,242	35,061	39,844	46,935
Net Worth	19,689	20,667	24,047	27,630	31,827	35,645	40,429	47,519
Deferred Liabilities	2,648	3,250	3,186	3,820	2,866	2,914	2,914	2,914
Total Loans	17,040	21,753	24,698	25,153	23,962	31,418	37,918	35,418
Capital Employed	39,377	45,670	51,932	56,603	58,655	69,978	81,261	85,851
Gross Block	47,566	61,072	67,353	71,410	77,169	87,502	93,672	101,006
Less: Accum. Deprn.	24,197	25,657	28,107	30,334	33,169	36,327	39,917	43,810
Net Fixed Assets	23,369	35,415	39,246	41,076	44,000	51,175	53,756	57,196
Goodwill on Consolidation	30	93	49	49	49	41	41	41
Capital WIP	5,654	1,121	1,041	1,174	2,586	5,588	7,918	5,584
Current Investments	1,415	265	958	1,606	1,708	1,217	0	0
Total Investments	1,512	366	958	1,649	1,959	1,218	1,218	1,218
Curr. Assets, Loans&Adv.	15,181	17,693	17,306	20,291	21,090	25,608	36,821	42,065
Inventory	5,632	7,464	7,296	6,711	8,381	9,582	13,871	15,469
Account Receivables	5,087	6,915	6,107	5,145	6,569	6,807	10,413	11,917
Cash and Bank Balance	1,910	825	1,073	3,399	961	967	1,396	1,310
Loans and Advances	2,552	2,489	2,831	5,036	5,178	8,252	11,140	13,369
Curr. Liability & Prov.	6,513	9,516	7,812	8,934	11,055	13,653	18,492	20,252
Account Payables	5,182	7,886	5,815	7,146	8,089	10,442	15,282	17,042
Other Current Liabilities	1,058	1,287	1,710	1,477	2,606	2,831	2,831	2,831
Provisions	273	343	287	312	359	380	380	380
Net Current Assets	8,668	8,177	9,494	11,357	10,035	11,955	18,329	21,813
Deferred Tax assets	145	498	1,143	1,297	26	0	0	0
Appl. of Funds	39,377	45,670	51,932	56,603	58,655	69,978	81,261	85,851

Financials and Valuations

Ratios								
Y/E March	FY13	FY14	FY15	FY16	FY17	FY18	FY19E	FY20E
Basic (INR)								
EPS	43.3	27.8	51.8	74.9	88.1	79.0	107.3	144.5
Cash EPS	79.0	66.3	93.7	121.9	136.6	133.0	168.7	211.1
BV/Share	336.9	353.7	411.5	472.8	544.6	609.9	691.8	813.1
DPS	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	11.8	16.0	20.0	20.0
Payout (%)	26.4	41.3	22.5	15.5	15.9	23.5	22.1	16.1
Valuation (x)								
P/E	45.3	70.5	37.8	26.2	22.3	24.8	18.3	13.6
Cash P/E		29.6	20.9	16.1	14.4	14.7	11.6	9.3
P/BV	5.8	5.5	4.8	4.1	3.6	3.2	2.8	2.4
EV/Sales	3.4	3.4	3.0	2.9	2.8	2.6	2.0	1.7
EV/EBITDA		26.8	19.1	13.9	14.0	15.9	10.8	8.5
Dividend Yield (%)	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.6	0.8	1.0	1.0
FCF per share	-43.1	-75.8	9.9	58.9	19.0	-110.5	-42.1	105.3
Return Ratios (%)								
EBITDA Margins (%)	16.2	12.6	15.8	21.2	20.1	16.2	18.3	20.0
Net Profit Margins (%)	6.7	4.0	6.7	9.5	10.7	8.3	8.2	9.7
RoE	13.2	8.1	13.5	16.9	17.3	13.7	16.5	19.2
RoCE	9.6	6.0	8.9	10.5	11.0	9.1	10.9	12.6
RoIC	20.2	10.1	14.5	18.5	17.8	14.8	20.8	24.3
Working Capital Ratios								
Accum. Dep/Gross Block (x)	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fixed Asset Turnover (x)	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Asset Turnover (x)	1.0	0.9	0.9	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.9	1.0
Inventory (Days)	95	114	105	105	126	115	118	118
Debtor (Days)	49	63	49	41	50	44	50	50
Creditor (Days)	88	120	83	112	122	126	130	130
Working Cap. Turnover (Days)	65	67	68	63	69	72	81	86
Leverage Ratio (x)								
Current Ratio	2.3	1.9	2.2	2.3	1.9	1.9	2.0	2.1
Interest Cover Ratio	4	3	3	5	7	5	5	6
Debt/Equity	0.9	1.1	1.0	0.9	0.8	0.9	0.9	0.7

Consolidated - Cash Flow Statement							(INR Million)	
Y/E March	FY13	FY14	FY15	FY16	FY17	FY18	FY19E	FY20E
OP/(Loss) before Tax	3,476	2,080	3,994	5,952	6,572	5,817	8,436	11,731
Depreciation	2,089	2,248	2,450	2,750	2,834	3,158	3,590	3,894
Interest & Finance Charges	972	908	1,346	1,305	1,018	1,239	2,253	2,383
Direct Taxes Paid	-632	-413	-850	-1,551	-1,422	-1,200	-2,297	-3,285
(Inc)/Dec in WC	-1,445	-1,199	-1,011	703	-2,464	-2,138	-5,945	-3,569
CF from Operations	4,459	3,623	5,931	9,159	6,538	6,876	6,037	11,154
Others	-232	-156	-507	-947	1,742	0	0	0
CF from Operating incl EO	4,227	3,467	5,423	8,212	8,280	6,876	6,037	11,154
(inc)/dec in FA	-6,744	-7,897	-4,845	-4,771	-7,170	-13,335	-8,500	-5,000
Free Cash Flow	-2,517	-4,430	579	3,441	1,110	-6,460	-2,463	6,154
(Pur)/Sale of Investments	-63	1,156	-632	0	0	0	0	0
Others	92	144	482	-707	-310	741	0	0
CF from Investments	-6,716	-6,597	-4,994	-5,477	-7,479	-12,595	-8,500	-5,000
Issue of Shares	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Inc/(Dec) in Debt	4,547	3,911	1,889	1,053	-1,523	7,806	6,500	-2,500
Interest Paid	-889	-1,198	-1,392	-1,305	-1,018	-1,239	-2,253	-2,383
Dividend Paid	-660	-668	-678	-664	-821	-1,085	-1,356	-1,356
Others	0	0	0	507	123	243	0	0
CF from Fin. Activity	2,998	2,045	-181	-409	-3,238	5,726	2,891	-6,239
Inc/Dec of Cash	509	-1,085	248	2,326	-2,438	6	428	-86
Opening Balance	1,401	1,910	825	1,073	3,399	961	968	1,396
Closing Balance	1,910	825	1,073	3,399	961	968	1,396	1,310

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