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Robust execution, order inflows to aid growth...

Q3FY21E is likely to be a reasonable quarter for the capital goods universe in terms of order inflows while execution may further improve sequentially as we expect execution pick-up with workers almost returning to sites reaching more than ~95% of pre-Covid levels during the quarter amid normalising economic activities. Product companies are likely to post a decent quarter amid rebound in key industries like automobile and industrials. Larsen & Toubro (L&T) announced EPC orders are estimated to be more than ~₹ 59000 crore (as on date, ex-services segment) across high speed rail, construction, water effluent, hydrocarbon, transportation, mining equipment, power T&D, heavy civil infrastructure and defence segments indicating robust order inflows for the quarter. Also, the order pipeline remains robust across T&D, green energy corridor, railways, transportation, water & infrastructure, etc. Key risks remain project delays/deferrals and less-than-expected conversion of the tendering pipeline.

In the T&D space, KEC & Kalpataru Power (KPTL) have announced reasonable order inflows of ₹ 1438 crore and ₹ 2200 crore, respectively, aided by orders from international markets. Bharat Electronics (BEL) is expected to post reasonable inflows while Thermax is likely to see muted order inflows owing to less-than-expected public sector and government order conversions and weaker private capex amid lockdowns. Thermax' core order inflows continue to remain sluggish and poses concerns for an already ailing order backlog. Overall, order inflows were reasonable across urban transportation (RRTS, HSR), water effluent, power T&D, infrastructure, civil, construction & mining equipment segments amid gradual resumption of economic activities in the domestic market and pick-up in global tendering activities.

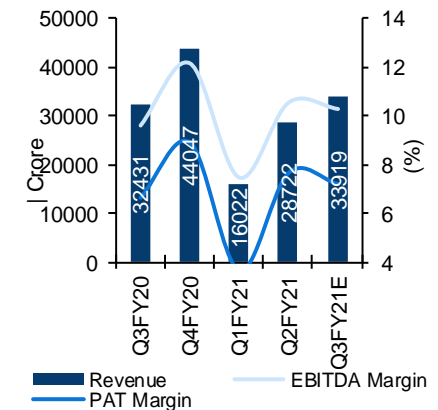
Revenue, EBITDA expected to grow 4.6%, 12.1%, respectively

Overall, the coverage universe revenue is expected to grow 4.6% YoY owing to further rebound in execution sequentially at engineering and T&D companies like L&T, KEC, KPTL, BEL and Cochin Shipyard. The international business is likely to aid performance of companies like L&T, KEC, AIA, Elgi, etc. We expect EBITDA to grow 12.1% YoY mainly due to positive operating leverage in product companies and better execution by EPC companies amid the economy gradually normalising. Consequently, overall PAT is expected to grow 13.4% YoY accounting for other income, one offs and tax adjustments in the base quarter for a few companies.

Reasonable performance expected among EPC companies...

Overall, EPC companies are expected to post a moderate performance as execution is likely to rebound amid gradual unlock measures by the government to open up the economy. Power T&D companies like KEC, KPTL are expected to report combined revenue, EBITDA, PAT growth of 14.2%, 9%, 19% YoY, respectively, aided by execution pick-up in key markets. L&T (standalone, ex-E&A) is likely to report reasonable performance with marginal revenue growth of 0.5% YoY to ₹ 19984.8 crore, EBITDA expected to grow 9.9% to ₹ 1608.8 crore while adjusted PAT (ex-E&A) is expected to grow 19.2% to ₹ 1260.6 crore impacted by higher other income and tax adjustment in base quarter. Thermax' revenue, EBITDA are expected to de-grow 6.5%, 10.3%, respectively, impacted by execution and supply chain disruptions. On the defence front, BEL is expected to perform better with revenue growth of 26.7% to ₹ 2878.1 crore while EBITDA is expected to grow 39.6% to ₹ 495.1 crore YoY. Cochin Shipyard is expected to report revenue, EBITDA growth of 3.8, 1.0% YoY, respectively, owing to moderate execution in shipbuilding and ship repair activities.

Topline & Profitability (Cap. Goods Universe)



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Working capital, cash flows to be key monitorables...

Overall, EPC companies like L&T, KEC, KPTL, BEL and Cochin Shipyard are expected to remain cautious on working capital and cash flow challenges amid increasing receivables, vendor support amid tight liquidity and moderate execution pace. Companies with stronger balance sheet and cash flows like Thermax, are well placed to gain the most from gradual economic recovery. Product companies like Greaves Cotton, Timken India, Elgi Equipment, AIA Engineering that have a strong balance sheet, zero debt and healthy cash balances are likely to benefit on operational front with economy inching back to normal.

Product companies likely to post better performance...

Bearing companies are expected to follow suit with the domestic auto segment, which showed positive signs across 2-W and PV while CV, 3-W, 4-W LCV still seem to be taking longer to revive. We expect the topline to register decent growth YoY with improved EBITA margins on the back of positive operating leverage. We expect revenue growth of 20.2%, 10.4% & 10.7% for NRB, SKF & Timken, respectively. Greaves Cotton is expected to report a revenue decline of 28.6% while EBITDA is expected to decline 56.1%, owing to dismal volumes in 3-W, 4-W space. Elgi Equipment is expected report revenue, EBITDA growth of 9.1%, 111.3%, respectively, owing to strong growth in international business and positive operating leverage. Companies like AIA Engineering are expected to report revenue, EBITDA growth of 10%, 4.0%, respectively, backed by rebound in mining volumes.

Company	Revenue Change (%)			EBITDA Change (%)			PAT Change (%)		
	Q3FY21E	YoY	QoQ	Q3FY21E	YoY	QoQ	Q3FY21E	YoY	QoQ
AIA Engineering	763.3	10.0	2.8	179.8	4.0	-5.5	140.6	-9.9	-2.3
Bharat Electronics	2,878.1	26.7	-9.7	495.1	39.6	-20.6	305.2	41.9	-23.1
Greaves Cotton	353.1	-28.6	22.5	33.9	-56.1	94.1	19.4	-61.6	474.4
Elgi Equipments	505.4	9.1	5.2	68.2	111.3	2.8	34.1	165.4	2.6
Kalpataru Power	2,183.3	10.3	16.0	231.4	11.3	14.6	141.7	19.6	-4.2
KEC International	3,588.0	16.8	10.1	342.3	7.5	16.8	171.9	18.6	20.6
L&T	19,984.8	0.5	26.6	1,608.8	9.9	30.7	1,260.6	19.2	19.9
NRB Bearings	220.0	20.2	11.3	33.0	66.6	8.6	15.0	44.5	36.4
SKF India	781.0	10.4	11.1	109.3	50.7	19.0	73.1	42.8	12.4
Thermax Ltd	1,318.5	-6.5	15.5	101.5	-10.3	28.0	67.2	-21.0	37.9
Timken India	413.2	10.7	5.4	88.0	4.6	6.4	53.8	-36.4	7.8
Cochin Shipyard	930.0	3.8	41.5	200.4	1.0	59.3	162.9	-4.8	50.3
Total	33,918.8	4.6	18.1	3,491.8	12.1	15.1	2,445.6	13.4	11.0

Source: Company, ICICI Direct Research

Power

Company	Revenue Change (%)			EBITDA Change (%)			PAT Change (%)		
	Q3FY21E	YoY	QoQ	Q3FY21E	YoY	QoQ	Q3FY21E	YoY	QoQ
NTPC Ltd	23,554.5	0.2	-4.5	7,287.0	4.5	1.4	3,113.6	3.9	-11.1
CESC Ltd	1,729.3	4.9	-13.1	285.3	3.0	-15.6	179.6	2.0	-21.2
Total	25,283.8	0.6	-5.2	7,572.3	4.4	0.7	3,293.1	3.8	-11.8

Source: Company, ICICI Direct Research

Topline & Profitability (Power Universe)

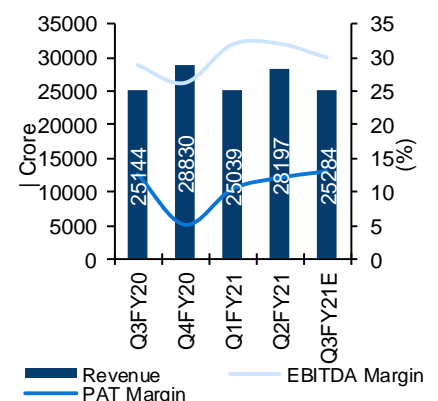


Exhibit 3: Company Specific Views (Capital Goods)

Company	Remarks
AIA Engineering	For Q3FY 21E, we expect AIA Engineering to report volume numbers at 69936 MT with a growth of 16.1% YoY owing to decent uptick in mining segment led by exports market and rebound in cement & other segment amid revival in economic activities and operations gradually normalizing to pre-covid levels. We expect realization at ₹105 per kg on account of a change in the product mix and foreign exchange. Consequently, revenue is expected to grow by 10% to ₹763.3 crore. EBITDA is expected to grow by ~4.0% to ₹79.8 crore with EBITDA margin of 23.6%. PAT is expected to decline by 9.9% to ₹140.6 crore partly impacted by lower other income and tax adjustments in base quarter.
Bharat Electronics	We expect BEL to report revenues at ₹2878.1 crore with a growth of 26.7%, YoY with operations almost normalized to pre-covid levels. EBITDA margin is expected to improve by 160bps to 17.2% owing to product mix & better execution, resulting in absolute EBITDA to grow by 39.6% YoY to ₹495.1 crore. Accordingly, we expect PAT to grow by 41.9% YoY to ₹305.2 crore. While no new order announcement was made as on date for the quarter, robust order pipeline to ensure order inflows in coming quarters. Overall, strong order backlog of ₹52150 crore is likely to augur well in long term.
Greaves Cotton	For Q3FY 21E, we expect Greaves Cotton to report muted 3W & 4W engine volumes at 44843 units owing to continued weakness in auto sales in 3W, 4W space, muted domestic demand amid disrupted business activities. New business initiatives and Ampere sales may provide some cushion to overall sales. Consequently, revenues are expected to de-grow by 28.6% YoY to ₹353.1 crore, EBITDA is expected to decline 56.1% to ₹33.9 crore with subdued margins of 9.6% while adjusted PAT is expected to decline 61.6% YoY to ₹19.4 crore.
Elgi Equipment's	For Q3FY 21E, Elgi Equipments is likely to post a reasonable performance on the domestic front amid industrial recovery while international air compressor market is likely to report strong revenue growth as it is gradually ramping up in key markets. Consolidated revenues are expected to grow by 9.1% YoY to ₹505.4 crore while EBITDA margin is expected to rebound to 13.5% YoY leading absolute EBITDA to more than double to ₹68.2 crore while PAT is expected to grow significantly 165.4% to ₹34.1 crore aided by positive operating leverage.
Kalpataru Power	Kalpataru Power (KPTL) has announced new orders worth ₹2200 crore, as on date for the quarter. For Q3FY 21E, KPTL is expected to report decent performance on the back of execution pick-up in key segments like T&D. We expect revenues to grow by 10.3% to ₹2183.3 crore. EBITDA is expected to grow by 11.3% to ₹231.4 crore with EBITDA margin expected to remain stable at around 10.6% YoY. Adj. PAT is expected to grow by 19.6% to ₹141.7 crore partly impacted by tax adjustments in base quarter.
KEC International	KEC has announced new orders worth ₹1438 crore, as on date for the quarter. For Q3FY 21E, KEC is expected to report strong performance with further pick-up in execution in key segments like T&D, railways, Civil. International markets are expected to fare better than domestic markets. We expect revenues to grow by 16.8% to ₹3588 crore. EBITDA is expected to grow by 6.4% to ₹338.9 crore with EBITDA margin expected to see an impact of 90 bps to 9.5% YoY primarily due to change in business mix. PAT is expected to grow by 18.6% to ₹171.9 crore partly aided by reduction in interest cost.

Source: ICICI Direct Research, Company

Exhibit 4: Company Specific Views (Capital Goods) Continued...

Company	Remarks
L&T	<p>During Q3FY 21E, EPC order inflows announced by L&T is estimated to be more than ₹59000 crore (as on date, ex-services segment) across High Speed Rail, construction, water effluent, Hydrocarbon, Transportation, Mining Equipment, power T&D, heavy civil infrastructure and defence segments indicating robust order inflows for the quarter. We expect reasonable execution pick-up sequentially as labors has almost returned across sites at more than 95% of pre-covid levels during the quarter. In our view working capital and cash flow situation will be key monitorable. Consequently, we expect adjusted standalone revenue to grow marginally by 0.5% to ₹19984.8 crore. EBITDA is expected to grow by 9.9% to ₹1608.8 crore with margins expected to improve 30 bps to 8.0% and adjusted PAT (Ex-E&A) expected to grow by 19.2% to ₹1260.6 crore partly due to higher other income.</p>
NRB Bearings	<p>Uptick in sales led by festive season and pent up demand aided production levels at domestic OEMS. NRB with a topline more concentrated towards domestic OEMs should benefit from the demand tailwinds. For Q3FY 21E, we expect revenue to grow 20.2% and come around at ₹220 crore. A higher topline growth should aid operating profit and hence we expect an EBIDTA of ₹33 crore, up 66.6% YoY with an entailing margin of 15%. We estimate PAT at ₹15 crore, up 44.3% YoY after assuming a tax rate of 28% (PAT in Q3FY 20 was aided by a lower tax rate at 20.2%)</p>
SKF India	<p>For Q3FY 21E, we expect SKF's revenue to increase 10.4% YoY to ₹781 crore led by recovery in industrial activity (pre-covid levels) and auto demand. We estimate an EBIDTA of ₹109.3 crore, up 50.7% YoY led by improved sales and hence positive operating leverage should aid EBIDTA margins which we expect to come in at 14% vs 10.3% YoY. Ensuing PAT is expected to come in at ₹73.1 crore, up 42.8% with a margin of 9.4%.</p>
Thermax	<p>For Q3FY 21E, Thermax' order inflow is expected to remain weak impacted by muted private capex. All factories are gradually moved to more than 90% of pre-Covid levels, which could marginally improve execution sequentially. In terms of financial performance, we expect revenues to decline 6.5% to ₹1318.5 crore partly impacted by weaker order book and supply chain disruptions amid covid-19. Some relief may come in the form of deferred revenue of previous quarters. We expect EBITDA to decline 10.3% to ₹101.5 crore with EBITDA margins expected to decline 30 bps to 7.7% on a YoY. Adjusted PAT is expected to decline by 21% to ₹67.2 crore partly impacted by tax adjustment in base quarter.</p>
Timken India	<p>Improvement in mobility & industrial segment, sustained growth in railway and green shoots in CV demand should aid Timken India's Q3FY 21E performance. For Q3FY 21E, we expect Timken's revenue at ₹413.2 crore, up 10.7% YoY. Further we expect Timken to post an EBIDTA margin of 21.3% in Q3FY 21E vs 22.5% in Q3FY 20. However, it is important to note that the margins in Q3FY 20 were on the higher side of the spectrum of margins posted by Timken. Further we expect PAT to decline 36.4% YoY to ₹53.8 crore (Negative tax charge in Q3FY 20, hence the decline in PAT on a YoY basis).</p>
Cochin Shipyard	<p>For Q3FY 21, we expect Cochin shipyard to post revenue at ₹930 crore, up 3.8% YoY & 41% QoQ. We expect a sequential jump in performance as Q2 was impacted led by non-availability of service engineers. EBIDTA is expected at ₹200.4 crore, up 1% YoY with an entailing margin of 21.6% vs 22.1% YoY. Ensuing PAT is expected to come at ₹162.9 crore, down 5% YoY after assuming a tax rate of 28%. Tax rate in Q3FY 20 stood at 25.5%.</p>

Source: Company, ICICI Direct Research

Exhibit 5: Company Specific Views: (Power)

Company	Remarks
NTPC	<p>In terms of capacity addition, the company has commercially operationalised 800 MW. It also commenced operations of a captive coal mine. NTPC is expected to report flattish generation growth of 1.8% in Q3FY21E at 61.8 billion units (BUs). On the other hand, energy sold is likely to witness growth of 2.1% YoY at 57.5 BUs. We build in tariffs at ₹ 4.1/Kw/hr while fuel cost is estimated at ₹ 2.05 per unit. We expect revenues to grow 0.2% YoY to ₹ 23554.5 crore whereas EBITDA is expected to grow 4.5% YoY to ₹ 7287 crore in Q3FY21. PAT is expected to grow 3.9% YoY to ₹ 3113.6 crore. Key monitorable would be the working capital situation in terms of outstanding dues from SEBs</p>
CESC	<p>CESC is expected to report a 1.2% YoY decline in gross generation at 121 crore units in Q3FY21E. The overall energy sold is estimated to grow 4.6% YoY to 221.7 crore units. We build in tariffs of ₹ 7.8/kWHR and, hence, expect revenues at ₹ 1729.3 crore, up 4.9% YoY. Consequently, we expect PAT at ₹179.6 crore, up 2.1% YoY. Key monitorable would be performance of Dhariwal Infra and loss containment at various distribution franchisees</p>

Source: Company, ICICI Direct Research

Exhibit 6: ICICI Direct coverage universe (Capital Goods)

Company	CMP			M Cap (₹Cr)	EPS (₹)			P/E (x)			RoCE (%)			RoE (%)		
	₹	TP(₹)	Rating		FY 20	FY 21E	FY 22E	FY 20	FY 21E	FY 22E	FY 20	FY 21E	FY 22E	FY 20	FY 21E	FY 22E
L&T (LARTOU)	1367	1,045	Hold	191817	49.6	61.5	42.1	27.6	22.2	32.5	7.5	3.8	7.5	13.2	15.2	9.8
AIA Engineering (AIAENG)	2007	1,785	Hold	18930	62.6	52.0	61.5	32.1	38.6	32.6	18.7	15.1	16.1	15.9	12.1	12.9
Thermax (THERMA)	980	810	Hold	11677	17.8	12.5	27.0	55.0	78.6	36.3	12.0	7.6	13.1	7.0	5.5	10.0
KEC International (KECIN)	364	410	Buy	9358	22.0	19.9	29.4	16.5	18.3	12.4	22.3	18.2	22.3	20.2	16.2	19.9
Greaves Cotton (GREAVE)	97	75	Hold	2117	6.8	1.0	5.2	14.4	94.8	18.6	22.2	7.5	17.9	16.3	5.7	13.2
Elgi Equipment (ELGEQU)	182	190	Buy	5768	1.3	2.9	4.4	135.4	63.3	41.7	6.5	11.4	15.3	5.5	11.2	15.0
Bharat Electronics (BHAELE)	132	170	Buy	41422	7.4	6.9	8.2	17.9	19.1	16.2	25.1	22.3	24.0	18.2	15.9	17.3
Cochin Shipyard (COCSHI)	393	435	Buy	5172	48.5	33.1	48.4	8.1	11.9	8.1	17.6	12.8	15.9	17.1	11.1	14.7
SKF (SKFIND)	1857	1,615	Hold	9179	58.5	34.5	64.6	31.7	53.8	28.7	20.3	16.8	26.9	15.2	12.5	20.1
Timken India (TIMIND)	1320	1,235	Hold	9932	32.7	21.5	31.2	40.4	61.4	42.3	18.6	15.4	19.4	15.6	11.9	14.8
NRB Bearing (NRBBEA)	112	110	Buy	1078	3.3	4.1	7.4	33.9	27.3	15.1	8.7	10.3	15.4	7.0	8.2	13.2

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