

**ACC** 

Buy

# TP change Rating change

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Bloomberg	ACC IN
Equity Shares (m)	188
M.Cap.(INRb)/(USDb)	403.9 / 5.4
52-Week Range (INR)	2169 / 1290
1, 6, 12 Rel. Per (%)	6/19/22
12M Avg Val (INR M)	1991

### Financials & Valuations (INR b)

Y/E Dec	2021E	2022E	2023E
Sales	166.0	175.2	200.8
EBITDA	32.8	33.7	39.5
Adj. PAT	21.1	22.0	25.9
EBITDA Margin (%)	19.7	19.2	19.7
Adj. EPS (INR)	112.2	116.8	137.8
EPS Gr. (%)	43.1	4.1	18.0
BV/Sh. (INR)	763.7	858.5	971.3
Ratios			
Net D:E	-0.5	-0.5	-0.6
RoE (%)	15.6	14.4	15.1
RoCE (%)	15.4	14.3	15.0
Payout (%)	18.2	18.8	18.1
Valuations			
P/E (x)	19.2	18.4	15.6
P/BV (x)	2.8	2.5	2.2
EV/EBITDA(x)	9.8	8.9	7.6
EV/ton (USD)	131.3	123.0	104.8
Div. Yield (%)	0.9	1.0	1.2
FCF Yield (%)	3.1	3.1	7.4

### Shareholding pattern (%)

As On	Jun-21	Mar-21	Jun-20
Promoter	54.5	54.5	54.5
DII	19.5	20.3	18.5
FII	13.7	12.7	8.1
Others	12.3	12.4	18.8

FII Indudes depository receipts

CMP: INR2,151 TP: INR2,480 (+15%)

### **Expansion provides growth visibility**

### Cost control to drive earnings growth

- ACC's 2QCY21 result surprised positively on strong cost control. Moreover, coupled with a better pricing environment, this led to EBITDA/t of INR1,279

   the highest since CY10 despite higher energy costs.
- ACC's Central India expansion should be commissioned in 2HCY22, potentially driving a 9% volume CAGR over CY21–23E. We expect costs to remain in check, supported by a master supply agreement (MSA) with Ambuja as well as supply chain efficiencies. We raise our CY21/CY22 EPS estimate by 10%/8%, factoring in a better realization outlook. Reiterate Buy, with TP of INR2,480.

### Higher volume and better realization drive 21% beat on EBITDA

- Revenue / EBITDA / Adj PAT rose 49%/67%/93% YoY to INR38.8b/INR8.7b/INR5.7b and beat our estimate by 5%/21%/26% (led by higher volumes, better realization, and cost control).
- Volumes rose 44% YoY to 6.84mt (5% above est) on account of a low base.

  Blended EBITDA/t rose 19% QoQ (+16% YoY) to INR1,279/t (16% above est).
- While cement realization improved 5.7% QoQ (+2.1% YoY) to INR5,153/t (inline), blended realization (including RMC and clinker sales) was up 5.5% QoQ (+3.9% YoY) to INR5,680/t.
- ACC used the weak demand in Jun-Q to build clinker inventory, which should support volume growth in 2HCY21 despite capacity limitations.
- Blended cost per ton was lower than expected at INR4,401/t (+2% QoQ; +1% YoY) on account of higher clinker production (with closing inventory being netted out from cost). This led to better-than-expected fixed cost absorption.
- ACC also booked exceptional loss of INR381m on account of the impairment of investment value in Lucky Minmat Ltd (a wholly-owned subsidiary).
- 1HCY21 revenue / EBITDA / adj PAT rose 34%/56%/75% YoY to INR81.8b/INR17.3b/INR11.3b, led by a 31% increase in volumes to 14.81mt and 3.01pp improvement in EBITDA margins to 21.2%.
- 1HCY21 OCF/capex/FCF stood at INR4.2b/INR3.4b/INR0.8b v/s INR5.6b/INR1.7b/INR3.9b in 1HCY20. OCF and FCF were impacted by clinker inventory buildup, which should support 2HCY21 sales.

### Highlights from management commentary

- ACC operated at 77% utilization in 2QCY21 (90% utilization in 1QCY21).
- Raw material cost was higher due to lower clinker factor (58% in 1HCY21), partially mitigated by cost savings from Project Parvat.
- To mitigate the impact of rising diesel costs, ACC continued to focus on direct dispatches, network optimization, and procurement savings.
- Capacity expansion: Construction work has commenced at the greenfield project in Ametha (with associated grinding units). The waste heat recovery system (WHRS) in Jamul (10MW) and Kymore (14MW) is expected to be commissioned by 2QCY22.

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- **Demand outlook:** The management expects strong demand recovery. This would be led by the government's focus on large-scale infra projects and affordable housing, coupled with a revival in industrial capex, driven by the implementation of the Production-Linked Incentive scheme.
- RMC sales volumes stood at 0.58m cu.m (v/s 0.15m cu.m in 2QCY20). Volumes were up 31% YoY to 1.41m cu.m for 1HCY21.

### Valuation and view

- ACC trades at a 30–40% valuation discount to peers Shree, UltraTech, and Ramco. We believe such a large discount is excessive as (a) ACC has arrested its market share losses since CY17, (b) cost is expected to stay in check, aided by savings in logistic costs, and (c) with planned expansions, the proportion of inefficient assets would decline, improving profitability.
- We value ACC at 10x June'23 EV/EBITDA (~10% discount to the past five-year average of 11x) to arrive at Target Price of INR2,480; this implies target EV/t of ~USD116 and target P/E of 20x on CY22E. Maintain **Buy.**

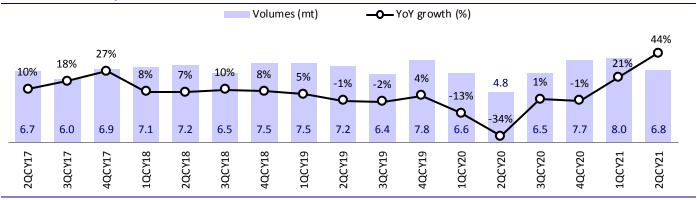
Quarterly Performance (S	tandalone)											(INR m)
Y/E December		CY2	0			CY2	1		CY20	CY21E	MOSL	Var
	1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q	1Q	2Q	3QE	4QE			2QE	(%)
Cement Sales (m ton)	6.56	4.76	6.49	7.71	7.97	6.84	7.07	7.87	25.53	29.76	6.54	5
YoY Change (%)	-12.5	-33.9	0.8	-0.6	21.5	43.7	9.0	2.1	-11.6	16.6	37.3	
Net Sales	35,017	26,008	35,373	41,447	42,919	38,848	40,419	43,850	137,845	166,036	37,014	5
YoY Change (%)	-10.6	-37.3	0.3	2.1	22.6	49.4	14.3	5.8	-12.0	20.5	42.3	
Total Expenditure	29,159	20,764	28,666	34,446	34,325	30,101	32,554	36,289	113,035	133,269	29,786	
EBITDA	5,859	5,244	6,707	7,001	8,594	8,747	7,866	7,561	24,811	32,767	7,228	21
Margins (%)	16.7	20.2	19.0	16.9	20.0	22.5	19.5	17.2	18.0	19.7	19.5	
Depreciation	1,571	1,618	1,600	1,565	1,424	1,456	1,476	1,492	6,353	5,848	1,500	
Interest	106	131	160	174	112	134	130	124	570	500	120	
OtherIncome	547	502	449	542	432	447	487	588	2,040	1,953	550	
PBT before EO Item	4,728	3,998	5,397	5,804	7,489	7,604	6,746	6,533	19,927	28,372	6,158	23
EO Income/(Expense)	0	C	0	-3,049	0	-381	0	0	-3,049	-381	0	
PBT after EO Item	4,728	3,998	5,397	2,755	7,489	7,223	6,746	6,533	16,878	27,991	6,158	17
Tax	1,529	1,318	1,766	-1,885	1,915	1,885	1,761	1,717	2,728	7,278	1,601	
Rate (%)	32.3	33.0	32.7	-68.4	25.6	26.1	26.1	26.3	16.2	26.0	26.0	
Reported PAT	3,199	2,680	3,631	4,639	5,574	5,338	4,986	4,816	14,149	20,713	4,557	17
Adjusted PAT	3,499	2,959	3,994	4,295	5,574	5,719	4,986	4,816	14,746	21,094	4,557	26
Margins (%)	10.0	11.4	11.3	10.4	13.0	14.7	12.3	11.0	10.7	12.7	12.3	
YoY Change (%)	3.4	-34.4	33.1	59.5	59.3	93.3	24.8	12.1	8.5	43.1	54.0	

### Income Statement (INR/ton) - incl RMC

	CY20				CY21 CY				CY20	CY21E	MOSL	Var
	1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q	1Q	2Q	3QE	4QE			2QE	(%)
Blended Realization	5,338	5,464	5,450	5,376	5,385	5,680	5,714	5,570	5,399	5,580	5,664	0
YoY Change (%)	2.2	-5.2	-0.5	2.7	0.9	3.9	4.8	3.6	-0.4	3.3	3.7	
Increase/ Decrease in stock	-251	264	103	149	-78	-310	50	0	56	C	0	
Raw Material	976	786	945	963	1,014	1,045	900	1,036	928	968	970	8
Staff Cost	318	370	316	323	258	305	297	273	329	282	321	-5
Power & fuel	1,119	960	970	975	1,009	1,212	1,118	1,155	1,008	1,088	1,100	10
Freight	1,442	1,268	1,331	1,322	1,366	1,352	1,390	1,406	1,344	1,371	1,386	-2
Otherexpenditure	842	<b>71</b> 5	752	735	737	797	847	740	763	770	780	2
Total Expenditure	4,445	4,362	4,417	4,468	4,307	4,401	4,602	4,610	4,428	4,479	4,558	-3
EBITDA	893	1,102	1,033	908	1,078	1,279	1,112	960	972	1,101	1,106	16
YoY Change (%)	26.2	1.5	19.6	30.4	20.7	16.1	7.6	5.8	16.5	13.3	0.4	

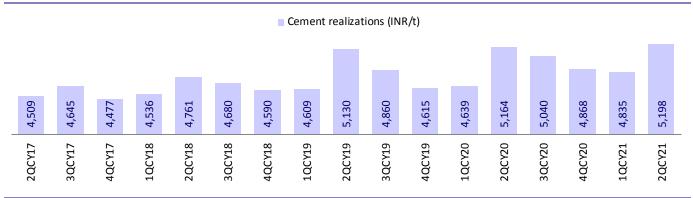
### **Key exhibits**

Exhibit 1: Volumes up 44% YoY in 2QCY21



Source: Company, MOFSL

Exhibit 2: Cement realizations up 1% YoY in 2QCY21



Source: Company, MOFSL

Exhibit 3: Margins improve 2.4pp YoY

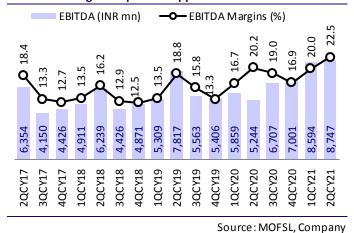
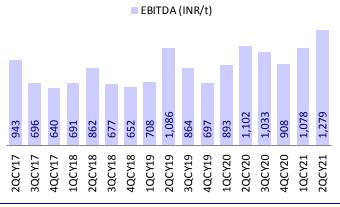


Exhibit 4: Trend in EBITDA/ton



Source: MOFSL, Company

Exhibit 5: Key performance indicators (incl. RMC business)

INR/Ton	2QCY21	2QCY20	YoY (%)	1QCY21	QoQ (%)
Net realization	5,680	5,464	3.9	5,385	5.5
Expenditure					
Raw Materials	1,045	786	33.0	1,014	3.0
Staff Cost	305	370	-17.6	258	18.1
Power	1,212	960	26.3	1,009	20.2
Freight	1,352	1,268	6.6	1,366	-1.1
Purchase of cement	-310	264	-217.6	-78	296.2
Other Expenditure	797	715	11.4	737	8.0
Total cost	4,401	4,362	0.9	4,307	2.2
EBITDA	1,279	1102	16.1	1078	18.6

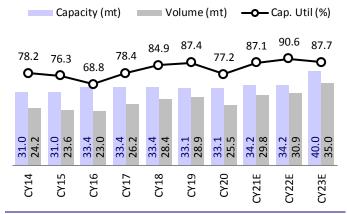
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### Valuation and view

- Capacity expansion focused on Central India: ACC is expanding its capacity by 18%, most of which should get commissioned by 2HCY22. This should address key investor concerns regarding potential market share loss due to capacity constraints. More importantly, the majority of the expansion is scheduled to happen in Central, which has a better utilization outlook than the rest of India. We estimate the share of Central in ACC's volumes to rise to ~25% over the longer term (from 13% currently).
- Market share loss arrested; RoE improving: ACC lost ~450bp in all-India volume market share to 8.2% over CY06–16. However, this decline has been arrested since CY17; market share has sustained at ~8%, driven by an 8% CAGR in volumes over CY16–19. While there could be some market share loss over the next 12–18 months (due to capacity constraints), we expect market share to recover once the Ametha plant gets commissioned in 2HCY22.
- Valuation and view: ACC trades at a 30–40% valuation discount to peers Shree, UltraTech, and Ramco. We believe such a large discount is excessive as (a) ACC has arrested its market share losses since CY17, (b) its cost is expected to stay in check, aided by savings in logistic costs, and (c) with planned expansions, the proportion of inefficient assets would decline, improving profitability. We value ACC at 10x June'23 EV/EBITDA (~10% discount to the past five-year average of 11x) to arrive at Target Price of INR2,480; this implies target EV/t of ~USD116 and target P/E of 20x on CY22E. Maintain Buy.

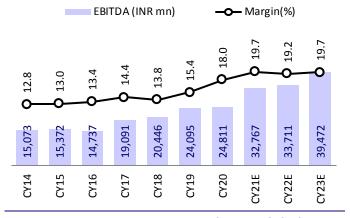
### Story in charts

Exhibit 6: Utilization to normalize in CY21 post drop in CY20



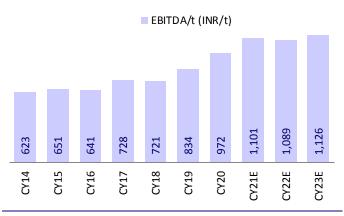
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Exhibit 7: Margins to remain strong in CY21



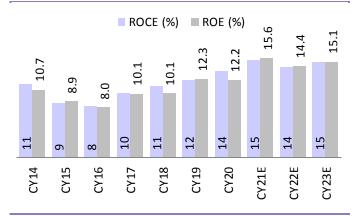
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Exhibit 8: EBITDA/t trend(INR/t)



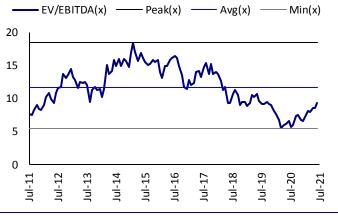
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**Exhibit 9: Trends in RoE and RoCE** 



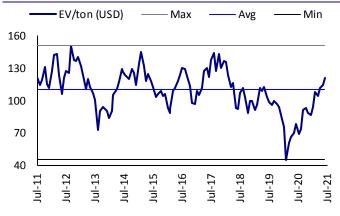
Source: MOFSL, Company

Exhibit 10: EV/EBITDA trend



Source: MOFSL, Company

Exhibit 11: EV/ton trend



Source: MOFSL, Company

## **Financials and valuations**

Income Statement	C)44.C	0/47	0/40	0140	0.420	CV24F	CV22E	(INR m)
Y/E December	CY16	CY17	CY18	CY19	CY20	CY21E	CY22E	CY23E
Net Sales	109,897	132,846	148,014	156,567	137,845	166,036	175,159	200,779
Change (%)	-6.8	20.9	11.4	5.8	-12.0	20.5	5.5	14.6
EBITDA	14,737	19,091	20,446	24,095	24,811	32,767	33,711	39,472
Change (%)	-4.1	29.5	7.1	17.8	3.0	32.1	2.9	17.1
Margin (%)	13.4	14.4	13.8	15.4	18.0	19.7	19.2	19.7
Depreciation	6,052	6,401	5,996	6,030	6,353	5,848	6,138	7,066
Int. and Fin. Charges	826	1,023	892	862	570	500	528	606
Other Income - Rec.	1,283	1,317	1,385	3,112	2,040	1,953	2,625	3,200
PBT Before EO Item	9,143	12,984	14,943	20,315	19,927	28,372	29,670	35,000
EO Income/(Expense)	-428	0	5,006	0	-3,049	-381	0	1
PBT After EO Item	8,715	12,984	19,949	20,315	16,878	27,991	29,670	35,001
Tax	2,244	3,829	4,883	6,726	2,728	7,278	7,714	9,100
Tax Rate (%)	25.8	29.5	24.5	33.1	16.2	26.0	26.0	26.0
Reported PAT	6,471	9,154	15,066	13,589	14,149	20,713	21,956	25,900
Adjusted PAT	6,899	9,154	10,060	13,589	14,746	21,094	21,956	25,899
Change (%)	-7.4	32.7	9.9	35.1	8.5	43.1	4.1	18.0
Margin (%)	6.3	6.9	6.8	8.7	10.7	12.7	12.5	12.9
Balance Sheet								(IND)
Y/E December	CY16	CY17	CY18	CY19	CY20	CY21E	CY22E	(INR m) CY23E
Share Capital	1,880							
Fully Diluted Capital		1,880	1,880	1,880	1,880	1,880	1,880	1,880
	1,880	1,880	1,880	1,880	1,880	1,880	1,880 159,508	1,880
Reserves Net Worth	86,439	91,775	103,397 <b>105,277</b>	113,333	124,735	141,688	161,388	180,709
Loans	<b>88,319</b> 500	<b>93,655</b> 592	0	<b>115,213</b>	<b>126,614</b> 0	<b>143,568</b> 0	0	<b>182,589</b> 0
Deferred Tax Liability	4,474	5,414	6,631	6,422			3,762	
Capital Employed	93,293	99,660	111,908	121,635	3,762 <b>130,376</b>	3,762 <b>147,330</b>	165,150	3,762 <b>186,351</b>
Gross Block	81,295	84,799	88,774	93,972	97,834	103,834	107,834	135,834
Less: Accum. Depn.	6,045	12,389					43,235	
Net Fixed Assets	<b>75,250</b>	72,410	18,280 <b>70,494</b>	24,059 <b>69,914</b>	31,248 <b>66,586</b>	37,097 <b>66,738</b>	64,599	50,301 <b>85,533</b>
Capital WIP	2,608	2,617	3,922	4,353	5,453	15,453	27,453	3,453
Investments-Trade	18,098	25,304	28,405	43,869	57,378	63,378	69,378	91,378
Investments in subsidiaries	2,265	2,265	2,265	2,265	2,124	2,124	2,124	2,124
Curr. Assets, Loans&Adv.	36,175	46,292	55,165	50,421	49,718	56,324	61,280	72,049
Inventory	12,238	14,040	16,786	11,410	9,005	11,145	11,765	13,502
Account Receivables	5,361	6,682	8,683	6,284	4,515	4,904	5,176	5,941
Cash and Bank Balance	1,674	1,687	1,635	1,549	1,562	4,178	6,382	9,439
Others	16,903	23,884	28,062	31,178	34,636	36,097	37,956	43,168
Curr. Liab. and Prov.	41,103	49,229	48,343	49,186	50,883	56,687	<b>59,685</b>	68,188
Account Payables	12,569	18,105	19,227	14,710	14,163	18,848	21,575	29,218
Other Lia bilities	22,415	24,515	25,627	28,478	30,189	30,189	30,189	30,189
Provisions	6,119	6,609	3,489	5,998	6,531	7,650	7,921	8,781
Net Current Assets	-4,928	- <b>2,936</b>	6,822	1,235	-1,165	-363	1,595	3,861
Mis cellaneous Expenditure	-4,320	-2,330	0,022	1,233	-1,103	-303	1,333	3,001
Application of Funds	93,293	99,660	111,908	121,635	130,376	147,330	165,150	186,351
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Application of Funds
E: MOFSL Estimates

# Financials and valuations

Ratios								
Y/E December	CY16	CY17	CY18	CY19	CY20	CY21E	CY22E	CY23E
Basic (INR)								
EPS	36.7	48.7	53.5	72.3	78.4	112.2	116.8	137.8
Cash EPS	68.9	82.7	85.4	104.4	112.2	143.3	149.4	175.4
BV/Share	469.8	498.2	560.0	612.9	673.5	763.7	858.5	971.3
DPS	17.0	26.0	14.0	14.0	14.0	20.0	22.0	25.0
Payout (%)	49.3	53.3	17.4	19.3	18.6	18.2	18.8	18.1
Valuation (x)								
P/E			40.2	29.8	27.4	19.2	18.4	15.6
Cash P/E			25.2	20.6	19.2	15.0	14.4	12.3
EV/Sales			2.5	2.3	2.5	1.9	1.7	1.5
EV/EBITDA			18.1	14.7	13.7	9.8	8.9	7.6
P/BV			3.8	3.5	3.2	2.8	2.5	2.2
Dividend Yield			0.7	0.7	0.7	0.9	1.0	1.2
EV/ton (USD-Cap)			155	150	144	131	123	105
Return Ratios (%)			133	130	177	131	123	103
RoE	8.0	10.1	10.1	12.3	12.2	15.6	14.4	15.1
RoCE	8.1	10.1	11.3	12.1	13.6	15.4	14.3	15.1
RoIC	10.4	12.7	14.7	16.1	22.5	30.6	32.3	33.3
	10.4	12.7	14.7	10.1	22.5	50.0	32.3	33.3
Working Capital Ratios	18	18	21	15	12	11	11	11
Debtor (Days)								
Asset Turnover (x)	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9
Leverage Ratio	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Debt/Equity (x)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Cash Flow Statement								(INR m)
Y/E December	CY16	CY17	CY18	CY19	CY20	CY21E	CY22E	CY23E
OP/(Loss) before Tax	8,715	12,984	14,943	20,315	16,878	27,991	29,670	35,001
Depreciation	6,052	6,401	5,996	6,030	6,353	5,848	6,138	7,066
Interest & Finance Charges	171	104	-129	0	570	0	0	0
Direct Taxes Paid	-2,717	-2,177	-5,265	-4,462	-7,064	-7,278	-7,714	-9,100
(Inc)/Dec in WC	1,752	-1,660	-4,493	601	5,419	1,814	246	790
CF from Operations	13971.6	15651.4	11,052	22,484	22,156	28,376	28,340	33,757
Others	-171	-104	129	0	0	0	0	0
CF from Operating incl EO	13,801	15,548	11,181	22,484	22,156	28,376	28,340	33,757
(Inc)/Decin FA	-4,976	-5,194	-4,951	-4,935	-7,252	-16,000	-16,000	-4,000
Free Cash Flow	8,826	10,354	6,230	17,549	14,904	12,376	12,340	29,757
(Pur)/Sale of Investments	-416	1,348	1,273	1,651	1,886	0	0	0
Others	2,576	-262	-42	-42	,			
CF from Investments	-2,815	-4,108	-3,720	-3,325	-5,366	-16,000	-16,000	-4,000
Is sue of Shares	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Inc/(Dec) in Debt	117	42	-606	0	0	0	0	0
Interest Paid	-478	-420	-409	-572	-399	0	0	0
Dividend Paid	-3,192	-3,192	-2,817	-2,629	-2,629	-3,760	-4,136	-4,700
Others	-650	-650	-579	-540	-246	0	0	-1
CF from Fin. Activity		-4,221	-4,411	-3,742	-3,274	-3,760	-4,136	-4,701
				-3,742	-3,2/4	-3,700	-4,130	- <del>4</del> ,/UI
	- <b>4,201</b>				13 516	2 616	8 204	25.057
Inc/Dec of Cash	6,785	7,219	3,050	15,417	13,516	8,616 58,936	8,204 67 552	25,057 75,757
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### NOTES

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