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Q3FY22 Result Update

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Change in Estimates

	Current		Previous	
	FY23E	FY24E	FY23E	FY24E
Rating	ACCUMULATE		ACCUMULATE	
Target Price	2,158		1,633	
Sales (Rs. m)	71,506	83,811	73,293	81,587
% Chng.	(2.4)	2.7		
EBITDA (Rs. m)	6,007	7,504	6,240	6,946
% Chng.	(3.7)	8.0		
EPS (Rs.)	39.8	50.2	41.0	46.1
% Chng.	(2.9)	8.9		

Key Financials - Consolidated

Y/e Mar	FY21	FY22E	FY23E	FY24E
Sales (Rs. m)	47,913	59,840	71,506	83,811
EBITDA (Rs. m)	3,552	4,233	6,007	7,504
Margin (%)	7.4	7.1	8.4	9.0
PAT (Rs. m)	2,591	3,075	4,482	5,651
EPS (Rs.)	23.0	27.3	39.8	50.2
Gr. (%)	22.0	18.7	45.8	26.1
DPS (Rs.)	5.6	6.6	9.6	12.1
Yield (%)	0.3	0.3	0.5	0.6
RoE (%)	8.3	9.1	12.3	14.0
RoCE (%)	7.1	8.4	11.9	14.0
EV/Sales (x)	4.4	3.6	3.0	2.5
EV/EBITDA (x)	59.7	50.4	35.2	28.0
PE (x)	88.5	74.6	51.2	40.6
P/BV (x)	7.1	6.6	6.0	5.4

Key Data

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52-W High / Low	Rs.2,175 / Rs.1,122
Sensex / Nifty	57,621 / 17,214
Market Cap	Rs.243bn/ \$ 3,251m
Shares Outstanding	119m
3M Avg. Daily Value	Rs.429.61m

Shareholding Pattern (%)

Promoter's	67.47
Foreign	12.45
Domestic Institution	14.60
Public & Others	5.48
Promoter Pledge (Rs bn)	-

Stock Performance (%)

	1M	6M	12M
Absolute	7.1	47.9	72.7
Relative	11.0	39.3	52.1

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Thermax (TMX IN)

Rating: ACCUMULATE | CMP: Rs2,038 | TP: Rs2,158

Ordering momentum continues

Quick Pointers:

- Order inflow reported a strong growth of 57% YoY to Rs24.6bn, including large FGD order worth Rs8bn.
- Higher commodity price and freight cost impacted profitability during the quarter.

Thermax Ltd. (TMX) reported a healthy revenue growth of 14.5% YoY, led by growth across all segment, while profitability was impacted due to higher commodity price and freight cost. Order inflow grew 57% YoY to Rs24.6bn, including FGD orders worth Rs8bn in Q3FY22. Order book stands strong at Rs73.9bn (1.3x TTM revenue) providing revenue visibility over next few quarters. Demand remains strong from sectors such as refinery, petrochemical, O&G, sugar/distillery, cement, metals, pharma, F&B, solar etc. and will be key growth driver going forward.

We believe Thermax is well placed to capitalize on gradual economic recovery, private capex and thrust on clean energy & de-carbonization in long run given its 1) technical expertise, 2) strong balance sheet and 3) prudent working capital management. With strong order book and tender pipeline, we expect revenue/PAT to grow at CAGR of 21%/30% between FY21-24E. At CMP stock is trading at 74.6/51.2x/40.6x for FY22/23/24E. We roll forward to Mar'24 and maintain 'Accumulate' rating at TP of Rs2,158 (earlier Rs1,633), valuing it at PE of 43x FY24E (earlier 38x Sep'23E).

Revenue growth witnessed across all segment: Consol sales grew 14.5% YoY to Rs16.1bn in line with PLe ~Rs16.1bn led by growth across all the segment. Energy/Environment/Chemical grew by 9.1%/33.9%/39.6 YoY. Sudden rise in chemical raw material price impacted margins in chemical business (11.6% in Q3FY22 vs 26.1% in Q3FY21) as company was unable to pass on the cost. EBITDA declined 23.4% YoY to Rs1.1bn, (PLe ~Rs1.4bn) with EBITDA margins contracting by 346bps YoY to 7.0%, mainly due to lower gross margin (43.9% in Q3FY22 vs 46.7% in Q3FY21), higher other expenses (up 21% YoY) and employee cost (up 8.7% YoY). Other expenses were higher during the quarter due to increase in freight cost. PBT declined 23.4% YoY to Rs1bn, led by poor operational performance. Adj.PAT declined 28.5% YoY to Rs795bn (PLe ~Rs1bn).

Order book remains strong at Rs73.4bn: Order inflow came in at Rs24.6bn (up57.3% YoY), led by strong growth in domestic market (up 78% YoY), while exports market reported a growth of 4.9% YoY. Order book stands strong at Rs73.9bn (domestic 82%, exports 18%) up 41.9% YoY. Off the total order book-Energy comprises 67%, Environment 32% and Chemical 2%.

Exhibit 1: Higher commodity price impacts profitability

Y/e March (Rs mn)	Q3FY21	Q4FY21	Q1FY22	Q2FY22	Q3FY22	YoY gr. (%)	QoQ gr. (%)	9MFY22	9MFY21	YoY gr. (%)
Revenue	14,106	15,745	10,524	14,693	16,147	14.5	9.9	41,364	32,167	28.6
Total Revenues	14,106	15,745	10,524	14,693	16,147	14.5	9.9	41,364	32,167	28.6
Expenditure	12,630	14,349	9,893	13,593	15,016	18.9	10.5	38,503	30,012	28.3
as % of sales	89.5	91.1	94.0	92.5	93.0			93.1	93.3	
Consumption of RM	7,519	8,215	5,328	8,080	9,058	20.5	12.1	22,465	17,171	30.8
as % of sales	53.3	52.2	50.6	55.0	56.1			54.3	53.4	
Employee Cost	1,901	1,973	1,912	1,956	2,067	8.7	5.7	5,934	5,615	5.7
as % of sales	13.5	12.5	18.2	13.3	12.8			14.3	17.5	
Other expenditure	3,210	4,160	2,654	3,558	3,892	21.2	9.4	10,103	7,226	39.8
as % of sales	22.8	26.4	25.2	24.2	24.1			24.4	22.5	
EBITDA	1,476	1,397	630	1,100	1,131	(23.4)	2.8	2,862	2,155	32.8
Depreciation	291	288	274	274	290	(0.3)	5.7	838	858	(2.3)
EBIT	1,185	1,109	357	826	841	(29.0)	1.9	2,024	1,298	56.0
Other Income	282	358	254	368	292	3.3	(20.6)	913	719	27.0
Interest	57	63	48	51	53	(6.9)	4.2	151	143	5.2
PBT	1,411	1,404	563	1,143	1,080	(23.4)	(5.5)	2,786	1,873	48.7
Total Tax	300	330	139	264	286	(4.5)	8.4	688	356	93.4
Adjusted PAT	1,111	1,074	424	879	795	(28.5)	(9.6)	2,098	1,518	38.2
(Profit)/loss from JV's/Ass/MI	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
PAT after MI	1,111	1,074	424	879	795	(28.5)	(9.6)	2,098	1,518	38.2
Extra ordinary items	(279)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(525)	-
Reported PAT	833	1,074	424	879	795	(4.6)	(9.6)	2,098	992	111.4
Adjusted EPS	9.9	9.5	3.8	7.8	7.1	(28.5)	(9.6)	18.6	13.5	38.2
Margins (%)	Q3FY21	Q4FY21	Q1FY22	Q2FY22	Q3FY22	bps	bps	9MFY22	9MFY21	bps
EBIDTA	10.5	8.9	6.0	7.5	7.0	(346)	(48)	6.9	6.7	22
EBIT	8.4	7.0	3.4	5.6	5.2	(319)	(41)	4.9	4.0	86
EBT	10.0	8.9	5.3	7.8	6.7	(331)	(109)	6.7	5.8	91
PAT	5.9	6.8	4.0	6.0	4.9	(98)	(106)	5.1	3.1	199
Effective Tax rate	21.2	23.5	24.6	23.1	26.5	523	339	24.7	19.0	571

Source: Company, PL

Exhibit 2: Segmental Performance

Segmental Performance	Q3FY21	Q4FY21	Q1FY22	Q2FY22	Q3FY22	YoY gr. (%)	QoQ gr. (%)	9MFY22	9MFY21	YoY gr. (%)
Revenue										
Energy	10,658	11,753	7,627	10,572	11,632	9.1	10.0	29,831	24,520	21.7
Environment	2,534	3,019	1,804	3,119	3,393	33.9	8.8	8,316	4,923	68.9
Chemicals	1,113	1,194	1,227	1,287	1,554	39.6	20.8	4,068	3,101	31.2
Less: Intersegment	(199)	(221)	(134)	(285)	(431)	116.5	51.3	850	376	126.3
Total	14,106	15,745	10,524	14,693	16,147	14.5	9.9	43,064	32,918	30.8
EBIT										
Energy	966	1,088	279	841	728	(24.7)	(13.5)	1,848	1,090	69.6
EBIT margin (%)	9.1	9.3	3.7	8.0	6.3			6.2	4.4	
Environment	180	198	28	64	107	(40.5)	68.1	198	178	11.4
EBIT margin (%)	7.1	6.6	1.5	2.0	3.2			2.4	3.6	
Chemicals	291	221	216	199	171	(41.0)	(13.9)	587	813	(27.9)
EBIT margin (%)	26.1	18.5	17.6	15.5	11.0			14.4	26.2	

Source: Company, PL

Conference Call Highlights:

- Management indicated increase in commodity price and freight cost impacted margins during the quarter specially in Chemical segment, where it was unable to pass on the price.
- Q3FY22 Revenue breakup – Project 50%, Product 30-35% and services 15-20%.
- Capacity utilization is above pre-covid level at ~85-90%. Company has capability to outsource some work like fabrication to third party, given increase in demand.
- Surge in global demand coupled with supply chain disruption led to increase in chemical raw material prices in recent past.
- Margin pressure likely to continue given execution of ongoing 2 FGD projects; additionally, recently won FGD orders will continue to impact margins.
- Traction remains strong from O&G, refinery, petrochemical, steel etc. for big ticket orders.

Segment wise

- **Energy:** Revenue growth (up 9% YoY) was driven by shorter turnover business like heating boiler and chiller.
- **Environment:** Off the two ongoing FGD projects- TMX has completed 50% for its first FGD order and 30% of 2nd one. Expects revenue of Rs3.5bn in FY22 and Rs4-5b in FY23 from FGD vs Rs1bn in FY21. Solar- Within solar segment, Thermax caters to industrial clients. It is aggressively focusing on this segment and expects strong growth, going forward.
- **Chemical:** Chemical segment revenue growth was driven by price as well as volume growth. Chemical margin to sustain at 16-18% going forward, while FY21 margins (24.1%) were higher due to lower crude price.

Financials

Income Statement (Rs m)

Y/e Mar	FY21	FY22E	FY23E	FY24E
Net Revenues	47,913	59,840	71,506	83,811
YoY gr. (%)	(16.4)	24.9	19.5	17.2
Cost of Goods Sold	25,386	32,778	37,717	44,207
Gross Profit	22,526	27,062	33,789	39,604
Margin (%)	47.0	45.2	47.3	47.3
Employee Cost	7,588	8,378	10,011	11,734
Other Expenses	4,481	6,283	7,904	9,135
EBITDA	3,552	4,233	6,007	7,504
YoY gr. (%)	(12.6)	19.2	41.9	24.9
Margin (%)	7.4	7.1	8.4	9.0
Depreciation and Amortization	1,146	1,140	1,291	1,416
EBIT	2,406	3,093	4,715	6,089
Margin (%)	5.0	5.2	6.6	7.3
Net Interest	206	208	219	230
Other Income	1,077	1,239	1,480	1,676
Profit Before Tax	2,752	4,123	5,977	7,535
Margin (%)	5.7	6.9	8.4	9.0
Total Tax	686	1,048	1,494	1,884
Effective tax rate (%)	24.9	25.4	25.0	25.0
Profit after tax	2,066	3,075	4,482	5,651
Minority interest	-	-	-	-
Share Profit from Associate	-	-	-	-
Adjusted PAT	2,591	3,075	4,482	5,651
YoY gr. (%)	22.0	18.7	45.8	26.1
Margin (%)	5.4	5.1	6.3	6.7
Extra Ord. Income / (Exp)	(525)	-	-	-
Reported PAT	2,066	3,075	4,482	5,651
YoY gr. (%)	(2.8)	48.8	45.8	26.1
Margin (%)	4.3	5.1	6.3	6.7
Other Comprehensive Income	-	-	-	-
Total Comprehensive Income	2,066	3,075	4,482	5,651
Equity Shares O/s (m)	113	113	113	113
EPS (Rs)	23.0	27.3	39.8	50.2

Source: Company Data, PL Research

Balance Sheet Abstract (Rs m)

Y/e Mar	FY21	FY22E	FY23E	FY24E
Non-Current Assets				
Gross Block	19,878	21,678	23,478	25,278
Tangibles	19,878	21,678	23,478	25,278
Intangibles	-	-	-	-
Acc: Dep / Amortization	7,777	8,918	10,209	11,625
Tangibles	7,777	8,918	10,209	11,625
Intangibles	-	-	-	-
Net fixed assets	12,101	12,761	13,269	13,654
Tangibles	12,101	12,761	13,269	13,654
Intangibles	-	-	-	-
Capital Work In Progress	530	530	530	530
Goodwill	-	-	-	-
Non-Current Investments	2,598	3,276	4,139	5,050
Net Deferred tax assets	1,540	1,540	1,540	1,540
Other Non-Current Assets	2,556	3,172	3,575	4,191
Current Assets				
Investments	1,153	1,153	1,153	1,153
Inventories	4,047	4,918	5,877	6,889
Trade receivables	13,380	13,116	15,673	18,370
Cash & Bank Balance	19,392	17,970	19,813	21,480
Other Current Assets	3,830	4,787	5,005	5,867
Total Assets	63,458	66,649	74,255	83,300
Equity				
Equity Share Capital	225	225	225	225
Other Equity	32,289	34,619	38,017	42,301
Total Network	32,514	34,844	38,242	42,526
Non-Current Liabilities				
Long Term borrowings	222	233	244	257
Provisions	-	-	-	-
Other non current liabilities	-	-	-	-
Current Liabilities				
ST Debt / Current of LT Debt	2,829	2,818	2,806	2,794
Trade payables	11,710	11,476	13,714	16,073
Other current liabilities	17,725	18,818	20,789	23,190
Total Equity & Liabilities	63,458	66,649	74,255	83,300

Source: Company Data, PL Research

Cash Flow (Rs m)

Y/e Mar	FY21	FY22E	FY23E	FY24E
PBT	2,752	4,123	5,977	7,535
Add. Depreciation	1,017	1,140	1,291	1,416
Add. Interest	118	208	219	230
Less Financial Other Income	1,077	1,239	1,480	1,676
Add. Other	12	(1,239)	(1,480)	(1,676)
Op. profit before WC changes	3,899	4,233	6,007	7,504
Net Changes-WC	4,734	(2,476)	(463)	(1,618)
Direct tax	938	1,048	1,494	1,884
Net cash from Op. activities	7,695	708	4,050	4,003
Capital expenditures	(13,130)	(1,800)	(1,800)	(1,800)
Interest / Dividend Income	266	1,239	1,480	1,676
Others	6,507	(616)	(583)	(615)
Net Cash from Invt. activities	(6,357)	(1,178)	(903)	(739)
Issue of share cap. / premium	-	-	-	-
Debt changes	947	-	-	-
Dividend paid	-	(744)	(1,085)	(1,368)
Interest paid	(118)	(208)	(219)	(230)
Others	(56)	-	-	-
Net cash from Fin. activities	772	(953)	(1,304)	(1,597)
Net change in cash	2,110	(1,422)	1,843	1,667
Free Cash Flow	6,861	(1,092)	2,250	2,203

Source: Company Data, PL Research

Key Financial Metrics

Y/e Mar	FY21	FY22E	FY23E	FY24E
Per Share(Rs)				
EPS	23.0	27.3	39.8	50.2
CEPS	33.2	37.4	51.3	62.8
BVPS	288.8	309.5	339.6	377.7
FCF	60.9	(9.7)	20.0	19.6
DPS	5.6	6.6	9.6	12.1
Return Ratio(%)				
RoCE	7.1	8.4	11.9	14.0
ROIC	13.4	13.1	19.0	22.0
RoE	8.3	9.1	12.3	14.0
Balance Sheet				
Net Debt : Equity (x)	(0.5)	(0.5)	(0.5)	(0.5)
Net Working Capital (Days)	44	40	40	40
Valuation(x)				
PER	88.5	74.6	51.2	40.6
P/B	7.1	6.6	6.0	5.4
P/CEPS	61.4	54.4	39.7	32.5
EV/EBITDA	59.7	50.4	35.2	28.0
EV/Sales	4.4	3.6	3.0	2.5
Dividend Yield (%)	0.3	0.3	0.5	0.6

Source: Company Data, PL Research

Quarterly Financials (Rs m)

Y/e Mar	Q4FY21	Q1FY22	Q2FY22	Q3FY22
Net Revenue	15,745	10,524	14,693	16,147
YoY gr. (%)	19.0	58.3	28.8	14.5
Raw Material Expenses	8,215	5,328	8,080	9,058
Gross Profit	7,530	5,196	6,613	7,089
Margin (%)	47.8	49.4	45.0	43.9
EBITDA	1,397	630	1,100	1,131
YoY gr. (%)	119.7	(653.5)	38.7	(23.4)
Margin (%)	8.9	6.0	7.5	7.0
Depreciation / Depletion	288	274	274	290
EBIT	1,109	357	826	841
Margin (%)	7.0	3.4	5.6	5.2
Net Interest	63	48	51	53
Other Income	358	254	368	292
Profit before Tax	1,404	563	1,143	1,080
Margin (%)	8.9	5.3	7.8	6.7
Total Tax	330	139	264	286
Effective tax rate (%)	23.5	24.6	23.1	26.5
Profit after Tax	1,074	424	879	795
Minority interest	-	-	-	-
Share Profit from Associates	-	-	-	-
Adjusted PAT	1,074	424	879	795
YoY gr. (%)	175.0	(377.7)	57.3	(28.5)
Margin (%)	6.8	4.0	6.0	4.9
Extra Ord. Income / (Exp)	-	-	-	-
Reported PAT	1,074	424	879	795
YoY gr. (%)	175.0	(377.7)	181.4	(4.6)
Margin (%)	6.8	4.0	6.0	4.9
Other Comprehensive Income	-	-	-	-
Total Comprehensive Income	1,074	424	879	795
Avg. Shares O/s (m)	113	113	113	113
EPS (Rs)	9.5	3.8	7.8	7.1

Source: Company Data, PL Research

Price Chart
Recommendation History


No.	Date	Rating	TP (Rs.)	Share Price (Rs.)
1	11-Jan-22	Accumulate	1,633	1,922
2	13-Nov-21	Accumulate	1,633	1,530
3	5-Oct-21	Accumulate	1,559	1,349
4	9-Aug-21	Accumulate	1,559	1,360
5	6-Jul-21	Accumulate	1,559	1,484
6	26-May-21	Accumulate	1,559	1,455
7	7-Apr-21	Accumulate	1,008	1,275

Analyst Coverage Universe

Sr. No.	Company Name	Rating	TP (Rs)	Share Price (Rs)
1	ABB India	UR	-	2,288
2	Apar Industries	BUY	790	780
3	Bharat Electronics	BUY	265	210
4	BHEL	Sell	34	63
5	Cummins India	Accumulate	1,051	952
6	Engineers India	BUY	129	71
7	GE T&D India	Hold	139	132
8	Kalpataru Power Transmission	BUY	508	381
9	KEC International	Accumulate	572	517
10	Larsen & Toubro	BUY	2,382	1,898
11	Siemens	Accumulate	2,310	2,321
12	Thermax	Accumulate	1,633	1,922
13	Triveni Turbine	BUY	243	206
14	Voltamp Transformers	Accumulate	1,825	2,021

PL's Recommendation Nomenclature (Absolute Performance)

Buy	: > 15%
Accumulate	: 5% to 15%
Hold	: +5% to -5%
Reduce	: -5% to -15%
Sell	: < -15%
Not Rated (NR)	: No specific call on the stock
Under Review (UR)	: Rating likely to change shortly

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