

Balkrishna Industries

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Bloomberg	BIL IN
Equity Shares (m)	193
M.Cap.(INRb)/(USDb)	440.6 / 5.3
52-Week Range (INR)	2490 / 1801
1, 6, 12 Rel. Per (%)	7/12/-12
12M Avg Val (INR M)	711

Financials & valuations (INR b)

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Y/E March	FY23	FY24E	FY25E
Sales	100.2	106.1	110.8
EBITDA	19.7	25.6	28.3
Adj. PAT	10.1	15.7	17.8
EPS (INR)	52.1	81.3	91.9
EPS Growth (%)	-29.3	55.8	13.1
BV/Share (INR)	390.9	442.2	499.1
Ratios			
RoE (%)	13.9	19.5	19.5
RoCE (%)	10.9	13.7	14.2
Payout (%)	30.7	36.9	38.1
Valuations			
P/E (x)	43.7	28.0	24.8
P/BV (x)	5.8	5.2	4.6
Div. yield (%)	0.7	1.3	1.5
FCF yield (%)	-0.7	3.0	3.0

Shareholding pattern (%)

As On	Mar-23	Dec-22	Mar-22
Promoter	58.3	58.3	58.3
DII	20.3	20.2	11.8
FII	12.4	12.5	14.1
Others	9.0	9.0	15.9

FII Includes depository receipts

CMP: INR2,279 TP: INR2,100 (-8%) Neutra

Operationally in line; recovery to further delay in EU

Channel inventory de-stocking to continue till July

- BIL's 4QFY23 performance was operationally in line. Moderating RM and freight cost led to 210bp QoQ improvement in EBITDA margin to 21.3%. While RM and freight costs are likely to see further moderation in FY24, we expect BIL to partially pass on the benefits, resulting in declining realizations in the coming quarters.
- We roll forward our valuation to June'25E EPS valuing BIL with a target price of INR2,100 ascribing it 22x (in line with 5 years LPA)

Softening RM and freight costs led to EBITDA margin expansion

- SA Revenue/EBITDA/adj.PAT declined 4%/14%/30.5% YoY to INR23.2b/INR4.9b/INR2.6b. FY23 revenue grew 4% YoY, while EBITDA / adj. PAT declined 7%/26% YoY.
- Despite traditionally being a robust quarter, volumes declined 6% YoY to 72.7k tons (in line) in 4Q, which is primarily due to channel inventory clearance in the end markets. Realizations remained flat YoY (down 4% QoQ) at INR319.9k/unit (v/s est. INR331.3k).
- Gross margin contracted 540bp YoY (up 70bp QoQ) to 49.3% (v/s est.50%). However, there was improved absorption of RM costs in the system.
- EBIDTA margin declined 240bp YoY (up 215bp QoQ) to 21.3%. Sequential improvement could be attributed to better gross margin and lower freight costs as a percentage of sales (down 810bp YoY/ down 310bp QoQ).
- Further, higher-than-estimated interest costs, and lower 'other income' led to Adj. PAT declining 31% YoY/up 1.6x QoQ to INR2.6b (v/s est. INR2.7b).
- The board has declared a final dividend of INR4 for FY23 (total FY23 dividend stood at INR16 v/s FY22 dividend of INR28).
- There was a cash outflow of INR3b (v/s an outflow of INR6.8b in FY22). CFO improved to INR14.5b (v/s INR9.1b in FY22), which was offset by higher capex of INR17.5b (v/s INR15.9b in FY22).

Highlights from the management commentary

- **Demand outlook-** The management expects 2HFY23 to be better. The European market is expected to normalize by late FY24, while the performance of the India and US markets should sustain in FY24. Retail demand trend in the EU Agri market and the US OTR market is better than wholesales.
- **Realization-** The management expects some minor corrections in the near term. Realization level is expected to gradually decrease to around ~300k. The decrease in realizations in 4QFY23 was primarily attributed to changes in product mix and the impact of freight cost pass-through.
- Inventory correction should largely get over June-July. In 4QFY23, the destocking amount experienced a marginal decrease compared to the previous quarter. Currently, the company's finished goods inventory level stands at ~45 days and the company indicated that it plans to reduce this further to 40-42 days.

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■ **EBITDA margin- Expect 200-300bp improvement in FY24.** The management expects RM costs to decline 1-2% in the next quarter. The company might partially pass on the benefits of softening RM.

Valuation and view

- We expect near-term headwinds to continue, led by uncertain delayed recovery in EU and likely channel de-stocking in 1QFY24 as well. This should delay EBITDA margin recovery in the near term. However, softening of RM costs and freight expenses, coupled with operating leverage, should drive margin recovery of ~600bp over FY23-FY25.
- Current valuations fairly reflect its industry-leading margin, FCF, and capital efficiencies. The stock currently trades at a P/E multiple of 28x/24.8x
 FY24E/FY25E EPS. We reiterate our Neutral stance on the stock.

Quarterly Earnings Model (Standalone)

(INR Million)

Y/E March		FY	22			FY	23		FY22	FY23	
	1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q	1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q			4QE
Volumes (Ton)	68,608	72,748	70,320	77,119	83,153	78,872	66,480	72,676	2,88,795	3,01,181	71,593
YoY Change (%)	80.1	18.8	17.6	13.4	21.2	8.4	-5.5	-5.8	27.1	4.3	-7.2
Realizations (INR '000/ton)	266.5	285.9	295.6	315.3	327.9	355.8	333.2	319.9	291.5	334.4	331.3
YoY Change (%)	7.8	12.8	18.2	22.5	23.0	24.5	12.7	1.4	15.4	14.7	5.1
Net Revenues	18,281	20,798	20,790	24,319	27,263	28,063	22,153	23,246	84,187	1,00,725	23,717
YoY Change (%)	94.1	34.0	38.9	39.0	49.1	34.9	6.6	-4.4	46.7	19.6	-2.5
EBITDA	5,339	5,642	5,064	5,763	5,470	5,640	4,233	4,942	21,817	20,284	4,978
Margins (%)	29.2	27.1	24.4	23.7	20.1	20.1	19.1	21.3	25.9	20.1	21.0
Depreciation	1,041	1,085	1,145	1,167	1,262	1,341	1,449	1,515	4,438	5,566	1,464
Interest	21	18	18	21	27	43	136	250	79	456	97
Forex loss/(gain)	-170	-270	-170	210	-260	-490	1,660	-30	-390	880	250
Other Income	400	620	310	520	-150	580	430	280	1,850	1,140	526
PBT before EI	4,847	5,429	4,381	4,884	4,290	5,327	1,417	3,487	19,541	14,521	3,694
Extra-Ord expense	357	299	0	-40	0	0	0	23	615	23	0
PBT	4,490	5,131	4,381	4,924	4,290	5,327	1,417	3,465	18,926	14,499	3,694
Rate (%)	26.2	26.4	25.1	24.1	25.4	24.1	29.8	26.1	25.5	25.7	26.1
Reported PAT	3,312	3,775	3,280	3,737	3,199	4,043	995	2,559	14,103	10,774	2,731
Adj PAT	3,575	3,994	3,280	3,707	3,199	4,043	995	2,576	14,562	10,791	2,731
YoY Change (%)	193.0	17.4	1.8	-0.4	-10.5	1.2	-69.7	-30.5	26.1	-25.9	-26.3
Margins (%)	19.6	19.2	15.8	15.2	11.7	14.4	4.5	11.1	17.3	10.7	11.5

E: MOFSL Estimates

Key Performance Indicators

Y/E March		FY2	22			FY2	23		FY22	FY23E	
	1Q	2QE	3Q	4Q	1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q			4QE
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Gross Margins (%)	57.2	55.4	53.5	54.7	53.4	51.2	48.6	49.3	55.1	50.8	50.0
EBITDA Margins (%)	29.2	27.1	24.4	23.7	20.1	20.1	19.1	21.3	25.9	20.1	21.0
Gross Profit (INR '000/ton)	152.4	158.4	158.3	172.3	175.2	182.2	162.1	157.6	160.7	169.9	165.5
EBITDA (INR '000/ton)	77.8	77.6	72.0	74.7	65.8	71.5	63.7	68.0	75.5	67.3	69.5

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Highlights from the management commentary

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- Realization- The management expects some minor corrections in the near term. Realization level is expected to gradually decrease to around ~300k. The decrease in realizations in 4QFY23 was primarily attributed to changes in product mix and the impact of freight cost pass-through.
- The company aims for 10% market share over the next four-five years (v/s 5% currently). While the company is not foreseeing any competition from Chinese players as of now, it will continue to maintain the pricing gap of 15% (lower) v/s other European competitors. The company currently holds a market share is 3-3.5% in the Indian market. However, it does not have any plans to expand into other businesses apart from carbon black.
- Inventory correction should largely get over June-July. In 4QFY23, the destocking amount experienced a marginal decrease compared to the previous quarter. Currently, the company's finished goods inventory level stands at ~45 days and the company indicated that it plans to reduce this further to 40-42 days. RM inventory typically ranges between 45 and 60 days; however in the recent past, it was relatively higher. It expects this to return to 60 days in the near term.
- EBITDA margin- Expect 200-300bp improvement in FY24. The company has incurred higher spends on brand building with an aim to increase market share. However, these higher expenses along with higher freight costs negatively impacted the margins. The management expects RM costs to decline 1-2% in the next quarter. The company might pass on some of the benefits resulting from softening RM costs.
- Gross debt level stood at INR32b in FY23, while gross cash and cash equivalents stood at INR20.75b. The management expects gross debt to decline further. The company intends to use cash reserves exclusively for expansion purposes or potential acquisition opportunities. It does not plan to allocate cash toward debt repayment.
- Capex- FY24 guidance of INR5.5-6b including maintenance capex of INR2.5-3b and new products such as rubber tracks and giant solid tyres.
- > The advanced carbon black project of 30k MT is delayed and the company expects to complete the same in 2HFY24.
- > The brownfield capacity of 25k MTPA at Waluj has been successfully completed. The full ramp-up of this capacity is expected to be achieved over a period of six months. Waluj has total capacity of 55k MT/annum. At the company level, the achievable capacity currently stands at 360k MTPA.
- Ended the year with 301k MT in FY23. The company would need to increase its capacity to achieve its aim of 10% market share globally. There is ample room in Bhuj for further capacity expansion. Brownfield expansions will take 15-20 months to become operational.
- Hedge rate for 4QFY23/FY23 was INR86.5/85.3. FY24 hedge rate should be INR88-89. The next 8-10 months have already been hedged (~80% of the exposure).
- Carbon black sales to third parties account for 6% of the company's total revenue for the full year. The utilization rate of the carbon black plant stands at 85-90%.

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Key exhibits

Exhibit 1: Volume trend

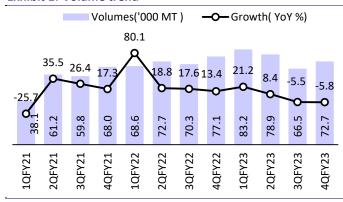


Exhibit 2: Trend in revenue

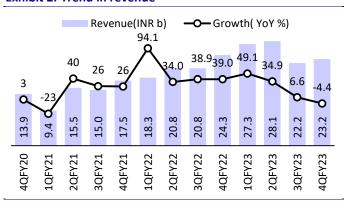


Exhibit 3: Net realization trend

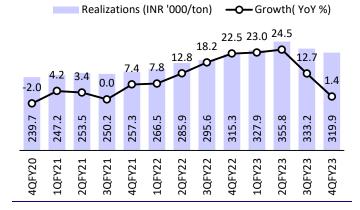


Exhibit 4: Gross profit margin trend

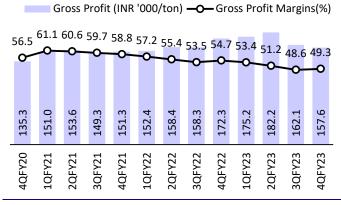


Exhibit 5: EBITDA margin trend

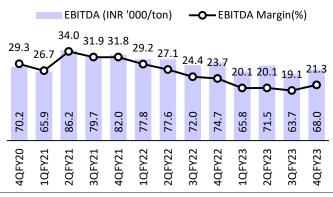


Exhibit 6: PAT and PAT growth trends

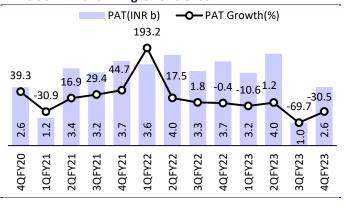


Exhibit 7: Geography-wise contribution

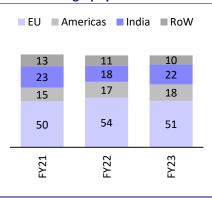


Exhibit 8: Channel-wise sales

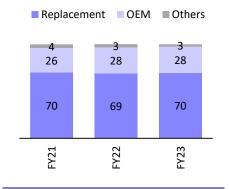
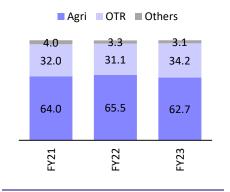


Exhibit 9: Segment-wise sales



Source: Company, MOFSL

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Valuation and view

Current valuation fairly reflects industry-leading margin, FCF, and capital efficiency

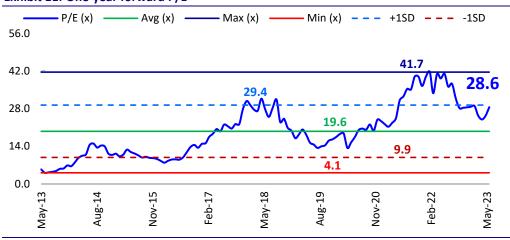
- Profitable market share gains to continue: We expect BIL to continue outperforming the industry and further strengthen its competitive position. The company possesses a well-established competitive advantage, which has enabled consistent market share gains. Its competitive advantage is driven by: a) competitive costs and pricing, b) consistent product portfolio expansion, and c) expanding reach. With the current market share of ~5% in the USD15b global Specialty Tyre segment, BIL aspires to increase it to 10% over the next four-to-five years by: a) ramping-up in the OTR segment, which is much larger than Agri Tyres, b) strengthening its presence in North America and RoW markets, and c) gaining share with OEMs. We expect volume/revenue CAGR of ~7%/5% over FY23-25E.
- Investing to improve its competitiveness: The management has invested over ~INR30b in the last three years toward expanding capacity in tyres as well as carbon black and modernization & automation. At the company level, achievable capacity stands at 360k MTPA. As a percentage of sales, capex intensity would start moderating in FY24-25 to ~6% of sales (v/s last five years average of 16%), driving improvement in FCF generation.
- Earnings growth to pick up: We estimate EBITDA/PAT for BIL to grow at 20%/33% over FY23-25. Also, we estimate EBITDA margin expansion of ~600bp over FY23-25 to 25.6%. With lower capex intensity, we expect FCF generation to improve, resulting in FCF conversion (% of PAT) to average 78% over FY24-25 (v/s average ~2% for last five years).
- Valuations factor in a focused strong business model: BIL ranks the highest among its domestic peers in terms of cost competitiveness and financial strength. In terms of valuation, it trades at a substantial premium to its mainstream peers. Its current valuation fairly reflects its industry-leading margin, FCF, and capital efficiencies. The stock currently trades at a P/E multiple of 28x/24.8x FY24E/FY25E EPS. We roll forward our valuation to June'25E EPS valuing BIL with a target price of INR2,100 ascribing it 22x (in line with 5 years LPA)

Exhibit 10: Revised forecast (Consol)

(INR M)		FY24E		FY25E			
	Rev	Old	Chg (%)	Rev	Old	Chg (%)	
Net Sales	1,06,147	1,08,599	-2.3	1,10,847	1,16,665	-5.0	
EBITDA	25,560	25,988	-1.6	28,340	29,268	-3.2	
EBITDA (%)	24.1	23.9	10bp	25.6	25.1	50bp	
Adj. PAT	15,708	15,500	1.3	17,770	17,821	-0.3	
EPS (INR)	81.3	80.2	1.3	91.9	92.2	-0.3	

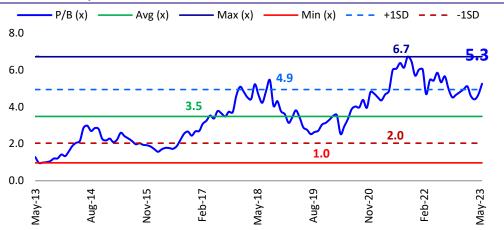
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Exhibit 11: One-year forward P/E



Source: MOFSL, Company

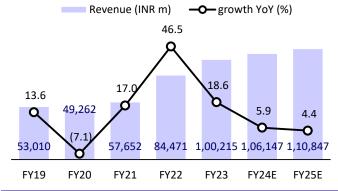
Exhibit 12: One-year forward P/B band



Source: MOFSL, Company

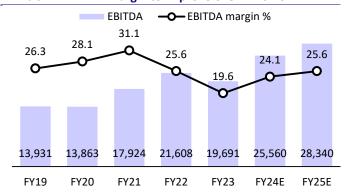
Story in charts

Exhibit 13: Revenue to witness a ~5 CAGR over FY23-25



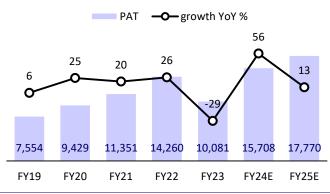
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Exhibit 14: EBITDA margin to improve over FY23-25E



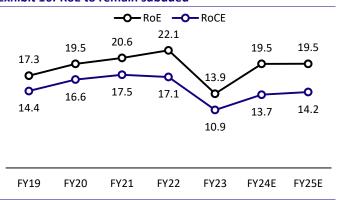
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Exhibit 15: PAT to witness a CAGR of ~33% over FY23-25



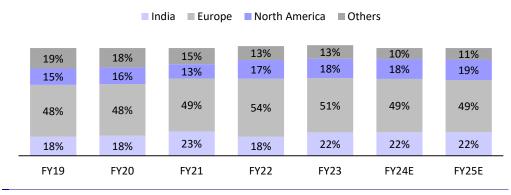
Source: Company, MOFSL

Exhibit 16: RoE to remain subdued



Source: Company, MOFSL

Exhibit 17: Market mix can potentially improve toward the US and India



Source: Company, MOFSL

Financials and valuations

Consolidated - Income Statement							(INR m)
Y/E March	FY19	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24E	FY25E
Adj. Net Revenues	53,010	49,262	57,652	84,471	1,00,215	1,06,147	1,10,847
Change (%)	13.6	-7.1	17.0	46.5	18.6	5.9	4.4
Raw Materials	24,441	21,388	23,110	37,778	49,153	51,481	52,320
Employees Cost	2,992	3,286	3,709	4,301	4,594	4,870	4,967
Other Expenses	11,646	10,726	12,909	20,785	26,777	24,235	25,219
Total Expenditure	39,079	35,400	39,728	62,864	80,524	80,586	82,506
% of Sales	73.7	71.9	68.9	74.4	80.4	75.9	74.4
EBITDA	13,931	13,863	17,924	21,608	19,691	25,560	28,340
EBITDA Margin (%)	26.3	28.1	31.1	25.6	19.6	24.1	25.6
Depreciation	3,326	3,736	4,163	4,554	5,708	6,134	6,591
EBIT	10,605	10,126	13,761	17,054	13,983	19,427	21,749
EBIT Margin (%)	20.0	20.6	23.9	20.2	14.0	18.3	19.6
Int. and Finance Charges	111	89	114	92	480	418	418
Fx loss/(gain)	-100	0	-180	-390	880	-500	-500
Other Income	990	1,190	1,297	1,920	1,215	1,491	1,926
PBT bef. EO Exp.	11,583	11,228	15,125	19,272	13,838	21,000	23,756
EO Items	0	0	0	-615	-23	0	0
PBT after EO Exp.	11,583	11,228	15,125	18,657	13,816	21,000	23,756
Total Tax	4,029	1,799	3,774	4,852	3,751	5,292	5,987
Eff. Tax Rate (%)	34.8	16.0	25.0	26.0	27.2	25.2	25.2
Minority Interest	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Reported PAT	7,554	9,429	11,351	13,804	10,064	15,708	17,770
Adjusted PAT	7,554	9,429	11,351	14,260	10,081	15,708	17,770
Change (%)	6.2	24.8	20.4	25.6	-29.3	55.8	13.1

Consolidated - Balance Sheet							(INR m)
Y/E March	FY19	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24E	FY25E
Equity Share Capital	387	387	387	387	387	387	387
Total Reserves	46,150	49,696	59,612	68,944	75,183	85,092	96,096
Net Worth	46,537	50,083	59,998	69,330	75,569	85,478	96,483
Minority Interest	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Loans	8,796	9,316	10,006	25,286	33,465	33,465	33,465
Deferred Tax Liabilities	3,255	1,783	2,035	2,509	2,419	2,419	2,419
Capital Employed	58,588	61,182	72,039	97,125	1,11,453	1,21,362	1,32,366
Gross Block	39,355	48,210	52,954	64,051	83,492	96,908	1,05,908
Less: Accum. Deprn.	12,264	15,992	20,115	24,651	30,359	36,492	43,084
Net Fixed Assets	27,091	32,218	32,839	39,401	53,133	60,415	62,824
Goodwill on Consolidation	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Capital WIP	6,004	5,866	8,555	12,584	13,916	5,500	5,500
Investment property	772	857	864	793	708	708	708
Total Investments	10,826	10,625	14,177	18,967	20,367	20,367	20,367
Curr. Assets, Loans&Adv.	20,099	18,498	25,230	38,045	35,353	49,513	58,779
Inventory	7,587	6,156	9,397	16,721	16,674	14,541	15,184
Account Receivables	5,171	5,899	7,536	10,962	11,153	13,087	13,666
Cash and Bank Balance	656	691	780	517	763	8,799	16,263
Loans and Advances	6,684	5,752	7,517	9,846	6,763	13,087	13,666
Curr. Liability & Prov.	6,202	6,882	9,626	12,665	12,024	15,141	15,811
Account Payables	3,861	3,837	6,550	8,293	4,921	10,178	10,629
Other Current Liabilities	2,073	2,746	2,750	4,056	6,754	4,362	4,555
Provisions	267	299	326	316	348	600	627
Net Current Assets	13,897	11,616	15,604	25,380	23,330	34,372	42,968
Appl. of Funds	58,589	61,182	72,039	97,125	1,11,453	1,21,362	1,32,366

Financials and valuations

Ratios							
Y/E March	FY19	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24E	FY25E
Basic (INR)							
EPS	39.1	48.8	58.7	73.8	52.1	81.3	91.9
Cash EPS	56.3	68.1	80.3	97.3	81.7	113.0	126.0
BV/Share	240.7	259.1	310.4	358.7	390.9	442.2	499.1
DPS	7.5	22.0	17.0	28.0	16.0	30.0	35.0
Payout (%)	23.1	54.4	29.0	39.2	30.7	36.9	38.1
Valuation (x)							
P/E	58.3	46.7	38.8	30.9	43.7	28.0	24.8
Cash P/E	40.5	33.5	28.4	23.4	27.9	20.2	18.1
P/BV	9.5	8.8	7.3	6.4	5.8	5.2	4.6
EV/Sales	8.5	9.1	7.8	5.5	4.7	4.4	4.1
EV/EBITDA	32.2	32.4	25.1	21.5	24.0	18.2	16.2
Dividend Yield (%)	0.3	1.0	0.7	1.2	0.7	1.3	1.5
FCF per share	4.4	20.2	21.5	-35.2	-15.7	67.5	67.4
Return Ratios (%)							
RoE	17.3	19.5	20.6	22.1	13.9	19.5	19.5
RoCE	14.4	16.6	17.5	17.1	10.9	13.7	14.2
RoIC	17.0	20.0	22.3	22.2	14.4	17.8	18.4
Working Capital Ratios							
Fixed Asset Turnover (x)	1.3	1.0	1.1	1.3	1.2	1.1	1.0
Asset Turnover (x)	0.9	0.8	0.8	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.8
Inventory (Days)	52	46	59	72	61	50	50
Debtor (Days)	36	44	48	47	41	45	45
Creditor (Days)	27	28	41	36	18	35	35
Leverage Ratio (x)							
Current Ratio	3.2	2.7	2.6	3.0	2.9	3.3	3.7
Interest Cover Ratio	95.3	113.8	120.9	186.4	29.1	46.4	52.0
Net Debt/Equity	-0.1	0.0	-0.1	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.0
Consolidated - Cash Flow Statement							
Y/E March	FY19	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24E	FY25E
OP/(Loss) before Tax	11,863	11,393	15,541	19,207	14,326	21,000	23,756
Depreciation	3,326	3,736	4,163	4,554	5,708	6,134	6,591
Interest & Finance Charges	49	-135	-289	-324	116	-782	-1,202
Direct Taxes Paid	-4,076	-2,884	-3,510	-4,579	-3,429	-5,292	-5,987
(Inc)/Dec in WC	-1,934	544	-1,273	-8,289	-1,865	-3,007	-1,132
CF from Operations	9,228	12,653	14,632	10,569	14,855	18,053	22,027
Others	-1,024	-922	-1,242	-1,488	-376	0	0

Others -1,024 -922 -1,242 -1,488 -376 **CF from Operating incl EO** 8,204 11,731 13,390 9,080 14,480 18,053 22,027 (Inc)/Dec in FA -7,344 -7,830 -9,232 -15,889 -17,523 -5,000 -9,000 **Free Cash Flow** 860 3,901 4,159 -6,809 -3,043 13,053 13,027 863 (Pur)/Sale of Investments 877 -2,891 -3,516 -883 0 0 Others 108 575 1,200 190 388 431 1,620 **CF from Investments** -6,360 -6,778 -11,734 -18,975 -17,831 -3,800 -7,380 Issue of Shares 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 Inc/(Dec) in Debt 213 279 857 15,498 7,097 0 0 Interest Paid -115 -88 -114 -90 -420 -418 -418 -3,091 **Dividend Paid** -1,745 -5,126 -2,316 -5,603 -5,799 -6,766 Others 0 -13 -3 -1 0 0 0 **CF from Fin. Activity** -4,947 -1,575 -1,647 9,804 3,585 -6,217 -7,184 Inc/Dec of Cash 197 81 -90 234 8,036 7,464 Net cash flow from financing activities 0 0 0 6 1 **Opening Balance** 265 462 468 549 459 693 8,729 **Closing Balance** 462 468 549 459 693 8,729 16,193

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