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Q4FY24 Result Update

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Change in Estimates

	Cu	rrent	Prev	/ious
	FY25E	FY26E	FY25E	FY26E
Rating	RE	DUCE	Н	OLD
Target Price	3,	120	3,	313
Sales (Rs. m)	49,357	60,240	48,750	61,911
% Chng.	1.2	(2.7)		
EBITDA (Rs. m)	12,625	16,528	12,402	17,080
% Chng.	1.8	(3.2)		
EPS (Rs.)	55.5	78.0	56.1	82.8
% Chng.	(1.0)	(5.8)		

Key Financials - Consolidated

Y/e Mar	FY23	FY24	FY25E	FY26E
Sales (Rs. m)	56,847	42,808	49,357	60,240
EBITDA (Rs. m)	19,653	9,548	12,625	16,528
Margin (%)	34.6	22.3	25.6	27.4
PAT (Rs. m)	12,470	4,350	6,101	8,568
EPS (Rs.)	113.5	39.6	55.5	78.0
Gr. (%)	58.4	(65.1)	40.3	40.4
DPS (Rs.)	3.4	1.6	2.8	3.9
Yield (%)	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.1
RoE (%)	25.5	7.6	9.8	12.4
RoCE (%)	27.0	9.0	11.2	14.0
EV/Sales (x)	7.3	9.8	8.3	6.9
EV/EBITDA (x)	21.0	43.7	32.6	25.1
PE (x)	32.0	91.9	65.5	46.6
P/BV (x)	7.2	6.7	6.1	5.5

Key Data	GFLL.BO FLUOROCH IN
52-W High / Low	Rs.3,920 / Rs.2,537
Sensex / Nifty	73,896 / 22,443
Market Cap	Rs.400bn/ \$ 4,786m
Shares Outstanding	110m
3M Avg. Daily Value	Rs.395.41m

Shareholding Pattern (%)

Promoter's	63.81
Foreign	4.51
Domestic Institution	8.79
Public & Others	22.89
Promoter Pledge (Rs bn)	-

Stock Performance (%)

	1M	6M	12M
Absolute	14.2	33.9	7.2
Relative	14.7	17.7	(11.4)

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Gujarat (FLUOROCH IN)

Rating: REDUCE | CMP: Rs3,638 | TP: Rs3,120

In line performance

Quick Pointers:

In FY25, the company is set to invest Rs8bn in Battery chemical segment, with a total capex of Rs60bn earmarked for the next 3-4 years

Fluorochemicals

 Volumes and prices for specialty chemicals anticipated to be sluggish in FY25, impacting both revenue and margins

Gujarat Fluorochemicals (FLUOROCH) consolidated revenue from operations was at Rs 11.3bn (-23% YoY/ 14.2% QoQ), QoQ improvement was primarily led by Fluoro Polymers and Fluoro Chemicals. Even though, the plants for the Bulk Chemicals segment ran at full capacity, the segment saw a 1% QoQ decline in revenue due to subdued prices of Caustic Soda/MDC. Looking ahead to FY25, challenges loom for the Fluorochemicals segment, factors such as dumping from China, duty cuts in the US market impacting Refrigerants, and the phase-out of R-22 are anticipated to exert pressure on volumes and prices. Fluoropolymer capacities setup in FY24 are expected to fuel a continuous increase in sales with enhanced utilization levels. Additionally, progress in the Battery Chemical vertical is promising, with the LiPF6 plant already commissioned, commercial sales expected from H2FY25 upon customer approval. The stock is trading at 65x FY25 EPS. We downgrade the company to "REDUCE" from "HOLD" previously, with target price of Rs3,402, valuing it at 40x FY26 EPS.

- Consolidated revenue stood at Rs 11.3bn (-23% YoY/ 14.2% QoQ), actual topline was 4.5% higher than Ple of Rs 10.8bn. For FY24, topline declined by 25% to Rs 42.8bn from Rs 56.8bn in FY23. Gross profit margin was at 65.3% (vs 64% in Q3FY24 and 72.1% in Q4FY23), actual gross profit was higher than PLe estimates by 6.6%.
- EBITDA stood at Rs 2.3bn vs (-55.5% YoY/ 15.2% QoQ). EBITDA margin came at 21% (vs 36% in Q4FY23 and 20.8% in Q3FY24). FY24 EBITDA stood at Rs9.5bn, ~53% down YoY.
- In FY25, the Fluoropolymer segment is expected to grow as destocking is almost over, prices have remained stable and volumes have been improving QoQ. Furthermore, the exit of certain legacy players from the segment is anticipated to augment this growth trajectory.
- Battery chemicals vertical is on track according to the established plan. In FY25, the company is set to invest Rs8bn, with a total capex of Rs60bn earmarked for the next 4-5 years. While China currently possesses excess capacity in EV chemical production, the geopolitical situation is prompting exploration for alternatives outside of China. As demand for EV battery manufacturing rises in regions like Europe and the US, the Company stands to benefit from this increased demand.
- Reported PAT was at Rs 1bn (-70% YoY/ 26% QoQ), while margins were at 9% in Q4FY24 vs 23% and 8% in Q4FY23 & Q3FY24 respectively.

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Concall takeaways: (1) Capex for FY24 was at Rs10.5bn (2) Bulk chemicals plants ran at full capacity during the quarter, while Caustic soda/MDC prices remained subdued, company believe they have bottomed and prices will increase in future (3) Fluoro Chemicals segment to remain subdued in FY25 and will impact volumes and prices due to dumping from China, headwinds for Refrigerants due to duty cuts in US market and phasing out of R-22 (4) Fluoropolymers segment which is company's core business has already been bottomed up and will see increase in performance in upcoming quarters. Destocking is phasing out and there has been improvement towards demand side for Fluoropolymers (5) Fluoropolymer capacities which were setup in FY24 are expected to result in continuous increase in sales with improved utilization levels, expected growth rate is 7-8% (6) Battery Chemical vertical is going as per plan, LiPF6 plant is commissioned, sampling is in process and commercial sale is expected in H2FY25. Capex target for FY25 is Rs8bn, and this segment is expected to be growth driver for the year (7) Rs8bn Capex plan for EV business will come from external funding and will take 4-6 months, bankers have been already appointed (8) Capex will be focused on Electrolyte Salt, Cathode and Cathode Binder plant (9) Working capital has increased due to decrease in sales YoY, once sales improve company expect it to decrease (10) Approval process of PVDF is of multiple stages, it takes 6-8 months and depending upon the customer it may take a year (11) The company is working with almost all the battery manufacturing companies coming up in India, the company expects Indian battery manufacturing to start on large scale by end of FY25 (12) Opex higher due to CSR expense, one off year end expense, Red Sea crisis and LiPF6 expenses (13) For battery chemical segment, Rs60bn will be invested in next 4-5 years and this investment will have 2x asset turnover (14) VCM to VDC project has been delayed due to lowering of prices, expected to be implemented in the middle of next year (15) In China, EV chemical has excess capacity however, outside China it is low and due to geopolitical situation replacement to China is looked for. As EV Battery manufacturing demand is coming up in Europe, US the company will benefit from the increased demand. (16) Capex of Rs5bn for non-EV business will be for tail ends of Fluoropolymer segment and part of it will be invested in backward integration (17) Realization stable in fluoropolymers except low end products (18) EBITDAM target is 25-30% overall (19) The company is expecting Caustic Soda prices to pick up



Exhibit 1: Q4FY24 Result Overview - Consolidated (Rs mn)

Y/e March	Q4FY24	Q4FY23	YoY gr. (%)	Q4FY24E	% Var.	Q3FY24	QoQ gr. (%)	FY24E	FY23	YoY gr. (%)
Net Sales	11,330	14,714	(23.0)	10,846	4.5	9,917	14.2	42,808	56,847	(24.7)
Gross Profit	7,403	10,606	(30.2)	6,941	6.6	6,348	16.6	28,275	41,141	(31.3)
Margin (%)	65.3	72.1		64.0		64.0		66.0	72.4	(8.7)
EBITDA	2,376	5,293	(55.1)	2,191	8.4	2,062	15.2	9,548	20,472	(53.4)
Margin (%)	21.0	36.0		20.2		20.8		22	36	
Other Income	183	186	(1.6)	195	(6.3)	132	38.8	595	904	(34.2)
Depreciation	812	638	27.2	719	12.9	719	12.9	2,861	2,361	21.2
EBIT	1,747	4,841	(63.9)	1,667	4.8	1,475	18.4	7,282	19,016	(61.7)
Interest	337	348	(3.2)	365	(7.9)	372	(9.6)	1,331	1,168	13.9
PBT before exceptional items	1,410	4,493	(68.6)	1,302	8.3	1,103	27.9	5,951	17,848	(66.7)
Total Tax	401	1,174	(65.9)	328	22.0	302	32.7	1,601	4,617	(65.3)
ETR (%)	28.4	26.1		25.2		27.4		26.9	25.9	
Adj. PAT	1,010	3,319	(69.6)	974	3.7	801	26.1	4,350	13,231	(67.1)
Exceptional Items	0	0		0		0		0	0	
PAT	1,010	3,319	(69.6)	974	3.7	801	26.1	4,350	13,231	(67.1)

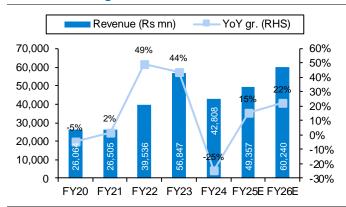
Source: Company, PL

Exhibit 2: Segmental Revenue (Rs Mn)

Y/e March	Q4FY24	Q4FY23	YoY gr.	Q3FY24	QoQ gr.	FY24	FY23	YoY gr.
Bulk Chemicals	1,760	2,370	-25.7%	1,780	-1.1%	6,910	10,850	-36.3%
Fluoro Chemicals	3,030	4,760	-36.3%	2,460	23.2%	10,650	15,400	-30.8%
Fluoropolymers	6,450	7,230	-10.8%	5,450	18.3%	24,380	29,580	-17.6%
Others	90	354	-74.5%	227	-60.3%	868	1,014	-14.4%
Total Revenue	11,330	14,714	-23.0%	9,917	14.2%	42,808	56,844	-24.7%

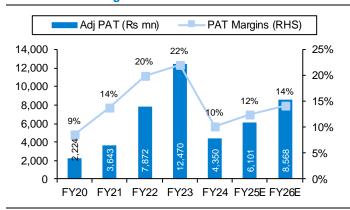
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Exhibit 3: Rev to grow at 15% in FY25



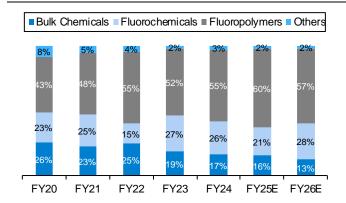
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Exhibit 5: PAT margins to rise to 14%



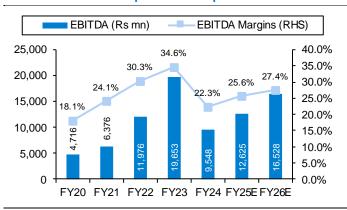
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Exhibit 7: Fluoropolymers contribution strong



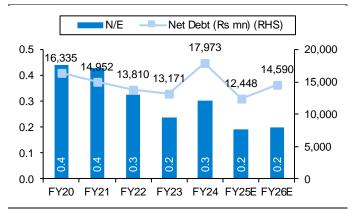
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Exhibit 4: EBITDAM improvement expected FY24-FY26E



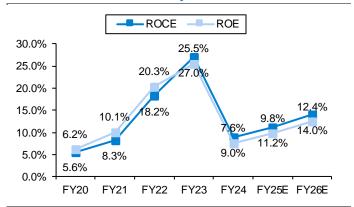
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Exhibit 6: D/E to be at 0.2x



Source: Company, PL

Exhibit 8: Return Ratios to stay around 11-14%



Source: Company, PL

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Financials

Income Statement	(Rs m)
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Y/e Mar	FY23	FY24	FY25E	FY26E
Net Revenues	56,847	42,808	49,357	60,240
YoY gr. (%)	43.8	(24.7)	15.3	22.0
Cost of Goods Sold	15,705	14,533	16,166	19,143
Gross Profit	41,141	28,275	33,191	41,096
Margin (%)	72.4	66.0	67.2	68.2
Employee Cost	3,221	3,504	3,784	4,087
Other Expenses	18,267	15,223	16,781	20,482
EBITDA	19,653	9,548	12,625	16,528
YoY gr. (%)	64.1	(51.4)	32.2	30.9
Margin (%)	34.6	22.3	25.6	27.4
Depreciation and Amortization	2,361	2,861	3,492	4,052
EBIT	17,293	6,686	9,134	12,476
Margin (%)	30.4	15.6	18.5	20.7
Net Interest	1,168	1,331	1,364	1,383
Other Income	904	595	601	661
Profit Before Tax	17,029	5,951	8,371	11,754
Margin (%)	30.0	13.9	17.0	19.5
Total Tax	4,617	1,601	2,270	3,187
Effective tax rate (%)	27.1	26.9	27.1	27.1
Profit after tax	12,412	4,349	6,101	8,567
Minority interest	(58)	-	-	-
Share Profit from Associate	0	0	0	0
Adjusted PAT	12,470	4,350	6,101	8,568
YoY gr. (%)	58.4	(65.1)	40.3	40.4
Margin (%)	21.9	10.2	12.4	14.2
Extra Ord. Income / (Exp)	-	-	-	-
Reported PAT	12,470	4,350	6,101	8,568
YoY gr. (%)	58.4	(65.1)	40.3	40.4
Margin (%)	21.9	10.2	12.4	14.2
Other Comprehensive Income	-	-	-	-
Total Comprehensive Income	12,470	4,350	6,101	8,568
Equity Shares O/s (m)	110	110	110	110
EPS (Rs)	113.5	39.6	55.5	78.0

Source: Company Data, PL Research

Balance Sheet Abstract (Rs m)

Balance Sheet Abstract (Rs	m)			
Y/e Mar	FY23	FY24	FY25E	FY26E
Non-Current Assets				
Gross Block	45,361	57,350	67,350	77,350
Tangibles	43,099	55,088	65,088	75,088
Intangibles	2,262	2,262	2,262	2,262
Acc: Dep / Amortization	14,095	16,956	20,448	24,499
Tangibles	13,438	16,299	19,791	23,842
Intangibles	657	657	657	657
Net fixed assets	31,266	40,394	46,902	52,850
Tangibles	29,661	38,789	45,297	51,246
Intangibles	1,605	1,605	1,605	1,605
Capital Work In Progress	11,424	10,913	10,913	10,913
Goodwill	-	-	-	-
Non-Current Investments	6,043	4,369	4,369	4,369
Net Deferred tax assets	(2,410)	(2,654)	(2,654)	(2,654)
Other Non-Current Assets	-	-	-	-
Current Assets				
Investments	2	-	-	-
Inventories	14,854	15,713	11,900	14,524
Trade receivables	11,068	8,446	9,466	11,553
Cash & Bank Balance	1,610	1,985	6,563	5,926
Other Current Assets	-	-	-	-
Total Assets	83,714	89,721	97,560	1,09,222
Equity				
Equity Share Capital	110	110	110	110
Other Equity	55,097	59,254	65,072	73,212
Total Networth	55,207	59,363	65,182	73,322
Non-Current Liabilities				
Long Term borrowings	1,832	3,731	3,731	3,731
Provisions	395	545	545	545
Other non current liabilities	477	1,009	1,009	1,009
Current Liabilities				
ST Debt / Current of LT Debt	12,950	16,227	15,280	16,785
Trade payables	6,910	5,189	6,085	7,427
Other current liabilities	3,529	3,612	3,064	3,739

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Source: Company Data, PL Research

Total Equity & Liabilities



Cash Flow (Rs m)				
Y/e Mar	FY23	FY24	FY25E	FY26E
PBT	17,847	5,951	8,371	11,754
Add. Depreciation	2,361	2,861	3,492	4,052
Add. Interest	1,168	1,331	1,364	1,383
Less Financial Other Income	904	595	601	661
Add. Other	(461)	(491)	(601)	(661)
Op. profit before WC changes	20,915	9,652	12,625	16,528
Net Changes-WC	(8,827)	(1,440)	3,337	(4,518)
Direct tax	(4,700)	(1,949)	(2,010)	(3,003)
Net cash from Op. activities	7,389	6,263	13,952	9,008
Capital expenditures	(6,700)	(9,410)	(10,000)	(10,000)
Interest / Dividend Income	351	191	601	661
Others	1,586	(445)	-	-
Net Cash from Invt. activities	(4,764)	(9,665)	(9,399)	(9,339)
Issue of share cap. / premium	(37)	0	-	-
Debt changes	(796)	5,191	(947)	1,504
Dividend paid	(439)	(220)	(305)	(428)
Interest paid	(1,336)	(1,406)	(1,364)	(1,383)
Others	(33)	(90)	1	1
Net cash from Fin. activities	(2,641)	3,476	(2,614)	(306)
Net change in cash	(16)	74	1,939	(637)
Free Cash Flow	639	(3,293)	3,952	(992)

Source: Company Data, PL Research

Quarterl	y Financi	ials (I	Rs m)
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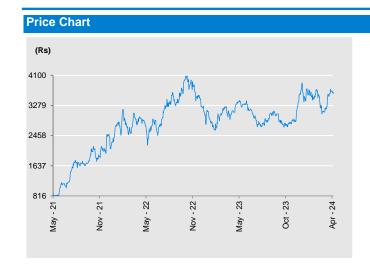
Y/e Mar	Q1FY24	Q2FY24	Q3FY24	Q4FY24
Net Revenue	12,093	9,468	9,917	11,330
YoY gr. (%)	(9.3)	(35.2)	(30.1)	(23.0)
Raw Material Expenses	3,619	3,418	3,569	3,927
Gross Profit	8,473	6,050	6,348	7,403
Margin (%)	70.1	63.9	64.0	65.3
EBITDA	3,479	1,631	2,062	2,376
YoY gr. (%)	(24.2)	(69.6)	(60.6)	(55.1)
Margin (%)	28.8	17.2	20.8	21.0
Depreciation / Depletion	655	676	719	812
EBIT	2,824	955	1,343	1,564
Margin (%)	23.4	10.1	13.5	13.8
Net Interest	280	342	372	337
Other Income	146	135	132	183
Profit before Tax	2,690	749	1,103	1,410
Margin (%)	22.2	7.9	11.1	12.4
Total Tax	678	221	302	401
Effective tax rate (%)	25.2	29.5	27.4	28.4
Profit after Tax	2,012	527	801	1,010
Minority interest	-	-	-	-
Share Profit from Associates	-	-	-	-
Adjusted PAT	2,011	527	801	1,010
YoY gr. (%)	(33.7)	(85.4)	(75.7)	(69.6)
Margin (%)	16.6	5.6	8.1	8.9
Extra Ord. Income / (Exp)	-	-	-	-
Reported PAT	2,011	527	801	1,010
YoY gr. (%)	(33.7)	(85.4)	(75.7)	(69.6)
Margin (%)	16.6	5.6	8.1	8.9
Other Comprehensive Income	(15)	(2)	(2)	(2)
Total Comprehensive Income	1,997	525	799	1,008
Avg. Shares O/s (m)	110	110	-	110
EPS (Rs)	18.3	4.8	_	9.2

Source: Company Data, PL Research

Key Financial Metrics				
Y/e Mar	FY23	FY24	FY25E	FY26E
Per Share(Rs)				
EPS	113.5	39.6	55.5	78.0
CEPS	135.0	65.6	87.3	114.9
BVPS	502.6	540.4	593.4	667.5
FCF	5.8	(30.0)	36.0	(9.0)
DPS	3.4	1.6	2.8	3.9
Return Ratio(%)				
RoCE	27.0	9.0	11.2	14.0
ROIC	20.2	6.7	8.6	11.0
RoE	25.5	7.6	9.8	12.4
Balance Sheet				
Net Debt : Equity (x)	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.2
Net Working Capital (Days)	122	162	113	113
Valuation(x)				
PER	32.0	91.9	65.5	46.6
P/B	7.2	6.7	6.1	5.5
P/CEPS	26.9	55.4	41.7	31.7
EV/EBITDA	21.0	43.7	32.6	25.1
EV/Sales	7.3	9.8	8.3	6.9
Dividend Yield (%)	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.1

Source: Company Data, PL Research





No.	Date	Rating	TP (Rs.) Share Pi	rice (Rs.)
1	09-Apr-24	Hold	3,313	3,270
2	07-Feb-24	Hold	3,727	3,616
3	08-Jan-24	Reduce	3,342	3,626
4	06-Nov-23	Reduce	2,413	2,780
5	09-Oct-23	Accumulate	3,230	2,846
6	15-Sep-23	Accumulate	3,230	3,125

Recommendation History

Analyst Coverage Universe

Sr. No	Company Name	Rating	TP (Rs)	Share Price (Rs)
1	Aarti Industries	Reduce	599	705
2	Ashok Leyland	BUY	210	176
3	Bajaj Auto	Sell	7,267	9,021
4	Bharat Forge	Accumulate	1,270	1,146
5	Bharat Petroleum Corporation	Sell	504	592
6	Bharti Airtel	Accumulate	1,269	1,204
7	CEAT	BUY	3,017	2,545
8	Clean Science and Technology	Hold	1,386	1,335
9	Deepak Nitrite	Reduce	1,985	2,208
10	Divgi Torqtransfer Systems	BUY	1,135	843
11	Eicher Motors	Accumulate	4,215	4,031
12	Endurance Technologies	Hold	1,980	1,900
13	Exide Industries	Accumulate	495	472
14	Fine Organic Industries	Hold	4,351	4,361
15	GAIL (India)	Sell	162	201
16	Gujarat Fluorochemicals	Hold	3,313	3,270
17	Gujarat Gas	Hold	548	565
18	Gujarat State Petronet	BUY	392	378
19	Hero Motocorp	Accumulate	5,070	4,525
20	Hindustan Petroleum Corporation	Reduce	400	462
21	Indian Oil Corporation	Reduce	151	169
22	Indraprastha Gas	Sell	383	475
23	Jubilant Ingrevia	Hold	480	486
24	Laxmi Organic Industries	Sell	206	251
25	Mahanagar Gas	Sell	1,125	1,485
26	Mahindra & Mahindra	BUY	2,306	2,013
27	Mangalore Refinery & Petrochemicals	Sell	142	233
28	Maruti Suzuki	BUY	14,432	12,703
29	Navin Fluorine International	BUY	3,929	3,093

PL's Recommendation Nomenclature (Absolute Performance)

 Buy
 : > 15%

 Accumulate
 : 5% to 15%

 Hold
 : +5% to -5%

 Reduce
 : -5% to -15%

 Sell
 : < -15%</td>

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