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Solar Industries

Defence

Not just Pinaka

"If you shed tears when you miss the sun, you also miss the stars"- Rabindra Nath Tagore. Solar Industries' (SOIL) stock has been running sideways due to the delay in the award of the Pinaka order. However, we believe, Street is underestimating the potential of continuous export order inflows (OI) in defence. With an OI of INR 45bn so far in CY24, for a 3-5-year duration, we believe these orders alone potentially form an annual revenue accretion of INR 11-13bn. Besides, incremental earnings from domestic orders, including Pinaka, are likely to sustain defence revenues at INR 18-25bn on an average and keep margins elevated over the next four years. At this stage, our FY26E EPS is 10% higher than consensus and we believe that upward revisions are likely. Maintain BUY on SOIL; unchanged TP of INR 13,250 based on 65x FY26E EPS.

Defence stream gets wings

SOIL has received an export order for defence worth INR 20.4bn (the largest in its history) to be delivered over a period of 4 years. Cumulatively, the company has received five export orders (pertaining to defence) worth INR 44.7bn thus far in CY24. The duration of these orders is 3-5 years (average duration: 3.6 years). Hence, contribution from these orders alone is expected to be INR 11-13bn p.a. over the next four years. In addition, existing domestic orders are also likely to uplift defence revenues. The order book (OB) from defence was at INR 33.6bn at end-Sep'24, which would have risen to INR 50-52bn (in our view) post the award of this order. The defence stream's contribution in SOIL has already risen to ~19% in Q2FY25, as a result of execution picking up. Ahead, we expect defence to constitute 25% of overall revenue in the near to medium term; thus, providing further boost to SOIL's profitability.

Full potential yet to unfold

In our view, the shortage of ammunition world-wide and the frequency of recent order awards imply that more such orders are likely to flow from export markets. These orders could be of a shorter duration; hence, annual revenue recognition should be higher. In the domestic market, apart from Pinaka, we see several prospective orders, including the recently developed SEBEX_2, SITBEX-1, SIMEX-4, and chaffs and flares. Furthermore, the award of Pinaka is likely to open the door to more export opportunities for the company.

Financial Summary

Y/E March (INR mn)	FY23A	FY24A	FY25E	FY26E
Net Revenue	69,225	60,695	81,062	1,05,324
EBITDA	12,889	13,692	19,417	27,879
EBITDA Margin (%)	18.6	22.6	24.0	26.5
Net Profit	7,575	8,356	12,505	18,442
EPS (INR)	83.7	92.3	138.2	203.8
EPS % Chg YoY	78.0	7.8	47.5	48.5
P/E (x)	117.7	109.2	74.0	49.9
EV/EBITDA (x)	68.7	64.5	45.7	31.5
RoCE (%)	27.2	23.8	27.4	32.3
RoE (%)	35.5	30.6	34.6	38.0

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Market Data

955bn
11,276mn
SOIL IN
SLIN.BO
13,300 /5,909
27.0
8.0

Price Performance (%)	3m	6m	12m
Absolute	(4.6)	12.7	70.6
Relative to Sensex	(1.8)	4.2	51.7

ESG Score	2022	2023	Change
ESG score	53.2	59.4	6.2
Environment	29.7	34.7	5.0
Social	44.8	69.8	25.0
Governance	73.1	69.6	(3.5)

Note - Score ranges from 0 - 100 with a higher number indicating a higher ESG score.

Source: SES ESG, I-sec research

Previous Reports

14-11-2024: **Q2FY25** results review 08-08-2024: Q1FY25 results review



Outlook: Riding high on defence

The award of export order (pertaining to defence) worth INR 20.4bn reaffirms our view that defence's contribution is likely to swell in SOIL's overall revenue mix. Export OI of INR 30.1bn, so far in FY25, has been ahead of our estimate of INR 20bn, strengthening ourbekief that our FY26E EPS of INR 203/share (10% ahead of Street) is likely to be met. We reiterate our valuation multiple of 65x, as margins are expected to improve earnings growth of 40-45% p.a. on average is in store over next two years. We reiterate **BUY** on SOIL with an unchanged TP of INR 13,250 based on 65x FY26E EPS.

Key risks

- Delay in awarding of Pinaka order.
- Further fall in ammonium nitrate price leading to negative price-cost spread.
- Slow traction in construction and infrastructure segments.

Exhibit 1: SOIL CY24 orders

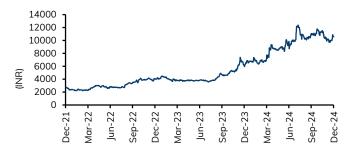
Date	Order	Duration	Worth (INR mn)
02-Dec-24	Supply of Products to be used in Defence - International Client	4yrs	20,390
09-Nov-24	Supply of Products to be used in Defence - International Client	5yrs	5,800
05-Nov-24	Supply of SME & LDC explosives and initiating systems to Singareni Collieries	2yrs	8,870
04-Nov-24	Supply of Products to be used in Defence - International Client	3yrs	3,994
11-Mar-24	Supply of Products to be used in Defence - International Client	2yrs	4,550
08-Jan-24	Supply of Products to be used in Defence - International Client	3yrs	9,940
Total		3.61yrs	44,674

Source: I-Sec research, Company data

Exhibit 2: Shareholding pattern

%	Mar'24	Jun'24	Sep'24
Promoters	73.2	73.2	73.2
Institutional investors	20.6	20.2	20.2
MFs and others	13.8	12.3	11.7
Fls/Banks	0.3	0.3	0.7
FIIs	6.5	7.6	7.8
Others	6.2	6.6	6.6

Exhibit 3: Price chart



Source: Bloomberg Source: Bloomberg



Financial Summary

Exhibit 4: Profit & Loss

(INR mn, year ending March)

	FY23A	FY24A	FY25E	FY26E
Net Sales	69,225	60,695	81,062	1,05,324
Operating Expenses	12,912	15,041	15,906	16,557
EBITDA	12,889	13,692	19,417	27,879
EBITDA Margin (%)	18.6	22.6	24.0	26.5
Depreciation & Amortization	1,282	1,434	1,679	2,056
EBIT	11,607	12,258	17,738	25,823
Interest expenditure	904	1,094	1,064	1,012
Other Non-operating Income	315	445	758	812
Recurring PBT	11,019	11,609	17,432	25,623
Profit / (Loss) from Associates	-	-	-	-
Less: Taxes	2,904	2,861	4,529	6,459
PAT	8,114	8,749	12,903	19,164
Less: Minority Interest	540	393	398	721
Extraordinaries (Net)	-	-	-	-
Net Income (Reported)	8,114	8,749	12,903	19,164
Net Income (Adjusted)	7,575	8,356	12,505	18,442

Source Company data, I-Sec research

Exhibit 5: Balance sheet

(INR mn, year ending March)

	FY23A	FY24A	FY25E	FY26E
Total Current Assets	25,144	24,349	26,427	36,297
of which cash & cash eqv.	2,601	2,873	(3,266)	5,760
Total Current Liabilities &	7,244	7,546	9,556	10,929
Provisions	•	•		•
Net Current Assets	17,899	16,803	16,872	25,368
Investments	985	3,699	3,699	3,699
Net Fixed Assets	16,622	19,607	29,929	39,873
ROU Assets	-	-	-	-
Capital Work-in-Progress	2,794	2,874	2,874	2,874
Total Intangible Assets	107	298	298	298
Other assets	2,047	3,819	3,819	3,819
Deferred Tax Assets	1,275	1,602	1,602	1,602
Total Assets	41,729	48,702	59,092	77,533
Liabilities				
Borrowings	12,633	12,452	10,617	10,617
Deferred Tax Liability	1,589	1,978	1,978	1,978
provisions	-	-	-	-
other Liabilities	-	-	-	-
Equity Share Capital	181	181	181	181
Reserves & Surplus	25,922	32,875	44,702	62,421
Total Net Worth	26,103	33,056	44,883	62,602
Minority Interest	1,404	1,217	1,614	2,335
Total Liabilities	41,729	48,702	59,092	77,533

Source Company data, I-Sec research

Exhibit 6: Quarterly trend

(INR mn, year ending March)

	Dec-23	Mar-24	Jun-24	Sep-24
Net Sales	14,291	16,107	16,948	17,158
% growth (YOY)	6.1	12.7	(72.1)	1.2
EBITDA	3,562	3,537	4,494	4,448
Margin %	24.9	22.0	26.5	25.9
Other Income	109	177	243	305
Extraordinaries	-	-	-	-
Adjusted Net Profit	1,973	2,262	3,005	3,038

Source Company data, I-Sec research

Exhibit 7: Cashflow statement

(INR mn, year ending March)

	FY23A	FY24A	FY25E	FY26E
Operating Cashflow	6,565	14,060	8,681	21,949
Working Capital Changes	(2,357)	1,804	(6,207)	529
Capital Commitments	(5,251)	(7,468)	(12,000)	(12,000)
Free Cashflow	1,314	6,592	(3,319)	9,949
Other investing cashflow	61	203	758	812
Cashflow from Investing Activities	(5,190)	(7,265)	(11,242)	(11,188)
Issue of Share Capital	-	-	-	-
Interest Cost	(866)	(1,307)	(1,064)	(1,012)
Inc (Dec) in Borrowings	2,787	(1,556)	(1,835)	-
Dividend paid	-	-	-	-
Others	(740)	(840)	(679)	(723)
Cash flow from Financing Activities	1,182	(3,703)	(3,577)	(1,735)
Chg. in Cash & Bank balance	2,557	3,093	(6,138)	9,026
Closing cash & balance	3,544	5,694	(3,266)	5,760

Source Company data, I-Sec research

Exhibit 8: Key ratios

(Year ending March)

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	FY23A	FY24A	FY25E	FY26E
Per Share Data (INR)				
Reported EPS	89.7	96.7	142.6	211.8
Adjusted EPS (Diluted)	83.7	92.3	138.2	203.8
Cash EPS	97.9	108.2	156.7	226.5
Dividend per share (DPS)	7.5	7.5	7.5	8.0
Book Value per share (BV)	288.5	365.3	496.0	691.8
Dividend Payout (%)	8.4	7.8	5.3	3.8
Growth (%)				
Net Sales	75.4	(12.3)	33.6	29.9
EBITDA	72.5	6.2	41.8	43.6
EPS (INR)	78.0	7.8	47.5	48.5
Valuation Ratios (x)				
P/E	117.7	109.2	74.0	49.9
P/CEPS	107.9	97.6	67.4	46.6
P/BV	36.6	28.9	21.3	15.3
EV / EBITDA	68.7	64.5	45.7	31.5
P/Sales	12.7	14.4	10.8	8.3
Dividend Yield (%)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Operating Ratios				
Gross Profit Margins (%)	37.3	47.3	43.6	42.2
EBITDA Margins (%)	18.6	22.6	24.0	26.5
Effective Tax Rate (%)	26.4	24.6	26.0	25.2
Net Profit Margins (%)	11.7	14.4	15.9	18.2
NWC / Total Assets (%)	-	-	-	-
Net Debt / Equity (x)	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.0
Net Debt / EBITDA (x)	0.7	0.4	0.5	0.0
Profitability Ratios				
RoCE (%)	27.2	23.8	27.4	32.3
RoE (%)	35.5	30.6	34.6	38.0
RoIC (%)	29.3	26.4	29.5	35.6
Fixed Asset Turnover (x)	3.4	2.5	2.6	2.6
Inventory Turnover Days	90	55	58	42
Receivables Days	70	55	66	68
Payables Days	-	-	-	-
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