

# Clean Science and Technology (CLEAN IN)

Rating: HOLD | CMP: Rs1,385 | TP: Rs1,329

January 31, 2025

## **Q3FY25 Result Update**

☑ Change in Estimates | ☑ Target | ■ Reco

### **Change in Estimates**

	Cur FY26E	rent FY27E	Pre	vious FY27E
Rating		DLD		OLD
Target Price		329		471
Sales (Rs. m)	11.411	12.671	11.011	12.426
% Chng.	3.6	2.0	,	,
EBITDA (Rs. m)	4,735	5,385	4,569	5,157
% Chng.	3.6	4.4		
EPS (Rs.)	31.1	35.0	30.2	33.7
% Chng.	3.0	3.8		

#### **Key Financials - Consolidated**

Y/e Mar	FY24	FY25E	FY26E	FY27E
Sales (Rs. m)	7,915	9,447	11,411	12,671
EBITDA (Rs. m)	3,321	3,769	4,735	5,385
Margin (%)	42.0	39.9	41.5	42.5
PAT (Rs. m)	2,440	2,578	3,309	3,716
EPS (Rs.)	23.0	24.3	31.1	35.0
Gr. (%)	(17.3)	5.6	28.3	12.3
DPS (Rs.)	5.0	5.3	6.8	7.6
Yield (%)	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.5
RoE (%)	22.1	19.8	21.6	20.5
RoCE (%)	25.9	23.5	25.4	24.3
EV/Sales (x)	18.6	15.5	12.8	11.5
EV/EBITDA (x)	44.3	38.9	30.9	27.0
PE (x)	60.3	57.1	44.5	39.6
P/BV (x)	12.2	10.5	8.8	7.5

## Key Data CLEA.BO | CLEAN IN

52-W High / Low	Rs.1,690 / Rs.1,243
Sensex / Nifty	76,760 / 23,250
Market Cap	Rs.147bn/ \$ 1,699m
Shares Outstanding	106m
3M Avg. Daily Value	Rs.255.73m

### **Shareholding Pattern (%)**

Promoter's	74.97
Foreign	5.98
Domestic Institution	5.46
Public & Others	13.60
Promoter Pledge (Rs bn)	

## Stock Performance (%)

	1M	6M	12M
Absolute	(0.7)	(12.5)	(1.4)
Relative	1.2	(7.2)	(8.6)

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# HALS volume to pick going ahead

#### **Quick Pointers:**

- Two new products commercialized during the quarter: DHDT, a pharma intermediate and BHT an antioxidant
- HALS volumes reached 200tn a month in Q3FY25 vs 135tn in Q2FY25

Clean Science and Technology (CLEAN) reported Q3FY25 revenue of Rs2.4bn, marking a 23.7% YoY increase and a 1.1% QoQ growth. The rise in revenue was primarily driven by higher sales volumes across segments, while product realizations largely remained stable. A slight decline in phenol prices, a key raw material, contributed to improved gross margins. Sales of HALS increased to 200tn per month, up from 135tn in the previous quarter, though the plant continues to operate at lower utilization levels. Management has provided guidance for HALS sales of 3,000–4,000tn in FY26, driven by both existing and newly launched products. During the quarter, the company introduced two new products: DHDT, a pharmaceutical intermediate, and BHT, an antioxidant. On the capex front, the Rs1.5bn investment in Performance Chemical 1 remains on track, with commercialization expected in July'26. Additionally, construction for a second performance chemical plant focused on water treatment is set to begin in Feb and is scheduled to be operational by Jan'26. Looking ahead, new capex projects are expected to drive revenue growth. However, the margin profile may face some pressure, as certain new products have lower profitability compared to the company's legacy offerings. At its current valuation of 40x FY27 EPS, we maintain a 'Hold' rating on Clean Science, with a target price of Rs1,329 valuing it at 38x FY27 EPS.

- Volume-led YoY growth in revenue: Consolidated revenue stood at Rs2.4bn, 23.7% YoY/ 1.1% QoQ (PLe: Rs2.3bn, Consensus: Rs2.4bn). 9MFY25 revenue was 24.6% higher than 9MFY24. Revenue growth was driven by volume increase across segments. HALS sales volume and product mixing also improved during the quarter. Gross margin improved due to modest decrease in key raw material prices.
- EBITDA increased to 320bps sequentially: EBITDA stood at Rs985mn, 13.7% YoY/ 9.8% QoQ (PLe: Rs906mn, Consensus: Rs902mn), EBITDA margin came at 40.9%, increased by 320bps QoQ (vs 44.5% in Q3FY24 and 37.7% in Q2FY25) due to a decrease in other operating expenses. Reported PAT was at Rs656mn, 4.8% YoY/11.7% QoQ. PAT margins were at 27% vs 32% in Q3FY24 and 25% in Q2FY25. Tax rate increased to 30% vs 23.3% Q3FY24 and 26.9% in Q2FY25.
- Concall takeaways: (1) Revenue contribution: Performance Chemicals: 69%, Pharma and Agro Intermediate: 18%, FMCG: 13/%. (2) Domestic:International mix stood at 40%:60%. (3) HALS volume was 200tn per month. (4) By next quarter HALS volume is expected to reach 300tn a month, and a total of 3000tn-4000tn of sales is expected in FY26. (5) Capex of Rs1.6bn incurred during 9MFY25, primarily in subsidiary. (6) Performance chemical 1 to be commercialized in H2FY26, 1.5bn will start in July. (7) Performance chemical

2, construction to start in Feb'25, expected to start in Dec-Jan'26. (8) Expanded solar capacity by 400KW at subsidiary. (9) BHT production is expected to be 2,000-3000mtpa, it has a realization of ~\$3 product and will have peak revenue of Rs600-700mn, no additional capex needed as it will be manufactured in existing HALS capacity. (10) Pharma intermediate samples are out to customers for approval. (11) Performance and pharma agro segment utilization stood at 65-70% and for FMCG segment it was at 80% during the quarter. (12) PBQ production will be ceased, it will be replaced with Barbituric acid, gross margin for this product will be ~50%, no additional capex will be required. (13) Power and fuel cost came down due to reduction in coal prices.

Exhibit 1: Q3FY25 Result Overview - Consolidated (Rs mn)

Consolidated	Q3FY25	Q3FY24	YoY gr.	Q3FY25E	% Var.	Q2FY25	QoQ gr.	9MFY25	9MFY24	YoY gr.
Net Sales	2,408	1,947	23.7%	2,312	4.2%	2,381	1.1%	7,030	5,640	24.6%
Gross Profit	1,529	1,301	17.5%	1,452	5.3%	1,486	2.9%	4,480	3,649	22.8%
Margin (%)	63.5%	66.8%		62.8%		62.4%		63.7%	64.7%	
EBITDA	985	866	13.7%	906	8.7%	897	9.8%	2,828	2,376	19.1%
Margin (%)	40.9%	44.5%		39.2%		37.7%		40.2%	42.1%	
Other Income	52	75		104		111		262	270	-2.7%
Depreciation	183	112	64.3%	177	3.8%	175	4.7%	516	331	56.0%
EBIT	854	830	2.9%	834	2.4%	832	2.6%	2,574	2,314	11.2%
Interest	1	0		2		0		3	3	
PBT before excep	853	829	2.8%	832	2.4%	832	2.5%	2,572	2,311	11.3%
Total Tax	256	193	32.7%	208	23.0%	224	14.2%	715	536	33.5%
ETR (%)	30%	23.3%		25.0%		26.9%		27.8%	23.2%	
Adj. PAT	656	626	4.8%	624	5.2%	587	11.7%	1,903	1,737	9.5%
Exceptional Items										
PAT	656	626	4.8%	624	5.2%	587	11.7%	1,903	1,737	9.5%

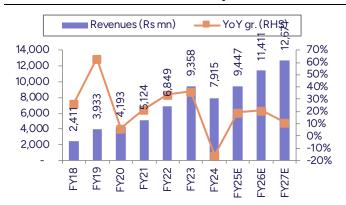
Source: Company, PL

Exhibit 2: Segmental Revenue (Rs mn)

Y/e March	Q3FY25	Q3FY24	YoY gr.	Q2FY25	QoQ gr.	9MFY25	9MFY24	YoY gr.
Performance Chemicals	1,662	1,305	27.4%	1,643	1.1%	4,850	3,779	28.4%
Pharma & Agro Intermediates	433	370	17.2%	429	1.1%	1,265	1,072	18.1%
FMCG Chemicals	313	253	23.7%	310	1.1%	914	751	21.6%
Total	2,408	1,928	24.9%	2,381	1.1%	7,030	5,601	25.5%

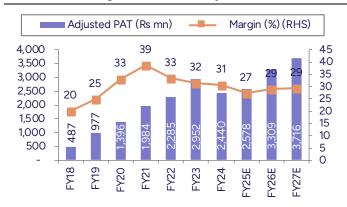
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Exhibit 3: Revenue to rise to Rs12.6bn by FY27



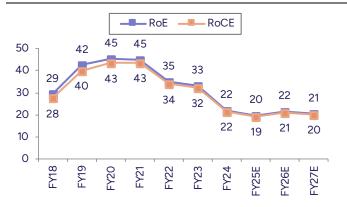
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Exhibit 5: PAT margins to reach 29% by FY27E



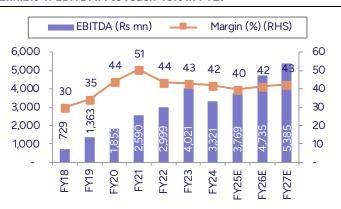
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Exhibit 7: Return ratios to be at ~21%



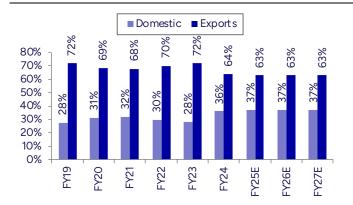
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Exhibit 4: EBITDAM to reach 43% in FY27



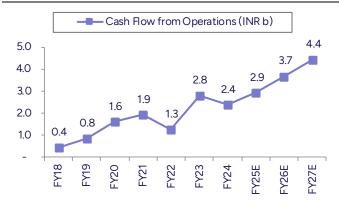
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Exhibit 6: Domestic market share to increase to 37%



Source: Company, PL

**Exhibit 8: Strong cash flow** 



Source: Company, PL



# **Financials**

Income Statement (	(Rs m)
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Y/e Mar	FY24	FY25E	FY26E	FY27E
Net Revenues	7,915	9,447	11,411	12,671
YoY gr. (%)	(15.4)	19.4	20.8	11.0
Cost of Goods Sold	2,771	3,448	4,165	4,625
Gross Profit	5,144	5,999	7,246	8,046
Margin (%)	65.0	63.5	63.5	63.5
Employee Cost	487	576	685	760
Other Expenses	1,337	1,653	1,826	1,901
EBITDA	3,321	3,769	4,735	5,385
YoY gr. (%)	(17.4)	13.5	25.6	13.7
Margin (%)	42.0	39.9	41.5	42.5
Depreciation and Amortization	459	706	833	997
EBIT	2,861	3,063	3,902	4,388
Margin (%)	36.2	32.4	34.2	34.6
Net Interest	9	4	5	5
Other Income	413	378	456	507
Profit Before Tax	3,265	3,437	4,354	4,890
Margin (%)	41.3	36.4	38.2	38.6
Total Tax	825	859	1,045	1,174
Effective tax rate (%)	25.3	25.0	24.0	24.0
Profit after tax	2,440	2,578	3,309	3,716
Minority interest	-	-	-	-
Share Profit from Associate	-	-	-	-
Adjusted PAT	2,440	2,578	3,309	3,716
YoY gr. (%)	(17.3)	5.6	28.3	12.3
Margin (%)	30.8	27.3	29.0	29.3
Extra Ord. Income / (Exp)	-	-	-	-
Reported PAT	2,440	2,578	3,309	3,716
YoY gr. (%)	(17.3)	5.6	28.3	12.3
Margin (%)	30.8	27.3	29.0	29.3
Other Comprehensive Income	-	-	-	-
Total Comprehensive Income	2,440	2,578	3,309	3,716
Equity Shares O/s (m)	106	106	106	106
EPS (Rs)	23.0	24.3	31.1	35.0

Source: Company Data, PL Research

Balance Sheet Abstract (Rs n	1)			
Y/e Mar	FY24	FY25E	FY26E	FY27E
Non-Current Assets				
Gross Block	8,182	9,469	11,362	13,559
Tangibles	8,182	9,469	11,362	13,559
Intangibles	-	-	-	-
Acc: Dep / Amortization	1,821	2,527	3,361	4,357
Tangibles	1,821	2,527	3,361	4,357
Intangibles	-	-	-	-
Net fixed assets	6,361	6,942	8,002	9,202
Tangibles	6,361	6,942	8,002	9,202
Intangibles	-	-	-	-
Capital Work In Progress	573	1,287	1,893	2,197
Goodwill	-	-	-	-
Non-Current Investments	3,394	3,394	3,394	3,394
Net Deferred tax assets	(299)	(299)	(299)	(299)
Other Non-Current Assets	-	-	-	-
Current Assets				
Investments	-	-	-	-
Inventories	1,237	1,476	1,783	1,980
Trade receivables	1,637	1,954	2,360	2,621
Cash & Bank Balance	106	460	908	2,008
Other Current Assets	654	781	944	1,048
Total Assets	13,963	16,293	19,284	22,449
Equity				
Equity Share Capital	106	106	106	106
Other Equity	11,925	13,942	16,531	19,438
Total Networth	12,032	14,048	16,637	19,544
Non-Current Liabilities				
Long Term borrowings	-	-	-	-
Provisions	-	-	-	-
Other non current liabilities	-	-	-	-
Current Liabilities				
ST Debt / Current of LT Debt	-	-	-	-
Trade payables	1,085	1,295	1,564	1,736
Other current liabilities	547	651	784	869
Total Equity & Liabilities	13,963	16,293	19,284	22,449

Source: Company Data, PL Research



Cash Flow (Rs m)				
Y/e Mar	FY24	FY25E	FY26E	FY27E
PBT	3,265	3,437	4,354	4,890
Add. Depreciation	459	706	833	997
Add. Interest	9	4	5	5
Less Financial Other Income	413	378	456	507
Add. Other	(313)	-	-	-
Op. profit before WC changes	3,420	4,147	5,192	5,892
Net Changes-WC	(295)	(369)	(473)	(304)
Direct tax	(755)	(859)	(1,045)	(1,174)
Net cash from Op. activities	2,371	2,919	3,674	4,414
Capital expenditures	(2,323)	(2,000)	(2,500)	(2,500)
Interest / Dividend Income	29	-	-	-
Others	435	-	-	-
Net Cash from Invt. activities	(1,859)	(2,000)	(2,500)	(2,500)
Issue of share cap. / premium	-	-	-	-
Debt changes	-	-	-	-
Dividend paid	(531)	(561)	(720)	(809)
Interest paid	(8)	(4)	(5)	(5)

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Source: Company Data, PL Research

## Quarterly Financials (Rs m)

Net cash from Fin. activities

Net change in cash

Free Cash Flow

Others

Y/e Mar	Q4FY24	Q1FY25	Q2FY25	Q3FY25
Net Revenue	2,275	2,240	2,381	2,408
YoY gr. (%)	4.9	19.1	31.5	23.7
Raw Material Expenses	780	775	895	879
Gross Profit	1,495	1,465	1,486	1,529
Margin (%)	65.7	65.4	62.4	63.5
EBITDA	945	947	897	985
YoY gr. (%)	(10.1)	24.3	19.8	13.7
Margin (%)	41.5	42.3	37.7	40.9
Depreciation / Depletion	127	158	175	183
EBIT	818	789	722	802
Margin (%)	36.0	35.2	30.3	33.3
Net Interest	6	1	-	
Other Income	141	99	111	52
Profit before Tax	953	887	832	853
Margin (%)	41.9	39.6	34.9	35.4
Total Tax	250	228	245	196
Effective tax rate (%)	26.3	25.7	29.4	23.0
Profit after Tax	703	659	587	656
Minority interest	-	-	-	-
Share Profit from Associates	-	-	-	-
Adjusted PAT	703	659	587	656
YoY gr. (%)	(12.7)	11.8	12.6	4.8
Margin (%)	30.9	29.4	24.7	27.3
Extra Ord. Income / (Exp)	-	-	-	
Reported PAT	703	659	587	656
YoY gr. (%)	(12.7)	11.8	12.6	4.8
Margin (%)	30.9	29.4	24.7	27.3
Other Comprehensive Income	-	-	-	-
Total Comprehensive Income	703	659	587	656
Avg. Shares O/s (m)	106	106	106	106
EPS (Rs)	6.6	6.2	5.5	6.2

Source: Company Data, PL Research

**Key Financial Metrics** 

Key Financial Metrics					
Y/e Mar	FY24	FY25E	FY26E	FY27E	
Per Share(Rs)					
EPS	23.0	24.3	31.1	35.0	
CEPS	27.3	30.9	39.0	44.4	
BVPS	113.2	132.2	156.6	183.9	
FCF	0.5	8.6	11.0	18.0	
DPS	5.0	5.3	6.8	7.6	
Return Ratio(%)					
RoCE	25.9	23.5	25.4	24.3	
ROIC	19.5	18.0	20.2	20.1	
RoE	22.1	19.8	21.6	20.5	
Balance Sheet					
Net Debt : Equity (x)	0.0	0.0	(0.1)	(0.1)	
Net Working Capital (Days)	83	83	83	83	
Valuation(x)					
PER	60.3	57.1	44.5	39.6	
P/B	12.2	10.5	8.8	7.5	
P/CEPS	50.8	44.8	35.5	31.2	
EV/EBITDA	44.3	38.9	30.9	27.0	
EV/Sales	18.6	15.5	12.8	11.5	
Dividend Yield (%)	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.5	

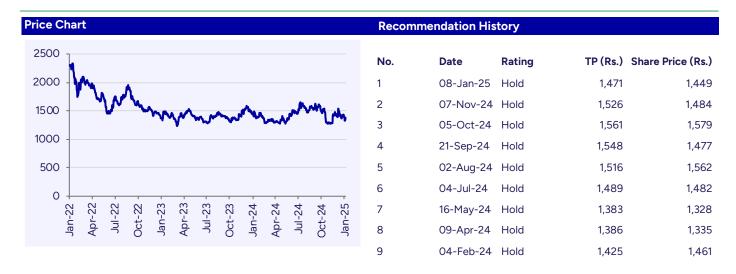
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## **Analyst Coverage Universe**

Sr. No.	Company Name	Rating	TP (Rs)	Share Price (Rs)
1	Aarti Industries	Reduce	381	405
2	Bharat Petroleum Corporation	Hold	286	271
3	Bharti Airtel	Accumulate	1,783	1,599
4	Clean Science and Technology	Hold	1,471	1,449
5	Deepak Nitrite	Reduce	2,295	2,460
6	Fine Organic Industries	BUY	5,765	4,474
7	GAIL (India)	Hold	203	186
8	Gujarat Fluorochemicals	Reduce	3,190	3,537
9	Gujarat Gas	Sell	362	508
10	Gujarat State Petronet	Hold	351	359
11	Hindustan Petroleum Corporation	Hold	373	353
12	Indian Oil Corporation	Hold	124	123
13	Indraprastha Gas	Sell	300	383
14	Jubilant Ingrevia	Hold	680	660
15	Laxmi Organic Industries	Hold	237	226
16	Mahanagar Gas	Accumulate	1,412	1,267
17	Mangalore Refinery & Petrochemicals	Accumulate	168	145
18	Navin Fluorine International	Accumulate	3,672	3,478
19	NOCIL	Reduce	226	247
20	Oil & Natural Gas Corporation	BUY	300	260
21	Oil India	BUY	714	465
22	Petronet LNG	Reduce	276	291
23	Reliance Industries	Accumulate	1,472	1,266
24	SRF	Reduce	2,018	2,308
25	Vinati Organics	Accumulate	1,925	1,707

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 Buy
 : > 15%

 Accumulate
 : 5% to 15%

 Hold
 : +5% to -5%

 Reduce
 : -5% to -15%

 Sell
 : < -15%</td>

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