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Vodafone Idea

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Debt funding and AGR resolution are critical, though some benefit of capex is visible now

Vodafone Idea (VIL) has appointed Mr. Abhijit Kishore as the new CEO. He has been serving as VIL's COO since Mar'15. Mr Akshaya Moondra's (outgoing CEO) term of three years expires on 18th Aug'25. VIL's Q1FY26 ARPU rose 0.6% QoQ (Bharti 2.1%, RJio +1.3%), while subs loss was 0.5mn, which has shown signs of improvement, though modest, post acceleration in capex. VIL has funding to incur elevated capex only till Q2FY26; its future capex is dependent on closing the funding arrangement which has been in the process for a while. VIL is also hopeful of a resolution on AGR matter before its first EMI due in Mar'26, remains critical for establishing its going concern status. Retain FY26/27E EBITDA and TP of INR 7, based on FY27E EV/EBITDA multiple of 15.5x (unchanged). Maintain HOLD.

ARPU rose well YoY, lower subs decline in Q1FY26

VIL's revenue was up 0.1% QoQ/ 4.9% YoY to INR 110bn. Revenue benefited from ARPU growth of 0.6% QoQ/13% YoY to INR 165; customer ARPU (excl. M2M) improved 1.1% QoQ to INR 177. However, revenue growth was lower due to subs dipping 0.5mn (slipped 0.3% QoQ/5.9% YoY) to 198mn vs. average dip of 3.7mn in the past four quarters. Gross addition was healthy at 23.9mn (Bharti: 30.3mn; RJio: 36.5mn) in Q1FY26, and it has been grabbing more gross subs market share. Lower subs decline was due to benefit of network rollout, 5G rollout and pricing interventions. VIL indicated strong traction in 5G adoption on its network in the 22 cities it has launched. VIL started an aggressive rollout – it had strong MBB deployment with 4G/5G-site net add of 22k BTS in Q1FY26, which has helped in increasing data capacity by 36% and population coverage from 77%. to 84.1% Data subs rose 0.7mn to 135mn, while 4G subs rose 1mn to 127.4mn. Data subs are only 68.2% of total subs.

ARPU grew 0.6% QoQ (+13% YoY) on the back of one additional day in Q1FY26. ARPU for Bharti and RJio was up 2.1% and +1.3%, QoQ, respectively, in Q1FY26. Post-paid subs have been growing steadily for VIL, up 10.1% YoY (+1mn), which is also helping in growing organic ARPU. VIL's 5G subs add benefitted from its introductory offer of INR 299 (vs. RJio's at INR 349 and Bharti's at INR 398) for 28 days. Company is also offering true unlimited 4G data to its customers for a recharge of INR 365.

Financial Summary

| Y/E March (INR mn) | FY24A | FY25A | FY26E | FY27E |
|--------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Net Revenue | 4,26,517 | 4,35,713 | 4,75,122 | 5,71,086 |
| EBITDA | 1,71,260 | 1,81,266 | 2,11,906 | 2,91,797 |
| EBITDA Margin (%) | 40.2 | 41.6 | 44.6 | 51.1 |
| Net Profit | (3,19,939) | (2,73,834) | (2,12,928) | (1,52,816) |
| EPS (INR) | (6.4) | (3.8) | (2.0) | (1.4) |
| EPS % Chg YoY | 3.5 | (38.5) | (1.3) | (1.4) |
| P/E (x) | (1.0) | (1.6) | 4.9 | (12.6) |
| EV/EBITDA (x) | 13.9 | 12.7 | 11.6 | 8.7 |
| RoCE (%) | (4.9) | (3.4) | (8.0) | 3.9 |
| RoE (%) | 35.0 | 31.4 | (21.6) | 8.9 |

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Market Data

| Market Cap (INR) | 666bn |
|---------------------|---------|
| Market Cap (USD) | 7,609mn |
| Bloomberg Code | IDEA IN |
| Reuters Code | VODA BO |
| 52-week Range (INR) | 17 /6 |
| Free Float (%) | 25.0 |
| ADTV-3M (mn) (USD) | 45.4 |
| | |

| Price Performance (%) | 3m | 6m | 12m |
|-----------------------|--------|--------|--------|
| Absolute | (11.9) | (25.1) | (61.1) |
| Relative to Sensor | (11 0) | (31.2) | (62.9) |

| ESG Score | 2023 | 2024 | Change |
|-------------|------|------|--------|
| ESG score | 69.2 | 69.9 | 0.7 |
| Environment | 47.5 | 51.2 | 3.7 |
| Social | 69.4 | 74.9 | 5.5 |
| Governance | 79.7 | 79.0 | (0.7) |

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

Source: SES ESG, I-sec research

Previous Reports

03-06-2025: Q4FY25 results review 13-02-2025: **Q3FY25** results review



Cash EBITDA declined 6.1% QoQ/+3.8% YoY to INR 22bn

EBITDA decline was due to an increase in network opex by 1% QoQ/ down 1.8% YoY to INR 23.5bn. Network cost is likely to rise with acceleration in 4G and 5G deployment, wherein VIL expects to expand sites to 215–220k (from 197k in Q1FY26); each site's operating cost is likely to be INR 60–70k p.m. (pre-Ind AS basis). SGA and other expenses rose 7.5% QoQ/ 5.1% YoY. VIL had net loss of INR 66bn, down from INR 72bn in Q4FY25, partly due to a decrease in finance cost to INR 59bn (vs. INR 65bn in Q4FY25), due to conversion of debt into equity in the previous quarter. Capex stood at INR 24bn (22.1% of revenue) for Q1FY26.

VIL is in the process of implementing capex of INR 50–60bn, which should complete by end-Q2FY26; more capex is dependent on fund raise through debt and other funding options which the company is actively pursuing.

Net debt rose to INR 1,943bn

Net debt increased by INR 69bn QoQ to INR 1,943bn in Q1FY26, of which, government dues were INR 1,991bn, up INR 42bn during the quarter probably on adjustment due to equity conversion else borrowings were largely stable. Cash and cash equivalent declined by INR 31bn QoQ while debt from banks reduced by INR 3.9bn.

VIL is having a comprehensive discussion with the government on resolving issues related to AGR dues, and the shortfall in cashflow for repayment of dues. The company has EMI towards AGR of INR 160bn due in Mar'26.

Other highlights

- The company is also looking at non-banking sources of funding in order to continue
 with its capex cycle, as banks are looking for clarity on the AGR issue. Until the
 funding is closed, VIL will continue to do normal capex from internal accruals.
- Capex priority for the company is to strengthen 5G footprint, and enhance 4G capacity and coverage. Site addition for Q2FY26 will be stable at levels of Q1FY26, with acceleration to 215-220k site based only on funding availability.
- The company has launched 5G services in 22 cities. It plans to expand 5G in all 17 circles by Sep'25. 5G adoption has been strong with 60-70% of device owners in locations where 5G has been launched. It has also witnessed increased 5G penetration in these areas.
- Company remains confident of maintaining the trend of improving subs, and believes 4G/5G investment along with pricing intervention is helping.

Risks

- Downside: 1) Lower than expected AGR revenue market share, and 4G subs base.
 2) If VIL fails to get more equity capital.
 3) Unfavourable regulatory policies or outcome on ongoing litigations.
- *Upside risks:* 1) Higher than expected revenue market share. 2) Higher than estimated FCF generation.



Exhibit 1: VIL consolidated financials

| INR mn | Q1FY25 | Q2FY25 | Q3FY25 | Q4FY25 | Q1FY26 | QoQ (%) | YoY (%) |
|--------------------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|---------|---------|
| Revenue | 1,05,083 | 1,09,322 | 1,11,173 | 1,10,135 | 1,10,225 | 0.1 | 4.9 |
| Network operation cost | 23,935 | 23,566 | 23,635 | 23,255 | 23,493 | 1.0 | (1.8) |
| % of revenue | 22.8 | 21.6 | 21.3 | 21.1 | 21.3 | | |
| Roaming & access charges | 10,852 | 11,353 | 11,808 | 11,961 | 11,139 | (6.9) | 2.6 |
| % of revenue | 10.3 | 10.4 | 10.6 | 10.9 | 10.1 | | |
| License fees and spect charges | 8,924 | 9,312 | 9,443 | 9,283 | 9,473 | 2.0 | 6.2 |
| % of revenue | 8.5 | 8.5 | 8.5 | 8.4 | 8.6 | | |
| Employee cost | 5,467 | 5,854 | 5,493 | 5,495 | 5,435 | (1.1) | (0.6) |
| % of revenue | 5.2 | 5.4 | 4.9 | 5.0 | 4.9 | | |
| SGA and other exp | 13,858 | 13,739 | 13,670 | 13,544 | 14,564 | 7.5 | 5.1 |
| % of revenue | 13.2 | 12.6 | 12.3 | 12.3 | 13.2 | | |
| EBITDA | 42,047 | 45,498 | 47,124 | 46,597 | 46,121 | (1.0) | 9.7 |
| EBITDA margin (%) | 40.0 | 41.6 | 42.4 | 42.3 | 41.8 | | |
| EBITDA (adj. for Ind AS) | 21,000 | 23,200 | 24,500 | 23,207 | 21,800 | (6.1) | 3.8 |
| EBITDA margin (%) | 20.0 | 21.2 | 22.0 | 21.1 | 19.8 | | |
| Depreciation and amortisation | 53,691 | 54,040 | 56,288 | 55,713 | 54,721 | (1.8) | 1.9 |
| EBIT | (11,644) | (8,542) | (9,164) | (9,116) | (8,600) | | |
| Interest | 55,186 | 66,136 | 59,399 | 64,713 | 58,928 | (8.9) | 6.8 |
| Other income | 2,563 | 3,000 | 2,495 | 2,148 | 1,417 | | |
| PBT | (64,267) | (71,678) | (66,068) | (71,681) | (66,111) | | |
| Share of profits(losses) in JV | 1 | (3) | - | 20 | - | | |
| Provision for tax | 55 | 78 | 25 | - | (30) | | |
| Effective tax rate | (0.1) | (0.1) | (0.0) | - | 0.0 | | |
| Exceptional gain/ (loss) | - | - | - | - | - | | |
| Net income (reported) | (64,321) | (71,759) | (66,093) | (71,661) | (66,081) | | |
| EPS (INR) | (0.9) | (1.0) | (0.9) | (1.0) | (0.6) | | |

Source: I-Sec research, Company data

Exhibit 2: Subs decline lowest in six years at 0.5mn in Q1FY26

| | Q1FY25 | Q2FY25 | Q3FY25 | Q4FY25 | Q1FY26 | QoQ (%) | YoY (%) |
|----------------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|---------|---------|
| Subscribers (mn) | 210 | 205 | 200 | 198 | 198 | (0.3) | (5.9) |
| Net adds (mn) | (2.9) | (5.1) | (5.2) | (1.6) | (0.5) | | |
| Prepaid subs as % of total | 88.5 | 88.0 | 87.4 | 87.1 | 86.5 | | |
| Blended churn (%) | 4.0 | 4.5 | 4.5 | 4.1 | 4.1 | | |
| ARPU (INR) | 146 | 156 | 163 | 164 | 165 | 0.6 | 13.0 |
| Minutes of Use (min/subs) | 607 | 587 | 593 | 598 | 590 | (1.3) | (2.8) |
| Minutes on Network (mn) | 3,85,000 | 3,65,000 | 3,60,000 | 3,57,000 | 3,50,000 | (2.0) | (9.1) |
| Incremental mins (QoQ, mn) | (17,000) | (20,000) | (5,000) | (3,000) | (7,000) | | |
| 2G cell sites | 1,83,323 | 1,84,245 | 1,87,708 | 1,95,284 | 1,97,139 | 0.9 | 7.5 |

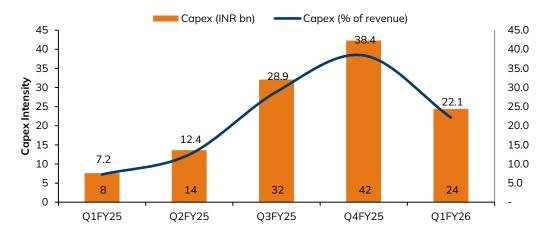
Source: I-Sec research, Company data

Exhibit 3: Data subs up 0.7mn in Q1FY26

| | Q1FY25 | Q2FY25 | Q3FY25 | Q4FY25 | Q1FY26 | QoQ (%) | YoY (%) |
|-----------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|---------|---------|
| Data (2G+3G+4G) | | | | | | | |
| Data subs (mn) | 137 | 135 | 134 | 134 | 135 | 0.5 | (1.5) |
| Net adds (mn) | (0.4) | (2.0) | (0.7) | (0.1) | 0.7 | | |
| As % of total subs | 65.2 | 65.8 | 67.2 | 67.7 | 68.2 | | |
| Data volume (mn MB) | 61,11,000 | 59,92,000 | 58,59,000 | 61,66,000 | 67,48,000 | 9.4 | 10.4 |
| Data usage per sub (MB) | 15,961 | 15,760 | 15,534 | 16,262 | 17,744 | 9.1 | 11.2 |
| 4G data subs (mn) | 126.7 | 125.9 | 126.0 | 126.4 | 127.4 | 0.8 | 0.6 |
| Net adds (mn) | 0.4 | (0.8) | 0.1 | 0.4 | 1.0 | | |
| 3G/4G Cell sites | 4,17,245 | 4,39,599 | 4,60,250 | 4,94,596 | 5,16,183 | 4.4 | 23.7 |
| Net adds (3G/4G cell sites) | (13,460) | 22,354 | 20,651 | 34,346 | 21,587 | | |

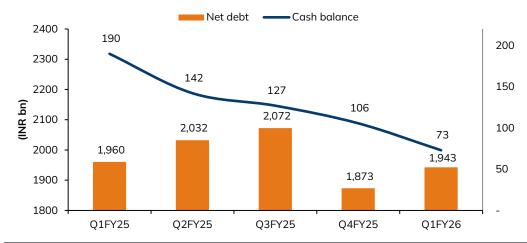


Exhibit 4: Capex intensity fell sharply to 22.1% of revenue



Source: I-Sec research, Company data

Exhibit 5: Net debt up QoQ by INR 69bn in Q1FY26



Source: I-Sec research, Company data

Exhibit 6: VIL EV/EBITDA-based valuation

| | FY27E |
|-------------------------------|-----------|
| EBITDA (INR mn) | 1,67,646 |
| EV/EBITDA multiple | 15.5 |
| Enterprise value (INR mn) | 25,98,508 |
| Net debt (INR mn) | 18,61,562 |
| Equity value (INR mn) | 7,36,946 |
| No of outstanding shares (mn) | 1,08,343 |
| Value per share | 7 |



Financials

Exhibit 7: Consolidated P&L

| INR mn | FY20 | FY21 | FY22 | FY23 | FY24 | FY25 | FY26E | FY27E | CAGR (%) FY25-27E |
|----------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|----------------------|
| Revenues | 4,49,575 | 4,19,522 | 3,85,155 | 4,21,772 | 4,26,517 | 4,35,713 | 4,75,122 | 5,71,086 | 14.5 |
| Growth (%) | (7.3) | (6.7) | (8.2) | 9.5 | 1.1 | 2.2 | 9.0 | 20.2 | |
| | | | | | | | | | |
| Network opex | 1,09,916 | 95,938 | 98,182 | 1,00,783 | 98,104 | 94,391 | 1,02,104 | 1,11,166 | 8.5 |
| Other expenses | 1,90,534 | 1,54,127 | 1,26,612 | 1,52,819 | 1,57,153 | 1,60,056 | 1,61,112 | 1,68,123 | 2.5 |
| Total expenses | 3,00,450 | 2,50,065 | 2,24,794 | 2,53,602 | 2,55,257 | 2,54,447 | 2,63,217 | 2,79,289 | 4.8 |
| Growth (%) | | (16.8) | (10.1) | 12.8 | 0.7 | (0.3) | 3.4 | 6.1 | |
| EBITDA (reported) | 1,49,125 | 1,69,457 | 1,60,361 | 1,68,170 | 1,71,260 | 1,81,266 | 2,11,906 | 2,91,797 | 26.9 |
| EBITDA (adj. Ind AS) | 58,123 | 86,789 | 77,908 | 82,967 | 84,000 | 91,907 | 1,00,111 | 1,67,646 | 35.1 |
| EBITDA margin (%) | 12.9 | 20.7 | 20.2 | 19.7 | 19.7 | 21.1 | 21.1 | 29.4 | |
| Inc. EBITDA (%) | - | - | - | - | - | 86.0 | 20.8 | 70.4 | |
| Growth (%) | - | 49.3 | (10.2) | 6.5 | 1.2 | 9.4 | 8.9 | 67.5 | |
| Depreciation | 2,43,564 | 2,36,385 | 2,35,843 | 2,30,497 | 2,26,335 | 2,19,732 | 2,23,045 | 2,38,270 | 4.1 |
| EBIT | (94,439) | (66,928) | (75,482) | (62,327) | (55,075) | (38,466) | (11,139) | 53,527 | |
| Other income | 10,393 | 1,742 | 1,294 | 3,113 | 1,132 | 10,206 | 5,103 | 2,552 | |
| Finance cost | 1,53,920 | 1,79,981 | 2,09,808 | 2,33,543 | 2,57,655 | 2,45,434 | 2,06,892 | 2,08,894 | |
| PBT | (2,34,413) | (2,42,853) | (2,83,984) | (2,92,752) | (3,11,653) | (2,73,676) | (2,12,928) | (1,52,816) | (25.3) |
| Tax | 1,20,811 | -203 | 113 | 35 | 8,286 | 158 | - | - | |
| Exceptional item | (3,83,557) | (1,99,681) | 1,643 | (224) | 7,555 | - | 3,50,000 | 1,00,000 | |
| Adj. PAT | (3,55,224) | (2,42,650) | (2,84,097) | (2,92,787) | (3,19,939) | (2,73,834) | (2,12,928) | (1,52,816) | (25.3) |
| Adj. EPS | (12.4) | (8.4) | (8.8) | (6.0) | (6.4) | (3.8) | (2.0) | (1.4) | (39.4) |
| Growth (%) | | (31.7) | 4.7 | (32.0) | 6.1 | (39.9) | (48.8) | (28.2) | |

Source: I-Sec research, Company data

Exhibit 8: KPIs

| INR mn | FY20 | FY21 | FY22 | FY23 | FY24 | FY25 | FY26E | FY27E | CAGR (%) FY25-27E |
|-----------------|------|-------|-------|-------|------|-------|-------|-------|----------------------|
| Mobile business | | | | | | | | | |
| Subs (mn) | 291 | 268 | 244 | 226 | 213 | 198 | 206 | 214 | 4.0 |
| Net add (mn) | (43) | (23) | (24) | (18) | (13) | (15) | 8 | 8 | |
| Data subs (mn) | 140 | 140 | 136 | 135 | 137 | 134 | 147 | 160 | 9.4 |
| Net add (mn) | | 0.4 | (4.2) | (0.7) | 2.3 | (3.2) | 13.3 | 13.0 | |
| % of total | 47.9 | 52.2 | 55.7 | 59.8 | 64.5 | 67.7 | 71.5 | 74.9 | |
| ARPU (Rs) | 114 | 114 | 112 | 132 | 143 | 157 | 175 | 205 | 14.4 |
| Growth (%) | 24.8 | (0.8) | (1.8) | 18.4 | 8.0 | 9.9 | 11.4 | 17.4 | |



Exhibit 9: Balance sheet parameters

| INR mn | FY20 | FY21 | FY22 | FY23 | FY24 | FY25 | FY26E | FY27E | CAGR (%) FY25-27E |
|------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|----------------------|
| Capital productivity | | | | | | | | | |
| Fixed assets | 18,59,331 | 16,74,967 | 15,68,590 | 17,38,313 | 15,76,751 | 15,70,602 | 14,61,905 | 15,05,744 | (2.1) |
| FA turnover (x) | 0.2 | 0.3 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.4 | |
| Capex | 79,662 | 47,097 | 60,089 | 39,422 | 16,139 | 1,00,000 | 2,00,000 | 2,00,000 | 41.4 |
| Intensity (% of rev) | 17.7 | 11.2 | 15.6 | 9.3 | 3.8 | 23.0 | 42.1 | 35.0 | |
| Capex/ dep (ex-lease) | 0.4 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.2 | 0.1 | 0.6 | 1.3 | 1.3 | |
| CWIP | 11,381 | 6,059 | 3,643 | 1,78,764 | 1,81,891 | 1,82,122 | 1,82,122 | 1,82,122 | - |
| Capital employed | 12,09,754 | 14,20,823 | 12,89,529 | 12,72,269 | 10,34,630 | 12,59,760 | 13,96,832 | 13,44,016 | 3.3 |
| Pre-tax ROCE (%) | (6.2) | (5.1) | (5.6) | (4.9) | (4.8) | (3.4) | (0.8) | 3.9 | |
| Leverage | | | | | | | | | |
| Gross debt | 11,49,955 | 18,03,103 | 19,09,177 | 20,15,860 | 20,76,298 | 19,62,962 | 19,62,962 | 19,62,962 | - |
| of which govt. dues | 8,76,474 | 15,09,309 | 17,31,145 | 18,83,550 | 20,28,962 | 19,49,106 | | | |
| Net debt | 11,18,777 | 17,80,938 | 18,74,211 | 20,07,306 | 20,70,934 | 18,57,277 | 17,89,994 | 18,61,562 | 0.1 |
| ND/EBITDA (x) | 7.5 | 10.5 | 11.7 | 11.9 | 12.1 | 10.2 | 8.4 | 6.4 | |
| Working capital (days) | | | | | | | | | |
| Inventory | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| Receivables | 25 | 22 | 23 | 19 | 19 | 17 | 16 | 15 | |
| Payable | 96 | 116 | 125 | 117 | 118 | 90 | 75 | 65 | |
| Deferred revenue | 26 | 26 | 32 | 27 | 27 | - | - | - | |
| Cash conversion | (96) | (119) | (133) | (125) | (125) | (73) | (59) | (50) | |

Source: I-Sec research, Company data

Exhibit 10: Concise cashflow statement

| INR mn | FY20 | FY21 | FY22 | FY23 | FY24 | FY25 | FY26E | FY27E | CAGR (%) FY25-27E |
|---------------------|------------|----------|----------|----------|-----------|------------|-------------|------------|----------------------|
| Cashflow | | | | | | | | | |
| Operations cashflow | 1,65,730 | 1,70,842 | 1,77,277 | 1,82,412 | 2,01,836 | 1,85,462 | 5,61,906 | 3,91,797 | 45.3 |
| % of EBITDA | 111.1 | 100.8 | 110.5 | 108.5 | 117.9 | 102.3 | 265.2 | 134.3 | |
| Chg in WC | (92,455) | (14,445) | (3,407) | 6,275 | 6,425 | (92,556) | (21,079) | 25,087 | |
| Repayment lease | (65,940) | (95,555) | (69,397) | (79,039) | (87,138) | (1,32,889) | (71,754) | (82,109) | |
| CFO | 7,335 | 60,842 | 1,04,473 | 1,09,648 | 1,21,123 | (39,983) | 4,69,073 | 3,34,775 | |
| % of revenue | 1.6 | 14.5 | 27.1 | 26.0 | 28.4 | (9.2) | <i>98.7</i> | 58.6 | |
| | | | | | | | | | |
| Capex | (79,662) | (47,097) | (60,089) | (39,422) | (16, 139) | (1,00,050) | (2,00,000) | (2,00,000) | 41.4 |
| FCF | (10,365) | 1,03,553 | 1,12,746 | 1,32,465 | 1,87,639 | (15,496) | 3,40,827 | 2,16,884 | |
| Finance cost | (1,52,585) | (28,256) | (27,997) | (20,940) | (28,678) | (20,902) | (2,06,892) | (2,08,894) | 216.1 |
| FCF (after int) | (1,62,950) | 75,297 | 84,749 | 1,11,525 | 1,58,961 | (36,398) | 1,33,934 | 7,989 | |
| Spectrum payment | (3,978) | (5,747) | (1,035) | (16,800) | (4,483) | (8,352) | | | |
| Ratios | | | | | | | | | |
| Dividend (INR/sh) | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | |
| Payout (%) | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | |
| Pre-tax ROIC (%) | (6.4) | (5.2) | (5.7) | (4.9) | (4.8) | (3.5) | (0.9) | 4.3 | |



Peer Comparison

Exhibit 11: Telecom valuation snapshot

| (INR mn) | СМР | | | Revenue (INR mn) | | CAGR (%) | Cash EBITDA (INR) | | CAGR (%) | |
|----------------|-------|--------|-------|------------------|-------|----------|-------------------|-------|----------|----------|
| | (INR) | INR bn | FY25 | FY26E | FY27E | FY25-27E | FY25 | FY26E | FY27E | FY25-27E |
| Bharti Airtel | 1,892 | 10,887 | 1,730 | 2,029 | 2,318 | 15.8 | 780 | 904 | 1,103 | 18.9 |
| Bharti Hexacom | 1,730 | 865 | 85 | 95 | 113 | 15.0 | 35 | 42 | 55 | 25.6 |
| Reliance Jio | - | - | 1,141 | 1,281 | 1,523 | 15.5 | 561 | 649 | 830 | 21.6 |
| Vodafone Idea | 6.5 | 461 | 436 | 475 | 571 | 14.5 | 92 | 100 | 168 | 35.1 |
| Tata Comm | 1,673 | 477 | 231 | 250 | 271 | 8.2 | 46 | 51 | 59 | 13.2 |
| Indus Towers | 338 | 910 | 301 | 335 | 360 | 9.3 | 182 | 131 | 141 | (12.1) |
| Railtel Corp | 352 | 113 | 35 | 42 | 48 | 17.7 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 11.4 |

Source: I-Sec research, Company data

Exhibit 12: Telecom valuation snapshot

| (INR mn) | PE (| x) | EV/EBIT | DA (x) | ROIC (pr | e-tax) | ND/ cash El | BITDA (x) | Capex (ex-spec INR mn) | |
|----------------|-------|-------|---------|--------|----------|--------|-------------|-----------|------------------------|-------|
| (, | FY26E | FY27E | FY26E | FY27E | FY26E | FY27E | FY26E | FY27E | FY26E | FY27E |
| Bharti Airtel | 47.8 | 30.4 | 13.1 | 10.4 | 15.2 | 21.6 | 1.0 | 0.5 | 20.3 | 17.1 |
| Bharti Hexacom | 50.6 | 32.2 | 21.2 | 15.7 | 22.1 | 34.8 | 0.5 | 0.0 | 15.8 | 13.9 |
| Reliance Jio | | | | | 10.2 | 13.6 | 2.5 | 1.9 | 24.1 | 19.7 |
| Vodafone Idea | | | 22.5 | 13.9 | (0.9) | 4.3 | 17.9 | 11.1 | 42.1 | 35.0 |
| Tata Comm | 30.5 | 22.4 | 11.0 | 9.6 | 19.4 | 23.7 | 1.7 | 1.4 | 10.6 | 10.3 |
| Indus Towers | 12.8 | 11.6 | 6.8 | 6.0 | 15.1 | 16.4 | (0.1) | (0.4) | 15.8 | 9.7 |
| Railtel Corp | 32.7 | 28.0 | 18.5 | 16.4 | 28.3 | 24.9 | (0.9) | (0.7) | 8.6 | 8.2 |

Source: I-Sec research, Company data

Exhibit 13: Shareholding pattern

| % | Mar'25 | Apr'25 | Jun'25 |
|-------------------------|--------|--------|--------|
| Promoters | 38.8 | 25.6 | 25.6 |
| Institutional investors | 15.0 | 9.9 | 10.1 |
| MFs and others | 4.5 | 3.1 | 3.9 |
| Fls/Banks, Insurance | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Insurance | 0.4 | 0.2 | 0.2 |
| FIIs | 10.1 | 6.6 | 6.0 |
| Government of India | 22.6 | 49.0 | 49.0 |
| Others | 23.6 | 15.5 | 15.3 |

Source: Bloomberg, I-Sec research

Exhibit 14: Price chart



Source: Bloomberg, I-Sec research



Financial Summary

Exhibit 15: Profit & Loss

(INR mn, year ending March)

| | FY24A | FY25A | FY26E | FY27E |
|------------------------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Net Sales | 4,26,517 | 4,35,713 | 4,75,122 | 5,71,086 |
| Operating Expenses | 2,55,257 | 2,54,447 | 2,63,217 | 2,79,289 |
| EBITDA | 1,71,260 | 1,81,266 | 2,11,906 | 2,91,797 |
| EBITDA Margin (%) | 40.2 | 41.6 | 44.6 | 51.1 |
| Depreciation & Amortization | 2,26,335 | 2,19,732 | 2,23,045 | 2,38,270 |
| EBIT | (55,075) | (38,466) | (11,139) | 53,527 |
| Interest expenditure | 2,57,655 | 2,45,434 | 2,06,892 | 2,08,894 |
| Other Non-operating | | | | |
| Income | _ | _ | _ | _ |
| Recurring PBT | (3,11,653) | (2,73,676) | (2,12,928) | (1,52,816) |
| Profit / (Loss) from Associates | (55) | 18 | - | - |
| Less: Taxes | 8,286 | 158 | - | - |
| PAT | (3,12,384) | (2,73,834) | 1,37,072 | (52,816) |
| Less: Minority Interest | - | - | - | - |
| Extraordinaries (Net) | 1,132 | 10,206 | 5,103 | 2,552 |
| Net Income (Reported) | (3,12,384) | (2,73,834) | 1,37,072 | (52,816) |
| Net Income (Adjusted) | (3,19,939) | (2,73,834) | (2,12,928) | (1,52,816) |

Source Company data, I-Sec research

Exhibit 16: Balance sheet

(INR mn, year ending March)

| | FY24A | FY25A | FY26E | FY27E |
|-----------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Total Current Assets | 1,29,098 | 3,10,395 | 3,85,389 | 3,43,737 |
| of which cash & cash eqv. | 5,362 | 1,05,685 | 1,72,968 | 1,01,400 |
| Total Current Liabilities & | 5,41,413 | 5,56,139 | 5,31,918 | 5,56,407 |
| Provisions | 5,41,415 | 3,30,133 | 3,31,310 | 3,30,407 |
| Net Current Assets | (4,12,315) | (2,45,744) | (1,46,529) | (2,12,671) |
| Investments | 5 | - | - | - |
| Net Fixed Assets | 15,83,139 | 15,95,318 | 16,44,028 | 16,87,866 |
| ROU Assets | - | - | - | - |
| Capital Work-in-Progress | 1,81,891 | 1,82,122 | 1,82,122 | 1,82,122 |
| Total Intangible Assets | - | - | - | - |
| Other assets | 1,37,737 | 72,953 | 51,034 | 32,763 |
| Deferred Tax Assets | 138 | 116 | 116 | 116 |
| Total Assets | 18,49,977 | 19,78,666 | 20,80,450 | 20,64,366 |
| Liabilities | | | | |
| Borrowings | 20,76,298 | 19,62,962 | 19,62,962 | 19,62,962 |
| Deferred Tax Liability | 4 | 167 | 167 | 167 |
| Provisions | 209 | 50 | 55 | 66 |
| Other Liabilities | 3,21,057 | 2,97,832 | 2,86,761 | 2,98,993 |
| Equity Share Capital | 5,01,198 | 7,13,930 | 10,83,430 | 10,83,430 |
| Reserves & Surplus | (15,42,866) | (14,17,132) | (16,49,560) | (17,02,376) |
| Total Net Worth | (10,41,668) | (7,03,202) | (5,66,130) | (6,18,946) |
| Minority Interest | - | - | - | - |
| Total Liabilities | 18,49,977 | 19,78,666 | 20,80,450 | 20,64,366 |

Source Company data, I-Sec research

Exhibit 17: Quarterly trend

(INR mn, year ending March)

| | Sep-24 | Dec-24 | Mar-25 | Jun-25 |
|---------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| Net Sales | 1,09,322 | 1,11,173 | 1,10,135 | 1,10,225 |
| % growth (YOY) | 2.0 | 4.2 | 3.8 | 4.9 |
| EBITDA | 45,498 | 47,124 | 46,597 | 46,121 |
| Margin % | 41.6 | 42.4 | 42.3 | 41.8 |
| Other Income | 3,000 | 2,495 | 2,148 | 1,417 |
| Extraordinaries | - | - | - | - |
| Adjusted Net Profit | (71,759) | (66,093) | (71,661) | (66,081) |

Source Company data, I-Sec research

Exhibit 18: Cashflow statement

(INR mn, year ending March)

| | FY24A | FY25A | FY26E | FY27E |
|-------------------------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Operating Cashflow | 2,01,836 | 1,85,462 | 5,61,906 | 3,91,797 |
| Working Capital Changes | 6,425 | (92,556) | (21,079) | 25,087 |
| Capital Commitments | (20,622) | (1,08,402) | (2,00,000) | (2,00,000) |
| Free Cashflow | 1,87,639 | (15,496) | 3,40,827 | 2,16,884 |
| Other investing cashflow | 1,554 | (54,081) | 5,103 | 2,552 |
| Cashflow from Investing Activities | 1,554 | (54,081) | 5,103 | 2,552 |
| Issue of Share Capital | 1 | 2,41,372 | - | - |
| Interest Cost | - | - | - | - |
| Inc (Dec) in Borrowings | (73,988) | (17,114) | - | - |
| Dividend paid | - | - | - | - |
| Others | (87,138) | (1,32,889) | (71,754) | (82,109) |
| Cash flow from Financing Activities | (1,89,803) | 70,467 | (2,78,646) | (2,91,003) |
| Chg. in Cash & Bank balance | (610) | 890 | 67,283 | (71,568) |
| Closing cash & balance | 1,678 | 6,252 | 1,72,968 | 1,01,400 |

Source Company data, I-Sec research

Exhibit 19: Key ratios

(Year ending March)

| | FY24A | FY25A | FY26E | FY27E |
|----------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Per Share Data (INR) | | | | |
| Reported EPS | (6.2) | (3.8) | 1.3 | (0.5) |
| Adjusted EPS (Diluted) | (6.4) | (3.8) | (2.0) | (1.4) |
| Cash EPS | (1.9) | (0.8) | 0.1 | 0.8 |
| Dividend per share (DPS) | - | - | - | - |
| Book Value per share (BV) | (20.8) | (9.8) | (5.2) | (5.7) |
| Dividend Payout (%) | - | - | - | - |
| Growth (%) | | | | |
| Net Sales | 1.2 | 2.2 | 0.1 | 0.2 |
| EBITDA | 1.8 | 5.8 | 0.2 | 0.4 |
| EPS (INR) | 3.5 | (38.5) | (1.3) | (1.4) |
| Valuation Ratios (x) | | | | |
| P/E | (1.0) | (1.6) | 4.9 | (12.6) |
| P/CEPS | (3.3) | (8.1) | 65.9 | 7.8 |
| P/BV | (0.3) | (0.6) | (1.2) | (1.1) |
| EV / EBITDA | 13.9 | 12.7 | 11.6 | 8.7 |
| EV / Sales | 5.6 | 5.3 | 5.2 | 4.4 |
| Dividend Yield (%) | - | - | - | - |
| Operating Ratios | | | | |
| Gross Profit Margins (%) | _ | _ | _ | _ |
| EBITDA Margins (%) | 40.2 | 41.6 | 44.6 | 51.1 |
| Effective Tax Rate (%) | (2.7) | (0.1) | (0.1) | (0.1) |
| Net Profit Margins (%) | (73.2) | (62.8) | 28.8 | (9.2) |
| NWC / Total Assets (%) | (22.3) | (12.4) | (7.0) | (10.3) |
| Net Debt / Equity (x) | (2.0) | (2.6) | (3.2) | (3.0) |
| Net Debt / EBITDA (x) | 12.1 | 10.2 | 8.4 | 6.4 |
| Profitability Ratios | | | | |
| RoCE (%) | (4.9) | (3.4) | (0.8) | 3.9 |
| RoE (%) | 35.0 | 31.4 | (21.6) | 8.9 |
| RoIC (%) | (4.9) | (3.5) | (0.9) | 4.3 |
| Fixed Asset Turnover (x) | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.2 |
| Inventory Turnover Days | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Receivables Days | 18.8 | 16.8 | 15.8 | 14.8 |
| Payables Days | 117.5 | 90.0 | 75.0 | 65.0 |
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