

CMP: INR2,429

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Downgrade to Neutral

Estimate changes	\leftarrow
TP change	\longrightarrow
Rating change	\leftarrow

Bloomberg	DN IN
Equity Shares (m)	127
M.Cap.(INRb)/(USDb)	331.4 / 4.4
52-Week Range (INR)	3020 / 703
1, 6, 12 Rel. Per (%)	-2/11/175
12M Avg Val (INR M)	2256

Financials & Valuations (INR bn)

Y/E March	FY22E	FY23E	FY24E			
Sales	66.2	66.8	67.0			
EBITDA	16.1	16.3	17.4			
PAT	10.7	10.7	11.4			
EPS (INR)	78.2	78.6	83.4			
EPS Gr. (%)	37.5	0.5	6.1			
BV/Sh.(INR)	238.5	305.3	376.1			
Ratios						
Net D:E	0.1	(0.0)	(0.2)			
RoE (%)	38.1	28.9	24.5			
RoCE (%)	32.3	26.1	23.0			
Payout (%)	15.0	15.0	15.0			
Valuations						
P/E (x)	31.0	30.9	29.1			
P/BV (x)	10.2	7.9	6.4			
EV/EBITDA (x)	20.7	20.2	18.6			
Div. Yield (%)	0.5	0.5	0.5			
FCF Yield (%)	1.1	2.1	2.4			
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Shareholding pattern (%)

As On	Sep-21	Jun-21	Sep-20
Promoter	45.7	45.7	45.7
DII	10.6	10.4	12.0
FII	10.9	11.4	12.7
Others	32.9	32.5	29.6

FII Includes depository receipts

Margin normalization at the cost of near term earnings growth

TP: INR2,300 (-5%)

- DN reported a mixed bag result, with EBITDA 10% higher than our estimate at INR3.9b, while EBITDA margin was lower at 23% (est. 26.7%) the lowest since 4QFY19. Phenolics continue to act as a drag on performance of other segments, as the EBIT margin in Fine and Specialty Chemicals dip for the fourth consecutive quarter and the same for Basic Chemicals normalize.
- EBIT mix continues to remain largely the same for the last three quarters, with contribution from Phenolics at 63% (up from an average of 51% in FY21). This comes at the cost of a decline in contribution from the most margin lucrative Fine and Specialty Chemical segment mix at 17% (v/s an average of 30% in FY21).
- With the tailwinds of demand-supply mismatch, force majeure at various plants, and China power outages (as the government takes various efforts like increasing domestic coal production quotas and lifting of the ban on Australian imports) getting gradually resolved, prices of Phenol seems to be peaking around current levels, while Acetone prices have normalized from its peak over the last two months.
- Product price normalization, combined with a continued increase in Brent prices, would result in a margin compression in this segment. The European Union, Singapore, and Korea have revoked Anti-Dumping Duty (ADD) on phenol, which as per our understanding accounts for ~10% of total phenol consumption in India. At our conference, the management had said that ADD doesn't really impact it as importers switch to other sources of imports.
- Considering the aforementioned, our FY23E/FY24E EPS estimate reflects only a marginal growth of 0.5%/6.1% YoY. The company achieved its highest ever plant utilization rate of 120% in 2QFY22, leaving limited growth in this segment for volume accretion (apart from 30ktpa expansion of IPA).
- Since our initiation of coverage (on 30th Jun'21), the stock is up 38% (outperforming the Nifty by 22%), especially after its 50th AGM on 30th Jul'21 wherein it announced incremental capex of INR7b in phenol downstream products (solvents) and reiterated its focus on advancing towards Specialty/intermediate chemicals (with a capex of INR3b in fluorination).
- The stock trades at 31x/29x FY23E/FY24E EPS, owing to the limited earnings growth opportunity till the time its greenfield expansions get commissioned (phenol downstream products would result in captive phenol consumption of 35-40%). We downgrade the stock to Neutral. Valuing the stock at 28x Dec'23E EPS, we arrive at a TP of INR2,300.

Phenolics business proves to be a Hercules

■ Revenue came in 28% higher than our estimate at INR16.8b (+70% YoY, +10% QoQ) due to the Phenolics business. EBITDA was 10% higher than our estimate at INR3.9b (+40% YoY, -14% QoQ). EBITDA margin stood at 23% (v/s 29.6% in 1QFY22) – the lowest since 4QFY19. Gross margin stood at 37% (v/s 46% in 1QFY22), while conversion cost were lower at 14% (v/s 17% in 1QFY22). PAT stood at INR2.5b (+49% YoY), translating into an EPS of INR18.6 (est. INR16.6).

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The story remains similar in 1HFY22 with a 93% YoY jump in revenue to INR32.1b, led by a 144% growth in the Phenolic business revenue to INR21.4b. EBITDA was up 83% YoY to INR8.4b, translating in an EBITDA margin of 26% (v/s 28% in 1HFY21). PAT was up 107% YoY to INR5.6b.

Valuation and view – downgrade to Neutral

- DN's vision is to become the largest player in solvents by taking advantage of import substitution. The management will continue to focus on bringing additional products under the Fine and Specialty segment and bridging the gaps in its value chain. It has been investing in its market intelligence team, which studies opportunities in new and existing markets.
- We reiterate that the management's increased focus towards advanced/high value products would aid margin expansion and sustainability for the company, which investors are most wary of. It would also result in a multiple re-rating for the stock as the mix of Specialty/complex chemistry products increases.
- Despite a capex of INR18b over the next three years, it is expected to turn net cash positive by FY23E, with an FCF generation of INR18b over FY22-24E.
- Risk to our call: 1) a sharp margin improvement in the Fine and Specialty segment from here on as the company added a new Agrochemical customer in 2QFY22, 2) sustainability of higher Phenolics margin, and 3) demand spurt in the Performance products segment, which would drive product prices higher.

Consolidated - Quarterly	Snapshot											(INR m)
Y/E March		FY2	21			FY2	22		FY21	FY22E	FY22	Var (%)
	1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q	1Q	2Q	3QE	4QE			2QE	
Gross Sales	6,745	9,873	12,347	14,632	15,262	16,814	16,726	17,359	43,598	66,161	13,180	28%
YoY Change (%)	-35.8	-1.6	10.3	38.6	126.3	70.3	35.5	18.6	3.1	51.8	33.5	
Gross Margins (%)	51%	51%	45%	48%	46%	37%	38%	38%	48%	40%	45%	
EBITDA	1,816	2,757	3,350	4,547	4,515	3,865	3,828	3,938	12,470	16,146	3,513	10%
Margins (%)	26.9	27.9	27.1	31.1	29.6	23.0	22.9	22.7	28.6	24.4	26.7	
Depreciation	310	312	339	565	436	441	448	468	1,526	1,792	448	-2%
Interest	247	196	157	142	109	92	83	57	742	342	88	6%
Other Income	68	40	49	59	83	84	51	47	215	265	41	103%
PBT before EO expense	1,326	2,288	2,903	3,899	4,053	3,417	3,348	3,460	10,417	14,277	3,019	13%
PBT	1,326	2,288	2,903	3,899	4,053	3,417	3,348	3,460	10,417	14,277	3,019	13%
Tax	337	587	737	998	1,026	873	843	870	2,659	3,612	760	
Rate (%)	25.4	25.6	25.4	25.6	25.3	25.6	25.2	25.1	25.5	25.3	25.2	
Reported PAT	990	1,702	2,166	2,901	3,026	2,543	2,505	2,590	7,758	10,665	2,259	13%
YoY Change (%)	-24.8	13.2	38.2	68.4	205.8	49.4	15.7	-10.7	27.0	37.5	32.7	
Margins (%)	14.7	17.2	17.5	19.8	19.8	15.1	15.0	14.9	17.8	16.1	17.1	

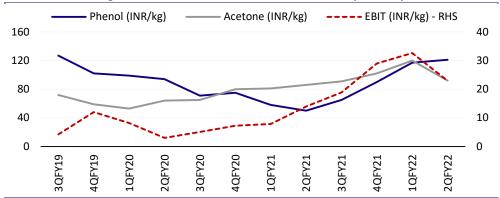
Phenolics and Basic Chemicals margins normalize

- Phenolics EBIT margin came in line with our estimate at INR23/kg (down from INR32.6/kg in 1QFY22), with EBIT at INR2.2b. Company achieved highest ever utilization rate of 120% during the quarter.
- Fine and Specialty Chemicals EBIT margin dip for the fourth consecutive quarter to 30% (from 33% in 1QFY22), with EBIT at INR601m. The Company has entered into medium term contract with one of the world's leading agrochemical majors, which will result in business sustainability and volume spurt for agrochemical intermediates that will aid in growth of this segment.

■ Basic Chemicals EBIT margin stood at 23% (down from 34% in 1QFY22), with EBIT at INR625m. Despite logistics constraints and input cost pressures, the company was able to pass on increased costs while maintaining growth in market share. It has renamed the business unit to 'Basic Intermediates' to realign towards supplying high quality intermediates to strategic customers.

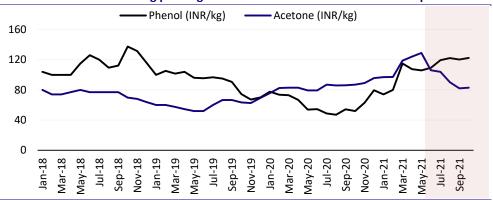
Performance products EBIT margin recovered to 9% (from 2% in 1QFY22), with EBIT at INR96m. Supply challenges in China have resulted in higher volumes momentum for the company, further aided by recovery in end-user industries of paper and textile (which were a laggard in FY21).

Exhibit 1: DPL margins have direct correlation to movement in product prices...



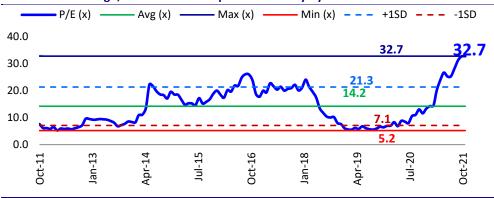
Source: Industry, MOFSL

Exhibit 2: ...which are seeing peaking for both Acetone-Phenol in the recent past...



Source: Industry, MOFSL

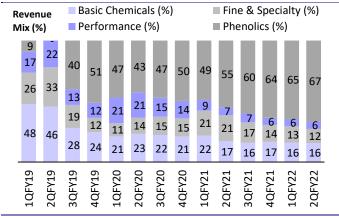
Exhibit 3: ...although, the stock has outperformed nifty by ~22% in last four months



Source: Company, MOFSL

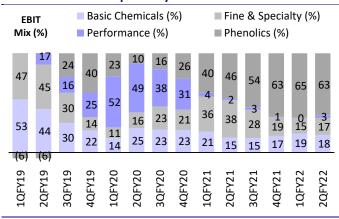
1QFY22 - Quarter in charts

Exhibit 4: Contribution of Phenolics to total revenue keeps increasing (at 67% in 2QFY22)...



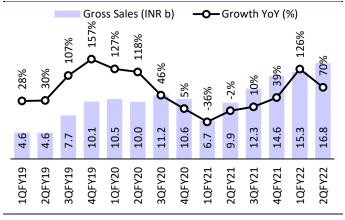
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Exhibit 5: ...while contribution of fine & specialty shrank for revenue and EBIT respectively



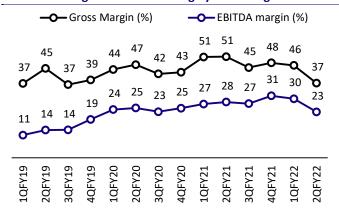
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Exhibit 1: Sales were +10% QoQ, led by Phenolics business



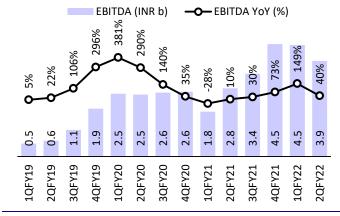
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Exhibit 2: Margins contraction largely across segments



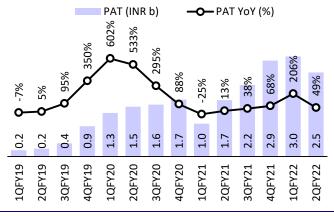
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Exhibit 3: EBITDA was down 14% QoQ (margin at 23.0%)



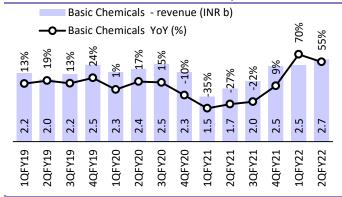
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Exhibit 4: PAT was down 16% QoQ (margin at 15.1%)



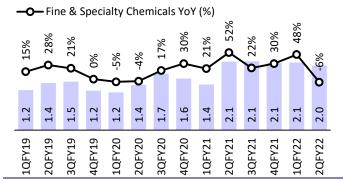
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Exhibit 5: Basic chemicals revenue was up 7% QoQ...



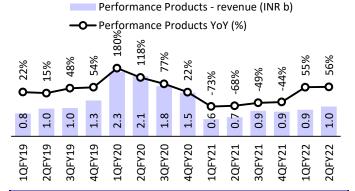
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Exhibit 7: Fine & Specialty revenue was down 5% QoQ... Fine & Specialty Chemicals - revenue (INR b)



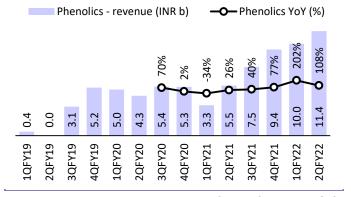
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Exhibit 9: Performance products revenue grew 12% QoQ...



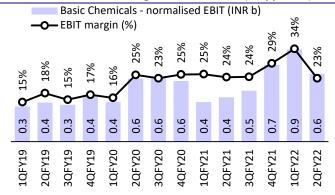
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Exhibit 11: Deepak Phenolics revenue grew 14% QoQ...



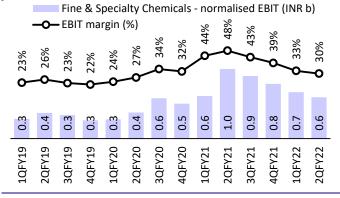
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Exhibit 6: ...with EBIT margin normalization (-11pp QoQ)



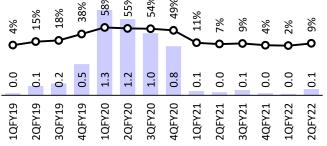
Source: Company, MOFSL

Exhibit 8: ...further EBIT margin compression (-300bps QoQ)



Source: Company, MOFSL

Exhibit 10: ...with EBIT margin normalization to 9%



Source: Company, MOFSL

Exhibit 12: ...with EBIT margins at 19% (INR23/kg)

 1QFY19
 0.0

 2QFY19
 0.0

 3QFY19
 0.3

 4QFY20
 0.6
 0.5

 2QFY20
 0.4
 8%

 4QFY20
 0.6
 12%

 4QFY20
 0.6
 12%

 3QFY21
 1.7
 23%

 4QFY21
 2.7
 23%

 4QFY21
 2.7
 28%

 1QFY22
 2.9
 29%

 1QFY22
 2.2
 29%

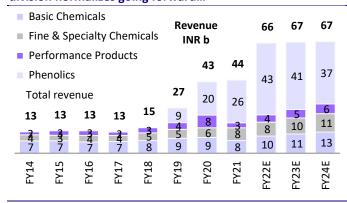
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 2QFY22
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Source: Company, MOFSL

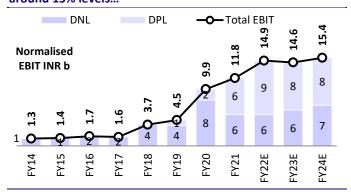
Financials story in charts

Exhibit 13: Revenue growth peaked as product prices in DPL division normalizes going forward...



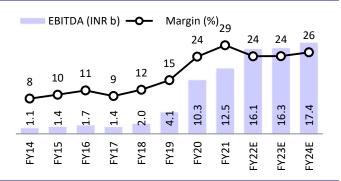
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Exhibit 15: Expect normalized EBIT margin to stabilize around 15% levels...



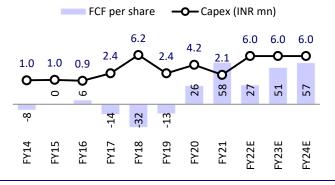
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Exhibit 17: EBITDA margin to normalize from FY21 levels



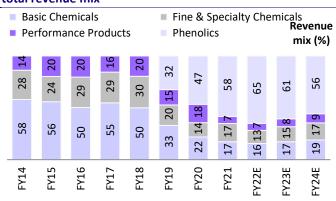
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Exhibit 19: DN to incur ~INR18b on capex over FY22-24...



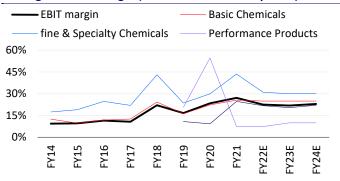
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Exhibit 14: ...resulting in lower contribution from DPL in the total revenue mix



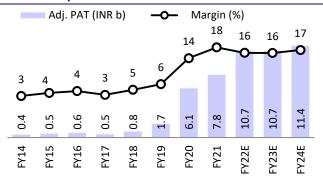
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Exhibit 16: ...with Fine and Specialty Chemicals still enjoying the highest EBIT margin (at ~30% in our assumptions)



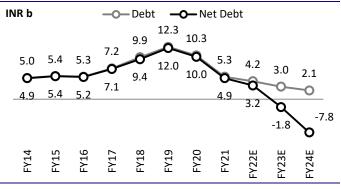
Source: Company, MOFSL

Exhibit 18: Expect ~14% PAT CAGR over FY21-24E



Source: Company, MOFSL

Exhibit 20: ...but is likely to turn net cash positive



Source: Company, MOFSL

Financials and valuations

Consolidated - Income Statement Y/E March	FY17	FY18	FY19	FY20	FY21	FY22E	FY23E	(INR Mn) FY24E
Total Income from Operations	14,547	16,762	26,999	42,297	43,598	66,161	66,764	67,013
Change (%)	-0.2	15.2	61.1	56.7	3.1	51.8	0.9	0.4
Gross Margins (%)	41.9	38.0	39.0	43.9	48.1	39.7	40.2	42.2
EBITDA	1,355	1,963	4,139	10,258	12,470	16,146	16,325	17,354
Margin (%)	9.3	11.7	15.3	24.3	28.6	24.4	24.5	25.9
Depreciation	480	526	778	1,397	1,526	1,792	2,056	2,319
EBIT	874	1,437	3,361	8,861	10,944	14,354	14,269	15,034
Int. and Finance Charges	341	451	832	1,149	742	342	251	176
Other Income	109	123	151	352	215	265	300	335
PBT bef. EO Exp.	642	1,109	2,680	8,064	10,417	14,277	14,319	15,194
EO Items	705	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
PBT after EO Exp.	1,347	1,109	2,680	8,064	10,417	14,277	14,319	15,194
Total Tax	382	318	943	1,954	2,659	3,612	3,604	3,824
Tax Rate (%)	28.4	28.7	35.2	24.2	25.5	25.3	25.2	25.2
Reported PAT	963	790	1,737	6,110	7,758	10,665	10,715	11,370
Adjusted PAT	458	790	1,737	6,110	7,758	10,665	10,715	11,370
Change (%)	-26.9	72.4	119.8	251.9	27.0	37.5	0.5	6.1
Margin (%)	3.2	4.7	6.4	14.4	17.8	16.1	16.0	17.0
Consolidated - Balance Sheet								
Y/E March	FY17	FY18	FY19	FY20	FY21	FY22E	FY23E	FY24E
Equity Share Capital	261	273	273	273	273	273	273	273
Total Reserves	6,887	8,949	10,443	15,446	23,194	32,259	41,367	51,031
Net Worth	7,149	9,221	10,716	15,719	23,467	32,532	41,639	51,304
Total Loans	7,239	9,866	12,286	10,279	5,271	4,217	2,952	2,066
Deferred Tax Liabilities	391	454	775	796	1,078	1,078	1,078	1,078
Capital Employed	14,778	19,541	23,776	26,794	29,816	37,827	45,669	54,448
Gross Block	6,106	6,403	17,749	20,460	22,304	28,304	34,304	40,304
Less: Accum. Deprn.	306	528	743	2,140	3,666	5,459	7,514	9,833
Net Fixed Assets	5,801	5,875	17,006	18,320	18,637	22,845	26,790	30,470
Capital WIP	3,492	9,545	339	1,723	2,068	2,068	2,068	2,068
Total Investments	1,198	318	24	24	1,893	1,893	1,893	1,893
Curr. Assets, Loans&Adv.	7,385	10,167	11,910	12,019	13,005	19,288	23,258	28,276
Inventory	1,671	3,272	4,107	3,945	3,827	6,158	6,211	6,115
Account Receivables	3,603	4,118	5,750	6,127	7,563	9,584	9,672	9,708
Cash and Bank Balance	145	482	258	314	334	991	4,798	9,867
Cash	58	94	30	21	89	745	4,552	9,621
Bank Balance	87	388	228	293	245	245	245	245
Loans and Advances	1,965	2,296	1,795	1,633	1,281	2,554	2,578	2,587
Curr. Liability & Prov.	3,097	6,364	5,502	5,292	5,787	8,266	8,338	8,259
Account Payables	2,146	5,953	4,724	3,643	4,367	5,686	5,735	5,646
Other Current Liabilities	832	280	587	1,385	1,144	2,167	2,186	2,194
Provisions	119	132	191	264	276	414	417	419
Net Current Assets	4,288	3,803	6,408	6,727	7,218	11,021	14,919	20,017
Appl. of Funds	14,779	19,541	23,776	26,794	29,816	37,827	45,669	54,448

E: MOSL Estimates

Financials and valuations

Ratios								
Y/E March	FY17	FY18	FY19	FY20	FY21	FY22E	FY23E	FY24E
Basic (INR)								
EPS	3.4	5.8	12.7	44.8	56.9	78.2	78.6	83.4
Cash EPS	6.9	9.6	18.4	55.0	68.1	91.3	93.6	100.4
BV/Share	52.4	67.6	78.6	115.2	172.0	238.5	305.3	376.1
DPS	1.1	1.3	6.5	4.5	5.5	11.7	11.8	12.5
Payout (%)	19.6	27.0	61.6	12.1	9.7	15.0	15.0	15.0
Valuation (x)								
P/E	721.8	418.8	190.5	54.2	42.7	31.0	30.9	29.1
Cash P/E	352.5	251.4	131.6	44.1	35.6	26.6	25.9	24.2
P/BV	46.3	35.9	30.9	21.1	14.1	10.2	7.9	6.4
EV/Sales	23.2	20.3	12.7	8.1	7.7	5.1	4.9	4.8
EV/EBITDA	249.5	173.3	82.9	33.2	26.9	20.7	20.2	18.6
Dividend Yield (%)	0.0	0.1	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.5	0.5	0.5
FCF per share	-14.1	-32.1	-13.3	25.6	58.0	26.8	50.8	57.4
Return Ratios (%)								
RoE	7.7	9.7	17.4	46.2	39.6	38.1	28.9	24.5
RoCE	5.6	6.5	10.5	27.6	29.4	32.3	26.1	23.0
RoIC	6.5	10.7	13.5	28.0	32.4	36.7	30.6	29.0
Working Capital Ratios								
Fixed Asset Turnover (x)	2.5	2.9	2.4	2.4	2.4	3.2	2.7	2.3
Asset Turnover (x)	1.0	0.9	1.1	1.6	1.5	1.7	1.5	1.2
Inventory (Days)	42	71	56	34	32	34	34	33
Debtor (Days)	90	90	78	53	63	53	53	53
Creditor (Days)	54	130	64	31	37	31	31	31
Leverage Ratio (x)								
Current Ratio	2.4	1.6	2.2	2.3	2.2	2.3	2.8	3.4
Interest Cover Ratio	2.6	3.2	4.0	7.7	14.7	42.0	56.9	85.6
Net Debt/Equity	1.0	1.0	1.1	0.6	0.2	0.1	0.0	-0.2
Consolidated - Cash Flow Statement								(INR Mn)
Y/E March	FY17	FY18	FY19	FY20	FY21	FY22E	FY23E	FY24E
OP/(Loss) before Tax	1,347	1,109	2,680	8,064	10,417	14,277	14,319	15,194
Depreciation	480	528	778	1,397	1,526	1,792	2,056	2,319
Others	-403	481	829	1,262	853	342	251	176
Direct Taxes Paid	-162	-279	-561	-1,985	-2,365	-3,612	-3,604	-3,824
(Inc)/Dec in WC	-772	-9	-3,123	-1,092	-440	-3,147	-91	-29
CF from Operations	490	1,830	603	7,647	9,991	9,652	12,930	13,836
(Inc)/Dec in FA	-2,412	-6,206	-2,410	-4,160	-2,086	-6,000	-6,000	-6,000
Free Cash Flow	-1,922	-4,376	-1,808	3,487	7,905	3,652	6,930	7,836
CF from Investments	-3,526	-5,247	-1,626	-4,279	-3,962	-6,000	-6,000	-6,000
Inc/(Dec) in Debt	2,160	2,626	2,033	-1,088	-5,217	-1,054	-1,265	-886
Interest Paid	-342	-450	-841	-1,134	-736	-342	-251	-176
Dividend Paid	-167	-188	-213	-1,060	-4	-1,600	-1,607	-1,705
CF from Fin. Activity	3,046	3,453	958	-3,376	-5,962	-2,996	-3,123	-2,767
Inc/Dec of Cash	10	36	-64	-8	67	656	3,807	5,069
Opening Balance	47	58	94	30	22	89	746	4,553
Closing Balance	58	94	30	21	89	745	4,552	9,621

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