

## Solid 1Q; earnings visibility improves

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CMP (Rs): 643 | TP (Rs): 750

HEG reported a strong 1QFY27, with EBITDA at Rs1.5bn and margin at 22%, driven by higher graphite electrode realizations and resilient volumes despite Middle East related disruptions. Management reiterated its 90-95% utilization guidance, while GrafTech's highest utilization since CY22 (74%) and recent price hikes by GrafTech and Tokai Carbon reinforce improving industry fundamentals. We expect higher GE prices to flow through from 2HFY27 and believe that Indian players would follow suit, providing a key catalyst for earnings re-rating. Factoring in the impending demerger, we follow SOTP-based valuation and maintain our TP of Rs750 (assigning Rs503 for Graphite and Rs254 for Greentech), while reiterating BUY.

## Higher GE prices and contained volume loss support 1Q

HEG reported a strong set of 1QFY27 numbers, significantly beating our estimates, driven by a 13% qoq increase in revenue. The improvement was mainly led by higher GE realizations and ~4% increase in volume despite the negative market outlook owing to the West Asia conflict – this resulted in HEG diversifying its market and providing visibility on shipments ahead. Consequently, EBITDA recovered to Rs1.5bn, returning to the levels seen in 3QFY26. EBITDA margin also rebounded, to ~22%, in line with management guidance given during 3QFY26 results. PAT stood at Rs1.22bn (+203% qoq, +17% yoy), primarily driven by the sharp improvement in EBITDA. Earnings were further supported by higher other income, which increased to Rs436mn in 1QFY27 from Rs399mn in 4QFY26, along with a sequential increase in profit from associates.

## Price hikes to materialize; earnings to strengthen from 2H

Despite geopolitical headwinds, HEG maintained strong utilization in 1Q and reiterated confidence in sustaining 90–95% utilization in the near term. This is corroborated by GrafTech, which reported its highest utilization since CY22 (at 74%), pointing to a gradual recovery in global graphite electrode demand. At the same time, recent price hikes by GrafTech and Tokai Carbon, improving EAF steel production outside China, tightening trade protection measures, and rising needle coke costs indicate that industry fundamentals are inflecting. With GrafTech already securing >90% of its 2026 volumes at prices averaging >15% above pre-hike levels, we believe the improving pricing environment increases the likelihood of Indian players emulating the same – this could emerge as the key catalyst for earnings re-rating, in our view.

## Maintain our positive stance; BUY

As HEG moves closer to its demerger, we decouple the Graphite business from the consolidated financials over FY27-29E; this results in a 16-27% cut to our consolidated EBITDA estimates for FY28-29. We value the company on SOTP basis, assigning 12x Jun-27 EV/EBITDA to the Graphite business, 9x EV/EBITDA to BEL, and 20x FY30E PER to TACC (discounted to Jun-27); we maintain our TP of Rs750 (assigning Rs503 for Graphite and Rs254 for Greentech); reiterate BUY.

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|-----------------------|--------|
| Target Price – 12M    | Jun-27 |
| Change in TP (%)      | -      |
| Current Reco.         | BUY    |
| Previous Reco.        | BUY    |
| Upside/(Downside) (%) | 16.6   |

| Stock Data              | HEG IN   |
|-------------------------|----------|
| 52-week High (Rs)       | 690      |
| 52-week Low (Rs)        | 460      |
| Shares outstanding (mn) | 193.0    |
| Market-cap (Rs bn)      | 124      |
| Market-cap (USD mn)     | 1,285    |
| Net-debt, FY27E (Rs mn) | 5,486.1  |
| ADTV-3M (mn shares)     | 2.4      |
| ADTV-3M (Rs mn)         | 1,032.9  |
| ADTV-3M (USD mn)        | 10.7     |
| Free float (%)          | 44.2     |
| Nifty-50                | 23,767.4 |
| INR/USD                 | 96.6     |

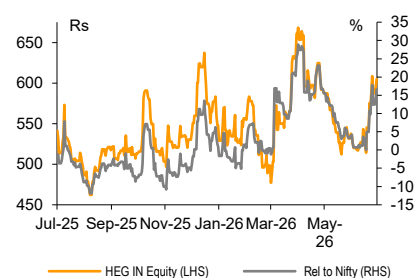
## Shareholding, Jun-26

|               |         |
|---------------|---------|
| Promoters (%) | 56.3    |
| FPIs/MFs (%)  | 8.5/9.3 |

## Price Performance

| (%)           | 1M   | 3M    | 12M  |
|---------------|------|-------|------|
| Absolute      | 22.3 | (1.6) | 21.2 |
| Rel. to Nifty | 23.6 | (1.0) | 27.8 |

## 1-Year share price trend (Rs)



## HEG: Financial Snapshot (Consolidated)

| Y/E Mar (Rs mn)     | FY25   | FY26    | FY27E   | FY28E  | FY29E  |
|---------------------|--------|---------|---------|--------|--------|
| Revenue             | 21,527 | 25,685  | 29,474  | 34,323 | 39,861 |
| EBITDA              | 2,598  | 288     | 6,303   | 7,914  | 9,929  |
| Adj. PAT            | 1,186  | (315)   | 4,370   | 5,292  | 6,688  |
| Adj. EPS (Rs)       | 6.1    | (1.6)   | 22.6    | 27.4   | 34.7   |
| EBITDA margin (%)   | 12.1   | 1.1     | 21.4    | 23.1   | 24.9   |
| EBITDA growth (%)   | (32.1) | (88.9)  | 2,087.8 | 25.6   | 25.5   |
| Adj. EPS growth (%) | (61.9) | 0       | 0       | 21.1   | 26.4   |
| RoE (%)             | 2.7    | (0.7)   | 8.9     | 10.1   | 11.8   |
| RoIC (%)            | 1.1    | (8.9)   | 7.1     | 8.7    | 10.8   |
| P/E (x)             | 104.6  | (393.8) | 28.4    | 23.5   | 18.6   |
| EV/EBITDA (x)       | 49.5   | 446.0   | 20.4    | 16.2   | 12.9   |
| P/B (x)             | 2.8    | 2.6     | 2.5     | 2.3    | 2.1    |
| FCFF yield (%)      | 0.8    | (0.3)   | 1.2     | 1.6    | 3.5    |

Source: Company, Emkay Research

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## Key takeaways from the conference call

### Electric Arc Furnace capacity

- Global EAF expansion remains on track, with ~71mt capacity expected by CY28, supporting long-term graphite electrode demand.
- Around 8-10mt of EAF capacity has already been commissioned in 1HCY26, with majority of the announced projects progressing as planned.
- Management expects structural demand to benefit from rising EAF penetration and decarbonization-led steelmaking.

### Greentech

- 20kt anode project remains on track for commissioning in 1QFY28.
- Around 70% of capacity is expected to be tied up under 3-5-year contracts with global Tier-1 customers over the next 1-2 months.
- Management reiterated FY28 revenue guidance of Rs6-7bn at 40-50% utilization, with EBITDA margins of ~35%.
- Existing hydro assets generate annual free cash flow of Rs3.2-3.5bn, while upcoming hydro and solar projects are expected to add Rs2.bn EBITDA by 2030.
- Greentech business targets four-digit EBITDA by 2030.

### Graphite market

- Ex-China, steel production continues to improve while global steel demand appears to be stabilizing.
- Structural demand outlook remains positive, supported by EAF capacity additions and decarbonization policies.
- HEG expects to sustain high capacity utilization of 92-95% despite industry uncertainties.

### US ADD/CVD

- Preliminary CVD outcome expected in July, while final AD determination is anticipated by September.
- US contributes less than 10% of HEG's sales, limiting earnings exposure.
- Management believes any adverse outcome can be mitigated through its diversified global customer base.

### Price hikes

- Industry-wide price hikes announced by major global producers are expected to be implemented by Indian players as well.
- Price increases are likely to reflect from October onward, as existing order books are largely committed.
- Needle coke prices have increased by \$200-300/t, although the cost impact is expected to flow through only toward the end of FY27.
- Management expects price hikes to largely offset higher raw material and logistics costs, supporting margin stability.

### Middle East volumes

- Middle East typically accounts for ~20% of HEG's sales; however, geopolitical disruptions did not result in any volume loss during the quarter.
- Temporary shipment delays were mitigated by diverting dispatches to other export markets, with plant utilization remaining above 90%.
- Management highlighted its diversified presence across >30 countries, enabling seamless reallocation of volumes and limiting any earnings impact from regional disruptions.

**Balance Sheet**

- Post demerger, HEG Greentech is expected to carry Rs15bn of gross debt, primarily relating to the anode materials project.
- The anode project has already secured Rs12.4bn of debt funding from SBI (phase 1), with the remaining funding to be met through internal accruals and equity.
- Around 40% of the Rs22bn capex for the 20kt anode project has already been incurred, with the bulk of spending scheduled over the next three quarters and ~90% of project payments expected to be completed by FY27-end.
- Any incremental debt beyond the current sanction will be linked to the proposed 10kt brownfield expansion, with funding decisions to be taken closer to project execution.

**Operational**

- Capacity utilization remained above 90% during the quarter, with FY27 utilization guidance at 92-95%.
- Middle East disruptions did not materially impact volumes, as shipments were redirected to other export markets.
- Export contribution remains at around 70-75% of sales.

**Others**

- Graphite electrode capacity expansion to 115kt remains on schedule, for early CY28.
- Demerger process is in its final stages, with NCLT approval received and record date expected to be announced shortly.
- Management continues to see HEG as well positioned to benefit from the global transition toward EAF steelmaking.

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**Exhibit 1: HEG reported a strong 1QFY27, with EBITDA of Rs1.5bn**

| Consolidated  | Units | 1Q FY26A | 2Q FY26A | 3Q FY26A | 4Q FY26A | 1Q FY27A | 1Q FY27E | 1Q FY27<br>Consensus | vs Emkay | vs<br>Consensus | QoQ    | YoY   |
|---------------|-------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------------------|----------|-----------------|--------|-------|
| Production    | kt    | 21.8     | 23.3     | 21.3     | 22.8     | 23.8     | 22.5     | -                    | 5.6%     | na              | 4.4%   | 9.2%  |
| Revenue       | Rs mn | 6,169.3  | 6,992.2  | 6,556.6  | 6,032.1  | 6,807.9  | 6,273.8  | 6,508.0              | 8.5%     | 4.6%            | 12.9%  | 10.4% |
| EBITDA        | Rs mn | 1,054.3  | 1,183.5  | 1,425.3  | -1,482.9 | 1,505.8  | 172.2    | 423.0                | 774.6%   | 256.0%          | 201.5% | 42.8% |
| EBITDA spread | USD/t | 555.1    | 571.3    | 732.9    | -688.6   | 667.4    | 80.5     | -                    | 728.6%   | na              | 196.9% | 20.2% |
| Net profit    | Rs mn | 1,048.3  | 1,433.3  | 2,072.5  | -1,188.0 | 1,223.4  | 2,072.5  | 207.0                | -41.0%   | 491.0%          | 203.0% | 16.7% |
| EPS           | Rs    | 5.43     | 7.43     | 10.72    | -5.90    | 6.34     | 10.72    | na                   | -40.9%   | na              | 207.5% | 16.8% |

Source: Company, Emkay Research

**Exhibit 2: Decoupling the Graphite business from consolidated financials over FY27-29E results in a 17-28%EBITDA cut**

|                   | Units  | FY27E    |          |       | FY28E    |          |        | FY29E    |          |        |
|-------------------|--------|----------|----------|-------|----------|----------|--------|----------|----------|--------|
|                   |        | New      | Old      | Chg   | New      | Old      | Chg    | New      | Old      | Chg    |
| Financial metrics |        |          |          |       |          |          |        |          |          |        |
| Net sales         | Rs mn  | 29,473.6 | 29,815.6 | -1.1% | 34,323.3 | 39,531.6 | -13.2% | 39,861.3 | 52,423.8 | -24.0% |
| EBITDA            | Rs mn  | 6,303.2  | 4,983.7  | 26.5% | 7,913.7  | 9,413.6  | -15.9% | 9,929.1  | 13,630.8 | -27.2% |
| EBIT              | Rs mn  | 5,296.7  | 4,439.7  | 19.3% | 6,852.7  | 7,327.1  | -6.5%  | 8,566.4  | 10,779.8 | -20.5% |
| Net profit        | Rs mn  | 4,370.3  | 3,373.8  | 29.5% | 5,291.6  | 4,442.6  | 19.1%  | 6,687.5  | 6,922.5  | -3.4%  |
| EPS               | Rs     | 22.6     | 17.5     | 29.6% | 27.4     | 23.0     | 19.2%  | 34.7     | 35.9     | -3.4%  |
| DPS               | Rs     | 6.8      | 5.2      | 29.6% | 8.2      | 6.9      | 19.2%  | 10.4     | 10.8     | -3.4%  |
| Net debt / (cash) | Rs mn  | 5,486.1  | 16,005.6 | 65.7% | 5,724.3  | 23,299.9 | 75.4%  | 5,724.3  | 23,299.9 | 75.4%  |
| Production        | tonnes | 93.0     | 90.0     | -3.3% | 90.0     | 90.0     | 0.0%   | 90.0     | 90.0     | 0.0%   |
| Utilization       | %      | 93.0%    | 90.0%    | 3.3%  | 90.0%    | 90.0%    | 0.0%   | 90.0%    | 90.0%    | 0.0%   |

Source: Company, Emkay Research

**Exhibit 3: We maintain our TP of Rs750 (assigning Rs503 for Graphite and Rs254 for Greentech)**

| VALUATION                             | Methodology      | Multiple (x) | Value (Rs mn)    | Shares O/s (mn) | Value/sh (Rs) |
|---------------------------------------|------------------|--------------|------------------|-----------------|---------------|
| <b>HEG Graphite</b>                   |                  |              |                  |                 |               |
| Enterprise Value                      | Jun-27 EV/EBITDA | 12.0         | 101,010.7        |                 | 523.4         |
| less net debt / (net cash)            |                  |              | 5,486.1          |                 | 28.4          |
| <b>Equity value</b>                   |                  |              | <b>95,524.6</b>  |                 | <b>495.0</b>  |
| GrafTech Investment Value @ 9.98%     |                  |              | 1,450.6          |                 | 7.5           |
| <b>Graphite Business Equity Value</b> |                  |              | <b>96,975.2</b>  | <b>193.0</b>    | <b>502.5</b>  |
| <b>HEG Greentech</b>                  |                  |              |                  |                 |               |
| BEL                                   | Jun-27 EV/EBITDA | 9.0          | 55,053.7         |                 | 166.9         |
| TACC                                  | FY28 PER         | 20.0         | 28,535.5         |                 | 86.5          |
| <b>HEG Greentech Equity Value</b>     |                  |              | <b>83,589.1</b>  | <b>329.8</b>    | <b>253.5</b>  |
| <b>Total Equity Value</b>             |                  |              | <b>180,564.3</b> |                 | <b>756.0</b>  |
| <b>Rounded target price</b>           |                  |              |                  |                 | <b>750.0</b>  |
| Current share price                   |                  |              |                  |                 | 643.2         |
| Expected price return                 |                  |              |                  |                 | 16.6%         |
| Expected dividend yield               |                  |              |                  |                 | 0.5%          |
| <b>Expected total return</b>          |                  |              |                  |                 | <b>17.1%</b>  |

Source: Emkay Research

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## Exhibit 4: HEG – Summary of estimates

| Rs mn                     | FY25     | FY26     | FY27E    | FY28E    | FY29E    |                                | FY25      | FY26    | FY27E   | FY28E   | FY29E   |
|---------------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|--------------------------------|-----------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| P&L                       |          |          |          |          |          | Operational metrics            |           |         |         |         |         |
| Net sales                 | 21,527.1 | 25,685.0 | 29,473.6 | 34,323.3 | 39,861.3 | GE Price (USD/t)               | 4,100.0   | 4,075.0 | 4,150.0 | 4,750.0 | 5,200.0 |
| Operating expenses        | 18,929.0 | 21,702.0 | 23,170.4 | 26,409.6 | 29,932.1 | Needle Coke (USD/t)            | 1,329.2   | 1,358.3 | 1,362.5 | 1,550.0 | 1,700.0 |
| EBITDA                    | 2,598.1  | 3,983.0  | 6,303.2  | 7,913.7  | 9,929.1  |                                |           |         |         |         |         |
|                           |          |          |          |          |          | GE Capacity (kt)               | 100.0     | 100.0   | 100.0   | 100.0   | 115.0   |
| Depreciation              | 2,005.5  | 2,132.1  | 2,312.2  | 2,555.8  | 2,809.9  | Capacity Utilization           | 77.0%     | 89.0%   | 93.0%   | 90.0%   | 80.0%   |
| EBIT                      | 1,868.3  | 3,260.7  | 5,296.7  | 6,852.7  | 8,566.4  |                                |           |         |         |         |         |
|                           |          |          |          |          |          | Production (kt)                | 77.0      | 89.0    | 93.0    | 90.0    | 92.0    |
| Interest and taxes        | 857.0    | 1,036.1  | 1,680.1  | 2,433.8  | 2,899.1  | Realization (USD/t)            | 3,235.2   | 3,138.6 | 3,300.0 | 3,900.0 | 4,350.0 |
| Net earnings              | 1,186.1  | 3,379.7  | 4,370.3  | 5,291.6  | 6,687.5  |                                |           |         |         |         |         |
| EPS (Rs)                  | 6.0      | 17.5     | 22.6     | 27.4     | 34.7     | Raw material cost (USD/t)      | 1,379.1   | 1,318.1 | 1,237.5 | 1,650.0 | 1,925.0 |
| Dividend (Rs/sh)          | 1.8      | 3.4      | 6.8      | 8.2      | 10.4     |                                |           |         |         |         |         |
| Number of shares (mn)     | 193.0    | 193.0    | 193.0    | 193.0    | 193.0    |                                |           |         |         |         |         |
| Balance sheet             |          |          |          |          |          | Financial metrics              |           |         |         |         |         |
| Gross block               | 33,934.2 | 34,578.7 | 38,028.7 | 42,453.7 | 45,578.7 | EBITDA margin                  | 12.1%     | 15.5%   | 21.4%   | 23.1%   | 24.9%   |
|                           |          |          |          |          |          | Net margin                     | 5.5%      | 13.2%   | 14.8%   | 15.4%   | 16.8%   |
| Inventories               | 12,546.4 | 11,337.4 | 12,919.9 | 15,045.8 | 17,473.4 | EBITDA spread (USD/t)          | 396.5     | 493.7   | 713.4   | 907.4   | 1,091.9 |
| Receivables               | 4,447.0  | 4,995.1  | 6,056.2  | 7,052.7  | 8,190.7  |                                |           |         |         |         |         |
| Payables                  | 3,992.9  | 4,007.7  | 4,675.4  | 5,724.7  | 6,732.4  | ROE                            | 2.7%      | 7.3%    | 8.9%    | 10.1%   | 11.8%   |
|                           |          |          |          |          |          | ROCE                           | 4.1%      | 6.9%    | 10.6%   | 12.8%   | 14.9%   |
| Net working capital       | 13,000.5 | 12,324.8 | 14,300.8 | 16,373.9 | 18,931.6 | ROIC                           | 3.2%      | 6.3%    | 8.9%    | 10.6%   | 12.4%   |
|                           |          |          |          |          |          |                                |           |         |         |         |         |
| Cash                      | 1,470.4  | 2,501.3  | 3,446.7  | 3,208.5  | 5,017.0  | Gross debt (Rs mn)             | 5,848.6   | 7,932.8 | 8,932.8 | 8,932.8 | 8,932.8 |
|                           |          |          |          |          |          | Net debt/(cash) (Rs mn)        | 4,378.2   | 5,431.5 | 5,486.1 | 5,724.3 | 3,915.8 |
| Total assets              | 56,481.5 | 61,657.5 | 66,384.4 | 71,137.8 | 76,826.9 |                                |           |         |         |         |         |
| Total liabilities         | 11,944.0 | 14,078.3 | 15,746.0 | 16,795.3 | 17,803.0 | Net debt to EBITDA (x)         | 1.7       | 1.4     | 0.9     | 0.7     | 0.4     |
| Total Equity              | 44,537.7 | 47,579.2 | 50,638.4 | 54,342.5 | 59,023.8 | Net debt to Equity             | 9.8%      | 11.4%   | 10.8%   | 10.5%   | 6.6%    |
| Cash flow                 |          |          |          |          |          | Valuation                      |           |         |         |         |         |
| Operating cash before WC  | 2,552.5  | 2,430.3  | 2,535.5  | 3,225.8  | 3,479.9  | P/E (x)                        | 74.2      | 29.7    | 28.4    | 23.5    | 18.6    |
| Working capital and other | 244.4    | -298.4   | 2,394.3  | 3,218.5  | 4,129.7  | EV/EBITDA (x)                  | 34.6      | 26.5    | 20.6    | 16.4    | 12.9    |
| Operating cash flow       | 2,796.9  | 2,131.9  | 4,929.8  | 6,444.3  | 7,609.6  | FCF yield                      | 0.7%      | -0.8%   | 1.0%    | 1.1%    | 3.1%    |
|                           |          |          |          |          |          | Dividend yield                 | 0.4%      | 0.7%    | 1.1%    | 1.3%    | 1.6%    |
| Capex                     | -1,822.3 | -2,526.7 | -3,450.0 | -4,425.0 | -3,125.0 |                                |           |         |         |         |         |
| Other investing items     | -246.0   | -675.7   | 0.0      | 0.0      | 0.0      | Methodology                    | Rs mn     | Rs/sh   |         |         |         |
| Investing cash flow       | -2,068.3 | -3,202.4 | -3,450.0 | -4,425.0 | -3,125.0 | Graphite Business EV           | 101,010.7 | 523.4   |         |         |         |
|                           |          |          |          |          |          | less net debt / (net cash)     | 5,486.1   | 28.4    |         |         |         |
| Borrowings/(repayments)   | -381.5   | 1,728.9  | 1,000.0  | 0.0      | 0.0      | GrafTech Inv @ 9.98%           | 1,450.6   | 7.5     |         |         |         |
| Equity changes            | 0.0      | 0.0      | 0.0      | 0.0      | 0.0      | Graphite Business Equity Value | 96,975.2  | 502.5   |         |         |         |
| Other financing items     | -1,210.0 | -760.1   | -1,534.4 | -2,257.5 | -2,676.2 |                                |           |         |         |         |         |
| Financing cash flow       | -1,591.5 | 968.8    | -534.4   | -2,257.5 | -2,676.2 | HEG Greentech                  | 83,589.1  | 253.5   |         |         |         |
|                           |          |          |          |          |          |                                |           |         |         |         |         |
| Net change in cash        | -862.9   | -101.7   | 945.4    | -238.2   | 1,808.4  | Target price                   |           | 750.0   |         |         |         |
| Ending cash               | 507.6    | 405.9    | 1,351.3  | 1,113.1  | 2,921.6  | Current price                  |           | 643.2   |         |         |         |
|                           |          |          |          |          |          | Expected return                |           | 16.6%   |         |         |         |
| Free cash flow            | 637.1    | -788.1   | 1,256.5  | 1,349.3  | 3,814.7  |                                |           |         |         |         |         |

Source: Company, Emkay Research

HEG: Consolidated Financials and Valuations

| Profit & Loss               |        |         |         |        |        |
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| EBITDA growth (%)           | (32.1) | (88.9)  | 2,087.8 | 25.6   | 25.5   |
| Depreciation & Amortization | 2,006  | 2,132   | 2,312   | 2,556  | 2,810  |
| EBIT                        | 593    | (1,844) | 3,991   | 5,358  | 7,119  |
| EBIT growth (%)             | (71.5) | 0       | 0       | 34.2   | 32.9   |
| Other operating income      | -      | -       | -       | -      | -      |
| Other income                | 1,276  | 1,410   | 1,306   | 1,495  | 1,447  |
| Financial expense           | 392    | 372     | 223     | 670    | 670    |
| PBT                         | 1,476  | (806)   | 5,073   | 6,183  | 7,896  |
| Extraordinary items         | 0      | 0       | 0       | 0      | 0      |
| Taxes                       | 465    | 664     | 1,457   | 1,764  | 2,229  |
| Minority interest           | -      | -       | -       | -      | -      |
| Income from JV/Associates   | 175    | 1,155   | 754     | 873    | 1,020  |
| Reported PAT                | 1,186  | (315)   | 4,370   | 5,292  | 6,688  |
| PAT growth (%)              | (61.9) | 0       | 0       | 21.1   | 26.4   |
| Adjusted PAT                | 1,186  | (315)   | 4,370   | 5,292  | 6,688  |
| Diluted EPS (Rs)            | 6.1    | (1.6)   | 22.6    | 27.4   | 34.7   |
| Diluted EPS growth (%)      | (61.9) | 0       | 0       | 21.1   | 26.4   |
| DPS (Rs)                    | 4.5    | 1.9     | 6.8     | 8.2    | 10.4   |
| Dividend payout (%)         | 73.6   | (116.4) | 30.0    | 30.0   | 30.0   |
| EBITDA margin (%)           | 12.1   | 1.1     | 21.4    | 23.1   | 24.9   |
| EBIT margin (%)             | 2.8    | (7.2)   | 13.5    | 15.6   | 17.9   |
| Effective tax rate (%)      | 31.5   | (82.4)  | 28.7    | 28.5   | 28.2   |
| NOPLAT (pre-IndAS)          | 406    | (3,363) | 2,845   | 3,829  | 5,109  |
| Shares outstanding (mn)     | 193    | 193     | 193     | 193    | 193    |

Source: Company, Emkay Research

| Cash flows                   |         |         |         |         |         |
|------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Y/E Mar (Rs mn)              | FY25    | FY26    | FY27E   | FY28E   | FY29E   |
| PBT (ex-other income)        | 1,429   | 2,938   | 5,827   | 7,056   | 8,917   |
| Others (non-cash items)      | 351     | (75)    | 0       | 0       | 0       |
| Taxes paid                   | (447)   | (223)   | (1,457) | (1,764) | (2,229) |
| Change in NWC                | (737)   | (3,013) | (1,976) | (2,073) | (2,558) |
| Operating cash flow          | 2,797   | 2,132   | 4,930   | 6,444   | 7,610   |
| Capital expenditure          | (1,822) | (2,527) | (3,450) | (4,425) | (3,125) |
| Acquisition of business      | -       | -       | -       | -       | -       |
| Interest & dividend income   | 301     | 132     | 0       | 0       | 0       |
| Investing cash flow          | (2,068) | (3,202) | (3,450) | (4,425) | (3,125) |
| Equity raised/(repaid)       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       |
| Debt raised/(repaid)         | (382)   | 1,729   | 1,000   | 0       | 0       |
| Payment of lease liabilities | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       |
| Interest paid                | (338)   | (393)   | (223)   | (670)   | (670)   |
| Dividend paid (incl tax)     | (873)   | (367)   | (1,311) | (1,587) | (2,006) |
| Others                       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       |
| Financing cash flow          | (1,592) | 969     | (534)   | (2,257) | (2,676) |
| Net chg in Cash              | (863)   | (102)   | 945     | (238)   | 1,808   |
| OCF                          | 2,797   | 2,132   | 4,930   | 6,444   | 7,610   |
| Adj. OCF (w/o NWC chg.)      | 3,534   | 5,145   | 6,906   | 8,517   | 10,167  |
| FCFF                         | 975     | (395)   | 1,480   | 2,019   | 4,485   |
| FCFE                         | 883     | (635)   | 1,256   | 1,349   | 3,815   |
| OCF/EBITDA (%)               | 107.7   | 740.0   | 78.2    | 81.4    | 76.6    |
| FCFE/PAT (%)                 | 74.5    | 201.4   | 28.8    | 25.5    | 57.0    |
| FCFF/NOPLAT (%)              | 240.1   | 11.7    | 52.0    | 52.7    | 87.8    |

Source: Company, Emkay Research

| Balance Sheet               |        |        |        |        |        |
|-----------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Y/E Mar (Rs mn)             | FY25   | FY26   | FY27E  | FY28E  | FY29E  |
| Share capital               | 386    | 386    | 386    | 386    | 386    |
| Reserves & Surplus          | 44,152 | 47,193 | 50,252 | 53,957 | 58,638 |
| Net worth                   | 44,538 | 47,579 | 50,638 | 54,343 | 59,024 |
| Minority interests          | -      | -      | -      | -      | -      |
| Non-current liab. & prov.   | 949    | 829    | 829    | 829    | 829    |
| Total debt                  | 5,849  | 7,933  | 8,933  | 8,933  | 8,933  |
| Total liabilities & equity  | 51,481 | 56,492 | 60,551 | 64,255 | 68,936 |
| Net tangible fixed assets   | 18,922 | 17,434 | 18,572 | 20,441 | 20,757 |
| Net intangible assets       | -      | -      | -      | -      | -      |
| Net ROU assets              | 375    | 369    | 369    | 369    | 369    |
| Capital WIP                 | 709    | 2,236  | 2,236  | 2,236  | 2,236  |
| Goodwill                    | -      | -      | -      | -      | -      |
| Investments [JV/Associates] | 10,136 | 10,810 | 10,810 | 10,810 | 10,810 |
| Cash & equivalents          | 1,470  | 2,501  | 3,447  | 3,209  | 5,017  |
| Current assets (ex-cash)    | 23,095 | 26,432 | 29,076 | 32,198 | 35,764 |
| Current Liab. & Prov.       | 5,000  | 5,166  | 5,834  | 6,883  | 7,891  |
| NWC (ex-cash)               | 18,095 | 21,266 | 23,242 | 25,315 | 27,873 |
| Total assets                | 51,481 | 56,492 | 60,551 | 64,255 | 68,936 |
| Net debt                    | 4,378  | 5,432  | 5,486  | 5,724  | 3,916  |
| Capital employed            | 51,481 | 56,492 | 60,551 | 64,255 | 68,936 |
| Invested capital            | 37,043 | 38,726 | 41,840 | 45,782 | 48,655 |
| BVPS (Rs)                   | 230.8  | 246.6  | 262.4  | 281.6  | 305.9  |
| Net Debt/Equity (x)         | 0.1    | 0.1    | 0.1    | 0.1    | 0.1    |
| Net Debt/EBITDA (x)         | 1.7    | 18.9   | 0.9    | 0.7    | 0.4    |
| Interest coverage (x)       | 4.8    | (1.2)  | 23.7   | 10.2   | 12.8   |
| RoCE (%)                    | 3.7    | (0.8)  | 9.2    | 11.2   | 13.1   |

Source: Company, Emkay Research

| Valuations and key Ratios |       |         |       |       |       |
|---------------------------|-------|---------|-------|-------|-------|
| Y/E Mar                   | FY25  | FY26    | FY27E | FY28E | FY29E |
| P/E (x)                   | 104.6 | (393.8) | 28.4  | 23.5  | 18.6  |
| EV/CE(x)                  | 2.6   | 2.3     | 2.2   | 2.0   | 1.9   |
| P/B (x)                   | 2.8   | 2.6     | 2.5   | 2.3   | 2.1   |
| EV/Sales (x)              | 6.0   | 5.0     | 4.4   | 3.7   | 3.2   |
| EV/EBITDA (x)             | 49.5  | 446.0   | 20.4  | 16.2  | 12.9  |
| EV/EBIT(x)                | 216.8 | (69.7)  | 32.2  | 24.0  | 18.0  |
| EV/IC (x)                 | 3.5   | 3.3     | 3.1   | 2.8   | 2.6   |
| FCFF yield (%)            | 0.8   | (0.3)   | 1.2   | 1.6   | 3.5   |
| FCFE yield (%)            | 0.7   | (0.5)   | 1.0   | 1.1   | 3.1   |
| Dividend yield (%)        | 0.7   | 0.3     | 1.1   | 1.3   | 1.6   |
| DuPont-RoE split          |       |         |       |       |       |
| Net profit margin (%)     | 5.5   | (1.2)   | 14.8  | 15.4  | 16.8  |
| Total asset turnover (x)  | 0.4   | 0.5     | 0.5   | 0.6   | 0.6   |
| Assets/Equity (x)         | 1.2   | 1.2     | 1.2   | 1.2   | 1.2   |
| RoE (%)                   | 2.7   | (0.7)   | 8.9   | 10.1  | 11.8  |
| DuPont-RoIC               |       |         |       |       |       |
| NOPLAT margin (%)         | 1.9   | (13.1)  | 9.7   | 11.2  | 12.8  |
| IC turnover (x)           | 0.6   | 0.7     | 0.7   | 0.8   | 0.8   |
| RoIC (%)                  | 1.1   | (8.9)   | 7.1   | 8.7   | 10.8  |
| Operating metrics         |       |         |       |       |       |
| Core NWC days             | 306.8 | 302.2   | 287.8 | 269.2 | 255.2 |
| Total NWC days            | 306.8 | 302.2   | 287.8 | 269.2 | 255.2 |
| Fixed asset turnover      | 0.7   | 0.7     | 0.8   | 0.9   | 0.9   |
| Opex-to-revenue (%)       | 43.6  | 43.1    | 28.3  | 24.0  | 21.5  |

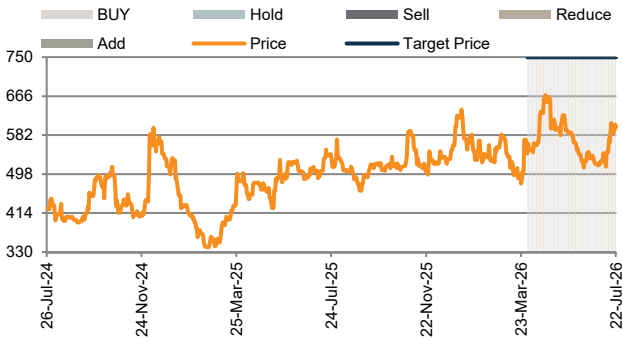
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| Date      | Closing Price (Rs) | TP (Rs) | Rating | Analyst        |
|-----------|--------------------|---------|--------|----------------|
| 07-Jul-26 | 531                | 750     | Buy    | Akhilesh Kumar |
| 16-Jun-26 | 541                | 750     | Buy    | Akhilesh Kumar |
| 29-May-26 | 567                | 750     | Buy    | Akhilesh Kumar |
| 04-May-26 | 616                | 750     | Buy    | Akhilesh Kumar |
| 08-Apr-26 | 565                | 750     | Buy    | Akhilesh Kumar |
| 31-Mar-26 | 542                | 750     | Buy    | Akhilesh Kumar |

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