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Q2FY26 Result Update

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Change in Estimates

	Cur	rent	Pre	vious
	FY27E	FY28E	FY27E	FY28E
Rating	Н	DLD	H	OLD
Target Price	8	94	8	335
Sales (Rs. m)	56,175	62,002	56,175	62,002
% Chng.	-	-		
EBITDA (Rs. m)	7,584	8,680	7,584	8,680
% Chng.	-	-		
EPS (Rs.)	22.9	26.5	22.9	26.5
% Chng.	-	-		

Key Financials - Consolidated

Y/e Mar	FY25	FY26E	FY27E	FY28E
Sales (Rs. m)	48,942	50,783	56,175	62,002
EBITDA (Rs. m)	7,118	5,942	7,584	8,680
Margin (%)	14.5	11.7	13.5	14.0
PAT (Rs. m)	3,552	3,157	4,358	5,038
EPS (Rs.)	18.7	16.6	22.9	26.5
Gr. (%)	(23.0)	(11.1)	38.0	15.6
DPS (Rs.)	4.0	4.0	5.7	-
Yield (%)	0.4	0.4	0.6	-
RoE (%)	10.7	8.7	11.1	11.8
RoCE (%)	14.5	9.3	12.3	13.0
EV/Sales (x)	3.4	3.3	3.0	2.7
EV/EBITDA (x)	23.7	28.6	22.2	19.1
PE (x)	48.2	54.3	39.3	34.0
P/BV (x)	4.9	4.6	4.2	3.8

Key Data	CRBR.BO CU IN
52-W High / Low	Rs.1,531 / Rs.809
Sensex / Nifty	83,939 / 25,722
Market Cap	Rs.171bn/ \$ 1,932m
Shares Outstanding	190m
3M Avg. Daily Value	Rs.239.82m

Shareholding Pattern (%)

Promoter's	39.96
Foreign	10.87
Domestic Institution	29.82
Public & Others	19.35
Promoter Pledge (Rs bn)	-

Stock Performance (%)

	1M	6M	12M
Absolute	(2.6)	(11.9)	(34.7)
Relative	(6.9)	(15.8)	(38.2)

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Carborundum Universal (CU IN)

Rating: HOLD | CMP: Rs901 | TP: Rs894

Soft quarter amid VAW impact; guidance intact

Quick Pointers:

- Management retained its guidance of consolidated revenue of 5.5%-6.5% with PBIT margin decline of 250-300bps YoY in FY26.
- CUMI incurred capex of ~Rs1.6bn in H1FY26 and expect to incur a total capex of ~Rs3.5bn in FY26.

Carborundum Universal (CU) reported a moderate 6.0% YoY growth in consolidated revenue, while EBITDA margin contracted by 388bps YoY to 12.0%. In the Abrasives segment, logistics disruptions at Rhodius have been resolved, and festive-driven demand helped clear dealer inventories, supporting stronger volume prospects for H2FY26. The Ceramics segment continues to be driven by Metalized Cylinders and Engineered Ceramics, with management focusing on diversification into high-growth industries such as semiconductors, data centers, defence, and aerospace through new product development. Meanwhile, the Electrominerals segment remains under pressure due to an expected ~25% volume decline at VAW amid ongoing sanctions, partially offset by robust performance at Foskor Zirconia. Considering nearterm headwinds, management has maintained its FY26 consolidated revenue growth guidance at 5.5-6.5% YoY, with an expected EBIT margin contraction of 250-300 bps. We roll forward to Sep'27E and maintain 'Hold' rating with a TP (Rs835 SoTP-based revised of Rs894 earlier) Abrasives/Ceramics/Electrominerals at 30x/35x/15x Sep'27E (30x/35x/15x Mar'27E earlier).

Long-term View: We remain cautious in the short-term given the continued challenges in VAW along with Chinese dumping impacting Abrasives. However, CU may perform well in the long run given 1) healthy domestic demand, 2) capacity expansion in Electrominerals and Abrasives 3) value-added product launches in Engineered ceramics, and 4) strong market reach and exports. The stock is trading at a P/E of 39.3x/34.0x on FY27/28E earnings.

Margins declined amid weaker revenue growth: Consolidated revenue was up 6.0% YoY to Rs13.0bn (Ple: Rs12.3bn). EBITDA declined by 19.8% YoY to Rs1.6bn (PLe: Rs1.3bn) while EBITDA margin declined by 388bps YoY to 12.0% primarily due to lower gross margin and higher employee costs (+20.7% YoY to Rs2.4bn). PBT declined 29.2% YoY to Rs1.1bn (Ple: Rs761mn) due to weaker operational performance partially offset by higher other income (+49.1% YoY to Rs169mn). PAT declined by 35.7% YoY to Rs745mn (PLe: Rs632mn).

Continued challenges in VAW impact Electrominerals: Abrasives sales improved 7.4% YoY to Rs5.8bn mainly driven by Rhodius and Standalone business. Abrasives EBIT margin declined by 67bps YoY to 5.7%. Ceramics revenue grew 7.8% YoY to Rs3.0bn while its EBIT margin declined by 775bps YoY to 20.7% primarily due to decline in standalone margins. Electrominerals sales were fattish at Rs4.0bn while its EBIT margin dropped by 612bps YoY to 8.2% primarily on account of impact on sanctions on VAW.



Exhibit 1: EBITDA margin declined by 388bps YoY to 12.0% due to lower gross margin and higher employee costs (+20.7% YoY)

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Y/e March (Rs mn)	Q2FY26	Q2FY25		Q2FY26E	% Var.	Q1FY26	QoQ gr.	H1FY26	H1FY25	YoY gr.
Sales	12,867	12,093	6.4%	12,125	6.1%	12,067	6.6%	24,934	23,934	4.2%
Other Operating income	114	149	-23.6%	140	-18.9%	124	-8.2%	237	283	-16.1%
Total Revenue	12,981	12,241	6.0%	12,265	5.8%	12,190	6.5%	25,171	24,217	3.9%
Gross Profit	7,941	7,826	1.5%	7,641	3.9%	7,689	3.3%	15,630	15,583	0.3%
Margin (%)	61.2	63.9	(276)	62.3	(113)	63.1	(190)	62.1	64.3	(225)
Employee Cost	2,414	2,000	20.7%	2,330	3.6%	2,380	1.4%	4,793	3,917	22.4%
as % of sales	18.8	16.5	222	19.2	(46)	19.7	(96)	19.2	16.4	286
Power & Fuel	1,268	1,214	4.5%	1,214	4.5%	1,223	3.7%	2,491	2,338	6.6%
as % of sales	9.9	10.0	(18)	10.0	(16)	10.1	(28)	10.0	9.8	22
Other expenditure	2,695	2,663	1.2%	2,845	-5.3%	2,874	-6.2%	5,569	5,443	2.3%
as % of sales	20.9	22.0	(108)	23.5	(252)	23.8	(287)	22.3	22.7	(41)
EBITDA	1,564	1,950	-19.8%	1,251	25.0%	1,213	29.0%	2,777	3,885	-28.5%
Margin (%)	12.0	15.9	(388)	10.2	185	9.9	210	11.0	16.0	(501)
Depreciation	622	520	19.8%	600	3.7%	589	5.7%	1,211	1,034	17.2%
EBIT	942	1,430	-34.1%	651	44.7%	624	51.0%	1,565	2,852	-45.1%
Margin (%)	7.3	11.7	(443)	5.3	195	5.1	214	6.2	11.8	(556)
Other Income	169	113	49.1%	145	16.5%	187	-9.8%	356	184	94.1%
Interest	44	37	20.4%	35	26.6%	35	26.9%	79	70	13.3%
PBT (ex. Extra-ordinaries)	1,066	1,506	-29.2%	761	40.1%	776	37.4%	1,842	2,965	-37.9%
Margin (%)	8.2	12.3	(409)	6.2	201	6.4	185	7.3	12.2	(492)
Extraordinary Items	-	-		-	0.0%	-	0.0%	-	-	
PBT	1,066	1,506	-29.2%	761	40.1%	776	37.4%	1,842	2,965	-37.9%
Total Tax	383	458	-16.5%	194	97.1%	254	50.4%	637	887	-28.2%
Effective Tax Rate (%)	35.9	30.4	544	25.5	1,037	32.8	308	34.6	29.9	465
PAT before JVs/MI	684	1,048	-34.7%	567	20.6%	522	31.1%	1,206	2,078	-42.0%
Share of Profit/loss from JVs/MI	61	111	-44.6%	65	-5.8%	97	-37.1%	159	210	-24.6%
Reported PAT	745	1,159	-35.7%	632	17.9%	619	20.4%	1,364	2,288	-40.4%
Adj. PAT	745	1,159	-35.7%	632	17.9%	619	20.4%	1,364	2,288	-40.4%
Margin (%)	5.7	9.5	(372)	5.2	59	5.1	66	5.4	9.4	(403)
Adj. EPS	3.9	6.1	-35.7%	3.3	17.9%	3.3	20.4%	7.2	12.0	-40.4%

Source: Company, PL



Exhibit 2: Subsidiary performance continues to remain weak barring CUMI Australia and Foskor Zirconia

Segment Breakup	Q2FY26	Q2FY25	YoY gr.	Q2FY26E	% Var.	Q1FY26	QoQ gr.	H1FY26	H1FY25	YoY gr.
Revenue (Rs mn)										
Abrasives	5,837	5,434	7.4%	5,135	13.7%	5,076	15.0%	10,913	10,950	-0.3%
Ceramics	3,015	2,796	7.8%	3,003	0.4%	2,996	0.6%	6,011	5,492	9.4%
Electrominerals	3,986	4,021	-0.9%	4,142	-3.8%	4,049	-1.6%	8,035	7,830	2.6%
Others	499	414	20.5%	435	14.8%	431	15.8%	930	832	11.8%
Less: Intersegmental	470	573	-18.0%	590	-20.4%	486	-3.2%	956	1,170	-18.3%
Total	12,867	12,093	6.4%	12,125	6.1%	12,067	6.6%	24,934	23,934	4.2%
EBIT (Rs mn)										
Abrasives	331	345	-3.9%	108	207.2%	114	190.5%	445	895	-50.3%
Ceramics	625	796	-21.5%	736	-15.1%	749	-16.6%	1,374	1,443	-4.8%
Electrominerals	327	576	-43.2%	62	426.3%	44	638.1%	371	1,009	-63.2%
Others	8	(61)	-113.7%	(35)	-124.1%	(20)	-141.6%	(12)	(78)	-84.9%
EBIT Margin (%)										
Abrasives	5.7%	6.3%	(67)	2.1%	357	2.2%	343	4.1%	8.2%	(410)
Ceramics	20.7%	28.5%	(775)	24.5%	(377)	25.0%	(427)	22.9%	26.3%	(341)
Electrominerals	8.2%	14.3%	(612)	1.5%	670	1.1%	711	4.6%	12.9%	(827)
Others	1.7%	-14.8%	1,648	-8.0%	968	-4.7%	637	-1.3%	-9.4%	811

Source: Company, PL

Exhibit 3: SoTP valuation – Ceramics segment accounts for ~60% of value

Particular	Sep'27 EPS	Multiple (x)	Net Value/share
Abrasives	9.2	30	277
Industrial Ceramics	15.3	35	536
Electrominerals	5.6	15	84
Others	(3.5)	1	(3)
SoTP			894

Source: Company, PL

Conference Call Highlights

- Guidance: The management maintained their consolidated revenue growth guidance of 5.5-6.5% YoY while the PBIT margin is expected to drop by 250-300bps YoY in FY26. Management expects consolidated Abrasives revenue to grow by 4-5% while PBIT margin may come between 6-6.5% in FY26. Similarly, Ceramics is expected to grow by 16-18% YoY with PBIT margins in the range of 23.5-23.7% in FY26. Electrominerals is anticipated to grow by 1-2% on consolidated basis with PBIT margin between 4.5-5.5% amid drag from VAW.
- Abrasives: Revenue growth of 7.4% YoY was driven by Awuko, Rhodius and CUMI America. Meanwhile, EBIT margin decline of 67bps to 5.7% was on account of Rhodius and Standalone business. In terms sub-segmental performance, Industrial and Precision abrasives are performing well while retail remains soft. On a positive note, dealer inventories came down due to festival season which is expected to aid volume growth and strong recovery of Abrasives in H2FY26. CUMI's Abrasives business will focus on introducing new products, development and expansion of geographies served for future growth.
- Rhodius reported Q2FY26 revenue of EUR 17.4mn, a 5.4% increase from EUR 16.5mn in Q2FY25. The logistics-related operational challenges encountered in Q1FY26 were one-off issues and have since been resolved, with operations returning to normal. Management has maintained its guidance for flat revenue growth in FY26 and anticipates a loss of EUR 3.5–4mn for the year.
- Awuko reported revenue of EUR 5.5mn in H1FY26, up from EUR 5.3mn in H1FY25. Q2FY26 revenue rose 32% YoY to EUR 2.9mn compared to EUR 2.2mn in Q2FY25, while the loss for H1FY26 remained flat. Management expects Awuko to record ~20% growth for FY26, with a slight reduction in loss before tax, and is targeting total sales of EUR 13–14 million for the year.
- Ceramics: Q2FY26 revenue growth of 7.8% was driven by standalone business and Australian subsidiary. Meanwhile the profitability was lower on account of product mix and lower volumes. Metalized Cylinders and Engineered Ceramics grew by more than 20% while project related delays impacted growth of refractories and wear ceramics. New opportunities for CUMI's ceramics business are available in semiconductor, data centers, defence and aerospace.
- Electrominerals saw flattish revenue growth and lower profitability in Q2FY26 as higher volumes amid flattish prices in standalone business was offset by impact from VAW due to sanctions. Meanwhile, standalone growth in Foskor Zirconia is helping CUMI to offset negative impact from VAW on a consolidated basis.
- VAW Q2FY26 revenue declined 37.2% YoY to RUB 2.4bn. VAW's PAT stood at RUB 232mn in Q2FY26 vs RUB 466mn in Q2FY25. Management continues to expect a volume drop of 25% YoY in FY26. VAW has a cash balance of Rs2.2bn which is currently not usable in other entities amid sanctions.



Financials

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Income Statement (Rs m)				
Y/e Mar	FY25	FY26E	FY27E	FY28E
Net Revenues	48,942	50,783	56,175	62,002
YoY gr. (%)	4.1	3.8	10.6	10.4
Cost of Goods Sold	17,950	19,094	20,729	22,879
Gross Profit	30,992	31,689	35,447	39,123
Margin (%)	63.3	62.4	63.1	63.1
Employee Cost	8,623	9,141	9,718	10,540
Other Expenses	15,252	16,606	18,145	19,903
EBITDA	7,118	5,942	7,584	8,680
YoY gr. (%)	(3.7)	(16.5)	27.6	14.5
Margin (%)	14.5	11.7	13.5	14.0
Depreciation and Amortization	2,120	2,463	2,678	3,052
EBIT	4,998	3,479	4,906	5,628
Margin (%)	10.2	6.8	8.7	9.1
Net Interest	140	115	84	58
Other Income	410	661	760	814
Profit Before Tax	4,227	4,025	5,582	6,384
Margin (%)	8.6	7.9	9.9	10.3
Total Tax	1,692	1,046	1,451	1,609
Effective tax rate (%)	40.0	26.0	26.0	25.2
Profit after tax	2,535	2,978	4,131	4,775
Minority interest	60	104	145	167
Share Profit from Associate	452	283	372	430
Adjusted PAT	3,552	3,157	4,358	5,038
YoY gr. (%)	(23.0)	(11.1)	38.0	15.6
Margin (%)	7.3	6.2	7.8	8.1
Extra Ord. Income / (Exp)	(624)	-	-	-
Reported PAT	2,928	3,157	4,358	5,038
YoY gr. (%)	(36.5)	7.8	38.0	15.6
Margin (%)	6.0	6.2	7.8	8.1
Other Comprehensive Income	-	-	-	-
Total Comprehensive Income	2,928	3,157	4,358	5,038
Equity Shares O/s (m)	190	190	190	190
EPS (Rs)	18.7	16.6	22.9	26.5

Source: Company Data, PL Research

Balance Sheet Abstract (Rs m)

Y/e Mar	FY25	FY26E	FY27E	FY28E
Non-Current Assets				
Gross Block	22,853	26,353	29,153	31,953
Tangibles	22,853	26,353	29,153	31,953
Intangibles	-	-	-	-
Acc: Dep / Amortization	10,620	13,083	15,761	18,813
Tangibles	10,620	13,083	15,761	18,813
Intangibles	-	-	-	-
Net fixed assets	12,232	13,269	13,391	13,139
Tangibles	12,232	13,269	13,391	13,139
Intangibles	-	-	-	-
Capital Work In Progress	1,184	1,169	935	935
Goodwill	4,928	5,174	5,284	6,216
Non-Current Investments	2,232	2,559	2,832	3,111
Net Deferred tax assets	(1)	23	93	168
Other Non-Current Assets	1,221	1,466	1,759	1,759
Current Assets				
Investments	-	-	-	-
Inventories	10,550	11,278	12,475	13,448
Trade receivables	7,662	8,528	9,432	10,086
Cash & Bank Balance	3,806	2,514	3,566	6,298
Other Current Assets	837	863	955	1,054
Total Assets	46,433	48,668	52,673	58,301
Equity				
Equity Share Capital	190	190	190	190
Other Equity	35,096	37,206	40,616	44,564
Total Networth	35,286	37,396	40,806	44,754
Non-Current Liabilities				
Long Term borrowings	249	249	249	249
Provisions	323	229	225	248
Other non current liabilities	-	-	-	-
Current Liabilities				
ST Debt / Current of LT Debt	954	754	554	304
Trade payables	3,498	3,617	4,002	5,436
Other current liabilities	2,854	3,050	3,320	3,625
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Source: Company Data, PL Research

Total Equity & Liabilities

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Cash	Flow	(Rs m)	١

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Y/e Mar	FY25	FY26E	FY27E	FY28E
PBT	4,679	4,025	5,582	6,384
Add. Depreciation	2,120	2,463	2,678	3,052
Add. Interest	140	115	84	58
Less Financial Other Income	410	661	760	814
Add. Other	299	-	-	-
Op. profit before WC changes	7,237	6,603	8,344	9,494
Net Changes-WC	(2,217)	(1,348)	(1,666)	(122)
Direct tax	(1,978)	(1,046)	(1,451)	(1,609)
Net cash from Op. activities	3,042	4,209	5,227	7,763
Capital expenditures	(2,731)	(3,681)	(2,626)	(3,732)
Interest / Dividend Income	458	-	-	-
Others	(1,553)	(87)	73	176
Net Cash from Invt. activities	(3,826)	(3,768)	(2,553)	(3,556)
Issue of share cap. / premium	55	-	-	-
Debt changes	(22)	(200)	(200)	(250)
Dividend paid	(912)	(1,047)	(948)	(1,089)
Interest paid	(93)	(115)	(84)	(58)
Others	(116)	(656)	(581)	(78)
Net cash from Fin. activities	(1,089)	(2,018)	(1,813)	(1,475)
Net change in cash	(1,873)	(1,577)	861	2,732
Free Cash Flow	302	528	2,601	4,031

Source: Company Data, PL Research

Quarterly Financials (Rs m)

Y/e Mar	Q3FY25	Q4FY25	Q1FY26	Q2FY26
Net Revenue	12,555	12,171	12,190	12,981
YoY gr. (%)	9.0	1.3	1.8	6.0
Raw Material Expenses	4,785	4,532	4,501	5,040
Gross Profit	7,770	7,639	7,689	7,941
Margin (%)	61.9	62.8	63.1	61.2
EBITDA	1,770	1,463	1,213	1,564
YoY gr. (%)	(8.0)	(30.1)	(37.4)	(19.8)
Margin (%)	14.1	12.0	9.9	12.0
Depreciation / Depletion	526	561	589	622
EBIT	1,244	902	624	942
Margin (%)	9.9	7.4	5.1	<i>7</i> .3
Net Interest	39	31	35	44
Other Income	164	63	187	169
Profit before Tax	1,369	934	776	1,066
Margin (%)	10.9	7.7	6.4	8.2
Total Tax	58	746	254	383
Effective tax rate (%)	4.2	<i>7</i> 9.9	32.8	35.9
Profit after Tax	1,311	187	522	684
Minority interest	28	10	(15)	(3)
Share Profit from Associates	106	114	82	59
Adjusted PAT	1,389	291	619	745
YoY gr. (%)	24.8	(78.4)	(45.2)	(35.7)
Margin (%)	11.1	2.4	5.1	5.7
Extra Ord. Income / (Exp)	-	-	-	-
Reported PAT	1,389	291	619	745
YoY gr. (%)	24.8	(78.4)	(45.2)	(35.7)
Margin (%)	11.1	2.4	5.1	5.7
Other Comprehensive Income	-	-	-	-
Total Comprehensive Income	1,389	291	619	745
Avg. Shares O/s (m)	190	190	190	190
EPS (Rs)	7.3	1.5	3.3	3.9

Source: Company Data, PL Research

Key Financial Metrics

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Y/e Mar	FY25	FY26E	FY27E	FY28E
Per Share(Rs)				
EPS	18.7	16.6	22.9	26.5
CEPS	29.8	29.5	37.0	42.5
BVPS	185.4	196.5	214.3	235.1
FCF	1.6	2.8	13.7	21.2
DPS	4.0	4.0	5.7	-
Return Ratio(%)				
RoCE	14.5	9.3	12.3	13.0
ROIC	9.8	7.4	10.0	11.3
RoE	10.7	8.7	11.1	11.8
Balance Sheet				
Net Debt : Equity (x)	(0.1)	0.0	(0.1)	(0.1)
Net Working Capital (Days)	110	116	116	107
Valuation(x)				
PER	48.2	54.3	39.3	34.0
P/B	4.9	4.6	4.2	3.8
P/CEPS	30.2	30.5	24.4	21.2
EV/EBITDA	23.7	28.6	22.2	19.1
EV/Sales	3.4	3.3	3.0	2.7
Dividend Yield (%)	0.4	0.4	0.6	-

Source: Company Data, PL Research





Analyst Coverage Universe

Sr. No.	Company Name	Rating	TP (Rs)	Share Price (Rs)
1	ABB India	Accumulate	5,584	5,224
2	Apar Industries	Hold	9,744	9,252
3	BEML	Hold	4,142	4,336
4	Bharat Electronics	Hold	374	410
5	BHEL	Hold	250	246
6	Carborundum Universal	Hold	835	919
7	Cummins India	Hold	3,895	3,957
8	Elgi Equipments	Accumulate	559	494
9	Engineers India	BUY	245	202
10	GE Vernova T&D India	Accumulate	2,706	3,098
11	Grindwell Norton	Hold	1,744	1,676
12	Harsha Engineers International	Hold	402	395
13	Hindustan Aeronautics	BUY	5,500	4,838
14	Ingersoll-Rand (India)	BUY	4,335	4,101
15	Kalpataru Projects International	Accumulate	1,366	1,273
16	KEC International	Accumulate	911	861
17	Kirloskar Pneumatic Company	BUY	1,620	1,150
18	Larsen & Toubro	BUY	4,766	3,958
19	Praj Industries	Hold	393	353
20	Siemens	Accumulate	3,431	3,246
21	Siemens Energy India	Hold	3,360	3,282
22	Thermax	Hold	3,633	3,185
23	Triveni Turbine	BUY	650	524
24	Voltamp Transformers	BUY	10,285	7,190

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 : > 15%

 Accumulate
 : 5% to 15%

 Hold
 : +5% to -5%

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 : -5% to -15%

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