

Deepak Nitrite

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Bloomberg	DN IN
Equity Shares (m)	136
M.Cap.(INRb)/(USDb)	253.2 / 2.9
52-Week Range (INR)	3095 / 1775
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12M Avg Val (INR M)	679

Financials & Valuations (INR b)

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Y/E March	FY25	FY26E	FY27E						
Sales	82.8	86.5	92.9						
EBITDA	10.9	12.0	14.1						
PAT	7.0	7.7	8.9						
EPS (INR)	51.1	56.6	65.2						
EPS Gr. (%)	-7.3	10.7	15.2						
BV/Sh.(INR)	395.1	443.3	499.0						
Ratios									
Net D:E	0.1	0.3	0.4						
RoE (%)	13.7	13.5	13.8						
RoCE (%)	11.9	10.7	10.4						
Payout (%)	14.7	14.7	14.7						
Valuations									
P/E (x)	35.8	32.4	28.1						
P/BV (x)	4.6	4.1	3.7						
EV/EBITDA (x)	23.6	22.2	19.5						
Div. Yield (%)	0.4	0.5	0.5						
FCF Yield (%)	-2.0	-2.9	-2.4						
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Shareholding Pattern (%)

As On	Jun-25	Mar-25	Jun-24
Promoter	49.3	49.3	49.2
DII	22.6	23.2	21.2
FII	6.7	6.7	6.9
Others	21.4	20.9	22.7

FII includes depository receipts

Margin hit by pricing pressure

CMP: INR1,857

Deepak Nitrite (DN) reported a muted operating performance in 1QFY26, as EBITDA declined by 39% YoY to INR1.9b. Gross margin contracted by 280bp YoY to 28% and EBITDA margins contracted by 420bp, led by the persistent pricing pressure and a slower-than-expected recovery in some agrochemical intermediates.

TP: INR1,630 (-12%)

- Amid a volatile geopolitical environment and shifting global trade dynamics, DN reported volume growth across its diverse product portfolio, driven by a strong recovery in demand from non-agrochemical applications.
- Considering a muted performance and macroeconomic headwinds, we cut our EPS estimates by 9% for FY26 and largely maintain our FY27 estimates. We value the stock at 25x FY27E EPS to arrive at a TP of INR1,630. Reiterate Sell.

Phenolics and Intermediates segments face margin headwinds

- 1Q revenue rose 3% YoY to INR19b (our est. INR19.3b), which included government incentive income of INR170m.
- EBITDA declined 39% YoY to INR1.9b (our est. INR2b). EBITDA, adjusted for government incentive, was INR1.7b.
- Gross margin came in at 28% (down 280bp YoY), while EBITDAM stood at 10% (down 420bp YoY).
- Reported PAT declined 45% YoY to INR1.1b (in line with est.), down 20% YoY.
- Advanced Intermediates revenue stood at INR6b (down 15% YoY), EBIT declined 47% YoY to INR355m, and EBIT margin came in at ~5.9% (down 340bp YoY)
- Phenolics revenue stood at INR13b (down 11% YoY), EBIT declined 43% YoY to INR1.2b, and EBIT margin came in at ~9% (down 340bp YoY).

Highlights from the management commentary

- **Guidance and outlook:** For the MIBK product (Methyl Isobutyl ketone), management expects merchant revenue of ~INR5.5b. Planned capex for FY26 stands at INR8b-10b. Peak debt is projected at INR70b-75b. For the polycarbonate project, management anticipates a payback period of 5-5.5 years with IRR of 16-18%.
- Macro environment: DN navigated a challenging global environment, marked by a slower-than-expected recovery in agrochemicals, pricing pressure from Chinese oversupply, and heightened geopolitical uncertainties. Management expects potential US tariff impacts to be moderate, given the limited consolidated exposure of 2.5-3%, and underscored India's distinct advantage of balanced supply and demand-led growth.
- Pricing: In the Advanced Intermediates segment, DN faced pricing pressures, while the phenolics segment benefited from better realizations, supported by bottlenecking and capacity augmentation initiatives. MIBK prices remained highly volatile, particularly over the past six months. In 1Q, phenolics spreads improved QoQ, although segment revenue declined 6%.



Valuation and view

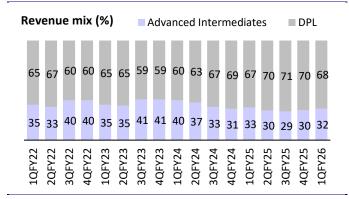
- Despite capacity expansion, new projects, process optimization, and a focus on innovation and sustainability, we expect DN's performance to be weighed down by industry-wide challenges.
- A slower-than-expected recovery in some agrochemical intermediates, persistent oversupply from China, and rapidly evolving geopolitical developments continue to exert pricing pressure and add to pressure on operational performance.
- DN aims to become the largest player in the solvents market by focusing on import substitution. It is foraying into PC (165ktpa), Methyl Isobutyl Ketone (MIBK, 40ktpa), Methyl Isobutyl Carbinol (MIBC, 8ktpa), and Sodium Nitrite/ Nitrate, among other products. These products are taking shape and are likely to be commissioned in FY26. Some other previously announced capex projects have already been commissioned (fluorination plant, specialty salts unit).
- We cut our EPS estimates by 9% for FY26 and largely maintain our FY27 estimates. The stock trades at ~28x FY27E EPS of INR65.2 and ~19.5x FY27E EV/EBITDA. We expect a CAGR of 6%/14%/13% in revenue/EBITDA/adj. PAT over FY25-27 and value the stock at 25x FY27E EPS to arrive at a TP of INR1,630. Reiterate Sell.

Y/E March		FY	25			FY	26		FY25	FY26E	FY26	Var.
	1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q	1Q	2QE	3QE	4QE	-		1QE	(%)
Gross Sales	21,668	20,320	19,034	21,797	18,899	21,073	22,744	23,738	82,819	86,453	19,306	-2%
YoY Change (%)	22.5	14.3	-5.3	2.5	-12.8	3.7	19.5	8.9	7.8	4.4	-10.9	
Gross Margin (%)	30.8%	32.0%	26.8%	30.6%	28.0%	30.7%	32.0%	33.0%	30.1%	31.1%	28.1%	-0.1%
EBITDA	3,092	2,975	1,685	3,166	1,896	2,853	3,418	3,797	10,918	11,963	2,001	-5%
Margin (%)	14.3	14.6	8.9	14.5	10.0	13.5	15.0	16.0	13.2	13.8	10.4	-0.3
Depreciation	475	485	482	513	513	525	560	600	1,954	2,198	537	
Interest	58	63	61	93	81	102	107	113	275	403	97	
Other Income	188	213	210	228	246	237	225	291	839	998	218	
PBT before EO expense	2,748	2,640	1,352	2,788	1,547	2,462	2,976	3,375	9,528	10,360	1,586	-2%
Extra-Ord expense	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
PBT	2,748	2,640	1,352	2,788	1,547	2,462	2,976	3,375	9,528	10,360	1,586	-2%
Tax	723	698	371	762	425	621	751	846	2,554	2,643	399	
Rate (%)	26.3	26.4	27.4	27.3	27.5	25.2	25.2	25.1	26.8	25.5	25.2	
Reported PAT	2,025	1,942	981	2,025	1,123	1,841	2,225	2,529	6,974	7,717	1,187	-5%
Adj PAT	2,025	1,942	981	2,025	1,123	1,841	2,225	2,529	6,974	7,717	1,187	-5%
YoY Change (%)	35.1	-5.3	-51.4	3.4	-44.6	-5.2	126.8	24.8	-7.3	10.7	-41.4	
Margin (%)	9.3	9.6	5.2	9.3	5.9	8.7	9.8	10.7	8.4	8.9	6.1	-0.2
Segmental Revenue (INR m)												
Advanced Intermediates	7,157	6,060	5,517	6,539	6,053	6,181	6,620	6,866	23,266	21,790	5,829	4%
Phenolic	14,636	14,435	13,657	15,323	13,040	15,012	16,252	17,008	34,194	33,579	13,591	-4%
Segmental EBIT (INR m)												
Advanced Intermediates	665	475	169	449	355	603	725	808	3,989	3,548	470	-25%
Phenolic	2,076	2,149	1,212	2,393	1,179	2,063	2,290	2,369	3,917	4,351	1,851	-36%
Segmental EBIT Margin (%)												
Advanced Intermediates	9.3%	7.8%	3.1%	6.9%	5.9%	9.7%	11.0%	11.8%	17.1%	16.3%	8.1%	-2.2%
Phenolic	14.2%	14.9%	8.9%	15.6%	9.0%	13.7%	14.1%	13.9%	11.5%	13.0%	13.6%	-4.6%



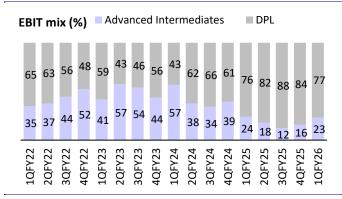
1QFY26 in charts

Exhibit 1: Contribution of Phenolics to total revenue increased to 68% in 1QFY26 from 67% in 1QFY25



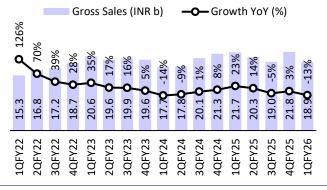
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Exhibit 2: EBIT mix improved



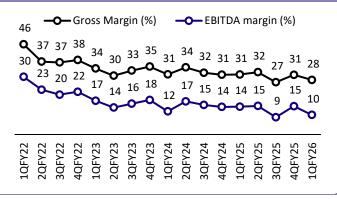
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Exhibit 3: Sales down 13% YoY



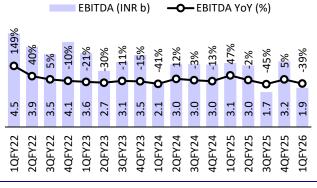
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Exhibit 4: Margin trends



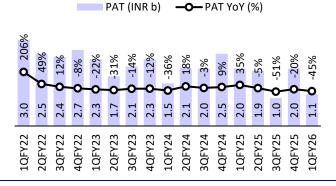
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Exhibit 5: EBITDA trend



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Exhibit 6: Reported PAT was down 45% YoY

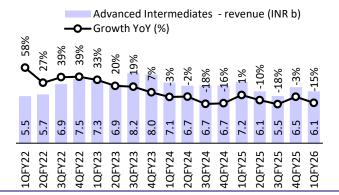


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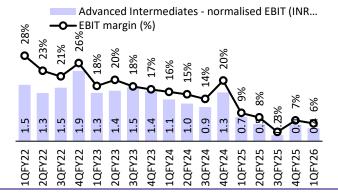


Exhibit 7: Revenue from AI declined 15% YoY



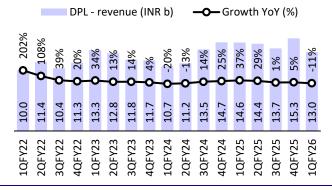
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Exhibit 8: AI EBITM trend



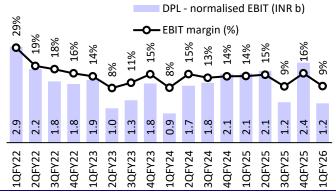
Source: Company, MOFSL

Exhibit 9: Revenue from DPL declined 11% YoY...



Source: Company, MOFSL

Exhibit 10: ...with EBIT margin at 9%



Source: Company, MOFSL





Earnings concall highlights

- Over the past several months, the company has navigated multiple challenges that have significantly impacted the industry. A slower-than-expected recovery in certain agrochemical intermediates, combined with persistent oversupply from China, has exerted pressure on pricing. These headwinds, further intensified by rapidly evolving geopolitical developments, have added to the overall complexity of operations.
- The company's resilience in the current environment has been underpinned by strong business fundamentals, including an import substitution strategy, capacity expansion and new projects, process optimization, and a continued emphasis on innovation and sustainability.
- Despite these challenges, the company anticipates an improvement in demand momentum, supported by evolving market dynamics.
- DN saw a notable recovery in demand from non-agrochemical applications and the initial success from certain cost-optimization initiatives.
- In the advanced intermediate segment, although agrochemical intermediates are experiencing subdued global demand, the company projects a recovery in the upcoming period.
- The phenolic segment witnessed steady demand with better realizations, backed by the bottlenecking and capacity augmentation initiatives.
- The segment's resilience reinforces the strength of its integrated approach. The company is progressing well on key projects that will enhance its backward and forward integration, strengthening its competitive advantage.
- DN is expanding into new applications to broaden its market presence and diversify its customer base.
- This growth will be driven by the commercialization of a new value stream integrated product for the dyes and cosmetics segment and the launch of a new product through a long-term co-manufacturing agreement.
- Existing assets and negligible investment: While DN may have launched these products in the middle of the year, they are going to be tested by customers for stability, and then the company will be able to supply commercial volume after the next contractual cycle begins.
- DN's concentrated nitric acid plant is in the trial production phase. For the weak nitric acid, commissioning activities are ongoing with the technology partner at the site; expected to be commissioned in this quarter.
- Leveraging its extensive expertise in hydrogenated aromatics and nonaromatics, DN has commenced trial production at its new hydrogenation facility, thereby significantly enhancing the Group's overall production capacity.
- Marketing reinvestment for the quarter was at 9.3% of net sales. The full year guidance is same and it may step up to 9.5-10% in the peak season (Oct-Dec).
- DN is not planning to decrease its capex due to tariffs as it is focusing on Indian customers.
- Import duty reduction benefits should flow in in 1QFY27.
- FY26 capex expected to be INR8-10b, FY27 capex expected around INR30b, and the remaining in FY28, with some spillover into the following year.
- Peak debt is expected to be around INR70-75b.

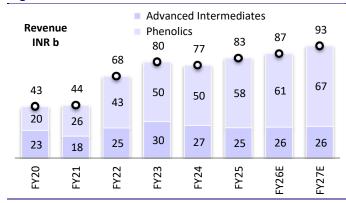


- For the polycarbonate project, the expected payback period is 5-5.5 years with IRR of 16-18%.
- The nitric acid project is expected to add 200-300bp to advanced intermediate segment margins.
- DN's direct exposure to the US market is limited to 2.5-3% at a consolidated level.
- Its consolidated domestic-to-export revenue ratio is 86:14
- The company plans total capex of INR100-110b, including the BPA project.
- DN saw improved spreads QoQ in phenolics in 1Q, though revenue declined 6%.
- A new INR2.2b facility for agrochemical intermediates and fluorochemicals is under construction and expected to be commissioned between Jan'26 end and mid-Mar'26.



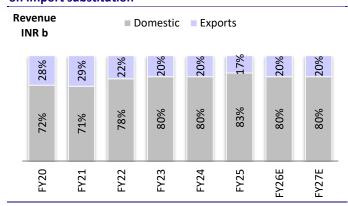
Financial story in charts

Exhibit 11: Revenue contribution from Phenol to remain higher...



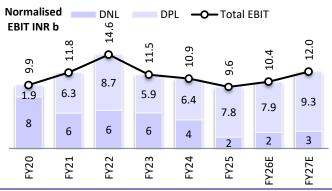
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Exhibit 12: ...with a focus on the domestic market as a play on import substitution



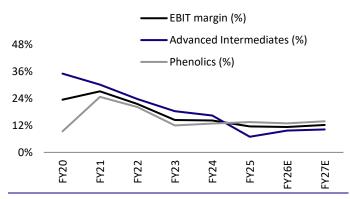
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Exhibit 13: Segmental EBIT breakdown of DN...



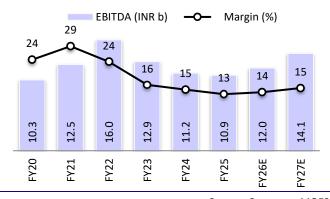
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Exhibit 14: EBIT margin



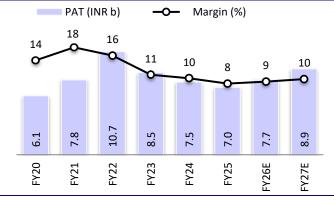
Source: Company, MOFSL

Exhibit 15: EBITDA margin to normalize from FY22 levels



Source: Company, MOFSL

Exhibit 16: Expect ~13% PAT CAGR over FY25-27



Source: Company, MOFSL



Financials and valuations

Consolidated - Income Statement	E1/0.0	F140.4	F1/00	F1/00	F1/0.4	E1/0E	EV0.05	(INR m
Y/E March	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25	FY26E	FY27E
Total Income from Operations	42,297	43,598	68,022	79,721	76,818	82,819	86,453	92,935
Change (%)	56.7	3.1	56.0	17.2	-3.6	7.8	4.4	7.5
Gross Margin (%)	43.9	48.1	39.5	32.9	31.8	30.1	31.1	31.5
EBITDA	10,258	12,470	16,036	12,894	11,233	10,918	11,963	14,071
Margin (%)	24.3	28.6	23.6	16.2	14.6	13.2	13.8	15.1
Depreciation	1,397	1,526	1,777	1,663	1,657	1,954	2,198	2,727
EBIT	8,861	10,944	14,259	11,231	9,576	8,964	9,765	11,343
Int. and Finance Charges	1,149	742	340	248	118	275	403	483
Other Income	352	215	426	476	761	839	998	1,022
PBT bef. EO Exp.	8,064	10,417	14,345	11,459	10,219	9,528	10,360	11,883
EO Items	0	0	0	0	798	0	0	C
PBT after EO Exp.	8,064	10,417	14,345	11,459	11,017	9,528	10,360	11,883
Total Tax	1,954	2,659	3,678	2,939	2,908	2,554	2,643	2,991
Tax Rate (%)	24.2	25.5	25.6	25.6	26.4	26.8	25.5	25.2
Minority Interest	-	-	-	-	0	- 1	-	
Reported PAT	6,110	7,758	10,666	8,520	8,109	6,974	7,717	8,892
Adjusted PAT	6,110	7,758	10,666	8,520	7,522	6,974	7,717	8,892
Change (%)	251.9	27.0	<i>37.5</i>	-20.1	-11.7	-7.3	10.7	15.2
Margin (%)	14.4	17.8	15.7	10.7	9.8	8.4	8.9	9.6
Consolidated - Balance Sheet								(INR m)
Y/E March	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25	FY26E	FY27E
Equity Share Capital	273	273	273	273	273	273	273	273
Total Reserves	15,446	23,194	33,112	40,627	47,693	53,614	60,199	67,786
Net Worth	15,719	23,467	33,384	40,900	47,966	53,887	60,472	68,059
Minority Interest	-	-	-	-	261	360	360	360
Total Loans	10,279	5,775	3,007	545	2,170	11,705	18,728	26,220
Deferred Tax Liabilities	796	1,078	1,229	1,566	1,736	2,128	2,128	2,128
Capital Employed	26,794	30,320	37,620	43,011	52,133	68,080	81,688	96,767
Gross Block	20,460	22,441	25,263	26,523	31,690	35,262	52,006	68,749
Less: Accum. Deprn.	2,140	3,666	5,443	7,106	8,763	10,717	12,914	15,642
Net Fixed Assets	18,320	18,774	19,820	19,416	22,927	24,546	39,091	53,107
Goodwill on Consolidation	-	-	-	-	-	27	27	27
Capital WIP	1,723	2,068	1,037	3,008	7,735	16,491	16,491	16,491
Total Investments	24	1,893	4,390	3,794	1,219	5,109	5,109	5,109
Curr. Assets, Loans, and Adv.	12,019	12,868	19,057	25,069	29,081	31,004	30,425	32,109
Inventory	3,945	3,827	5,846	8,931	7,599	9,264	9,598	10,161
Account Receivables	6,127	7,563	11,291	13,095	12,984	12,738	13,297	14,294
Cash and Bank Balance	314	334	418	400	4,655	4,066	2,383	2,129
Cash	21	89	229	376	2,380	1,794	111	-143
Bank Balance	293	245	189	23	2,275	2,272	2,272	2,272
Loans and Advances	1,633	1,144	1,503	2,644	3,844	4,937	5,148	5,525
Curr. Liability and Prov.	5,292	5,283	6,684	8,277	8,829	9,097	9,455	10,075
Account Payables	3,643	4,367	5,117	6,618	5,823	5,217	5,405	5,723
Other Current Liabilities	1,385	640	1,272	1,216	2,476	3,259	3,402	3,657
Provisions	264	276	296	443	531	620	648	696
Net Current Assets	6,727	7,585	12,373	16,792	20,252	21,908	20,971	22,03 4



Financials and valuations

Ratios								
Y/E March	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25	FY26E	FY27E
Basic (INR)								
EPS	44.8	56.9	78.2	62.5	55.1	51.1	56.6	65.2
EPS Growth (%)	252%	27%	37%	-20%	-12%	-7%	11%	15%
Cash EPS	55.0	68.1	91.2	74.7	67.3	65.5	72.7	85.2
BV/Share	115.2	172.0	244.8	299.9	351.7	395.1	443.3	499.0
DPS	4.5	5.5	7.0	7.5	7.5	7.5	8.3	9.6
Payout (%)	12.1	9.7	9.0	12.0	12.6	14.7	14.7	14.7
Valuation (x)								
P/E	40.9	32.2	23.4	29.3	33.2	35.8	32.4	28.1
Cash P/E	33.3	26.9	20.1	24.5	27.2	28.0	25.2	21.5
P/BV	15.9	10.6	7.5	6.1	5.2	4.6	4.1	3.7
EV/Sales	6.1	5.9	3.7	3.1	3.2	3.1	3.1	2.9
EV/EBITDA	25.3	20.5	15.7	19.4	22.0	23.6	22.2	19.5
Dividend Yield (%)	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.5
FCF per share	25.6	57.8	46.8	21.3	8.0	-36.2	-52.6	-43.7
Return Ratios (%)								
RoE	46.2	39.6	37.5	22.9	16.9	13.7	13.5	13.8
RoCE	27.6	29.1	32.1	21.6	16.0	11.9	10.7	10.4
RoIC	28.0	32.1	36.7	24.7	19.0	16.2	14.5	13.0
Working Capital Ratios								
Fixed Asset Turnover (x)	2.4	2.4	3.5	4.1	3.6	3.5	2.7	2.0
Asset Turnover (x)	1.6	1.4	1.8	1.9	1.5	1.2	1.1	1.0
Inventory (Days)	34	32	31	41	36	41	41	40
Debtor (Days)	53	63	61	60	62	56	56	56
Creditor (Days)	31	37	27	30	28	23	23	22
Leverage Ratio (x)						-		
Current Ratio	2.3	2.4	2.9	3.0	3.3	3.4	3.2	3.2
Interest Coverage Ratio	7.7	14.7	41.9	45.3	80.9	32.6	24.2	23.5
Net Debt/Equity ratio	0.6	0.2	0.1	0.0	-0.1	0.1	0.3	0.4
Consolidated - Cash Flow Statement								(INR m)
Y/E March	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25	FY26E	FY27E
OP/(Loss) before Tax	8,064	10,417	14,345	11,459	11,017	9,528	10,360	11,883
Depreciation	1,397	1,526	1,777	1,663	1,657	1,954	2,198	2,727
Others	1,262	852	295	63	-509	-285	403	483
Direct Taxes Paid	-1,985	-2,365	-3,535	-2,600	-2,665	-2,152	-2,643	-2,991
(Inc.)/Dec. in WC	-1,092	-412	-4,643	-4,085	-720	-2,798	-746	-1,317
CF from Operations	7,647	10,019	8,239	6,499	8,781	6,247	9,572	10,785
(Inc.)/Dec. in FA	-4,160	-2,140	-1,862	-3,599	-7,685	-11,191	-16,743	-16,743
Free Cash Flow	3,487	7,879	6,377	2,900	1,096	-4,944	-7,171	-5,958
Change in Investments	3	-1,854	-2,401	816	427	-4,059	0	0
Others	-122	33	22	22	40	337	0	0
CF from Investments	-4,279	-3,961	-4,241	-2,761	-7,218	-14,913	-16,743	-16,743
Issue of Shares	0	0	0	0	0	102	0	0
Inc./(Dec.) in Debt	-1,088	-5,246	-2,812	-2,523	1,625	9,277	7,023	7,491
Interest Paid	-1,134	-736	-320	-233	-98	-194	-403	-483
Dividend Paid	-1,060	-4	-750	-955	-1,023	-1,023	-1,132	-1,304
Others	-94	-5	24	120	-68	-100	0	0
CF from Fin. Activity	-3,376	-5,990	-3,858	-3,591	435	8,062	5,488	5,704
Inc./Dec. in Cash	-8	68	139	148	1,998	-605	-1,683	-254
Opening Balance	30	22	90	229	377	2,380	1,795	111
Closing Balance	22	90	229	377	2,380	1,795	111	-142
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