

KPIT Cummins

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Announces a JV for hybrid technology solution for automobiles Mkt Cap: Rs8.7bn; US\$185m

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■ Event:

KPIT Cummins has announced a JV with Bharat Forge to manufacture and market an indigenously developed hybrid technology solution for automobiles – "*REVOLO*".

□ What is REVOLO?

'REVOLO' is a solution that has been designed, developed and engineered by KPIT Cummins that will enable both existing and new vehicles to dramatically increase fuel efficiency and engine performance, while significantly decreasing green house gas (GHG) emissions. It will give an opportunity to convert existing conventional vehicles into eco-friendly hybrids. As a parallel hybrid, this solution will enable the motor and engine to work simultaneously. Unlike an electric vehicle, the vehicle will operate as a conventional fuel vehicle even if the batteries are completely drained. As a plug-in, the vehicle can be charged through a standard external electricity source such as a domestic power outlet.

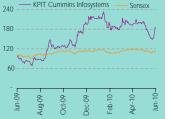
The Automotive Research Association of India (ARAI), which tested the new hybrid solution (REVOLO), confirmed fuel efficiency gains of more than 40%. Under city driving conditions the increase in efficiency has been above 60% and reduction in Greenhouse Gas Emissions (GHG) has been more than 30%.

☐ JV structure, Investments and Commercialization

This JV would be 50:50 JV between KPIT Cummins and Bharat Forge with an initial investments of about Rs300m each. KPIT Cummins will license the technology to the JV while Bharat Forge would bring in its manufacturing, assembly & integration expertise to the JV.

The solution will be marketed to OEMs and fleet & individual vehicle owners through a network of certified and authorized dealerships. Management expects 7-9 months before REVOLO is commercially launched. While pricing and other details are not yet shared, management indicated that this business could be potentially multi Rs billion business in a few years time.

Price chart



☐ Investor Call for further details:

Company is holding an investor call to discuss further details on June 8, 2010 at 4:30pm.

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■ Valuation and View

The proposed JV is a step in a right direction towards commercialization of IPs (intellecutual properties) that KPIT has developed over last few years. While positive for investor sentiments, the proposed JV might not have significant impact on near term financials. Stock at Rs111 trades at ~9x FY11E and ~8x FY12E EPS. We maintain Outperformer rating on the stock with 12 month target price of Rs162. KPIT Cummins is one of our top picks in small-mid-cap IT services space.

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