

# Prajay Engineers Syndicate (PESL)- Q3 FY07 Result update

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## **February 1, 2007**

| Stock Details    |           |  |  |  |
|------------------|-----------|--|--|--|
| Recommendation   | BUY       |  |  |  |
| Target Price     | Rs340     |  |  |  |
| CMP              | Rs289     |  |  |  |
| Upside           | 18%       |  |  |  |
| 52 Week H/L      | Rs308/255 |  |  |  |
| Avg. Volume (6m) | 0.1mn     |  |  |  |
| Market Cap       | Rs6bn     |  |  |  |
| Face Value       | Rs10      |  |  |  |
| BSE Code         | 531746    |  |  |  |
| NSE Code         | PRAENG    |  |  |  |
| Bloomberg Code   | PES@IN    |  |  |  |
| Reuters Code     | PRJE.BO   |  |  |  |

#### **Share Holding Pattern**

|                 | Sep' 06 | Dec' 06 |
|-----------------|---------|---------|
| Promoter        | 19.8    | 20.2    |
| Institutions    | 0.6     | 0.3     |
| FII             | 53.5    | 59.5    |
| Public & Others | 26.1    | 20.0    |

#### Relative performance chart



#### **Analyst**

Ashutosh Narkar anarkar@indiainfoline.com 91-22-67491767 Sustained high property prices in the Hyderabad market powered PESL's 204% profit growth in Q3 FY07. Operating margins for the company also continued to remain high at 43%, which is one of the highest in the industry. PESL is on track to developing around 16mn sqft over the next 3years. In addition it is also expecting to add another 200acres to its land bank. High prices have prompted us to revise our margin assumptions upwards by 3% in FY08. We maintain our BUY rating on the stock with a revised price target of Rs340, implying an upside of 18%. Political tension, increasing supply and rising interest rates remain major concerns to our estimates.

### Result update

## Sales growth of 120%, on the back of high property prices

Property prices in Hyderabad sustained the higher levels observed in Q2 FY07. While there has been no price rise over the past three months, there has been no downward revision either. This helped PESL record a sales growth of 120% during the quarter. The company is expected to launch Prajay Waterfront City encompassing 1.1mn sq ft from March 2007, which will drive revenue growth in FY08.

## Operating margins remain high at 43%, one of the best in the industry

PESL enjoys one of the highest operating margins in the industry at 43% and have expanded by 10.8% over Q3 FY06. However, they have dropped 6.3% sequentially from 49.2%. This was mainly on account of low cost housing project revenues (50% in Q3 FY07) from Prajay Enclave and Prajay Harbour city.

### We have revised our margin and profit forecasts upwards

Most of PESL's new projects are high income group projects including the expected launch of Waterfront city (Villas) in FY08. With property prices remaining firm, we have revised our margin expectation by 3% to 39.8%, which is still lower than our current year expectation of 43.8%. In line with this we net profit has been revised upwards by 10% in FY07 and 3% in FY08.

#### Political tension and increasing supply major concerns

While there was some political tension in the last quarter relating to the Telangana issue, the situation is under control. However, any flare up on the issue in the future could lead to disruptions in the state putting downward pressure on property prices. This apart rising supply both in the commercial and domestic segment remain major concerns to our estimates.

Table: Valuation summary

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|-------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--------|--|
|                         | FY05  | FY06  | FY07E | FY08E | FY09E  |  |
| Sales (Rs mn)           | 233   | 730   | 1,653 | 4,892 | 10,033 |  |
| Growth (%)              | 31.2  | 213.5 | 126.4 | 196.0 | 105.1  |  |
| Operating margins (%)   | 32.2  | 42.5  | 43.8  | 39.5  | 37.0   |  |
| Net Profit (Rs mn)      | 45    | 227   | 587   | 1,416 | 2,736  |  |
| Growth (%)              | 451.9 | 399.8 | 158.3 | 141.2 | 93.2   |  |
| ROCE                    | 27.3  | 38.0  | 22.0  | 34.6  | 53.6   |  |
| ROAE                    | 39.7  | 64.7  | 43.7  | 36.5  | 41.5   |  |
| EPS                     | 5.9   | 15.3  | 22.3  | 35.7  | 68.9   |  |
| PE (x)                  | 49.1  | 18.9  | 12.9  | 8.1   | 4.2    |  |
| EV/ EBITDA (x)          | 45.2  | 17.4  | 9.6   | 4.7   | 2.5    |  |

Source: Company data, India Infoline estimates



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**Table: Quarterly financials** 

|                      | Q3 FY07 | Q3 FY06 | Growth | Q2 FY07 | Growth | Q3 FY07 | Q3 FY06 | Growth |
|----------------------|---------|---------|--------|---------|--------|---------|---------|--------|
| (Rs mn)              | (3)     | (3)     | (%)    | (3)     | (%)    | (9)     | (9)     | (%)    |
| Operating Income     | 421     | 191     | 120.4  | 319     | 31.9   | 1,111   | 437     | 154.0  |
| Operating Expenses   | (240)   | (130)   | 85.5   | (162)   | 48.4   | (620)   | (264)   | 135.0  |
| Operating Profit     | 180     | 61      | 194.4  | 157     | 15.0   | 491     | 173     | 183.1  |
| Operating Margin (%) | 42.9    | 32.1    |        | 49.2    |        | 44.2    | 39.6    |        |
| Other Income         | 11      | 1       | 979.6  | 2       | 360.5  | 15      | 3       | 393.8  |
| EBITDA               | 192     | 62      | 207.3  | 159     | 20.2   | 505     | 176     | 186.6  |
| Depreciation         | (4)     | (2)     | 57.9   | (4)     | 0.1    | (10)    | (7)     | 48.7   |
| EBIT                 | 188     | 60      | 213.2  | 156     | 20.7   | 495     | 169     | 192.3  |
| Interest             | (16)    | (4)     | 246.0  | (16)    | (4.4)  | (46)    | (13)    | 266.7  |
| Profit Before Tax    | 172     | 55      | 210.5  | 139     | 23.6   | 449     | 157     | 186.4  |
| Tax                  | (20)    | (5)     | 273.3  | (5)     | 280.2  | (30)    | (26)    | 14.8   |
| Profit After Tax     | 152     | 50      | 203.8  | 134     | 13.6   | 419     | 130     | 221.1  |

Source: Company data, India Infoline estimates

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