

TATA CHEMICALS LTD.

Event Update

Sector Fertilisers & Chemicals CMP Rs 323

STOCK DATA

Market Capitalisation Rs76bn Book Value per share Rs106 Eq Shares O/S (F.V. Rs.10) 234mn

Median Vol. (12 mths) 544,576 (BSE+NSE) 52 Week High / Low Rs431/200 BSE Scrip Code 500770 NSE Scrip Code **TATACHEM** Bloomberg Code TTCH.IN Reuters Code TTCH.BO

SHAREHOLDING PATTERN (%)

Qtr. Ended	Jun-07	Sep-07	Dec-07
Promoters	31.6	31.6	29.9
Banks/Fls/MFs	30.3	30.8	31.0
FIIs/NRIs/OCBs	6.2	6.0	8.9
PCBs	5.0	5.3	5.5
Indian public	26.9	26.3	24.7
Eq Shares.(mn)	215	215	227

STOCK PERFORMANCE (%)

	1 M	3 M	12M
Absolute	(0.3)	(12.7)	53.9
Relative	1.2	14.5	29.3

STOCK PRICE PERFORMANCE



Tata Chemicals Ltd (TCL) is a leading manufacturer of inorganic chemicals & fertilisers. Soda ash and its compounds, edible salt and cement constitute the inorganic chemical division which is located at Mithapur, Gujarat. TCL manufactures urea and phosphatic fertilisers at Babrala and Haldia respectively.

Inorganic chemicals account for 38% of the total revenues and 60% of PBIT of the company on a standalone basis, with the balance being accounted by fertilisers. Post acquisition of BMG, their share has moved up to 54% and 66% respectively. However, the fertiliser division's revenues and profitability continues to be plagued by fertiliser policy, nonavailability of raw materials and delayed disbursal of subsidy.

In March'08, TCL acquired 100% stake in US based General Chemicals Industrial Products (GCIP) for USD1bn. GCIP has 75% stake in General Chemicals (Soda Ash) Partners (GCSAP), a natural soda ash manufacturer with manufacturing facility (capacity-2.6mn mtpa) at Green River Basin, Wyoming, USA.

KEY POINTS

- In CY07, GCSAP sold 2.5 mn mt of soda ash and reported revenue of USD375mn.
- Its EBITDA is expected to be ~20%, as cost of manufacturing natural soda ash is substantially less than synthetic soda ash.
- To fund this acquistion, TCL has raised a 6.3 year ECB loan of USD500mn and 6 month bridge loan of USD350mn. The latter would be transferred to GCIP, upon appropriate refinancing.
- At current operational efficiency and soda ash realisation (USD150/ mt), GCIP is expected to generate post tax cashflows of Rs2.2bn annually and thereby discharge the above debt (USD350mn) in 8 years.

KEY FINANC	CIALS (CC	NSOLID	ATED)			(Rs Mn)
Yr Ended (March)	Net Sales	YoY Gr (%)	Op Profits	Op Marg (%)	Net Profits	Eq Capital
2005	30,081	-	5,155	17.1	3,406	2,152
2006	40,344	34.1	7,565	18.8	4,283	2,152
2007	58,096	44.0	10,105	17.4	5,080	2,152
2008E	63,404	9.1	10,812	17.1	5,381	2,436
2009E	72,749	14.7	13,128	18.0	7,122	2,436

KEY RATIOS									
Yr Ended (March)	EPS (Rs.)	ROCE (%)	RONW (%)	P/E (x)	EV/Sales (x)	EV/EBDIT (x)			
2005	14.0	13.2	17.0	23.1	2.4	11.7			
2006	17.6	18.0	20.3	18.4	2.1	9.7			
2007	20.9	20.0	21.2	15.5	1.4	7.5			
2008E	22.1	19.2	17.5	14.6	1.4	7.3			
2009E	29.2	22.5	18.8	11.0	1.2	5.8			

Background of Acquisition

Tata Chemicals Ltd (TCL) has acquired 100% stake in General Chemicals Industrial Products (GCIP) for USD1bn (Rs40bn) which has 75% stake in General Chemicals (soda ash) Partners (GCSAP), a natural soda ash manufacturer. The balance 25% stake is held by a US based glass container manufacturer.

With this acquisition, TCL has become the second largest manufacturer of soda ash globally and its capacity has increased to 5.5 mntpa from 2.9 mn mtpa.

TCL manufactures synthetic soda ash at Mithapur (capacity-0.9mn mtpa) and Europe (capacity-1.2mn mtpa) while natural soda ash is produced in Kenya (capacity-0.7 mn mtpa).

GCSAP has a natural soda ash manufacturing facility (capacity-2.6 mn mtpa) at Green River Basin, Wyoming, USA. In CY07, it produced 2.5mn mt (capacity utilization of \sim 98%) of soda ash and registered revenue of USD375mn. Due to staid demand in USA and surplus production, soda ash is exported through American Natural Soda Ash Corporation (ANSAC) to Latin America, Asia and Europe. Most of these sales are through annual contracts which are usually renewed in January. Realization of soda ash was \sim USD150/mt (ex-mine) in CY07, and is likely to improve as the contracts have been renewed in Jan 08'. Though its EBIDTA margin are \sim 20% at present, there is huge scope for improvement as the same is highly sensitive to realistion due to its manufacturing cost being lower than that of synthetic soda ash.

GCIP registered a revenue of USD375mn on sales of 2.5 mn mt of soda ash...

Rationale for acquisition

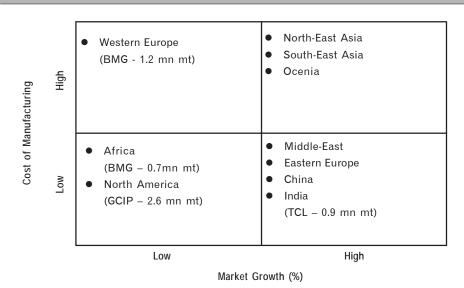
With the acquisition of GCIP, TCL becomes the second largest soda ash manufacturer in the world, with the premier position being enjoyed by Solvay, a Europen chemical comglomerate with a capacity of 8.2mn mtpa. The industry globally is slowly consolidating with the top three players accounting for 40% of the global production of 44mnt(CY07).

TCL thus has not only established its foothold across continents, but also has gained access to the high growth East Asian and Latin American markets. This global diversification in production and marketing would derisk TCL business model and insulate it from regional slowdowns.

Post this acquistion, contribution of natural soda ash in the total soda ash prodcution has increased to 60%, from 24%. As natural soda ash is less susceptible to downward movement in commodity price cycle on account of the key raw material i.e *Trona* (chief raw material) being naturally mined, the same is expected to impart stability and

Geographic and process diversifaction provide cushion in terms of regional slowdown and adverse commodity cycles ...

Soda Ash Global Market Structure



Source: PINC Research & Company

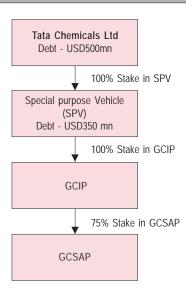
Acquisition Structure

predictability in operating margins for TCL and afford it a long term competitive advantage.

Structure of the deal

GCIP has been acquired on debt and cash free basis. It is financed by a 6.3 year ECB of USD500mn at LIBOR+1.35bps and 6 month bridge loan of USD350mn at LIBOR+75bps. (Bridge loan has been taken by TCL). After 6 months the bridge loan will be replaced by long term loan which will be borrowed by special purpose vehicle (SPV) floated for acquiring GCIP. We assume that this loan would be serviced by the cashflows of GCIP without recourse to TCL.

Acquisition Structure



Source: PINC Research

Earlier acquisition of BMG

TCL had acquired BMG (UK based soda ash manufacturer) in FY06 with capacity of 1.2mn mtpa & 0.35 mtpa of synthetic soda ash and natural soda ash respectively. TCL had paid cash consideration of Rs8bn, acquired debt of Rs8bn and unfunded pension liability of Rs3.5bn (Total EV of Rs19.5bn). In FY07, BMG had posted sales of Rs16.8bn and registered net profit of Rs630mn and for the period 9MFY08, sales was Rs12.5bn and it suffered a loss (before tax) of Rs110mn.

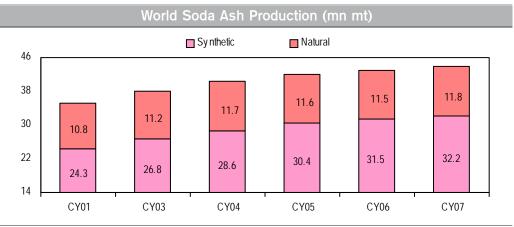
While at time of acquisition of BMG, soda ash prices were \sim USD150 and TCL paid a capital cost of \sim Rs12k/mt of soda ash. Currently, soda ash prices have doubled from FY06 levels to USD300/mt and consequently, the capital cost escalated to Rs21k/mt of soda ash.

Upward movement of soda ash cycle resulted in increase in capital cost from RS12k/mt to Rs21k/mt ...

Global Soda Ash Market

In CY07, the global capacity for soda ash is expected to be \sim 53mn mt and the production is likely to be \sim 44mn mt. Soda ash plants typically operate at 80%-85% capacity utilisation levels. China and USA together control 60% of the global capacity, China is the biggest producer with a capacity of \sim 17mn mtpa followed by US at 15 mn mtpa.

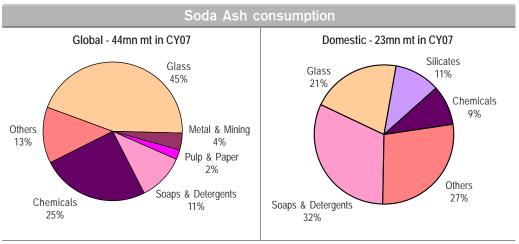
Soda ash can be manufactured by processing natural resources or it can also be manufactured synthetically. Natural soda ash is produced by processing & refining the naturally occurring trona found in US, Africa and Canada. Simple, low capital intensive process and proximity to source of raw materials result in a lower cost of production for natural soda ash. Globally, natural soda ash contributes ~27% of the total soda ash production while the rest is contributed by the synthetic process.



Source: Crisinfac & PINC Research

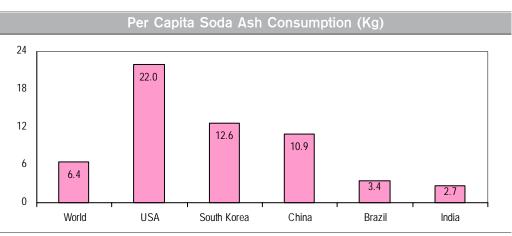
Consumers

Glass industry consumes \sim 45% of the global production; chemical and glass industries are the other big consumers accounting for 25% and 11% of consumption respectively.



Source: Crisinfac & PINC Research

The demand for soda ash has been fanned by the construction activity and automobile manufacturing, which themselves are cruising on bouyant economic activity. Economies in Asia and Latin America has witnessed upsurge in activity in the last 5 years, and this has resulted in increased demand of soda ash. The low demand in USA is compensated by the existence of a huge export market in emerging economies of Latin America and Asia.



Source: Trona Patch Times

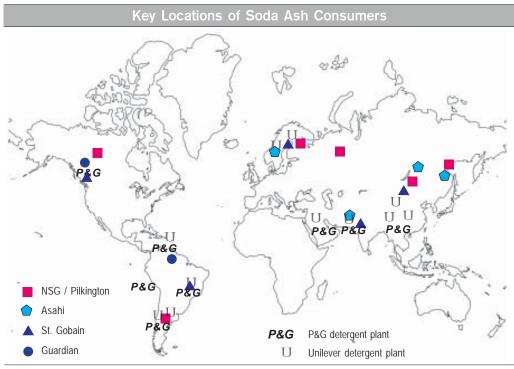
Global Soda Ash Scenario

Hugely populated China and India have been the demand drivers of soda ash in South East Asia. Increased economic activity, rapid industrialisation and urbanisation resulted in a surge in automobile manufacturing and construction activity which accelerated the demand for soda ash. China and India have tremendous growth potential due to its large population and onset of urbanisation. China has evolved from a rural economy to industrial economy and to meet its demand of soda ash, it set up capacities and became the largest soda ash producer in CY03. Further, dislocation of plants in China and US due to environmental concerns have kept the prices firm in the region.

Urbanisation, indutrialisation and economic growth in the hugely populated countries of SE Asia will keep the demand for soda ash firm...

India continues to be an agriculture driven economy and $\sim\!65\%$ of the population still lives in rural areas. Real Estate and construction boom started in India $\sim\!5$ years back and is mostly limited to Tier 1 cities which houses just $\sim\!10\%$ of total Indian population. Urbanisation, industrialisation and development in rural areas will further lead to higher construction activities and demand for automobiles which will keep the demand for soda ash firm . High freight cost makes imports from surplus sources unviable.

Sustainance of industrial economy and for transition of rural economy to advance economy will involve substantial construction and infrastructure development which will keep the demand of soda ash intact in the region.



Source: PINC Research & Company

Impact of acquisition

At the end of Q3FY08, TCL had a debt of Rs14bn and the networth is expected to be ~USD35bn by end of FY08. It has taken a debt of USD500mn in its books for the acquisition, as a result post acquisition the total debt will increase to ~Rs34bn.

At an interest cost of 5%, the additional debt will raise the interest burden by Rs1bn/yr. With the current operating cashflows (post tax) of ~Rs10bn and capex plans of ~Rs20bn for next 5 years (Khet Se & biofuel -Rs7.5bn each, Babrala-Rs1.5bn, Mithapur-Rs3bn), TCL is expected to repay the debt in 5 years.

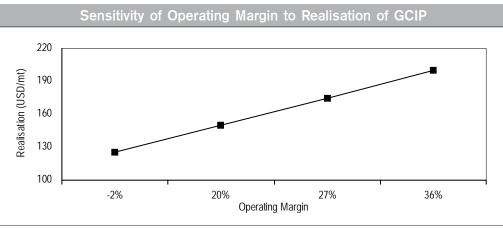
Debt Repayment Period of G	CIP (Rs bn)					
Current operating cashflows/yr (post-tax) 2.2						
Time Period (years)	8					
Total cashflows for 8 Years	17.8					
Principal Amount	14.0					
Total Interest to be paid	3.2					

With the current cashlows, GCIP will be able to repay the debt in 8 years... Additional debt of USD350mn will be taken by the SPV which will be financed by the cashflows of GCIP. With an EBITDA of ~Rs2.8bn and post-tax operating cashflow of Rs2.3bn, the debt is likely to be repaid in 8 years.

Outlook

The GCIP plant is operating at \sim 98% capacity, and hence to improve profitability it will have to improve efficiency or expand its capacity. Firm soda ash prices will help in efficient repayment of debt and improved performance. However, any negative change in the price cycle will impact the profitability and liquidity and hamper debt servicing.

The demand for soda ash is likely to remain intact following rapid urbanization, increased construction and automobile manufacturing. Renewals of annual contract will improve the realizations by 15%- 20% from current level of USD150/mt. Due to low raw material and manufacturing cost, profit margins of natural soda ash has high sensitivity to realisation as depicted in the chart below.



Source: PINC Research

High coal and coke prices and strong monsoons impacted profitability at Mithapur in the second and third quarter of FY08. However, the realisations are likely to surge in FY09 as the annual contracts are renewed in April. Consequently, we can expect improvement of operating margins at Mithapur from Q1FY09.

BMG had incurred losses in Q3FY08 due to high fuel cost, disruption of operations and loan prepayment penalty. The sales contracts of BMG are renewed annually in January. The contracts of CY08 has been renewed in Jan 08' and the realisations are expected to increase by 15-20%. The additional capacity at Magadi has also stabilised and is operating at 75% capacity utilisation. Consequently, we expect margins to improve substantially at Magadi in FY09.

Segmental Operating Profit Margin									
Business Segments	Capacity Mn mtpa	Current Operating Margin (%)	Industry Operaing Margin (%)						
Chlor-Alkali									
-Mithapur	0.9	~20	25						
-Brunner Mond	1.9	~15	18-20						
(Europe)	1.2	10-12	12-15						
(Magadi)	0.7	~20	25-30						
GCIP	2.6	~20	~30						

Source: PINC Research

Concerns

- 1. Increase in prices or shortage of raw material will impact margins.
- 2. Unplanned plant shutdowns may hamper revenue and hence profitability.

Renewals of annual contracts at higher rate, stabilisation of production at Magadi will improve the performance...

Financial Results	for the qu	arter & nine	months end	ded 31 Dece	ember 2007	(Standalone	e)
Particulars (Rs Mn)		Quarter Ende			ine Months End		Year Ended
	31/12/07	31/12/06	Gr %	31/12/07	31/12/06	Gr %	31/03/07
Net Sales	12,240	13,073	(6.4)	31,448	31,879	(1.4)	39,910
Total Expenditure	10,195	11,308	(9.8)	25,712	26,689	(3.7)	33,043
(Inc)/dec in stock in trade	623	2,523	-	1,252	1,510	-	82
Consumption of raw material	4,572	3,890	(19.0)	11,979	11,834	(8.0)	16,093
Staff cost	392	382	2.5	1,211	1,072	13.0	1,490
Cost of traded goods	899	1,534	(41.4)	2,410	3,642	(33.8)	3,905
Stores, Spare Parts & Consumed	478	532	(10.0)	1,292	1,370	(5.7)	1,807
Power and Fuel	1,608	1,021	57.5	3,245	2,958	9.7	3,922
Freight & Forwarding Charges	746	752	(0.7)	2,048	2,075	(1.3)	2,743
Other expenditure	877	675	30.0	2,275	2,228	2.1	3,002
Operating profit	2,046	1,765	15.9	5,736	5,191	10.5	6,867
Other Income	125	323	(61.4)	689	851	(19.1)	943
PBDIT	2,171	2,089	3.9	6,425	6,042	6.3	7,810
Interest	39	42	(6.7)	53	81	(34.8)	48
Depreciation	373	392	(4.9)	1,107	1,122	(1.3)	1,504
PBT & extra-ordinary items	1,759	1,655	6.3	5,265	4,839	8.8	6,259
Provision for current tax	537	478		1,709	1,440		1,846
Provision for deferred tax	-	1		33	34		51
Fringe benefits	13	9		-	-		-
Extraordinary items	(46)	-		(369)	(132)		(80)
Net Profit	1,255	1,167	7.6	3,892	3,498	11.3	4,442
Equity Capital (F.V. Rs 10)	2,310	2,152		2,310	2,152		2,152
Diluted equity	2,435	2,435		2,435	2,435		2,435
Reserves (excl. rev. res.)	-	-		-	-		21,777
EPS for the period (Rs)	5.4	5.4		16.8	16.3		20.6
Diluted EPS (Rs)	5.2	4.8		16.0	14.4		18.2
Book Value (Rs)	-	-		-	-		99.4
OPM (%)	16.7	13.5		18.2	16.3		17.2
NPM (%)	10.3	8.9		12.4	11.0		11.1
Expenditure (% of Net Sales)							
Raw materials (incl. stock adj.)	42.4	49.1		42.1	41.9		40.5
Staff cost	3.2	2.9		3.9	3.4		3.7
Cost of traded goods	7.3	11.7		7.7	11.4		9.8
Stores, Spare Parts & Consumed	3.9	4.1		4.1	4.3		4.5
Power and Fuel	13.1	7.8		10.3	9.3		9.8
Freight & Forwarding Charges	6.1	5.8		6.5	6.5		6.9
Other expenses	7.2	5.2		7.2	7.0		7.5

Particulars (Rs Mn) Custer Ended Notes Sales 31/2006 G.W. 31/2007 31/2008 G.W. 2015 G.W. 2015 G.W. 31/2008 G.W. 21/2008 G.W. 31/2008 G	Financial Results 1	for the quar	ter & nine r	months end	ed 31 Decei	mber 2007 ((Consolidate	d)
Met Sales	Particulars (Rs Mn)	Quarter Ended		Ni	Nine Months Ended			
Total Expenditure 14,411 15,130 (4.8) 37,651 38,248 (1.8) 47,991 (1.6) (1.		31/12/07	31/12/06	Gr %	31/12/07	31/12/06	Gr %	31/03/07
Consumption of raw material 5.25 2.533 1.015 1.607 1.607 2.15 1.005	Net Sales	17,001	17,804	(4.5)	45,628	45,663	(0.1)	58,096
Staff cost	Total Expenditure	14,411	15,130	(4.8)	37,651	38,248	(1.6)	47,991
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Interest	Other Income	125	133	(5.8)	690	973	(29.1)	996
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PBT & extra-ordinary items 1,478 1,882 (21.5) 5,348 5,800 (7.8) 7,400 Provision for current tax 461 563 1,718 1,618 2,297 Provision for deferred tax - - - - - - 53 Fringe benefits 13 9 33 34 51 51 Extraordinary items 93 (248) (770) (132) (81) Net Profit 911 1,559 (41.6) 4,367 4,280 2.0 5,080 Equity Capital (FV. Rs 10) 2,310 2,152 2,310 2,152 2,152 2,315 2,435	Interest	446	214	108.9	974	589	65.3	962
Provision for current tax 461 563 1,718 1,618 2,297 Provision for deferred tax - - - - - 53 Fringe benefits 13 9 33 34 51 Extraordinary items 93 (248) (770) (132) (81) Net Profit 911 1,559 (41.6) 4,367 4,280 2.0 5,080 Equity Capital (FV. Rs 10) 2,310 2,152 2,310 2,152 2,152 2,435 2	Depreciation	793	711	11.4	2,345	1,999	17.3	2,739
Provision for deferred tax - - - - 53 Fringe benefits 13 9 33 34 51 Extraordinary items 93 (248) (770) (132) (81) Net Profit 911 1,559 (41.6) 4,367 4,280 2.0 5,080 Equity Capital (F.V. Rs 10) 2,310 2,152 2,310 2,152 2,152 2,152 2,435 <td>PBT & extra-ordinary items</td> <td>1,478</td> <td>1,882</td> <td>(21.5)</td> <td>5,348</td> <td>5,800</td> <td>(7.8)</td> <td>7,400</td>	PBT & extra-ordinary items	1,478	1,882	(21.5)	5,348	5,800	(7.8)	7,400
Fringe benefits 13 9 33 34 51 Extraordinary items 93 (248) (770) (132) (81) Net Profit 911 1,559 (41.6) 4,367 4,280 2.0 5,080 Equity Capital (F.V. Rs 10) 2,310 2,152 2,310 2,152 2,435<	Provision for current tax	461	563		1,718	1,618		2,297
Extraordinary items 93 (248) (770) (132) (81) Net Profit 911 1,559 (41.6) 4,367 4,280 2.0 5,080 Equity Capital (FV. Rs 10) 2,310 2,152 2,310 2,152 2,152 2,152 Diluted equity 2,435 2,435 2,435 2,435 2,435 2,435 Reserves (excl. rev. res.) - - - - - 23,567 EPS for the period (Rs) 3.9 7.2 18.9 19.9 23.6 Diluted EPS (Rs) 3.7 6.4 17.9 17.6 20.9 Book Value (Rs) - - - - - - 119.5 OPM (%) 15.2 15.0 17.5 16.2 17.4 NPM (%) 5.4 8.8 9.6 9.4 8.7 Expenditure (% of Net Sales) 34.9 40.4 34.3 34.7 33.6 Staff cost 6.6 5.7 7.0	Provision for deferred tax	-	-		-	-		53
Net Profit 911 1,559 (41.6) 4,367 4,280 2.0 5,080 Equity Capital (F.V. Rs 10) 2,310 2,152 2,310 2,152 2,152 2,152 Diluted equity 2,435 2,435 2,435 2,435 2,435 2,435 Reserves (excl. rev. res.) - - - - - 23,567 EPS for the period (Rs) 3.9 7.2 18.9 19.9 23.6 Diluted EPS (Rs) 3.7 6.4 17.9 17.6 20.9 Book Value (Rs) - - - - - 119.5 OPM (%) 15.2 15.0 17.5 16.2 17.4 NPM (%) 5.4 8.8 9.6 9.4 8.7 Expenditure (% of Net Sales) 34.9 40.4 34.3 34.7 33.6 Staff cost 6.6 5.7 7.0 6.2 6.0 Cost of traded goods 5.4 8.9 5.4 8.3	Fringe benefits	13	9		33	34		51
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Reserves (excl. rev. res.) - - - - 23,567 EPS for the period (Rs) 3.9 7.2 18.9 19.9 23.6 Diluted EPS (Rs) 3.7 6.4 17.9 17.6 20.9 Book Value (Rs) - - - - - 119.5 OPM (%) 15.2 15.0 17.5 16.2 17.4 NPM (%) 5.4 8.8 9.6 9.4 8.7 Expenditure (% of Net Sales) Raw materials (incl. stock adj.) 34.9 40.4 34.3 34.7 33.6 Staff cost 6.6 5.7 7.0 6.2 6.0 Cost of traded goods 5.4 8.9 5.4 8.3 7.0 Stores, Spare Parts & Consumed 3.3 4.1 3.6 4.1 4.2 Power and Fuel 17.0 11.1 14.2 12.5 13.1 Freight & Forwarding Charges 7.9 6.6 8.3 7.5 7.5 7.9	Equity Capital (F.V. Rs 10)	2,310	2,152		2,310	2,152		2,152
EPS for the period (Rs) 3.9 7.2 18.9 19.9 23.6 Diluted EPS (Rs) 3.7 6.4 17.9 17.6 20.9 Book Value (Rs)	Diluted equity	2,435	2,435		2,435	2,435		2,435
Diluted EPS (Rs) 3.7 6.4 17.9 17.6 20.9 Book Value (Rs) - - - - - 119.5 OPM (%) 15.2 15.0 17.5 16.2 17.4 NPM (%) 5.4 8.8 9.6 9.4 8.7 Expenditure (% of Net Sales) Raw materials (incl. stock adj.) 34.9 40.4 34.3 34.7 33.6 Staff cost 6.6 5.7 7.0 6.2 6.0 Cost of traded goods 5.4 8.9 5.4 8.3 7.0 Stores, Spare Parts & Consumed 3.3 4.1 3.6 4.1 4.2 Power and Fuel 17.0 11.1 14.2 12.5 13.1 Freight & Forwarding Charges 7.9 6.6 8.3 7.5 7.9	Reserves (excl. rev. res.)	-	-		-	-		23,567
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NPM (%) 5.4 8.8 9.6 9.4 8.7 Expenditure (% of Net Sales) Raw materials (incl. stock adj.) 34.9 40.4 34.3 34.7 33.6 Staff cost 6.6 5.7 7.0 6.2 6.0 Cost of traded goods 5.4 8.9 5.4 8.3 7.0 Stores, Spare Parts & Consumed 3.3 4.1 3.6 4.1 4.2 Power and Fuel 17.0 11.1 14.2 12.5 13.1 Freight & Forwarding Charges 7.9 6.6 8.3 7.5 7.9	Book Value (Rs)	-	-		-	-		119.5
Expenditure (% of Net Sales) 40.4 34.3 34.7 33.6 Staff cost 6.6 5.7 7.0 6.2 6.0 Cost of traded goods 5.4 8.9 5.4 8.3 7.0 Stores, Spare Parts & Consumed 3.3 4.1 3.6 4.1 4.2 Power and Fuel 17.0 11.1 14.2 12.5 13.1 Freight & Forwarding Charges 7.9 6.6 8.3 7.5 7.9	OPM (%)	15.2	15.0		17.5	16.2		17.4
Raw materials (incl. stock adj.) 34.9 40.4 34.3 34.7 33.6 Staff cost 6.6 5.7 7.0 6.2 6.0 Cost of traded goods 5.4 8.9 5.4 8.3 7.0 Stores, Spare Parts & Consumed 3.3 4.1 3.6 4.1 4.2 Power and Fuel 17.0 11.1 14.2 12.5 13.1 Freight & Forwarding Charges 7.9 6.6 8.3 7.5 7.9	NPM (%)	5.4	8.8		9.6	9.4		8.7
Staff cost 6.6 5.7 7.0 6.2 6.0 Cost of traded goods 5.4 8.9 5.4 8.3 7.0 Stores, Spare Parts & Consumed 3.3 4.1 3.6 4.1 4.2 Power and Fuel 17.0 11.1 14.2 12.5 13.1 Freight & Forwarding Charges 7.9 6.6 8.3 7.5 7.9	Expenditure (% of Net Sales)							
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Stores, Spare Parts & Consumed 3.3 4.1 3.6 4.1 4.2 Power and Fuel 17.0 11.1 14.2 12.5 13.1 Freight & Forwarding Charges 7.9 6.6 8.3 7.5 7.9	Staff cost	6.6	5.7		7.0	6.2		6.0
Power and Fuel 17.0 11.1 14.2 12.5 13.1 Freight & Forwarding Charges 7.9 6.6 8.3 7.5 7.9	Cost of traded goods	5.4	8.9		5.4	8.3		7.0
Freight & Forwarding Charges 7.9 6.6 8.3 7.5 7.9	Stores, Spare Parts & Consumed	3.3	4.1		3.6	4.1		4.2
	Power and Fuel	17.0	11.1		14.2	12.5		13.1
Other expenses 9.7 8.3 9.8 10.5 10.7	Freight & Forwarding Charges	7.9	6.6		8.3	7.5		7.9
	Other expenses	9.7	8.3		9.8	10.5		10.7

Segmentwise res	ults for the q	uarter & nin	e months ei	nded 31 Dec	ember 2007	(Consolida	ted)
Particulars (Rs Mn)		Quarter Ended			Nine Months Ended		
	31/12/07	31/12/06	Gr %	31/12/07	31/12/06	Gr %	31/03/07
Segment Revenue							
Inorganic Chemicals	8,400	7,909	6.2	23,374	23,551	(0.8)	31,513
Fertilisers	8,601	9,895	(13.1)	22,254	22,112	0.6	26,583
Total	17,001	17,804	(4.5)	45,628	45,663	(0.1)	58,096
Less: Inter-segment sales	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Net Sales	17,001	17,804	(4.5)	45,628	45,663	(0.1)	58,096
PBIT							
Inorganic Chemicals	1,029	1,420	(27.5)	3,084	3,937	(21.7)	5,323
Fertilisers	995	771	29.0	3,189	2,165	47.3	2,728
Total	2,024	2,191	(7.6)	6,273	6,102	2.8	8,050
Less: Interest	446	214	108.9	974	589	65.3	824
Less: Other Unallocable	193	(153)	(226.2)	(819)	(420)	95.2	(255)
PBT	1,385	2,130	(35.0)	6,118	5,933	3.1	7,481
Capital Employed							
Inorganic Chemicals	24,330	25,952	(6.2)	24,330	25,952	(6.2)	27,031
Fertilisers	9,022	15,705	(42.6)	9,022	15,705	(42.6)	16,832
Unallocable	18,006	8,925	101.7	18,006	8,925	101.7	3,620
Total	51,358	50,582	1.5	51,358	50,582	1.5	47,484
ROCE (%)							
Inorganic Chemicals	16.9	21.9		16.9	20.2		19.7
Fertilisers	44.1	19.6		47.1	18.4		16.2
Total	15.8	17.3		16.3	16.1		17.0
PBIT Marg (%)							
Inorganic Chemicals	12.3	18.0		13.2	16.7		16.9
Fertilisers	11.6	7.8		14.3	9.8		10.3
Total	11.9	12.3		13.7	13.4		13.9
Sales Mix (%)							
Chemicals	49.4	44.4		51.2	51.6		54.2
Bulk Fertilisers	50.6	55.6		48.8	48.4		45.8
PBIT Mix (%)							
Chemicals	50.8	64.8		49.2	64.5		66.1
Bulk Fertilizers	49.2	35.2		50.8	35.5		33.9

Income Statement	2005	2006	2007	2008E	2009E
Revenues	30,081	40,344	58,096	63,404	72,749
Growth (%)	-	34.1	44.0	9.1	14.7
Total Expenditure	24,926	32,779	47,991	52,592	59,620
Operating Profit	5,155	7,565	10,105	10,812	13,128
Growth (%)	-	46.7	33.6	7.0	21.4
Interest & dividend income	1,017	1,003	996	1,193	1,732
EBIDT	6,173	8,568	11,101	12,004	14,861
(-) Interest	246	482	962	1,048	931
(-) Depreciation	1,377	1,840	2,739	2,890	3,253
PBT & extraordinary items	4,550	6,246	7,400	8,067	10,677
(-) Tax provision	1,124	1,723	2,401	2,686	3,556
Net Profits	3,406	4,283	5,080	5,381	7,122
Fully diluted Eq. sh. O/s (mn no)	244	244	244	244	244
Book Value (Rs)	82	91	106	146	164
Basic EPS (Rs)	15.8	19.9	23.6	25.0	33.1
Diluted EPS (Rs)	14.0	17.6	20.9	22.1	29.2

Balance Sheet	2005	2006	2007	2008E	2009E
Equity Share Capital	2,152	2,152	2,152	2,436	2,436
Reserves & Surplus	17,827	20,042	23,567	33,164	37,573
Net worth	19,978	22,194	25,718	35,600	40,009
Total Debt	13,242	18,277	18,642	13,600	13,000
Deferred Tax liability	3,534	3,230	2,912	2,912	2,912
Deferred Capital Grants	-	239	211	211	211
Capital Employed	36,754	43,939	47,484	52,324	56,132
Fixed Assets	15,624	27,794	30,561	30,171	29,918
Net current assets	11,726	2,588	926	6,155	10,216
Investments	9,387	5,475	7,753	7,753	7,753
Deferred Tax Assets	-	936	576	576	576
Misc exp.	17	70	37	37	37
Total Assets	36,754	43,939	47,484	52,324	56,132

Cash Flow Statement	2005	2006	2007	2008E	2009E
PBT & extraordinary items	4,550	6,246	7,400	8,067	10,677
Depreciation	1,377	1,840	2,739	2,890	3,253
Interest & dividend inc.	(318)	(536)	(920)	(1,193)	(1,732)
Interest paid	246	312	944	1,048	931
Misc Exp W/off	(287)	(219)	(480)	-	-
Tax paid	42	(875)	(2,144)	(2,686)	(3,556)
(Inc/Dec in working capital	493	(5,121)	1,612	(5,306)	(3,986)
Cash from operations	6,103	1,648	9,151	2,819	5,587
Net capital expenditure	(692)	(1,893)	(5,204)	(2,500)	(3,000)
Net investments (incl sub.)	(2,727)	(5,887)	(2,255)	-	-
Interest & dividend recd	415	703	923	1,193	1,732
Cash from investing activities	(3,004)	(7,077)	(6,536)	(1,307)	(1,268)
Issue of eq. shares	-	-	-	-	-
Preference Shares Repaid	-	-	-	-	-
Change in debt	5,448	1,004	369	1,651	(600)
Dividend paid	(1,338)	(1,589)	(1,716)	(2,191)	(2,713)
Interest paid	(419)	(557)	(953)	(1,048)	(931)
Cash from financing activities	3,691	(1,142)	(2,300)	(1,588)	(4,244)
Inc/Dec. in cash	6,790	(6,571)	316	(76)	75

Key Ratios	2005	2006	2007	2008E	2009E
EBIDT (%)	20.5	21.2	19.1	18.9	20.4
ROACE (%)	13.2	18.0	20.0	19.2	22.5
ROANW (%)	17.0	20.3	21.2	17.5	18.8
Sales/Total Assets (x)	0.8	0.9	1.3	1.2	1.3
Debt:Equity (x)	0.7	0.8	0.7	0.4	0.3
Current Ratio (x)	2.5	1.2	1.0	1.3	1.5
Debtors (days)	50.8	66.1	58.3	68.4	71.8
Inventory (days)	70.6	76.7	47.6	47.4	43.8
Net working capital (days)	135.2	22.3	5.6	34.9	50.6
EV/Sales (x)	2.4	2.1	1.4	1.4	1.2
EV/EBIDT (x)	11.7	9.7	7.5	7.3	5.8
P/E (x)	23.1	18.4	15.5	14.6	11.0
P/BV (x)	3.9	3.5	3.1	2.2	2.0

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