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Maruti Udyog Limited (MUL.IN)(MRTI.BO) To Moderate Outperform

(CMP: Rs.802.3, Mkt. Cap: Rs.231.8bn, \$5.7 bn, May 09, '07) Relevant Index: S & P CNX Nifty: 4079.3, May 09, '07)

Interest rates appear to have peaked for now: that's good news for MUL, which is already off to a running start in FY08

MUL's A2 segment to receive a boost with production of Swift's diesel version in full swing at Manesar plant...launch of SX-Sedan to replace Baleno will provide boost to company's prospects in A3 segment

JV between Suzuki and Maruti to manufacture 1.3 litre CRDI engines, with technical license from FIAT, a positive

Last report's recommendation: Market Perform (MP: Rs.841.70, Feb. 28, '07) Relevant Index: CNX Nifty: 3745.30 (Feb. 28, '07)

Relative performance since last rating change (Feb. 28, '07): CNX Nifty: Up: 8.9%, MUL: Down: 4.7% May 10, 2007

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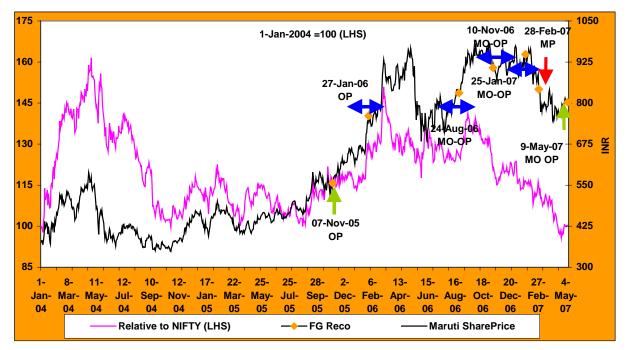
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Maruti Udyog Ltd. (MRTI.BO/MUL.IN)



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Financial Snapshot - Standalone

	Key Financials				-
(YE March 31st) (Rs. mn)	2005	2006	2007	2008E	2009E
Total Volumes	536,301	561,819	674,924	783,090	880,578
Total Volume Growth (Y-o-Y)	13.6%	4.8%	20.1%	16.0%	12.4%
Net Sales	109,624	120,582	146,539	175,749	203,442
Net Sales Growth (Y-o-Y)	20.35%	10.00%	21.53%	19.93%	15.76%
EBIDTA	14,345	16,266	19,904	23,106	25,813
EBIDTA Growth (Y-o-Y)	42.72%	13.39%	22.37%	16.09%	11.71%
Proforma Net Profit	8,614	11,891	15,620	17,790	19,910
Proforma Net Profit Growth (Y-o-Y)	58.44%	38.04%	31.36%	13.89%	11.92%
Total Common shareholders equity	43,788	54,690	68,788	84,887	102,938
Number of Diluted shares (mn)	289	289	289	289	289
	Key Operating Rati	os			
(YE March 31st)	2005	2006	2007	2008E	2009E
EPS (Rs) (Diluted)	29.8	41.2	54.1	61.6	68.9
EPS Growth (Y-o-Y)	58.4%	38.0%	31.4%	13.9%	11.9%
Book Value per share (Rs.)	151.6	189.3	238.1	293.8	356.3
CEPS (Rs.)	46.3	51.0	63.5	73.8	83.5
NPM (%)	7.9%	9.9%	10.7%	10.1%	9.8%
EBIDTA (%)	13.1%	13.5%	13.6%	13.1%	12.7%
RoE (%)	21.4%	23.9%	25.0%	22.9%	21.0%
RoCE (%)	19.8%	22.8%	24.7%	22.8%	20.9%
RoCE (Operating) (%)	22.8%	36.3%	43.6%	45.3%	49.1%
RoCE (Non-Operating) (%)	19.2%	15.8%	16.4%	14.1%	11.9%
Debt/Equity (x)	0.07	0.01	0.01	0.00	0.00
Payout Ratio	7.7%	8.3%	9.7%	9.5%	9.3%
	Valuation Ratios				
(YE March 31st)	2005	2006	2007	2008E	2009E
P/E (x)				13.0	11.6
P/BV (x)				2.7	2.2
P/CEPS (x)				10.8	9.6
EV/EBIDTA (x)				9.1	8.1
Market Cap./ Sales (x)				1.3	1.1
Dividend Yield				0.7%	0.8%
	DuPont Model				-
(YE March 31st)	2005	2006	2007	2008E	2009E
PBDIT/Sales (%)	13.1%	13.5%	13.6%	13.1%	12.7%
Sales/Net Assets (x)	2.5	2.3	2.3	2.2	2.1
Sales/Operating Assets(x)	3.3	3.6	4.2	4.6	5.0
Operating Assets/Net Assets(x)	0.7	0.6	0.6	0.5	0.4
PBDIT/Net Assets (%)	32.3%	31.2%	31.3%	29.4%	27.0%
PAT/PBDIT (%)	60.0%	73.1%	78.5%	77.0%	77.1%
Net Assets/Net Worth (x)	1.1	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
Rtn. on Net Worth (RONW) (%)	21.4%	23.9%	25.0%	22.9%	21.0%

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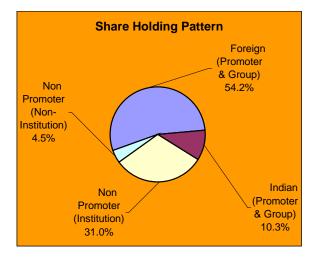
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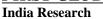


Common Sized Profit & Loss Account										
(YE March 31st)	2005	2006	2007	2008E	2009E					
Total Income	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%					
Net RM	77.1%	76.4%	75.4%	75.9%	76.5%					
Manufacturing Expenses	1.4%	1.3%	1.3%	1.3%	1.3%					
Personnel Expenses	1.8%	1.9%	2.0%	1.9%	1.8%					
S,G & Admin	6.6%	6.9%	7.7%	7.8%	7.7%					
Operating Expenses	86.9%	86.5%	86.4%	86.9%	87.3%					
EBIDTA	13.1%	13.5%	13.6%	13.1%	12.7%					
Depreciation & Amortisation	4.3%	2.4%	1.9%	2.0%	2.1%					
EBIT	8.8%	11.1%	11.7%	11.1%	10.6%					
Other Income	3.6%	3.6%	4.1%	3.9%	3.8%					
Interest Expenses	0.3%	0.2%	0.3%	0.3%	0.1%					
Extraordinary Expenses (net)	0.1%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%					
РВТ	11.9%	14.5%	15.6%	14.8%	14.3%					
Total Taxes	4.1%	4.7%	4.9%	4.7%	4.5%					
Reported PAT	7.8%	9.9%	10.7%	10.1%	9.8%					

Key Statistics



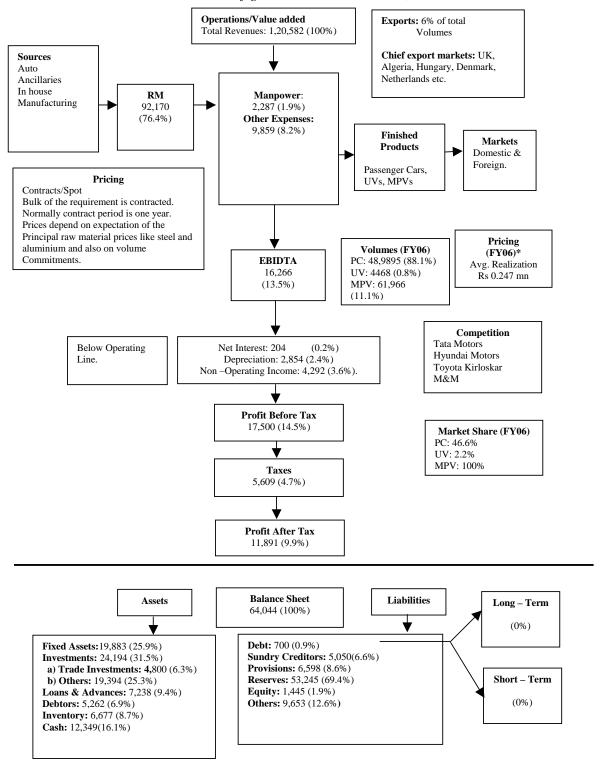
Industry	Auto			
52 Week High/Low	Rs.991/655			
СМР	Rs. 802.3			
Avg.Daily Volume (20 Days)	0.71 mn			
Avg.Daily Value (20 Days)	Rs.559.65 mn			
Performance over 52	weeks:			
Maruti Udyog Ltd.	Down 16.93%			
CNX Nifty	Up 9.64%			





Maruti Udyog's Business in Pictures... (FY

(All figures are in Rs. Mn except where stated otherwise. All percentages are percent of revenues, unless otherwise stated. Balance sheet figures taken on FY06 data)





The Story...

A couple of months ago, there were some uncertainty on the horizon for Maruti Udyog Ltd. (MRTI.BO/MUL.IN) (as also many other auto players), with hardening interest rates and the

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spectre of slowing sales. That's when we'd downgraded the stock...and Maruti did underperform somewhat since then. In March 2007, the Indian car market's volume growth of 7.4% was also a downer.

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factoring in a margin decline; and an EPS growth of 13.9%, relative to a low P/E of 13x FY08 earnings and low EV/EBIDTA (9.5x FY07 and 9.1x FY08E). We, therefore, upgrade MUL to Moderate Outperform.

Higher volumes and better realisations in the A2 and MPV segments drove the growth in revenues and earnings for MUL in O4 FY07. MUL's revenues rose by 35.2% Y-o-Y to Rs.44, 298 mn in the quarter (as against our estimate of Rs.38, 785 mn), while the EPS came in at Rs.15.53 (as compared to our estimate of Rs.13.3), marking an increase of 24.3% Y-o-Y.

Total volumes increased by 29.6% to 200,112 vehicles in Q4 FY07, led by a growth of 47% in the A2 segment (comprising of Swift, Alto, and Wagon R), vis-à-vis the industry growth of 35% in the segment. Volumes in the A1 segment declined by 14% Y-o-Y, while MPV volumes rose by 36% to 246,86 vehicles. In the A3 segment, volumes declined by 24% due to the failure of Baleno and Esteem to penetrate the market.

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Despite increasing raw material prices, MUL managed to

control costs, which rose by merely 80 bps sequentially to 76% of the total revenues in the quarter. However, the EBIDTA margin declined for the fifth consecutive quarter in Q4 FY07 and fell by 1.4 percent points sequentially and 2.4 percent points Y-o-Y to 12.4% due to rising raw material costs, overhead costs at the company's new Manesar plant and higher advertisement expenses for the new versions of Alto, Zen and Swift. The Manesar plant, which currently has a capacity of 100,000 vehicles per year, recorded lower production volumes with a capacity utilisation of 75%, resulting in higher overhead costs.

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We expect MUL's A2 segment to receive a boost with the production of Swift's diesel version in full swing at the company's Manesar plant. Moreover, within the Manesar site, the diesel engine plant with a capacity of

1 lakh units per annum began operating in Q4 FY07. The plant, which would produce 1.3 litre CRDI engines, is a 70:30 JV between Suzuki and MUL, with technical license from FIAT.

MUL plans to hive off most of its existing engines and replace them with the new Euro-4 and Euro-5 compliant M-Series engines in order to meet emission norms in India and the export markets. The contribution of exports to the company's total volumes is expected to rise from the current 6% to 9% in FY08, led by the production of Euro-4 and Euro-5 compliant M-Series engines and the export of 50,000 vehicles through the Nissan deal.

Considering the intensifying competition and the expected rise in raw material costs as well as advertising expenses to support new launches, we have made a downward revision to our revenue

and EPS estimates. In view of the hike in raw material costs, fuel costs, royalty payments, advertisement and marketing expenses for the company's new models, partly offset by an increase in the Manesar's plant capacity utilisation in the current year, we have modelled for a lower EBIDTA margin of 13.1% for FY08 from 13.6% in FY07.

Our EPS estimate for Q1 FY08 now stands at Rs.12.6, on revenues of Rs.36.94 bn. For FY08, we estimate MUL to post an EPS of Rs.61.6 on revenues of Rs.175.75 bn, Considering the intensifying competition and the expected rise in raw material costs as well as advertising expenses to support new launches, we have made a downward revision to our revenue and EPS estimates.

down from our earlier estimates of Rs.64.2 on revenues of Rs.179.31 bn. We are introducing our FY09 EPS and revenue estimates of Rs.68.9 and Rs.203.44 bn respectively. We estimate MUL's volumes to increase by 13.5% Y-o-Y to 164,450 vehicles in Q1 FY08 and by 16% Y-o-Y to 783,090 vehicles in FY08.





		/E x)		/S x)	P/1 (2		EV/EBIDTA (x)		EV/Sales (x)		EBITDA %	ROE %	ROCE %	Annual EPS Growth	Annual Sales Growth
Company	FY08E	FY09E	FY08E	FY09E	FY08E	FY09E	FY08E	FY09E	FY08E	FY09E	FY08E	FY08E	FY08E	09/08	09/08
MUL	13	11.6	1.3	1.1	2.7	2.2	6.3	5.3	1	0.9	13.1%	22.9%	22.8%	13.9%	19.93%
Tata Motors	13.5	12	1.2	1.1	3.3	2.8	6.8	5.7	1.1	1	12.3%	26.4%	20.7%	12.1%	15.33%
M&M	18	16	1.6	1.5	4.1	3.3	7.4	5.6	1.9	1.7	13.1%	25.6%	23.6%	12.2%	15.5%

Comparative Valuation Ratios – Four-Wheeler Companies

Source: Consensus figures and FG estimates



Section I: Earnings Analysis

	Q4	Q4	Y-0-Y	Q3	Seq. Q-o-Q
In Rs. Mn	FY07	FY06	%	FY07	%
Total Vehicles sold (In numbers)	200,112	154,400	29.6%	172,181	16.2%
Net Sales	44,298	32,770	35.2%	36,795	20.4%
Less: Total Expenditure					
Net Raw Materials Consumed	33,666	24,367	38.2%	27,662	21.7%
Other Expenses	4,315	2,975	45.0%	3,323	29.8%
Staff Cost	807	567	42.3%	738	9.3%
Total Expenditure	38,787	27,909	39.0%	31,723	22.3%
EBIDTA	5,510	4,862	13.3%	5,072	8.7%
Less: Depreciation	718	726	-1.0%	759	-5.3%
EBIT	4,792	4,136	15.9%	4,313	11.1%
Add: other income	2,050	1,153	77.8%	1,284	59.6%
Less: Interest & Financing Charges	156	34	356.3%	157	-1.1%
Profit Before Extraordinary items and Tax	6,686	5,255	27.2%	5,440	22.9%
Profit Before Tax	6,686	5,255	27.2%	5,440	22.9%
Less: Total Tax	2,201	1,645	33.8%	1,676	31.3%
Profit After Tax	4,486	3,609	24.3%	3,764	19.2%
Proforma Net Profit	4,486	3,609	24.3%	3,764	19.2%
Shares outstanding (mn)	289	289		289	
EPS (Non-Annualised) (Rs.)	15.53	12.5	24.3%	13.03	19.2%
Net Sales/Unit (Rs.)	221,364	212,242	4.30%	213,698	3.59%
RM/Unit (Rs.)	168,237	157,817	6.60%	160,657	4.72%
Net RM/Net Sales	76.0%	74.4%		75.2%	
Other Expenses/Net Sales	9.7%	9.1%		9.0%	
Staff Cost/Net Sales	1.8%	1.7%		2.0%	
EBIDTA Margin	12.4%	14.8%		13.8%	
Proforma NPM	10.1%	11.0%		10.2%	
Effective Tax Rate	32.9%	31.3%		30.8%	

In Q4 FY07, MUL delivered a strong performance on the volume front, with a growth of almost 30% Y-o-Y, driven by the new Wagon R, Swift, Alto and the newly launched Zen Estilo. MPV sales, led by Versa and Omni's LPG version, were up 36% Y-o-Y in the quarter. Revenues increased by 35%

The EBITDA margin declined by 240bps Yo-Y to 12.4% in the quarter, due to higher input costs in the form fuel price hike, higher advertisement expenses, raw material price contract hikes, and rising expenses at the company's Manesar plant. The EPS for the quarter came in at Rs.15.53, up 19.2% sequentially and 24.3% Y-o-Y. Y-o-Y in Q4 FY07, on the back of better realisation and higher volumes in the A2 and MPV segments. The EBITDA margin declined by 240bps Y-o-Y to 12.4% in the quarter, due to higher input costs in the form fuel price hike, higher advertisement expenses, raw material price contract hikes, and rising expenses at the company's Manesar plant. The EPS for the quarter came in at Rs.15.53, up 19.2% sequentially and 24.3% Y-o-Y.

Other income increased by 78% Y-o-Y and 60% sequentially, due to interest income from mutual fund units, thereby pushing the PBT up by 27.2% Y-o-Y to Rs.6,686 mn, despite a decline of 2.4 percent points Y-o-Y in the EBIDTA margin. The Proforma net profit for the quarter came in at Rs.4486 mn, marking a rise of 19.2% sequentially and 24.3% Y-o-Y.



Section II: Volume Analysis													
		Domestic			Exports			Total					
	FY06	FY07	Change	FY06	FY07	Change	FY06	Change					
MUL													
PCs	456,298	549,317	20.4%	33,597	37,760	12.4%	489,895	587,077	19.8%				
Uvs	4,374	3,221	-26.4%	94	204	117.0%	4,468	3,425	-23.3%				
MPVs	60,964	83,091	36.3%	1002	1330	32.7%	61,966	84,421	36.2%				
Total	521,636	635,629	21.9%	34,693	39,294	13.3%	556,329	674,923	21.3%				
Industry													
PCs	882,208	1,076,408	22.0%	168,459	192,745	14.4%	1,050,667	1,269,153	20.8%				
Uvs	194,502	220,199	13.2%	4,489	4,403	-1.9%	198,991	224,602	12.9%				
MPVs	66,366	83,091	25.2%	1093	1330	21.7%	67,459	84,421	25.1%				
Total	1,143,076	1,379,698	20.7%	174,041	198,478	14.0%	1,317,117	1,578,176	19.8%				
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Market share													
PCs	51.7%	51.0%	-1.3%	19.9%	19.6%	-1.8%	46.6%	46.3%	-0.8%				
Uvs	2.2%	1.5%	-35.0%	2.1%	4.6%	121.3%	2.2%	1.5%	-32.1%				
MPVs	91.9%	100.0%	8.9%	91.7%	100.0%	9.1%	91.9%	100.0%	8.9%				
Total	45.6%	46.1%	1.0%	19.9%	19.8%	-0.7%	42.2%	42.8%	1.2%				

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The overall passenger car industry recorded a growth of 22% in volumes in FY07, while MUL's passenger car volumes increased by 20.4%, resulting in a decline of 70bps in the company's market share. The MPV segment recorded a growth of 36% in the domestic market with a 100% market share. MUL's UV segment, led by Gypsy, took a big hit in FY07, as sales declined by almost 35%, as a result of the success of the new version of Tata Safari, and market share gains by Ford Endeavour, Honda CRV and Toyota Qualis. Of course, this is a small business for MUL anyway.

On the export front, MUL's passenger car sales increased by 12.4%, with Europe being the key market. The contribution of exports to the company's total volumes is expected to rise from the current 6% to 9% in FY08, led by the production of Euro-4 and Euro-5 compliant M-Series engines and the export of 50,000 vehicles through the Nissan deal.

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Section III: Segments in focus and Other Highlights

New launches

Going forward, MUL will introduce 5 new models over the next five years, including the SX-Sedan that was launched in May. With the diesel version of Swift being assembled in the 3rd platform of the company's Manesar plant, the fourth platform is lying vacant for the assembling of new models using the Euro-4, 5 compliant M-Series engines.

CAPEX plans

MUL has decided to scale up its expansion plans in a big way. The company had earlier announced an investment of Rs.60 bn towards a new plant, a diesel engine facility, launch of new models, and up gradation of its Gurgaon plant. This has now been raised to Rs.90 bn over the next 3 years. The

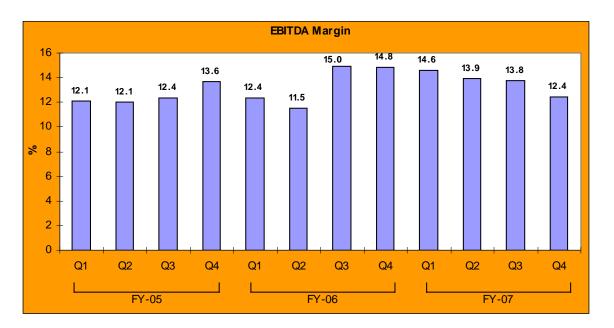
By 2009, the Manesar plant's capacity is expected to increase to 300,000 units from the current 100,000 units. The company also plans to produce a new compact car model in the Manesar facility, a large part of which is meant for export to Europe, beginning 2008...

... the diesel engine plant will manufacture a state-of-the-art 1.3-liter diesel engine for cars. The company will increase the manufacturing capacity to 0.3 mn diesel engines per year. According to management's guidance, MUL will incur a capex of Rs.2 bn in FY08 and FY09 each. state-of-the-art car plant located at Manesar in Haryana has commenced production with an initial capacity of 100,000 units per year, which is over and above the total capacity of more than 600,000 units at the company's existing facility in Gurgaon. By 2009, the Manesar plant's capacity is expected to increase to 300,000 from the current 100,000 units. The company also plans to produce a new compact car model in the Manesar facility, a large part of which is meant for export to Europe, beginning 2008. The diesel engine plant will manufacture a state-of-the-art 1.3-liter diesel engine for cars. The company will increase the manufacturing capacity to 0.3

mn diesel engines per year. According to management's guidance, MUL will incur a capex of Rs.20 bn in FY08 and FY09 each and the balance Rs.50 bn in 2010.



EBITDA Margin Trend



The EBIDTA margin declined for the fifth consecutive quarter in Q4 FY07 and fell by 1.4 percent point sequentially and 2.4 percent points Y-o-Y to 12.4% due to rising raw material costs, overhead costs at the company's Manesar plant and higher advertisement expenses for the new versions of Alto, Zen and Swift. We expect the EBIDTA margin remain under pressure due to a hike in raw material costs, fuel costs, royalty payments, advertisement and marketing expenses for the company's new models, partly offset by an increase in the Manesar's plant capacity utilisation in the current year.

Earnings Model of Maruti Udyog Limited. (MUL.IN) (MRTI.BO) – Standalone Basis

	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4		Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4		
In Rs. Million	FY07	FY07	FY07	FY07	FY07	FY08E	FY08E	FY08E	FY08E	FY08E	FY09E
Net Income	31,255	34,192	36,795	44,298	146,539	36,943	42,189	47,434	49,183	175,749	203,442
Less: Operating Expenditure											
Net Raw Material	23,595	25,570	27,662	33,666	110,494	28,077	32,064	35,955	37,281	133,376	155,633
Personnel	626	714	738	807	2,884	691	790	889	922	3,291	3,686
Other Expenses	2,468	3,152	3,323	4,315	13,257	3,399	3,881	4,269	4,426	15,976	18,310
Total Operating Expenditure	26,689	29,436	31,723	38,787	126,635	32,167	36,735	41,113	42,629	152,643	177,629
EBIDTA	4,566	4,756	5,072	5,510	19,904	4,776	5,454	6,321	6,554	23,106	25,813
Less: Depreciation	641	596	759	718	2,714	884	884	778	990	3,536	4,223
EBIT	3,925	4,160	4,313	4,792	17,191	3,892	4,570	5,543	5,564	19,570	21,590
Add: Other income	1,433	1,217	1,284	2,050	5,984	1,514	1,583	1,583	2,271	6,882	7,776
Less: Interest & Financing Charges	33	31	157	156	376	90	113	113	135	450	300
Profit Before Extraordinary items and Tax	5,326	5,346	5,440	6,686	22,798	5,316	6,040	7,014	7,700	26,002	29,066
Profit Before Tax	5,326	5,346	5,440	6,686	22,798	5,316	6,040	7,014	7,700	26,002	29,066
Less: Total Tax	1,630	1,672	1,676	2,201	7,179	1,675	1,903	2,209	2,426	8,212	9,156
Profit After Tax	3,696	3,674	3,764	4,486	15,620	3,642	4,138	4,804	5,275	17,790	19,910
Proforma Net Profit	3,696	3,674	3,764	4,486	15,620	3,642	4,138	4,804	5,275	17,790	19,910
Shares Outstanding (mn)	289	289	289	289	289	289	289	289	289	289	289
EPS (Non-Annualised) (Rs.)	12.8	12.7	13.0	15.5	54.1	12.6	14.3	16.6	18.3	61.6	68.9
EBIDTA Margin	14.6%	13.9%	13.8%	12.4%	13.6%	12.9%	12.9%	13.3%	13.3%	13.1%	12.7%
NPM	11.8%	10.7%	10.2%	10.1%	10.7%	9.9%	9.8%	10.1%	10.7%	10.1%	9.8%
Effective Tax Rate	30.6%	31.3%	30.8%	32.9%	31.5%	31.5%	31.5%	31.5%	31.5%	31.6%	31.5%

Source: Company Reports, FG Estimates.



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