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# Unitech

HOLD

**Upgrade from Sell** 

## Prolonged drudgery

**Rs48** 

Reason for report: Recommendation change & Q2FY09 results review

Unitech's Q2FY09 results were slightly below expectations, with revenues and PAT decreasing 3% YoY & 12% YoY to Rs9.8bn & Rs3.6bn respectively. EBITDA margin was at 62% versus 52% in Q2FY08. Q2FY09 revenues came in mainly from residential sale in Kolkata & national capital region (with respective contribution at 60:40) and stake sale to Lehman Brothers (that contributed Rs1bn to PAT). The company has managed to sell 60% stake in its telecom venture to Telenor for Rs61.2bn. This will help reduce Unitech's leverage by Rs12bn and contribute marginally to cashflow (cash inflow of Rs3bn).

To account for tight liquidity, sluggish transaction and price correction, we are lowering FY09E NAV 17% to Rs113/share from Rs137/share (target price lowered to Rs57/share from Rs117/share). Similarly, we are lowering FY09E & FY10E earnings 8% and 7% respectively. We have assumed 170bps and 200bps increase in the cost of equity & debt respectively, and 100bps rise in capitalisation rate. We continue to remain cautious on Unitech. However, there is limited downside from the current levels. We upgrade Unitech to HOLD from SELL.

- ▶ Revenues & PAT dipped 3% YoY & 12% YoY to Rs9.8bn & Rs3.6bn respectively. EBITDA margin was at 62% versus 52% in Q2FY08. Revenues and PAT were down 12% & 5% below our estimates. Higher contribution from stake sale to Lehman Brothers led to better margins and higher tax in Q2FY09. Unitech has Rs16bn cash & Rs100bn debt (Rs10bn to be paid by March '09) outstanding on its balance sheet.
- ▶ NAV & earnings downgrade. We are lowering FY09E NAV estimates 17% to Rs113/share from Rs137/share to account for slowdown in transaction volumes, tightening liquidity and delays in execution of large projects such as Bidadi (contributing Rs6 to NAV). We are also lowering FY09E & FY10E earnings 8% & 7% respectively. We have assumed 170bps and 200bps increase in the cost of equity & debt respectively, and 100bps rise in capitalisation rate to account for tight liquidity and adverse investor sentiments as regards realty.
- ▶ Upgrade to HOLD. We expect Unitech to trade at 50% discount to its NAV at Rs57/share and estimate revenue and PAT CAGR of 14% and 3% respectively through FY08-11E. Based on EPS estimates, Unitech trades at FY09E, FY10E & FY11E P/E of 4.8x, 4.5x & 4.4x respectively. We upgrade Unitech to HOLD from Sell.

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| Market Cap             | Rs78bn/US\$1.7bn |
|------------------------|------------------|
| Reuters/Bloomberg      | UNTE.BO/UT IN    |
| Shares Outstanding (m  | n) 1,623         |
| 52-week Range (Rs)     | 538/30           |
| Free Float (%)         | 25.4             |
| FII (%)                | 5.3              |
| Daily Volume (US\$'000 | ) 69,000         |
| Absolute Return 3m (%  | ) (71.1)         |
| Absolute Return 12m (9 | %) (87.4)        |
| Sensex Return 3m (%)   | (29.1)           |
| Sensex Return 12m (%   | ) (47.2)         |

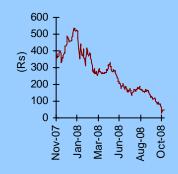
| Year to March      | FY08   | FY09E  | FY10E  | FY11E  |
|--------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Revenue (Rs mn)    | 41,145 | 46,608 | 53,642 | 60,688 |
| Net Income (Rs mn) | 16,613 | 16,125 | 17,208 | 17,908 |
| EPS (Rs)           | 10.2   | 9.9    | 10.6   | 11.0   |
| % Chg YoY          | 27.2   | (2.9)  | 6.7    | 4.1    |
| P/E (x)            | 4.7    | 4.8    | 4.5    | 4.4    |
| CEPS (Rs)          | 10.4   | 10.4   | 11.5   | 12.5   |
| EV/E (x)           | 6.2    | 5.9    | 5.7    | 5.7    |
| Dividend Yield (%) | 0.5    | 0.6    | 0.8    | 1.0    |
| RoCE (%)           | 17.4   | 13.1   | 11.9   | 10.7   |
| RoE (%)            | 59.4   | 36.8   | 28.8   | 23.4   |
|                    |        |        |        |        |

### **Real Estate**

**Shareholding pattern** 

|                | J          |            |            |
|----------------|------------|------------|------------|
|                | Mar<br>'08 | Jun<br>'08 | Sep<br>'08 |
| Promoters      | 74.6       | 74.6       | 74.6       |
| Institutional  |            |            |            |
| investors      | 7.5        | 7.5        | 7.1        |
| MFs and UTI    | 0.5        | 0.5        | 0.3        |
| Insurance Cos. | 1.5        | 1.5        | 1.5        |
| FIIs           | 5.4        | 5.4        | 5.3        |
| Others         | 18.0       | 18.0       | 18.3       |
| Source: NSE    |            |            |            |

#### **Price chart**



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Table 1: Q2FY09 results review

(Rs mn, year ending March 31)

| -                        | Q2FY09 | Q2FY08 | % chg (YoY) | Q1FY09 | % chg (QoQ) |
|--------------------------|--------|--------|-------------|--------|-------------|
| Gross sales              | 9,831  | 10,135 | (3.0)       | 10,317 | (4.7)       |
| Excise duty              |        | 0      | , ,         | 0      | , ,         |
| Net Sales                | 9,831  | 10,135 | (3.0)       | 10,317 | (4.7)       |
| Other operating income   |        | 0      | , ,         | 0      | , ,         |
| Total Operating income   | 9,831  | 10,135 | (3.0)       | 10,317 | (4.7)       |
| Raw Materials            | 3,426  | 4,829  | (29.0)      | 3,935  | (12.9)      |
| Personnel Cost           | 312    | 30     | 944.8       | 298    | 4.9         |
| Research & Development   | 0      | 0      | -           | 0      | -           |
| Other Expenses           | 0      | 0      | -           | 0      | -           |
| Total Expenses           | 3,739  | 4,859  | (23.1)      | 4,233  | (11.7)      |
| EBITDA                   | 6,092  | 5,276  | 15.5        | 6,084  | 0.1         |
| Interest (Net)           | 1,341  | 790    | 69.8        | 1,079  | 24.3        |
| Depreciation             | 38     | 236    | (83.7)      | 68     | (43.9)      |
| Other Income             | 184    | 508    | (63.8)      | 227    | (19.1)      |
| Recurring pre-tax income | 4,896  | 4,759  | 2.9         | 5,164  | (5.2)       |
| Taxation                 | 1,300  | 660    | 97.0        | 927    | 40.2        |
| Recurring Net Income     | 3,597  | 4,099  | (12.3)      | 4,237  | (15.1)      |
| Extraordinary item       |        |        |             |        |             |
| Less: Minority Interest  | 6      | 7      | (17.4)      | 6      | 3.6         |
| Add: Associates Profits  | -2     | 9      | (118.1)     | 2      | -           |
| Reported Net income      | 3,589  | 4,101  | (12.0)      | 4,233  | (15.2)      |

Source: Company data

### Telenor acquired 60% in Unitech's telecom venture

Unitech has sold 60% in its telecom venture to Telenor (a Norwegian company) for Rs61.2bn, which pegs the value of Unitech's 40% stake at Rs40.8bn. However, we value this stake at 50% discount owing to significant execution and funding risks. Further, we have also factored in the valuation premium given by Telenor to acquire the majority stake.

#### Impact on Unitech's balance sheet

Unitech has made an equity contribution of Rs1.38bn and raised debt of Rs20bn for its telecom venture. Post the stake acquisition by Telenor, the telecom venture will transfer Rs3bn to Unitech, which was earlier given as debt to the telecom venture (Unitech intends to use the debt for its realty projects). Rs5bn debt will remain on Unitech's balance sheet as loan to the telecom subsidiary and the remaining Rs12bn debt will be transferred to the subsidiary from Unitech's consolidated balance sheet as the company will become a minority holder in the subsidiary. The transaction will slightly reduce Unitech's leverage by Rs 12bn and contribute marginally to cashflow (cash inflow at Rs3bn).

### **Valuations**

We are lowering our FY09E NAV estimates 17% to Rs113/share from Rs137/share to account for slowdown in transaction volumes, tightening liquidity and execution delay in large projects such as Bidadi (contributing Rs6/share to NAV). We expect Unitech to trade at 50% discount to its NAV at Rs57/share.

We have assumed 170bps and 200bps increase in the cost of equity & debt respectively, and 100bps increase in capitalisation rate to account for tight liquidity and adverse investor sentiments as regards realty. We have valued Unitech's telecom venture at 50% discount to the valuation paid by Telenor.

**Table 2: NAV revision** 

(Rs mn)

| Valuation        | Current  | Earlier  | Remarks  |
|------------------|----------|----------|--|
| Plots            | 8,145    | 8,775    |  |
| Villas           | 34,366   | 37,407   |  |
| Apartments       | 84,550   | 91,124   |  |
| Commercial       | 66,469   | 80,510   | 170bps& 200bps rise in cost of equity & cost of debt |
| IT Parks         | 15,932   | 19,958   | respectively, 100bps rise in capitalisation rate     |
| Retail           | 18,898   | 24,126   |  |
| Hotels           | 7,051    | 9,403    |  |
| Institutional    | 6,577    | 7,089    |  |
| Terminal value   | 7,336    | 10,577   | PAT realisations decreased from Rs493/sqft to        |
|                  |          |          | Rs429/sqft   |
| Other assets     | 31,885   | 14,885   | Telecom contribution now at Rs20.4bn versus Rs3.4bn  |
| Pipeline value   | 281,210  | 303,853  |  |
| Land payment due | (21,613) | (22,277) |  |
| Net debt         | (75,859) | (58,928) |  |
| NAV              | 183,739  | 222,648  |  |
| NAV/share        | 113      | 137      |  |

Source: I-Sec Research

### **Financial Summary**

#### **Table 3: Profit and Loss Statement**

(Rs mn, year ending March 31)

|                                  | FY08   | FY09E  | FY10E  | FY11E  |
|----------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Operating Income (Sales)         | 41,145 | 46,608 | 53,642 | 60,688 |
| of which Exports                 | 0      | 0      | 0      | 0      |
| of which Domestic                | 41,145 | 41,626 | 48,581 | 55,564 |
| Operating Expenses               | 19,107 | 22,613 | 26,284 | 29,895 |
| EBITDA                           | 22,038 | 23,995 | 27,358 | 30,793 |
| % margins                        | 53.6   | 51.5   | 51.0   | 50.7   |
| Depreciation & Amortisation      | 205    | 760    | 1,398  | 2,346  |
| Gross Interest                   | 2,804  | 4,924  | 5,953  | 7,561  |
| Other Income                     | 1,649  | 1,845  | 1,914  | 2,073  |
| Recurring PBT                    | 20,678 | 20,156 | 21,921 | 22,959 |
| Add: Extraordinaries             | 0      | 0      | 0      | 0      |
| Less: Taxes                      | 3,991  | 4,031  | 4,713  | 5,051  |
| <ul> <li>Current tax</li> </ul>  | 3,968  | 0      | 0      | 0      |
| <ul> <li>Deferred tax</li> </ul> | 23     | 0      | 0      | 0      |
| Less: Minority Interest          | 73     | 0      | 0      | 0      |
| Net Income (Reported)            | 16,613 | 16,125 | 17,208 | 17,908 |
| Recurring Net Income             | 16,613 | 16,125 | 17,208 | 17,908 |

Source: Company data, i-SEC Research

**Table 4: Balance Sheet** 

(Rs mn, year ending March 31)

| (RS IIIII, year ending March 31) |         |         |         |         |
|----------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
|                                  | FY08    | FY09E   | FY10E   | FY11E   |
| Assets                           |         |         |         |         |
| Total Current Assets             | 199,575 | 226,346 | 264,340 | 299,860 |
| of which cash & cash eqv.        | 26,596  | 30,400  | 36,687  | 39,867  |
| Total Current Liabilities &      | •       | •       | •       | •       |
| Provisions                       | 91,912  | 108,485 | 129,403 | 146,045 |
| Net Current Assets               |         | 117,861 |         | 153,814 |
| Investments                      |         |         |         |         |
| of which                         | 1,652   | 1,982   | 2,379   | 2,855   |
| Strategic/Group                  | 1,652   | 1,982   | 2,379   | 2,855   |
| Other Marketable                 | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       |
| Net Fixed Assets<br>of which     | 31,442  | 44,479  | 63,468  | 86,089  |
| Capital Work-in-Progress         | 20,982  | 26,624  | 29,631  | 34,059  |
| Goodwill                         | 1,126   | 1,126   | 1,126   | 1,126   |
| Total Assets                     | 141,882 | 165,448 | 201,909 | 243,883 |
| Liabilities                      |         |         |         |         |
| Borrowings                       | 85,524  | 93,524  | 113,524 | 138,524 |
| Deferred Tax Liability           | 19,196  | 19,196  | 19,196  | 19,196  |
| Minority Interest                | 1,159   | 1,159   | 1,159   | 1,159   |
| Equity Share Capital             | 3,247   | 3,247   | 3,247   | 3,247   |
| Face Value per share (Rs)        | 2       | 2       | 2       | 2       |
| Reserves & Surplus*              | 27,670  | 43,235  | 59,696  | 76,671  |
| Less: Misc. Exp. n.w.o.          | 1       | 0       | 0       | 0       |
| Net Worth                        | 36,004  | 51,570  | 68,031  | 85,005  |
| Total Liabilities                | 141,882 | 165,448 | 201,909 | 243,883 |

Source: Company data, i-SEC Research \*excluding revaluation reserves; # = not written off

**Table 7: Quarterly trends** 

(Rs mn, year ending March 31)

|                      | Dec-07 | Mar-08 | Jun-08 | Sep-08 |
|----------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Net sales            | 11,421 | 11,601 | 10,317 | 9,831  |
| % growth (YoY)       | 13.9   | 36.7   | 19.2   | (13.9) |
| EBITDA               | 7,344  | 4,818  | 6,084  | 6,092  |
| Margin (%)           | 64.3   | 41.5   | 59.0   | 62.0   |
| Other income         | 230    | 371    | 227    | 184    |
| Add: Extraordinaries | 0      | 0      | 0      | 0      |
| Net profit           | 5,258  | 3,603  | 4,233  | 3,589  |

Source: Company data, i-SEC Research

**Table 5: Cash Flow Statement** 

(Rs mn, year ending March 31)

|                             | FY08     | FY09E    | FY10E    | FY11E    |
|-----------------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| Operating Cash flow         | 18,743   | 15,975   | 17,721   | 19,312   |
| Working Capital Changes     | (33,118) | (7,328)  | (11,818) | (16,829) |
| Capital Commitments         | (24,653) | (14,128) | (20,784) | (25,443) |
| Free Cash Flow              | (39,029) | (5,481)  | (14,881) | (22,959) |
| Cash flow from Investing    |          |          |          |          |
| Activities                  | 1,649    | 1,845    | 1,914    | 2,073    |
| Issue of Share Capital      | 1,623    | 0        | 0        | 0        |
| Buyback of shares           | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        |
| Inc (Dec) in Borrowings     | 45,718   | 8,000    | 20,000   | 25,000   |
| Dividend paid               | (475)    | (560)    | (747)    | (933)    |
| Extraordinary Items         | Ò        | Ò        | Ò        | Ò        |
| Chg. in Cash & Bank balance | 12,298   | 3,804    | 6,286    | 3,180    |
|                             |          |          |          |          |

Source: Company data, i-SEC Research

#### **Table 6: Key Ratios**

(Year ending March 31)

| (Year ending March 31)         |       |        |        |       |
|--------------------------------|-------|--------|--------|-------|
|                                | FY08  | FY09E  | FY10E  | FY11E |
| Per Share Data (Rs)            |       |        |        |       |
| EPS(Basic Recurring)           | 10.2  | 9.9    | 10.6   | 11.0  |
| Diluted Recurring EPS          | 10.2  | 9.9    | 10.6   | 11.0  |
| Recurring Cash EPS             | 10.4  | 10.4   | 11.5   | 12.5  |
| Dividend per share (DPS)       | 0.3   | 0.3    | 0.4    | 0.5   |
| Book Value per share (BV)      | 22.2  | 31.8   | 41.9   | 52.4  |
| Growth Ratios (%)              |       |        |        |       |
| Operating Income               | 25.1  | 13.3   | 15.1   | 13.1  |
| EBITDA                         | 20.5  | 8.9    | 14.0   | 12.6  |
| Recurring Net Income           | 27.2  | -2.9   | 6.7    | 4.1   |
| Diluted Recurring EPS          | 27.2  | -2.9   | 6.7    | 4.1   |
| Diluted Recurring CEPS         | 28.0  | 0.4    | 10.2   | 8.9   |
| Valuation Ratios (x)           |       |        |        |       |
| P/E                            | 4.7   | 4.8    | 4.5    | 4.4   |
| P/CEPS                         | 4.6   | 4.6    | 4.2    | 3.8   |
| P/BV                           | 2.2   | 1.5    | 1.1    | 0.9   |
| EV / EBITDA                    | 6.2   | 5.9    | 5.7    | 5.7   |
| EV / Operating Income          | 3.3   | 3.0    | 2.9    | 2.9   |
| EV / Operating FCF             | (3.5) | (25.7) | (10.4) | (7.7) |
| Operating Ratio                |       |        |        |       |
| Raw Material/Sales (%)         | 39.0  | 46.3   | 46.2   | 46.3  |
| SG&A/Sales (%)                 | 5.3   | 5.4    | 5.0    | 4.6   |
| Other Income / PBT (%)         | 8.0   | 9.2    | 8.7    | 9.0   |
| Effective Tax Rate (%)         | 19.3  | 20.0   | 21.5   | 22.0  |
| NWC / Total Assets (%)         | 57.1  | 52.9   | 48.7   | 46.7  |
| Inventory Turnover (days)      | 2,374 | 2,556  | 2,470  | 2,385 |
| Receivables (days)             | 40    | 75     | 83     |       |
| Payables (days)                | 151   | 150    | 151    | 151   |
| D/E Ratio (x)                  | 2.2   | 1.6    | 1.4    | 1.4   |
| Return/Profitability Ratio (%) |       |        |        |       |
| Recurring Net Income Margins   | 38.8  | 33.3   | 31.0   | 28.5  |
| RoCE                           | 17.4  | 13.1   | 11.9   | 10.7  |
| RoNW                           | 59.4  | 36.8   | 28.8   | 23.4  |
| Dividend Payout Ratio          | 2.4   | 3.0    | 3.8    | 4.5   |
| Dividend Yield                 | 0.0   | 0.0    | 0.0    | 0.0   |
| EBITDA Margins                 | 53.6  | 51.5   | 51.0   | 50.7  |

Source: Company data, i-SEC Research

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