United Phosphorus Ltd

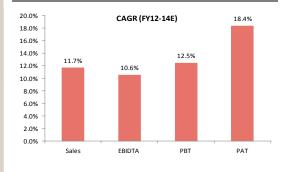


Institutional Research

Draught in US, deficient Indian monsoon impact growth; Maintain 'Buy'

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Agrochemicals Sector Outlook - Positive



| Recommendation | BUY |
|------------------|---------|
| СМР (₹) | 118 |
| Price Target (₹) | 171 |
| Upside (%) | 45 |
| 52 Week H / L ₹ | 169/105 |
| BSE 30 | 18710 |

Key Data

| No.of Shares, Mn. | 455 |
|---------------------------|-------|
| Mcap, ₹ mn | 53900 |
| Mcap,USD Mn @ ₹53 | 1017 |
| 2 W Avg Qty, (BSE+NSE) Mn | 0.9 |

Share holding, Sept'12

| Promoters | 28.1 |
|-----------------|------|
| FII | 35.7 |
| DII | 16.2 |
| Public & Others | 20.1 |

| Performance | 1 M | 3 M | 6 M | 12 M |
|-------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Stock Return % | -7.2 | -3.2 | -7.6 | -17.3 |
| Relative Return % | -10.1 | -13.0 | -15.7 | -30.0 |



Tarun Surana tarun.s@sunidhi.com Phone: +91-022-66318632 United Phosphorus reported just 5% revenue growth for Q2FY13 due to de-growth in India and USA geographies. EBIDTA remained flat on YoY basis as margins declined to 17.6% compared to 18.3% YoY, while on QoQ basis; margins went up by 12 bps. Bottom line grew by 108% as Q2FY12 had forex loss of ₹1113 million, which had impacted PAT during that quarter.

USA witnessed severe drought while India too had erratic and delayed monsoon

The drought of 2012 in US is one of the worst in last few decades. Corn prices remained strong and hence area under corn remained healthy while Rice crop got significantly impacted (as it needs much more water). UPL had acquired RiceCo in 2011, which strengthened its position in USA, especially in Rice as RiceCo is single product (rice herbicide) company and had ~\$30 million revenues in 2011. With area under Rice significantly impacted, it posted 9% de-growth in North Amrica on YoY.

Operating margins improves 12 bps QoQ, expect improvement in 2HFY13

Brazil has become very important in UPL's business. Q1FY13 is seasonally weakest quarter in Brazil while it's peak season is from Aug – Feb each year. Due to this seasonality, fixed costs in Brazilian business are apportioned on lower revenues leading to pressure on margins in Q1FY13. Operating conditions in USA and India were challenging. Despite that, margins improved 12 bps QoQ as Brazil's contribution in topline is much more in Q2 compared to Q1.

Topline growth guidance maintained at 15%

UPL had guided for 15% topline growth in FY13 at the beginning of the year at INR:USD of 51. The management maintains the guidance of 15% growth in INR terms at exchange rate of 51. If INR remains at current levels of 53 – 54 throughout the year, growth should be much higher on account foreign exchange variation. Growth in RoW & Europe is expected to be higher due to high organic growth and acquisition of SD Agrichem respectively.

Investments in acquisitions to decline going forward

UPL management indicated that following the Brazilian acquisitions in FY12 which is largest and fast growing market, its global platform is now in place and investments in acquisitions will decline. UPL will now reinforce investments in research and development that strengthens process efficiencies on one hand and product pipeline on the other, which will translate into enhanced margins and ROCE.

Fair value of ₹171/share (Upside of 45%), Maintain "Buy"

UPL is proxy play to global generic agrochemical markets. Weather is key risk to its business with unpredictable crop seasons across geographies such as draught in USA, delayed monsoon in India and very wet season in Europe in the season gone by. UPL is banking very high on Rest of the World markets, especially Brazil. Any weather related issues in this market may impact growth significantly. It is trading at attractive valuations though deterioration in margins, working capital is a concern. It has lower ROAE's compared to smaller Indian peers due to asset heavy model with presence across the globe that includes markets with low margin, higher credit cycles. Despite that, It's ROAE has been 15% - 16% and Net D/E is comfortable at 0.6x. At CMP of ₹118, UPL is trading at P/E of 8.1x and 6.9x for FY13E and FY14E EPS. We maintain estimates and target price at ₹171 based on P/E of 10x for FY14E EPS. Maintain 'Buy'.

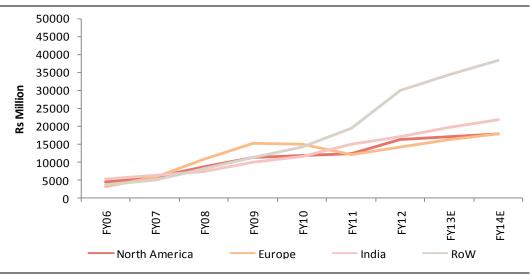
| Financials | Revenues ₹mn | EBIDTA ₹mn | Net Profit ₹mn | EPS ₹ | P/E x | EV/EBIDTA x | ROAE % |
|------------|-----------------|---------------|-------------------|----------|----------|----------------|-----------|
| FY11 | 57606.8 | 10698.7 | 5576.2 | 12.1 | 9.8 | 6.0 | 15.0 |
| FY12 | 76547.2 | 13674.1 | 5555.5 | 12.0 | 9.8 | 5.9 | 14.1 |
| FY13E | 86852.0 | 15199.1 | 6632.6 | 14.6 | 8.1 | 5.3 | 15.1 |
| FY14E | 95547.1 | 16720.7 | 7785.6 | 17.1 | 6.9 | 4.6 | 15.8 |

Source: Company, Sunidhi Research



Europe and Rest of World (RoW) markets cushion fall in Indian and USA markets

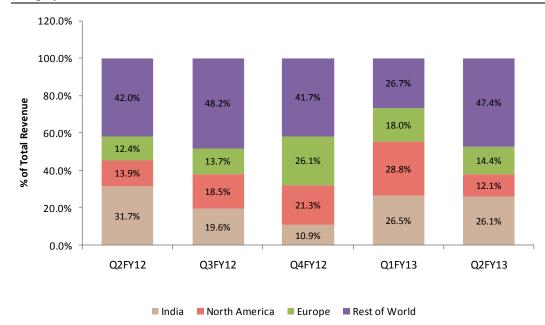
Revenue growth was driven by growth of 22% YoY in Europe and 18% YoY in Rest of World (including Latin America). Currency depreciation too played an important role with 2% positive impact in driving higher growth. India revenue de-grew by 14% YoY. Growth was driven by price (5% up YoY).



Source: Company, Sunidhi Research

Growing importance of Latin America (mainly Brazil)

This market is fast growing where UPL has done series of acquisitions to strengthen its presence. Brazil's agrochemical industry is estimated at \$10 billion, largest in the world. UPL has started reporting Latin America separately now (earlier it was part of Rest of World). In the chart below, in order to ensure comparability, we have not removed Latin America from Rest of World (RoW). During Q2FY13, Rest of World (ROW) including Latin America had revenue share of 47.4%. Latin America had revenue share of 31% during Q2FY13, which increased from 28% revenue share in Q2FY12. Indian revenues stood at 26.1%, down from 31.7% YoY as Indian market de-grew by 14% YoY in absolute terms.



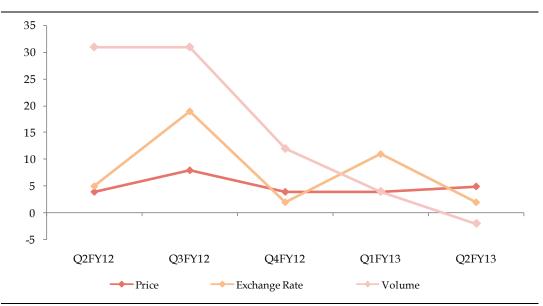
Geographical Revenue Share

Source: Company, Sunidhi Research



Price, Exchange rate and Volume trend

Due to draught in USA and challenging weather conditions in India with delay in monsoon, Volume de-growth of 2% was reported during Q2FY13. Price growth of 5% YoY was in-line with previous quarter i.e. Q1FY13 where price growth was reported similar at 5%. Exchange variations led to positive impact of 2% YoY.



Source: Company, Sunidhi Research

Working Capital analysis

Working capital situation deteriorated significantly as inventory and receivable days went up, while payable days went down. This led to net working capital days to reach 113, which is similar to FY12 end, however significantly higher compared to Sept'11 end. As Latin America continue to gain prominence in revenue share, we expect receivable days to remain high as receivable days in Brazil market remains much higher than other markets.

| Particulars | FY11 | FY12 | 1HFY12 | 1HFY13 |
|------------------------------------|-------|-------|--------|--------|
| Revenues ₹ Million (Proportionate) | 56500 | 78880 | 39570 | 39820 |
| Inventory Days | 91 | 87 | 86 | 96 |
| Receivable Days | 96 | 116 | 96 | 109 |
| Payable Days | 105 | 90 | 107 | 92 |
| Net Working Capital Days/ Sales | 82 | 113 | 75 | 113 |
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Source: Company, Sunidhi Research



Quarterly Financials

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|-----------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| ₹ million | Q2FY12 | Q3FY12 | Q4FY12 | Q1FY13 | Q2FY13 | YOY | QoQ |
| Net Sales | 17757.0 | 19288.0 | 21269.3 | 22142.1 | 18560.2 | 4.5% | -16.2% |
| Expenditure | | | | | | | |
| Raw Material Expenses | 9699.5 | 10304.7 | 11182.9 | 11415 | 9397.3 | -3.1% | -17.7% |
| % to sales | 54.6% | 53.4% | 52.6% | 51.6% | 50.6% | | |
| Employee expenses | 1511.2 | 1948.4 | 1908.9 | 2062.8 | 1986.4 | 31.4% | -3.7% |
| % to sales | 8.5% | 10.1% | 9.0% | 9.3% | 10.7% | | |
| Other expenditure | 3291.4 | 3551.3 | 4310.3 | 4800.1 | 3915.4 | 19.0% | -18.4% |
| % to sales | 18.5% | 18.4% | 20.3% | 21.7% | 21.1% | | |
| Total Expenditure | 14502.1 | 15804.4 | 17402.1 | 18277.9 | 15299.1 | 5.5% | -16.3% |
| EBIDTA | 3254.9 | 3483.6 | 3867.2 | 3864.2 | 3261.1 | 0.2% | -15.6% |
| Other Income | 195.7 | 106.8 | 172.6 | 354.4 | 261.8 | 33.8% | -26.1% |
| Gross Profit | 3450.6 | 3590.4 | 4039.8 | 4218.6 | 3522.9 | 2.1% | -16.5% |
| Interest | 1918.0 | 826.4 | 688.3 | 1109.4 | 868.5 | -54.7% | -21.7% |
| Depreciation | 719.1 | 784.8 | 791.5 | 733.9 | 820.1 | 14.0% | 11.7% |
| РВТ | 813.5 | 1979.2 | 2560.0 | 2375.3 | 1834.3 | 125.5% | -22.8% |
| Тах | 151.0 | 626.1 | 36.9 | 703.1 | 457.4 | 202.9% | -34.9% |
| Profit After Tax | 662.5 | 1353.1 | 2523.1 | 1672.2 | 1376.9 | 107.8% | -17.7% |
| Extra-Ordinary Items | 143.5 | 13.1 | 241.5 | 0.0 | 0.0 | -100.0% | - |
| Minority Interest | -134.8 | 92.2 | 90.1 | (305.3) | 192.0 | -242.4% | -162.9% |
| Income from Associate | -84.3 | -123.6 | -172.8 | 51.6 | 13.3 | -115.8% | -74.2% |
| PAT after MI/Associate & EO Items | 569.5 | 1124.2 | 2018.7 | 2029.1 | 1198.2 | 110.4% | -40.9% |
| EPS, ₹ (Reported) | 1.2 | 2.4 | 4.4 | 4.4 | 2.6 | 110.4% | -40.9% |
| Margin, % | | | | | | | |
| EBIDTA Margin | 18.3% | 18.1% | 18.18% | 17.5% | 17.6% | | |
| Adj. PAT Margin | 3.2% | 5.8% | 9.5% | 9.2% | 6.5% | | |
| Tax Rate | 18.6% | 31.6% | 1.4% | 29.6% | 24.9% | | |

| Geographical revenue breakup | Q2FY12 | Q3FY12 | Q4FY12 | Q1FY13 | Q2FY13 | YoY | QoQ |
|------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|--------|--------|
| India | 5690.0 | 3810.0 | 2330.0 | 6220.0 | 4910.0 | -13.7% | -21.1% |
| North America | 2490.0 | 3590.0 | 4550.0 | 6750.0 | 2270.0 | -8.8% | -66.4% |
| Europe | 2230.0 | 2650.0 | 5570.0 | 4210.0 | 2710.0 | 21.5% | -35.6% |
| Rest of World# | 2470.0 | 9340.0 | 8900.0 | 2210.0 | 3010.0 | 21.9% | 36.2% |
| Latin America | 5070.0 | | | 4040.0 | 5920.0 | 16.8% | 46.5% |
| Total revenues | 17950.0 | 19390.0 | 21350.0 | 23430.0 | 18820.0 | 4.8% | -19.7% |

Source: Company, Sunidhi Research

RoW for Q3FY12 and Q4FY12 includes revenue from Latin America.

| Valuations Summary | | | | |
|----------------------|-------|-------|-------|----------|
| Year End-March | FY11 | FY12 | FY13E | FY14E |
| Per share (₹) | | | | |
| EPS | 12.1 | 12.0 | 14.6 | 17.1 |
| CEPS | 16.7 | 18.4 | 21.8 | 24.6 |
| BVPS | 80.7 | 90.4 | 101.3 | 114.9 |
| DPS | 2.0 | 2.5 | 2.8 | 3.0 |
| Payout (%) | 19.3 | 24.3 | 22.1 | 20.5 |
| Valuation (x) | | | | |
| P/E | 9.8 | 9.8 | 8.1 | 6.9 |
| P/BV | 1.5 | 1.3 | 1.2 | 1.0 |
| EV/EBITDA | 6.0 | 5.9 | 5.3 | 4.6 |
| Dividend Yield (%) | 1.7 | 2.1 | 2.3 | 2.5 |
| Return ratio (%) | | | | |
| EBIDTA Margin | 18.6 | 17.9 | 17.5 | 17.5 |
| PAT Margin | 9.7 | 7.3 | 7.6 | 8.1 |
| ROAE | 15.0 | 14.1 | 15.1 | 15.8 |
| ROACE | 18.4 | 17.5 | 14.7 | 15.0 |
| Leverage Ratios (x) | | | | |
| Long Term D/E | 0.3 | 0.6 | 0.7 | 0.5 |
| Net Debt/Equity | 0.0 | 0.6 | 0.6 | 0.5 |
| Interest Coverage | 4.6 | 4.1 | 4.5 | 4.8 |
| Current ratio | 1.5 | 1.8 | 2.0 | 2.0 |
| Growth Ratios (%) | | | | |
| Income growth | 5.5 | 32.9 | 13.5 | 10.0 |
| EBITDA growth | 7.0 | 27.8 | 11.2 | 10.0 |
| PAT growth | 5.9 | -0.4 | 19.4 | 17.4 |
| Turnover Ratios | | | | |
| F.A Turnover x | 1.3 | 1.3 | 1.4 | 1.4 |
| Inventory Days | 89.1 | 89.5 | 95.0 | 95.0 |
| Debtors Days | 93.7 | 116.6 | 120.0 | 120.0 |
| Payable days | 70.3 | 71.7 | 75.0 | 75.0 |
| Income Statement(₹ r | | , 1., | 75.0 | 75.0 |
| Year End-March | FY11 | FY12 | FY13E | FY14E |
| Revenues | 57607 | 76547 | 86852 | 95547 |
| Op. Expenses | 46908 | 62873 | 71653 | 78826 |
| EBITDA | 10699 | 13674 | 15199 | 16721 |
| Other Income | 1375 | 1089 | 800 | 700 |
| Depreciation | 2138 | 2924 | 3284 | 3412 |
| EBIT | 9936 | 11840 | 12715 | 14009 |
| Interest | 3120 | 4146 | 4206 | 4277 |
| PBT | 6816 | 7693 | 8510 | 9732 |
| Тах | 731 | 1280 | 1702 | 1946 |
| PAT | 6085 | 6413 | 6808 | 7786 |
| Minority | 104 | 54 | 75 | 100 |
| Prior Period Adj | 31 | | 75 | 100 |
| Sh. of Associates | -234 | 222 | 100 | - 100 |
| | | -398 | -100 | 100 |
| Ex. ordinary | 140 | 185 | - | - |
| Adj Pat | 5576 | 5556 | 6633 | 7786 |

Source: Company, Sunidhi Research

| Year End-March | FY11 | FY12 | FY13E | FY14 |
|--|---|--|--|---|
| Equity and Liabilities | | | | |
| Share Capital | 924 | 924 | 910 | 910 |
| Reserves and Surplus | 36337 | 40808 | 45168 | 5135 |
| Total Shareholders funds | 37261 | 41731 | 46078 | 5226 |
| Minority Interest | 180 | 2499 | 2574 | 267 |
| Non-Current Liability | | | | |
| Long Term Borrowings | 10023 | 23772 | 29957 | 2695 |
| Deferred Tax Liabilities (Net) | 731 | 940 | 940 | 94 |
| Long Term Liab/ Provisions | 735 | 3517 | 3568 | 362 |
| Current Liabilities | | | | |
| Short Term Borrowings | 4950 | 8674 | 8674 | 867 |
| Trade Payables | 11092 | 15035 | 17586 | 1936 |
| Other Current Liabilities | 16572 | 5787 | 7035 | 774 |
| Short Term Provisions | 1241 | 1575 | 1732 | 190 |
| Grand Total | 82784 | 103529 | 118143 | 12414 |
| Assets | | | | |
| Non Current Assets | | | | |
| Fixed Assets | 23776 | 35286 | 38002 | 3709 |
| Deferred Tax Assets | 809 | 997 | 997 | 99 |
| Non-Current Investments | 4678 | 6695 | 6695 | 669 |
| Long Term Loans and Advances | 2199 | 2587 | 3283 | 361 |
| Trade Receivables | - | 613 | - | |
| Current Assets | | | | |
| Current Investments | 3553 | 1250 | 1250 | 125 |
| Inventories | 14055 | 18779 | 22605 | 2486 |
| Trade Receivables | 14795 | 24453 | 28554 | 3141 |
| Cash and Cash Equivalents | 15659 | 7002 | 10808 | 1167 |
| Short Term Loans and Advances | 2412 | 5137 | 4759 | 523 |
| Other Current Assets | 846 | 731 | 1190 | 130 |
| Grand Total | 82784 | 103529 | 118143 | 12414 |
| Cash flow Statement | | | | |
| Year End-March | FY11 | FY12 | FY13E | FY14 |
| РВТ | 6816 | 7693 | 8510 | 973 |
| Depreciation | 2138 | 2924 | 3284 | 341 |
| Interest Exp | 3120 | 4146 | 4206 | 427 |
| Others | -985 | -435 | -100 | 10 |
| CF before W.cap | 11089 | 14329 | 15899 | 1752 |
| Inc/dec in W.cap | -1884 | -16115 | -4084 | -333 |
| | | -1786 | 11815 | 1418 |
| Op CF after W.cap | 9205 | -1/00 | | |
| Op CF after W.cap Less Taxes | 9205 885 | 1242 | 1702 | 194 |
| Less Taxes | 885 | | 1702 | 194 |
| Less Taxes Exceptional & Prior Period Adj | | 1242 -196 | 1702 - 10113 | |
| Less Taxes Exceptional & Prior Period Adj Net CF From Operations | 885 -171 | 1242 | - | 1223 |
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| Less Taxes Exceptional & Prior Period Adj Net CF From Operations Inc/(dec) in F.A + CWIP others | 885 -171 8148 -8028 | 1242 -196 -3224 -9348 | - 10113 | 1223 -250 |
| Less Taxes Exceptional & Prior Period Adj Net CF From Operations Inc/(dec) in F.A + CWIP others CF from Invst Activities | 885 -171 8148 -8028 -781 | 1242 -196 -3224 -9348 2750 | - 10113 -6000 - | 1223 -250 -250 |
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| BUY | Absolute Return >20% |
|------------|-----------------------------------|
| ACCUMULATE | Absolute Return Between 10-20% |
| HOLD | Absolute Return Between 0-10% |
| REDUCE | Absolute Return 0 To Negative 10% |
| SELL | Absolute Return > Negative 10% |

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