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Focus remains on cash

Quick Note

Although1QFY13 overall revenue at INR8.65 bn (-9% y-y & -30% q-q) missed our estimates by a small margin, a 32% decline in MIS business revenue was guite sharp and was well below the ~10% decrease we had expected. Strong growth of 34% y-y in the piping business was the bright spot in the guarter. At the net level, Jain reported a INR169mn loss due to a forex loss. The company's focus remains on reducing the stress on its balance sheet and improvement in cash flows. This was reflected in reduction in exposure to markets like AP, Tamil Nadu & Karnataka, where receivables have been a concern and a shift towards a cash model. The company is also raising US\$210mn in capital through a mix of debt and equity issuance, which management believes should help in reducing interest expense and improving liquidity. The gross receivables on MIS business declined by INR1.3bn q-q basis to INR16.4bn, and management has guided for a INR5.0bn reduction in government receivables to INR6.0bn by end-FY13F. The decline in receivables would likely be a key catalyst for the stock, in our view. Our earnings are currently under review.

Raising US\$210mn through mix of debt and equity

The company is planning to raise up to US\$210mn though mix of equity/convertible bonds/external commercial borrowings, and the closure of this exercise is expected in next few weeks. The new debt (largely foreign currency denominated) will help company 1) reduce its average borrowing cost; 2) replace short-term borrowing with a long-term and 3) replace foreign currency borrowing which is expected to come up for payment. Although lower interest cost on foreign borrowings (at \sim 3.5%) will lower the average current borrowing cost (which is at \sim 11%), it will also leave the company exposed to currency risk, in our view. The company expects a 25% reduction in interest expense – ie, savings of around INR80-100mn, from lower borrowing cost as well as working capital.

On equity raising, management noted that fresh capital should not only help in saving interest expense but also provide extra liquidity especially when the company is moving toward a newer business model in its MIS business. Based on recent media *reports (Jain Irrigation in talks with IFC for stake sale; Source Economic Times, dated 10 August 2012)*, the company is planning to raise ~INR2.5bn from the IFC at around INR125 per share, implying dilution of around 5%.

MIS business – challenging times; domestic business revenue off by 36% y-y

 MIS domestic business fell 36% y-y, impacted by 1) lower sales in states where receivables have been an issue; and 2) the company's shift toward a cash model. Management noted that the next two quarters are expected to remain challenging for MIS business, before it expects a return to double-digit growth by 4QFY13F. Next quarter (2QFY13) is expected to witness a similar decline in MIS business as that seen in 1QFY13.

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- MIS business revenue declined y-y in all states other than Rajasthan & Gujarat. With regard to Jain's strategy to shift towards a cash model, management noted that all sales made in Maharashtra during the quarter were through dealers, which will take up the burden of the government subsidy.
- As of end-June, gross receivables from the MIS business had fallen by INR1.3bn q-q to INR16.4bn. Of this INR16.4bn, close to INR10.0bn is due from the government, with 75% of it pertaining to sales done in FY11-12, while the remaining 25% is from sales made in previous years. Management is targeting to lower receivables due from the government to INR6.0bn by end-FY13F.
- Management highlighted that they had witnessed some positive changes in the way various state governments are operating and believe this should result in improvement in availability of finances for the micro irrigation. Specific to the states, Maharashtra has received funding from the newer central government scheme; Tamil Nadu has reduced the proportion of government subsidy on equipment; and AP & Karnataka have streamlined the process of handling MIS proposals.
- As part of its strategy to move towards a cash model, Jain has tied up with two private sector banks that do not have a rural presence. Under this arrangement, the bank extends a loan to the farmer for buying the equipment, thereby helping Jain to receive all cash up front from the farmer. Separately, the company also received an NBFC license during last month and expects to reap benefits from the NBFC from 4QFY13F.
- With improvement in the situation on the receivables front and with no major capex lined up over next two years, management expects debt to come down from the current levels. The company has close to INR39bn of debt on a consolidated basis, up by INR1bn q-q, primarily due to fluctuation in the currency.
- Management remains confident of sustainable growth in the MIS business and expects the company to deliver +20% growth in the top line as well as bottom line over medium to long term

Other businesses (ex-MIS) – should aid in overall growth in FY13F

 Other business (ex-MIS) will likely underpin overall growth in FY13F, as management has guided the piping business to record top-line growth of 20-25% y-y in FY13F; agro processing to see upwards of 10% growth; and other business (including tissue culture and solar power) to see +50% growth from a low base.

Subsidiaries – positive at the net level

At the net level, subsidiaries were positive with EBITDA of INR900mn, depreciation of ~INR400mn and interest payment of ~INR400mn.

Result key highlights – Sharp declines in MIS businesses; piping business aided growth

- Although1QFY13 overall revenue at INR8.65bn (-9% y-y & -30% q-q) missed our estimates by a small margin, the ~32% y-y revenue decline in the MIS business was quite sharp and well below our estimate of -10%. Strong revenue growth of 34% y-y in the piping business was the quarter's bright spot. Management flagged that 1HFY13F will likely be tougher for MIS business as Jain adjusts to its new cash business model.
- Amongst other businesses, revenue from the piping business grew sharply by 34% y-y, while agro processing slipped 6.5%, reflecting lower prices albeit with volume up 37% y-y.
- Overall EBITDA margins were in line with our estimate at 21%, but down 300bps y-y as Jain has now moved to a model of taking full cash upfront for its MIS products from farmers by offering discounts.

- EBITDA at INR1.8bn (-21% y-y & -27% q-q) missed our estimate by 6% but came in well above consensus of INR1.6bn.
- PBT adjusted for forex losses (on foreign currency debt) of INR672mn, however, missed our estimate by a wider margin due to higher interest costs.
- Overall, Jain reported a loss of INR169mn due to forex loss, in line with our estimate of a loss of INR179mn.
- The company reported its consolidated numbers for FY12, and at the EBITDA level, subsidiaries came in positive. However, due to higher interest cost and forex losses at the net level, they remain loss making.
- On the balance sheet side, consolidated receivables at INR22.7bn rose INR5.7bn y-y as of Mar 12. Consolidated receivable days of sales reached at 166 in FY12 vs 148 in FY11. Consolidated net debt ended FY12 at INR35bn, approximately 2x D/E.

Fig. 1: Snapshot of 1QFY13 results

INR mn	1QFY13A	1QFY12A	YoY growth(%)		QoQ growth (%)	1QFY13E							
							Netsales	8,650	9,513	-9%	12,369	-30%	9,059
							Material costs	4,638	5,177	-10%	7,247	-36%	4,910
%age of net sales	53.6%	54.4%		58.6%		54.2%							
Personnel costs	412	435	-5%	482	-14%	458							
%age of net sales	4.8%	4.6%		3.9%		5.1%							
Manufacturing costs	970	848	14%	907	7%	829							
%age of net sales	11.2%	8.9%		7.3%		9.2%							
Selling & dist.costs	610	577	6%	914	-33%	675							
%age of net sales	7.1%	6.1%		7.4%		7.5%							
Admin costs	206	193	7%	322	-36%	262							
%age of net sales	2.4%	2.0%		2.6%		2.9%							
EBITDA	1,813	2,283	-21%	2,497	-27%	1,924							
EBITDA margin	21.0%	24.0%		20.2%		21.2%							
Other income	53	8		19	178%	17							
PBDIT	1,866	2,291	-19%	2,516	-26%	1,940							
PBDIT margin	21.6%	24.1%		20.3%		21.4%							
Depreciation	274	239	15%	269	2%	275							
Interest cost	1,151	777	48%	965	19%	964							
PBT	441	1,276	-65%	1,283	-66%	702							
PBT margin	5.1%	13.4%		10.4%		7.7%							
Tax	(62)	317	-119%	(301)	-80%	(77)							
РАТ	503	959	-48%	1,584	-68%	778							
PAT margin	5.8%	10.1%		12.8%		8.6%							
EO (loss)/gain	(672)	(136)		151		(957)							
Reported PAT	(169)	823	-121%	1,735	-110%	(179)							

Source: Company data, Nomura estimates

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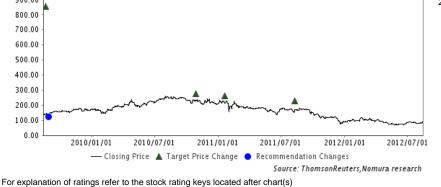
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