

BUY CMP Rs257 Target Rs329 Upside 28%

Robust outlook - BUY

Conference call takeaways

- ▼ TCI Freight business: Revenue grew by 11% yoy on consolidated basis to Rs 4.1 bn. EBIT grew by 36% yoy to Rs.173 mn while EBIT margin stood at 4.2% vs 3.4% yoy/3.3% qoq. The company was able to ramp up operations to 85-90% amid increased movement of goods pent up demand and restocking due to festive season. The margins improved on the back of better cost management. Freight rates have increased due to fuel hikes and they have been able to pass on to large extent. The LTL mix which dropped marginally during the lockdown is improving and will be back to ~1/3 of the total mix. The farmers' protest had a very nominal impact on the business as the transportation of goods was done via alternative routes. Business was normal in the North with some difficulty.
- ✓ **Supply Chain business:** Revenues grew by 24% yoy to Rs 3 bn amid automotive demand revival and Growth in E-commerce & FMCG. Margins have been robust with better revenue realization and cost optimization measures. EBIT grew 52% yoy to Rs.200 mn. EBIT margins came higher at 6.7% vs 5.4% yoy/6.5% qoq. The Auto segment saw a good demand pickup along with FMCG and consumer durables segments. Heavy Machinery segment (Capital Goods) have dipped but it will revive once the capex cycle begins. Further infra support will also boost the demand. General consumption cargo is also seen good traction. The company is also into Yard management which has seen traction in recent times. The company owns 2 automotive rakes and it remains positive on the segment with growth coming in the auto segment. It does mix loading (2-3 customer coming together, and company gets larger business) in this vertical.
- ✓ Seaways business: Revenue grew by 5% yoy to Rs 1 bn with operations ramped up back to Pre-COVID levels amid high cargo volumes at ports. The EBIT margin stood at 22.6% vs 22.9% yoy/16.6% qoq. Margins compressed marginally due to higher depreciation on account of dry-dock amortization. The decision to sell a ship is due to 1) The ship that was sold had 400 TEU capacity and consumed fuel of an 800 TEU capacity vessel 2) the selling price of this ship has doubled 3) Dry dock for this ship will come in Sept-21 amounting Rs100 mn.
- ✓ **JV revenues during 9M FY21 stood as follows:** a) TCI Concor (Rs.2.4 bn) b) TCI ColdChain (Rs241 mn) c) Transystem (Rs.2.2 bn).

Other details

- ✓ Capex: The company has spent Rs 870 mn till 9M FY21 and targets for Rs 1.5 Bn for FY21. The company is still looking for the right type of ship at right price. The capex of Rs400-500mn towards purchase of new ship may get delayed (FY22).
- ✓ Dividend of Rs1.2/sh has been announced.
- ✓ Vaccine: The company is in talks with one of the large manufacturing company for the last mile delivery. Don't foresee much long haul opportunity. When the vaccine programme will be available for the common public, that time may get some mid and last mile delivery. Overall opportunity is small as the vails are small in size and large volumes could be transported with lesser trips.
- ✓ **DFCC:** The company remains positive on the benefits that would accrue from commissioning of DFC. The Company's presence across verticals would help capitalize on the benefits of DFC.
- Multi modal helps the company in providing end to end service. It forms ~45-50% of the revenue.

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- Warehousing: Overall good demand in the warehousing side. The investments have increased in past few months. The demand has been able to match the growth of supply. May see double digit growth in coming year.
- Customers: The company has seen customer addition during the quarter and are in talks with few under different categories.
- ✓ **Scrapping policy:** The management is of the view that the voluntary scrapping of vehicles will be effective only if higher incentives are given.
- ✓ **IT system:** Many IT practices have been implemented at company level and at customer level for digitization of the process. However, as per the management, the customers are still asking for physical copy despite government rule of e-invoice.

Our view: Demand for logistics is likely to continue with the pickup in the economy and improving outlook. The pickup in the automotive will drive the demand in the supply chain segment while double digit growth is seen by the management in the warehousing segment. The Multi Modal operations catering to the end to end service will supplement the business post the commissioning of DFC. We maintain our FY21/FY22 earnings estimates and roll over to FY23 with revised target of Rs.329 and maintain our BUY rating.

Transport Corporation Q3 FY21 results: Robust performance

- Transport Corporation reported Consolidated topline growth of 14% yoy (to Rs.8.1 bn) led by robust demand from ecommerce, automotive, certain capital goods and other sectors. The company's end to end multimodal services to the neighbouring countries have provided new business opportunities. The revenues came higher than our estimates of Rs.6.7 bn.
- ✓ Freight division moved back on track and reported revenues of Rs.4.1 bn (11% yoy/ 16% qoq) while supply chain solutions business grew by 24% yoy/ 19% qoq.
- ✓ Seaways division posted 5% yoy revenue growth (to Rs.1bn).
- ✓ EBIT margins saw marked improvement in Freight segment (biggest revenue contributor). It stood at 4.2% during Q3 FY21 (3.4% in Q3 FY20).
- ✓ Overall Operating margin stood at 9.9% (+70 bps yoy).
- Exceptional item of Rs.104 mn was on account of impairment of asset under IND-AS 36.
- ✓ APAT stood at Rs.534 mn (64% yoy).

Exhibit 1: Result table (Consolidated)

Y/e 31 Mar (Rs mn)	Q3 FY21	Q3 FY20	yoy(%)	Q2 FY21	qoq (%)
Revenue	8,071	7,063	14.3	6,969	15.8
Operating Profit	797	648	23.0	622	28.0
OPM(%)	9.9	9.2	70 bps	8.9	94 bps
Other Income	46	57	(19.9)	66	(30.0)
Depreciation	(233)	(215)	8.3	(209)	11.4
Interest	(63)	(89)	(29.2)	(69)	(8.4)
Exceptional item	(104)	-	NA	-	NA
PBT	443	401	10.3	410	7.9
Tax	(65)	(77)	(15.0)	(84)	(22.3)
Minority Interest	52	19	173.2	47	11.6
Reported PAT	429	344	24.9	373	15.2
Adjusted PAT	534	344	55.3	373	43.2



Exhibit 2: Segmental results (Consolidated)

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Particular	Q3 FY21	Q3 FY20	yoy(%)	Q2 FY21	qoq (%)
Revenue (Rs. mn)					
Freight Division	4,149	3,740	10.9	3,572	16.2
Supply Chain Solution	3,011	2,431	23.9	2,541	18.5
Seaways Division	1,038	989	4.9	932	11.3
Energy Division	3	5	(43.5)	17	(84.5)
Revenue Mix (%)					
Freight Division	50.6%	52.2%		50.6%	
Supply Chain Solution	36.7%	33.9%		36.0%	
Seaways Division	12.7%	13.8%		13.2%	
Energy Division	0.0%	0.1%		0.2%	
EBIT (Rs. mn)					
Freight Division	173	128	34.9	119	44.5
Supply Chain Solution	200	132	52.1	166	20.7
Seaways Division	235	226	3.8	155	52.0
Energy Division	(3)	(13)	NA	11	NA
EBIT Margin (%)					
Freight Division	4.2%	3.4%		3.3%	
Supply Chain Solution	6.7%	5.4%		6.5%	
Seaways Division	22.6%	22.9%		16.6%	
Energy Division	-126.9%	-282.6%		64.3%	

Exhibit 3: Financial summary (Cons)

Y/e 31 Mar (Rs mn)	FY20	FY21E	FY22E	FY23E
Revenues	27,178	26,894	31,130	35,930
yoy growth (%)	-1.3%	-1.0%	15.7%	15.4%
Operating profit	2,405	2,398	2,878	3,557
OPM (%)	8.9%	8.9%	9.2%	9.9%
Adjusted PAT	1,531	1,291	1,625	2,116
yoy growth (%)	-1.4%	-9.9%	25.9%	30.2%
EPS (Rs)	18.6	16.7	21.1	27.5
P/E (x)	13.8	15.3	12.1	9.3
EV/EBITDA (x)	9.8	9.6	7.8	6.1
Debt/Equity (x)	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.2
RoE (%)	15.0	11.9	13.4	15.3



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