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## Transport Corporation of India Ltd.

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**CMP: INR 614** 

#### Target: INR 898

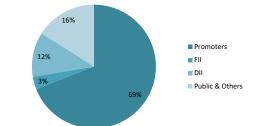
**Result Update – Buy** 

#### Key Share Data Face Value (Rs) 2.0 Equity Capital (Rs mn) 153.3 M.Cap (Rs mn) 47070.5 845/529 52-w k High/Low (Rs) Avg. Daily Vol (NSE) 94713 BSE Code 532349 NSE Code TCI **Reuters Code** TCIL.NS Bloomberg Code TRPC:IN

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Shareholding Pattern (as on Dec 31, 2022)



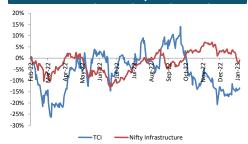
#### Key Financials (INR m n)

Particulars	FY22	FY23E	FY24E	FY25E
Net Sales	32566.9	37929.2	41947.1	46870.8
Sales Gr.	16.2%	16.5%	10.6%	11.7%
EBIDTA	4087.5	4313.4	4749.8	5506.3
Adj. PAT	2896.2	3105.3	3322.8	3866.1
PAT Gr.	96.8%	7.2%	7.0%	16.4%
EPS (Rs)	37.4	40.1	42.9	49.9
CEPS (Rs)	52.1	55.8	61.0	70.1

#### Key Ratios

Particulars	FY22	FY23E	FY24E	FY25E
P/E (x)	16.4	15.3	14.3	12.3
P/BVPS (x)	3.3	2.8	2.5	2.1
M.Cap/Sales (x)	1.5	1.3	1.1	1.0
EV/EBIDTA (x)	11.6	10.6	9.4	7.6
ROCE (%)	19.8%	17.9%	17.1%	17.5%
ROE (%)	20.2%	18.5%	17.2%	17.2%
EBIDTM (%)	12.6%	11.4%	11.3%	11.7%
NPM (%)	8.9%	8.2%	7.9%	8.2%
Debt-Equity (x)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

#### Price Performance TCI vs Nifty Infrastructure



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#### **Company Background**

Transport Corporation of India Limited (TCI), promoted by Mr. D.P. Agarwal & family, managed under the leadership of Mr. D.P. Agarwal, Chairman and Mr. Vineet Agarwal, Managing Director is India's leading integrated multimodal logistics service provider. The Company offers services like handling and movement of cargo, end-to-end supply chain management and coastal shipping through its three business verticals namely TCI Freight, TCI Supply Chain Services (TCI SCS) and TCI Seaways with extensive network of Company owned offices, ~12,000 trucks in operation, 13 mn sq. ft. of warehousing space and six maritime carriers.

#### Investment Rationale

#### Topline grew by ~15% on the back of robust growth in all divisions

- During Q3FY23, TCI witnessed highest consolidated quarterly net sales of Rs 9,667 mn, registering a growth of 15.4% y-o-y, on the back of continued uptick in economic activities. Robust growth has been witnessed in TCI Freight, TCI SCS and TCI Seaways divisions. Diversified service offerings, sectorial presence, adherence to core business fundamentals and a large customer base helped TCI in continued growth momentum.
- During the quarter, consolidated revenues from TCI Freight grew by ~12% y-o-y at Rs 4,826.4 mn due to high volumes from large customers on the back of favourable demand witnessed during the festive season. LTL segment witnessed moderate growth during the quarter and contributed ~36% to the total TCI Freight revenue during 9MFY23. Management is confident of attaining 40% contribution from LTL segment by FY25E. TCI CONCOR remained muted at Rs 781.1 mn during the quarter due to volume shift in favour of road transport. However, management highlighted that the JV has started getting traction Q4FY23 onwards and reported 5% growth during 9MFY23 at Rs 2,397.8 mn.
- During Q3FY23, inspite of headwinds of general inflation and high interest rates, TCI SCS division witnessed a robust quarterly revenue growth of ~20% y-o-y at Rs 3,335.3 mn, fuelled by a robust uptick in automotive segment, retention and expansion of clients and new business acquisitions. High movement of auto rakes was witnessed during 9MFY23 (1,353 rakes) vis-a-vis corresponding period last year (1,009 rakes). TCI Cold Chain witnessed marginal topline de-growth of ~3%, at ~Rs 140 mn during the quarter.
- TCI Seaways division grew by ~15% y-o-y at Rs 1,702.2 mn on the back of availability of all four ships during the quarter resulting in higher volumes. However international volumes were absent during the quarter. Dry docking of three ships planned for FY23 has been completed during Q2FY23. No more dry docking is planned for the remaining FY23. TCI has not been able to buy a new ship during the quarter due to high costs which management expects to get added after H1FY24E.
- Transystem JV of TCI which is specifically focused on automobile segment has grown by 42% during the quarter.
- Inspite of headwinds of global recession, distressed rural demand and its impact on domestic manufacturing, commodity prices and export sector; demand momentum is expected to continue in the coming quarters, albeit at a slower pace. Taking cognizance of the same we have cautiously built in revenue growth of ~16.5%, 11% and ~12% in FY23E, FY24E, and FY25E respectively on the back of TCI's robust track record with multimodal capabilities.

#### EBITDA Margins are expected to remain in the vicinity of 11.7%

- During Q3FY23, consolidated EBITDA margins declined by 120 bps y-o-y at 11.8%. EBIT margins from TCI Seaways have corrected significantly by 960 bps at 26.9% on the back of absence of high margin international business (from Myanmar) and higher depreciation in comparison to the last year. Management highlighted that EBIDTA margin of TCI Seaways is expected to remain in the vicinity of 30% going forward. Margins from TCI Freight improved by 130 bps at 5.7% and TCI SCS remained stable at 6%. With the expected improvement in TCI Freight (due to higher contribution from LTL segment) and TCI SCS margins, we expect overall EBITDA margin of the Company to remain in the vicinity of ~11.7% through FY25E.
- During the quarter, Consolidated PAT margin declined by 90 bps at 8.9% y-o-y mainly on the back of a decline in operating margins, while other income went up during the quarter. Going forward, we expect PAT margins to remain in the vicinity of 8% by FY25E.

#### VALUATION

- The launch of the National Logistics Policy along with PM Gati Shakti framework will provide a push towards seamless multimodal transportation and modern connectivity, making India's logistics efficient and competitive, which augers well for TCI. The Company is well placed to e-cash the same, due to its presence & expertise in multimodal services and better business mix backed by value-added services and customised offerings.
- We have valued TCI on a SOTP basis and maintain our buy recommendation on the stock with a target price of Rs 898 (upside of ~46%) in 18 months.



## Q3FY23 Consolidated Result Review

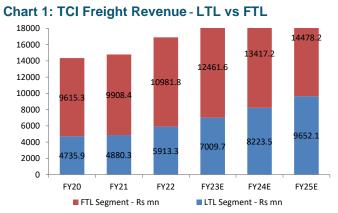
(All data in Rs mn unless specified, Y/e March)

	TCI Consol	idated Q3	FY23 Resul	t First Cu	t			
Particulars	Q3FY23	Q3FY22	% Change	Q2FY23	% Change	9MFY23	9MFY22	% Change
Net Sales	9667.0	8376.8	15.4%	9320.9	3.7%	28017.0	23589.5	18.8%
Operating Expenses	7702.2	6575.4	17.1%	7524.2	2.4%	22469.0	18731.2	20.0%
% to Sales	<b>79.7%</b>	<b>78.5%</b>		<b>80.7%</b>		<b>80.2%</b>	<b>79.4%</b>	
Employee Expenses	492.8	436.7	12.8%	492.3	0.1%	1455.6	1260.7	15.5%
% to Sales	5.1%	5.2%		5.3%		5.2%	5.3%	
Other Expenses	327.9	272.9	20.2%	344.8	-4.9%	948.2	703.2	34.8%
% to Sales	3.4%	3.3%		3.7%		3.4%	3.0%	
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	8522.9	7285.0	17.0%	8361.3	1.9%	24872.8	20695.1	20.2%
EBIDTA	1144.1	1091.8	4.8%	959.6	19.2%	3144.2	2894.4	8.6%
EBIDTA Margin (%)	11.8%	<b>13.0%</b>		<b>10.3%</b>		<b>11.2%</b>	1 <b>2.3%</b>	
Depreciation	313.9	255.2	23.0%	300.3	4.5%	903.1	758.9	19.0%
EBIT	830.2	836.6	-0.8%	659.3	25.9%	2241.1	2135.5	4.9%
EBIT Margin (%)	8.6%	<b>10.0%</b>		7.1%		<b>8.0</b> %	<b>9.1%</b>	
Interest	26.1	25.9	0.8%	25.4	2.8%	74.6	105.9	-29.6%
Other Income	70.5	53.2	32.5%	73.7	-4.3%	197.4	123.2	60.2%
EBT before exceptional Items	874.6	863.9	1.2%	707.6	23.6%	2363.9	2152.8	9.8%
EBT Margin before exceptional items (%)	<b>9.0%</b>	<b>10.3%</b>		7.6%		8.4%	<b>9.1%</b>	
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EBT Margin after exceptional items (%)	<b>9.0%</b>	<b>10.3%</b>		7.6%		8.4%	<b>9.1%</b>	
Share in Net Profit Loss of JV	101.8	72.2	-41.0%	138.3	-26.4%	337.6	179.6	88.0%
Tax	110.4	108.0	2.2%	115.9	-4.7%	319.7	268.0	19.3%
Minority Interest	8.2	8.8	-6.8%	6.6	-24.2%	23.2	22.3	4.0%
Reported Profit After Tax	857.8	819.3	4.7%	723.4	18.6%	2358.6	2042.1	15.5%
PAT Margin (%)	<b>8.9</b> %	<b>9.8%</b>		7.8%	14.3%	8.4%	8.7%	
Diluted EPS (Rs)	11.0	10.6	4.5%	9.3	18.5%	30.3	26.3	15.2%

Segment Wise Revenue Break-up	Q3FY23	Q3FY22	% Change	Q2FY23	% Change	9MFY23	9MFY22	% Change
Freight Division	4826.4	4323.1	11.6%	4692.6	2.9%	14151.7	12097.7	1 <b>7.0</b> %
Contribution	50%	51%		50%		50%	51%	
Supply Chain Solution Division	3335.3	2787.9	19.6%	3583.6	-6.9%	<b>9942.2</b>	7893.8	25.9%
Contribution	34%	33%		38%		35%	33%	
Seaways Division	1702.2	1479.1	15.1%	1241.7	37.1%	4468.4	3971.0	12.5%
Contribution	17%	18%		13%		16%	17%	
Energy Division	15.2	5.5	176.4%	18.8	-19.1%	49.8	41.3	20.6%
Contribution	0%	0%		0%		0%	0%	
Unallocable & Corporate	44.9	22.8	96.9%	39.3	<b>14.2%</b>	122.7	75.6	62.3%
Contribution	0%	0%		0%		0%	0%	
Less Inter Segment Revenue	186.5	188.4	-1.0%	181.4	2.8%	520.4	366.7	41.9%
Total	9737.5	8430.0	15.5%	9394.6	-100.0%	28214.4	23712.7	19.0%

Segment Wise EBIT Break-up	Q3FY23	Q3FY22	% Change	Q2FY23	% Change	9MFY23	9MFY22	% Change
Freight Division	272.8	187.5	45.5%	190.6	43.1%	625.8	476.5	31.3%
EBIT Margin (%)	5.7%	4.3%		4.1%		4.4%	3.9%	
Supply Chain Solution Division	200.3	166.8	20.1%	226.1	-11.4%	592.1	453.8	30.5%
EBIT Margin (%)	6.0%	6.0%		6.3%		6.0%	5.7%	
Seaways Division	458.3	539.5	-15.1%	304.4	50.6%	1223.2	1312.8	-6.8%
EBIT Margin (%)	26.9%	36.5%		24.5%		27.4%	33.1%	
Energy Division	8.5	-0.8	1162.5%	9.5	-10.5%	25.9	24.4	6.1%
EBIT Margin (%)	55.9%	-14.5%		50.5%		52.0%	59.1%	
Unallocable & Corporate	0.0	0.0		0.0		0.0	0.0	
EBIT Margin (%)	0.0%	0.0%		0.0%		0.0%	0.0%	
Total	939.9	893.0	5.3%	730.6	28.6%	2467.0	2267.5	8.8%

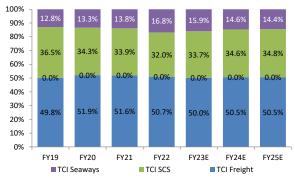




### **Chart 3: Growing Contribution from TCI SCS**



## **Chart 5: Segment Wise Revenue Contribution**



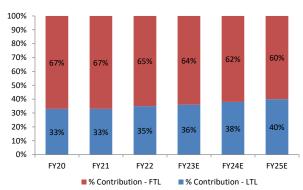
### **Chart 7: PAT and PAT Margin**



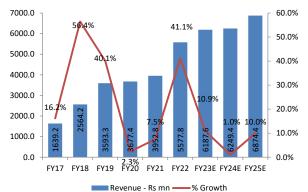
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### **Chart 2: Improving Contribution from LTL**



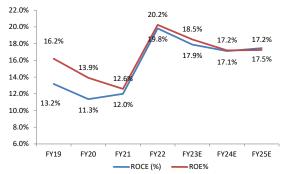
### **Chart 4: Increasing Contribution from TCI Seaways**



## **Chart 6: EBIDTA Margin**



## Chart 8: ROCE & ROE





## **Key Concerns**

- 1. **Rise in crude price:** There is a time lag of one month in fuel price revision (both for trucks and coastal shipping). Thus, any unprecedented sharp rise in the prices of crude may negatively impact the profitability of the Company.
- 2. Slowdown in automotive segment: TCI SCS division is heavily dependent upon automotive industry, with exposure of 80% of division's revenue, which is currently facing slowdown due to ongoing semi-conductor crisis. Prolonged continuation of the crisis in the automotive sector may hamper the results of the Company.
- 3. Slowdown in the economy: Logistics industry growth is directly linked with country's GDP growth rate. Unfortunately, the GDP took severe dent during FY21 when it contracted by ~7.3% due to lock down imposed by Government of India due to COVID 19 Pandemic during First Quarter. However, the economy recovered gradually from Q2FY21 onwards. With the pick-up in high frequency indicators like Government's expenditure in growth oriented projects GDP for FY23 is pegged at positive 6.8%.

This rebound in growth has also resulted in the rise in inflation due to several factors, including rising vegetable prices, elevated fuel costs and rising input costs for companies. This has triggered rise in interest rates to curb inflation which may slowdown the economy again. Any such slowdown in the economy may put pressure on the growth prospects of the logistics industry.

## VALUATION

The launch of the National Logistics Policy along with PM Gati Shakti framework will provide a push towards seamless multimodal transportation and modern connectivity, making India's logistics efficient and competitive, which augers well for TCI. The Company is well placed to e-cash the same, due to its presence & expertise in multimodal services and better business mix backed by value-added services and customised offerings.

SOTP Valuation			
Business Segment	EBIDTA (Rs mn)	EV/EBIDTA (x)	Rs mn
TCI Freight	1,689.1	10.0	16,891.2
TCI SCS	1,645.5	12.0	19,746.3
TCI Seaways	2,131.1	9.0	19,179.5
TCI Energy	40.6	1.0	40.6
Transystem (Valued on the basis of P/E)	430.8	14.0	6,031.7
Total EV			61,889.4
Less: Debt			141.3
Add: Investment			1,927.0
Add: Cash			5,926.9
Shareholder's Value			69,602.0
No. of shares outstanding (mn Shares)			77.5
Fair Value (Rs per share)			898.1
CMP (Rs per Share)			614.0
Upside			46.3%
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Source: SKP Research

## **Consolidated Financials**

Exhibit: Income Statement				Rs mn
Particulars	FY22	FY23E	FY24E	FY25E
Net Operating Income	32566.9	37929.2	41947.1	46870.8
Topline Growth (%)	16.2%	<b>16.5%</b>	<b>10.6%</b>	11.7%
Operating Expenditure	28479.4	33615.8	37197.3	41364.6
EBIDTA	4087.5	4313.4	4749.8	5506.3
Depreciation	1130.2	1218.0	1401.7	1567.9
EBIT	2957.3	3095.5	3348.2	3938.3
Other Income	199.1	275.0	201.5	201.5
Interest	128.3	72.7	32.0	19.8
Exceptional Items	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
EBT after Exceptional Items	3028.1	3297.8	3517.7	4120.1
Тах	376.5	511.2	545.2	638.6
Share of Profit/(Loss) from JV	276.7	356.1	391.7	430.8
Minority Interest	32.1	37.4	41.3	46.2
PAT	2896.2	3105.3	3322.8	3866.1
EPS (Rs)	37.4	40.1	42.9	49.9

Exhibit: Balance Sheet				Rs mn
Balance Sheet	FY22	FY23E	FY24E	FY25E
Equity Capital	154.7	155.0	155.0	155.0
Reserves	14148.1	16633.4	19181.2	22272.2
Net Worth	14302.8	16788.4	19336.2	22427.2
Minority Interest	273.8	311.2	352.5	398.7
Loan Funds	619.3	519.3	228.4	141.3
Deferred Tax Liab.	275.6	275.6	275.6	275.6
Other Longterm Liabilities	283.3	329.9	364.9	407.7
Total Liabilities	15754.8	18224.4	20557.6	23650.6
Net Block	8013.5	8068.5	8444.9	7376.9
Capital WIP	73.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Investment	1927.0	1927.0	1927.0	1927.0
Other Non- Current Assets	251.0	568.9	629.2	796.8
Net Current Assets	5490.3	7659.9	9556.5	13549.9
Total Assets	15754.8	18224.4	20557.6	23650.6

Exhibit: Cash Flow Statement				Rs mn	Exhibit: Ratio Analysis
Particulars	FY22	FY23E	FY24E	FY25E	Particulars
PBT	3304.7	3297.8	3517.7	4120.1	Earning Ratios (%)
Depreciation	1130.2	1218.0	1401.7	1567.9	EBIDTAM
Interest Provided	128.3	72.7	32.0	19.8	NPM
Chg in Working Capital	-162.5	-918.7	-1200.0	-1179.7	ROE
Direct Taxes Paid	-494.4	-511.2	-545.2	-638.6	ROCE
Other Charges	-226.2	356.1	391.7	430.8	Per Share Data (Rs/Share)
<b>Operating Cash Flows</b>	3680.1	3514.6	3597.7	4320.3	Diluted EPS
Capital Expenditure	-760.1	-1200.0	-1778.0	-500.0	Cash EPS
Investments	-175.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	Book Value Per Share
Others	173.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	Valuation Ratios (x)
Investing Cash Flows	-762.2	-1200.0	-1778.0	-500.0	P/E
Change in Equity	33.5	0.3	0.0	0.0	Price/Book Value Per Share
Inc/(Dec) in Debt	-2147.5	-100.0	-290.9	-87.1	EV/Sales
Dividend Paid	-409.6	-620.0	-775.0	-775.0	EV/EBIDTA
Others	-55.9	-72.7	-32.0	-19.8	EV/EBIT
Financing Cash Flows	-2579.5	-792.4	-1097.9	-881.9	Balance Sheet (x)
Chg in Cash & Cash Eqv	338.4	1522.2	721.8	2938.4	Debt-Equity
Opening Cash Balance	395.0	744.5	2266.7	2988.5	Current Ratio

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n	Exhibit: Ratio Analysis				
E	Particulars	FY22	FY23E	FY24E	FY25E
1	Earning Ratios (%)				
9	EBIDTAM	12.6%	11.4%	11.3%	11.7%
8	NPM	8.9%	8.2%	7.9%	8.2%
7	ROE	20.2%	18.5%	17.2%	17.2%
6	ROCE	19.8%	17.9%	17.1%	17.5%
8	Per Share Data (Rs/Share)				
3	Diluted EPS	37.4	40.1	42.9	49.9
0	Cash EPS	52.1	55.8	61.0	70.1
0	Book Value Per Share	184.9	216.6	249.5	289.4
0	Valuation Ratios (x)				
0	P/E	16.4	15.3	14.3	12.3
0	Price/Book Value Per Share	3.3	2.8	2.5	2.1
1	EV/Sales	1.5	1.2	1.1	0.9
0	EV/EBIDTA	11.6	10.6	9.4	7.6

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Source: The Company & SKP

Difference of CF and BS

**Closing Cash Balance** 

FA/Turnover

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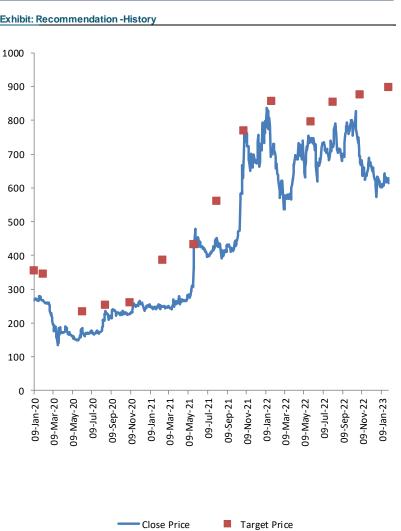
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Exhibit: Re	Exhibit: Recommendation -History Table						
Date	Rating	lssue Price	Target Price	Upside Potential	Period (months)	1(	
09-01-20	BUY	268	355	32%	18		
07-02-20	BUY	267	346	30%	18	ġ	
08-06-20	BUY	174	233	34%	15	8	
21-08-20	HOLD	235	253	8%	12	-	
07-11-20	BUY	228	278	22%	12		
18-02-21	BUY	247	386	56%	18	(	
27-05-21	BUY	355	479	35%	18	ļ	
07-08-21	BUY	452	560	24%	18	4	
01-11-21	Accumulate	689	770	12%	18	2	
30-01-22	BUY	712	857	20%	18	3	
31-05-22	Accumulate	735	796	8%			
09-08-22	BUY	723	855	18%	18		
02-11-22	BUY	694	877	26%	15	-	
01-02-23	BUY	614	898	46%	18		



Source: BSE, SKP Research

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### Notes:

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