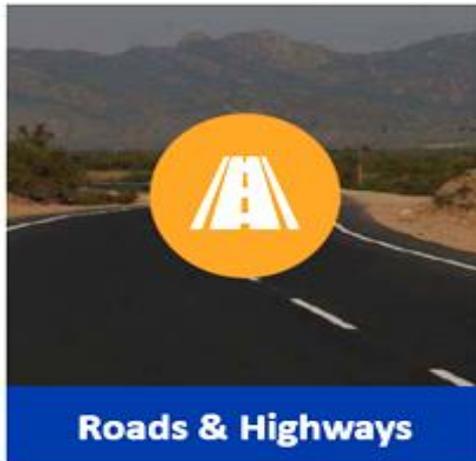


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DBL with its differentiated business model that lays on project selection and execution with operational efficiency, is all set to emerge as one of the prime infrastructure players in India. It focuses on road and Govt projects with equipment ownership, skilled manpower, minimal sub-contracting, and backward integration. It has a presence in 13 states of India and is one of the leading private sector road focused EPC player. Owing to a large fleet of ~8,500 equipment, DBL has emerged as one of the best project executors in India, having successfully completed ~90% projects before time and winning ₹3.3bn early completion bonus during FY13-17. We expect DBL to witness traction in revenue, best EBITDA margin among peers, superior net profit margin, comfortable working capital, robust order inflow and order book, robust FCFF, declining leverage, and improving healthy return ratios (RoE and RoCE) over FY17-19E. We initiate DBL with a BUY rating.

Strong inflow and robust order book enhances revenue visibility

With FY17E order inflow and order book at the historic level of ~₹115.4bn/ ~₹173.3bn (3.5x FY17E) and fresh inflow of ₹70 bn expected in FY18E/ FY19E each, will improve revenue visibility for DBL.

Strong execution momentum to continue led by excellent capability

We expect DBL's revenue to grow at a healthy CAGR of 18.7% over FY17-19E driven by the continuation of execution momentum and pick-up in execution on orders won (₹115.4bn) in FY17. We expect a sharp jump in Mining revenue over FY17-19E (~14% revenue share in FY18E-19E vs. 2% in FY17E).

Best EBITDA margin among its peers led by operational efficiency

DBL will continue to enjoy best EBITDA margin (17.8% in FY18E and FY19E) among its peers, due to operational efficiency which is led by large fleet of modern equipment, excellent in-house execution capabilities.

Strong OCF, improving NWC, lower capex to reduce leverage

DBL's Net D:E to decline to 1x by FY19E vs. 2.2x/ 1.3x for FY16/ FY17E led by 28.1% adj. PAT CAGR, strong OCF of ₹16.7bn (FY18E+FY19E), limited capex (₹3 bn) and robust FCFF of ₹13.9bn (FY18E+FY19E).

Initiating coverage with Buy, SOTP based TP of ₹493, 39% upside

We value DBL's core construction business at ₹403 (14x FY19E EPS), its Road BOT portfolio at ₹90 (1x BV of equity invested by FY19E). Thus, we arrive at SOTP based TP of ₹493/ share. We initiate DBL with a Buy rating.

FINANCIALS (₹ Mn) - Standalone

Particulars	FY15	FY16	FY17E	FY18E	FY19E
Net Sales	26,241	40,853	49,933	59,458	70,349
Growth (%)	13.3	55.7	22.2	19.1	18.3
EBITDA	5,655	7,992	9,487	10,583	12,522
EBITDA (ex. O.I.) (%)	21.6	19.6	19.0	17.8	17.8
Adj. PAT	1,073	1,688	2,400	2,694	3,939
Growth (%)	(39.9)	57.4	42.2	12.3	46.2
EPS (₹)	7.8	12.3	17.5	19.7	28.8
Growth (%)	(39.9)	57.4	42.2	12.3	46.2
PER (x)	45.3	28.8	20.2	18.0	12.3
ROANW (%)	13.4	17.2	16.5	13.8	17.2
ROACE (%)	18.3	18.9	18.6	18.2	20.6

CMP	₹ 355
Target / Upside	₹ 493/ 39%
BSE Sensex	29,707
NSE Nifty	9,198

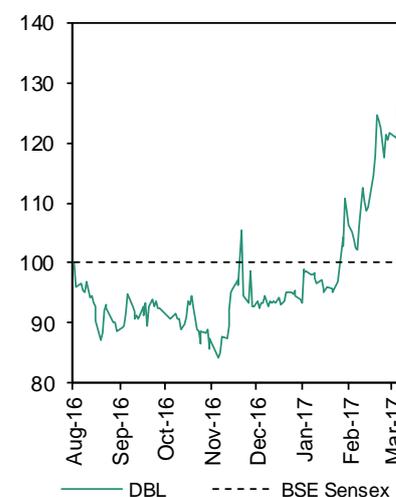
Script Details

Equity / FV	₹ 1,368/ ₹ 10
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	USD 756mn
52 week High/Low	₹ 374/ ₹ 178
Avg. Volume (no)	2,27,691
NSE Symbol	DBL
Bloomberg Code	DBL IN

Shareholding Pattern Mar'17(%)

Promoters	75.6
MF/Banks/FIs	3.0
FIIIs	15.3
Public / Others	6.1

DBL Relative to Sensex



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Investment thesis

- With historic highest inflows of ~₹115.4bn (FY17E), resulting spike in order book to ~₹173.3bn (FY17E) not only provides 3.5x FY17E revenue visibility but also expected to drive robust revenue growth (18.7% CAGR over FY17-19E).
- Differentiated business model along with proven execution capabilities leading to sustenance of highest EBITDA margin among peers, DBL is expected to clock strong adj. PAT CAGR (28.1% over FY17-19E).
- DBL is expected to generate robust operating cash, FCF leading to a reduction in leverage.

Catalyst

- Further expansion in its valuation multiples due to early project completion bonus (as it earned in last five years), positively impacting its profitability.
- Recovery of ₹3.3 bn from two private clients.

Company Background

DBL, started in 1988 and listed 11 August, 2016, has emerged as a leading diversified private sector EPC player with a presence in various infrastructure segments such as Roads and Highways, Irrigation, Urban development, and Mining.

With a modern construction fleet of ~8,500 equipment with GPS tracking backed by a large trained employee base of ~25,000, DBL has emerged as one of the best project executors in India with successfully completing 90% projects on/ before time and earning ₹3.3 bn as early completion bonus during last five years.

DBL also has a portfolio of 24 BOT projects with total project cost of ~₹106 bn, out of which, 14 are operational projects (2 became operational in Mar'17 and 12 were operational till FY16) and 10 are under development projects including recently bagged 6 HAM (Hybrid Annuity) projects.

Risk

- If DBL is unable to bring equity partner in its BOT portfolio, it may adversely affect its debt, interest cost and profitability.
- Any delay in order inflow and execution, further rise in NWC cycle and under utilisation of large fleet of equipment and manpower may adversely affect its profitability.

Assumptions

	FY17E	FY18E	FY19E
Order inflow (₹ bn)	115.4	70.0	70.0
Revenue growth (%)	22.2	19.1	18.3
EBITDA growth (%)	18.7	11.6	18.3
Adj. PAT growth (%)	42.2	12.3	46.2
EBITDA margin (%)	19.0	17.8	17.8
Tax rate (%)	5.4	31.0	31.0
Capex (₹ bn)	4.0	1.5	1.5
Gross debt (₹ bn)	24.6	25.6	24.8
NWC days	158	142	128

Event

May'17	Q4FY17 results
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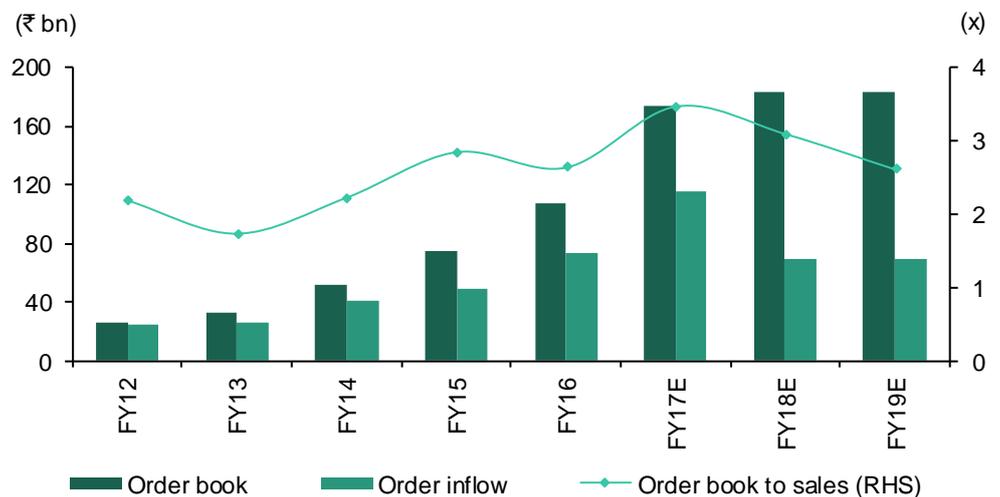
Investment Thesis

Strong inflow and robust order book enhances revenue visibility

DBL was successful in its strategy to build a sustainable business model by not only growing, but also diversifying both geographically and segmentally its order book. It also effectively raised its exposure towards Govt. clients (96%) from just 22.9% (FY13).

DBL received a significant boost with the historic highest fresh inflows of ~₹115.4bn (Exhibit 4) during FY17 which resulted spike in its order book to the historic highest level of ~₹173.3bn (considering ~₹16.5bn execution in Q4FY17E) as on FY17E vs. ₹107.8bn/ ~₹127.7bn (excluding ₹3.5bn order cancellation) as on FY16/ Q3FY17. We considered 71% of total projects cost (~₹41.8bn) as EPC order book for 4 HAM projects awarded post Q3FY17. Thus, its order book provides revenue visibility (3.5x FY17E revenue). We factored in ₹70bn order inflow for FY18E and FY19E which is 39%/ 26% lower than FY17E/ average of FY16 and FY17E order inflow.

Exhibit 1: Rising order book

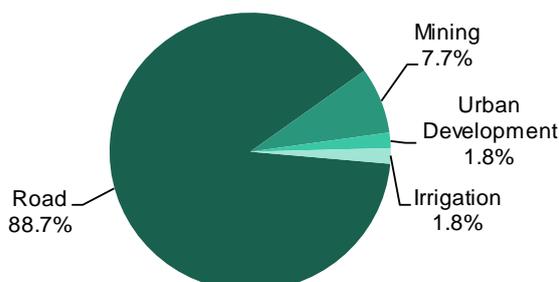


Source: DART, Company

De-risking business by expanding into other infra verticals

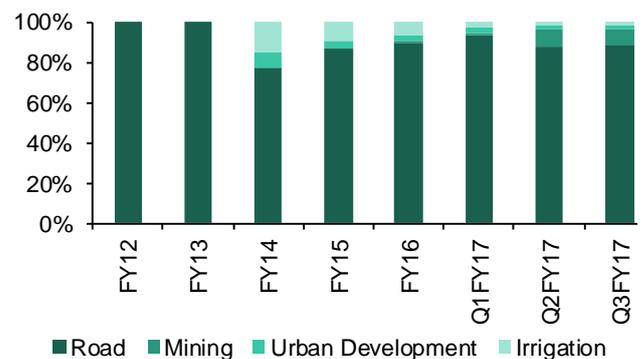
DBL, to de-risk its business model and build expertise into other emerging infra verticals, has expanded its footprints into Mining, Irrigation, Urban Development while maintained its focus on core business segment i.e. Road. The share of Mining segment

Exhibit 2: Segmental order book (Q3FY17)



Source: DART, Company

Exhibit 3: Diversifying apart from core Road segment



Source: DART, Company

in order book has increased to 7.7% (Exhibit 2) from 1% in FY16 (Exhibit 3), whereas, Irrigation and Urban Development segment accounted for 1.8% each in the order book (Q3FY17). However, in this diversification, DBL will try to stick to its strategy of project clustering, improvement in efficiency and profitability. Recently, (LoA on 20 January 2017), the company bagged ₹16.7bn Mining order from Northern Coalfields Ltd.

DBL in JV with Dhansar Engineering Company Pvt Ltd has also been declared L1 for MDO (Mine Developer cum Operator) project worth ₹108.8bn with ₹837/tonne of mined out coal for development and operations of Tubed Coal Block, Auranga Coalfields, Jharkhand from Damodar Valley Corporations, GoI. The company will own 90% stake in the JV with 10% by the JV partner. The project life is 29 years (including 2 years of construction period) and 130 mn tonnes mineable reserves with 6 mn tonne/ p.a. peak capacity. At peak capacity of 6 mn tonne/ p.a., the JV can expect revenue of ₹5bn with much better EBITDA margin. Though we have neither factored any financials nor considered in our valuations, we believe DBL's financials would be positively impacted by this MDO project.

Exhibit 4: Orders bagged in FY17

Authority	Segment	Project	State	EPC (₹ mn)
MoRTH	Road	Approaches for bridge across river Zuari	Goa	4,401
MoRTH	Road	Approaches for bridge across river Zuari	Goa	4,176
MoRTH	Road	Rayachoti - Kadapa	AP	1,980
MoRTH	Road	Kalamb - Ralegaon - Wadki	MH	2,925
MoRTH	Road	Mantha Taluka Border - Barshi	MH	2,880
MoRTH	Road	Kalmath - Zarap (HAM)	MH	6,980
NHAI	Road	Lucknow-Sultanpur (HAM)	UP	17,800
NHAI	Road	Tuljapur-Ausa (HAM)	MH	6,500*
NHAI	Road	Mahagaon - Yavatmal (HAM)	MH	8,241*
NHAI	Road	Yavatmal - Wardha (HAM)	MH	7,407*
NHAI	Road	Wardha - Butibori (HAM)	MH	7,565*
NHAI	Road	Chichra-Kharagpur	WB	6,131
NHAI	Road	Nalagampalli - AP/Karnataka Border	AP	5,031
Singareni Collieries	Mining	Excavation of overburden including coal	Telangana	9,736
Western Coalfield	Mining	Ghonsa OCM of Wani North Area.	MH	1,519
Western Coalfield	Mining	Kolarpimpri Extn. OCM of Wani North Area	MH	5,411
Northern Coalfields	Mining	Excavation of overburden	MP	16,736
			Total	115,418

Source: DART, Company * Note: We considered 71% of TPC as EPC

De-risking business by geographical diversification and increasing exposure towards Govt clients

DBL to de-risk business model not diversified into other infra segments but also diversified geographically across India and significantly increased its exposure towards Govt orders. The company has successfully diversified across India and currently its order book is spread over 13 states with a share of orders outside its home state, MP, has increased sharply to 85% (Q3FY17) (Exhibit 5) vs. 12.1% in FY13. This well diversification across India helps DBL to reduce project specific and state-specific risk. Needless to mention, DBL bagged 85.5% fresh orders outside MP in FY17.

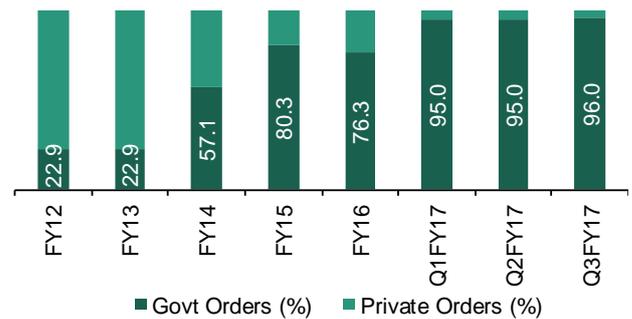
Further, to increase recoverability of debtors, DBL focused on Govt orders vs. private clients. The share of Govt orders increased significantly in last few years with 96% (Q3FY17) contributed by the Govt projects (Exhibit 6) vs. 22.9% in FY13. Even in Govt, 88% of the total order book is from Central Govt. DBL will continue to focus on orders from MoRTH and NHAI due to lower funding risks which ensure smooth execution.

Exhibit 5: Rising share of other states in order book



Source: DART, Company

Exhibit 6: Increasing focus on Govt orders

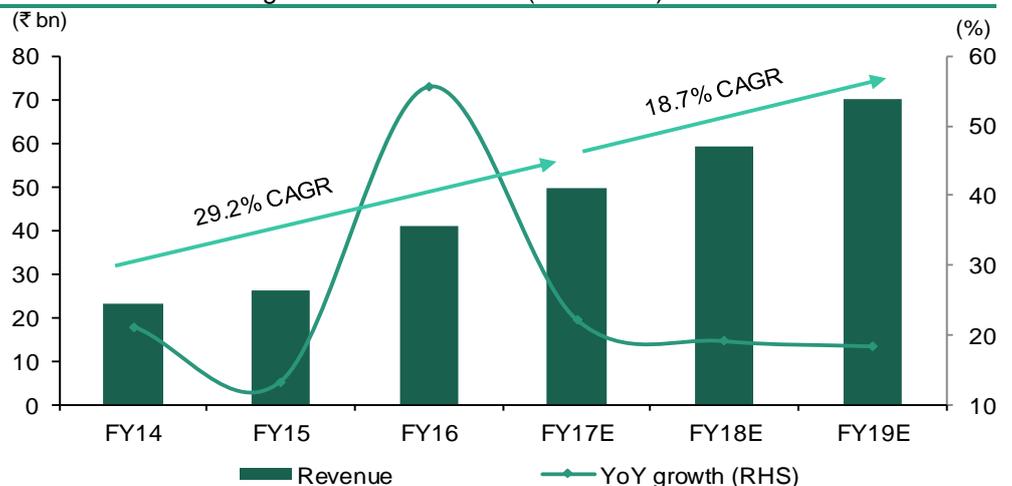


Source: DART, Company

Strong execution momentum to continue led by excellent capability

DBL will be able to manage 50.2% revenue CAGR over FY11-17E during which its revenue will be multi-folding 11.5x to ₹49.9bn (FY17E) from ₹0.43bn (FY11). This will have led by its differentiated business model with thrust on project selection and execution with operational efficiency. Even during 9MFY17, its revenue grew at a healthy rate of 22.5% YoY to ₹33.5bn and we expect FY17E to witness 22.5% YoY growth. We expect DBL's revenue to grow at a healthy CAGR of 18.7% over FY17-19E (Exhibit 7) driven by the continuation of execution momentum and pick-up in execution on orders won (₹115.4bn) in FY17. We expect a significant jump in Mining revenue over FY17-19E with its share in total revenue rising from mere 2% in FY17E to 15%/ 13% in FY18E/ FY19E.

Exhibit 7: Revenue to grow at 18.7% CAGR (FY17-19E)



Source: DART, Company

DBL is likely to continue to focus on the Road segment due to its proven execution track record in the segment and the ability to identify profitable road projects to drive its revenue growth. Moreover, due to its vast experience of working in various states, owned equipment, backward integration, excellent project execution capability and well defined project selection and monitoring, the company would be able to execute most of its projects on time or ahead of schedule.

Exhibit 8: Early completion bonus

(₹ mn)	FY13	FY14	FY15	FY16	FY17	Total
From BOT projects	394	585	483	457	515	2,434
From EPC projects	140	0	0	142	582	868
Total	534	585	483	599	1,097*	3,303
As % of revenue	2.8	2.5	1.8	1.5	2.2	

Source: DART, Company *Note: Announced so far

Exhibit 9: Early completion bonus in FY17

(₹ mn)	Bonus (₹ mn)	Actual completion days	Early completion days	Project cost (₹ mn)	Length (kms)
Hata – Dargawon	154	329	400	1,011	64
Patan - Rehli	362	356	374	2,613	87
Total bonus from BOT projects	515			3,624	151
Jabalpur-Patan-Shahpura	27	539	190	900	39
Adoni to Madhavaram via Mantralayam section	49	627	102	1,641	55
Mandla to Pindari	57	544	185	1,908	106
Rewa-Sidhi (NH-75E)	78	619	111	2,600	58
Jarwal - Bahraich	87	623	107	2,610	50
Sidhi-Tikhri (MDR-45-2), Kyothi Katra Lalgaoon (MDR-43-02), Mauganj-Katra (MDR-43-04)	72	385	254	1,449	96
Badnagar - Sundarabad	49	580	150	1,620	95
Kanti - Shahdol - Anuppur - MP/Chattisgarh Border	102	630	100	3,402	92
Jabalpur- Mandla-Chilpi	60	630	100	2,011	22
Total bonus from EPC projects	582			18,140	613
Total bonus from all projects	1,097*			21,764	763

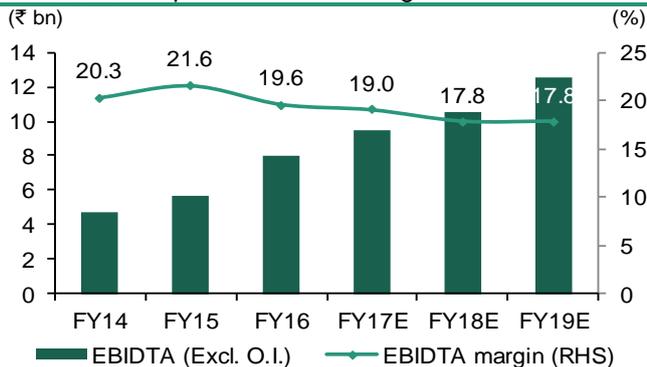
Source: DART, Company *Note: Announced so far

DBL earned ₹2.2bn (Exhibit 8) as early completion bonus during FY13-16 which stood at an average 2.2% of revenue. Even during FY17, the company so far announced the highest ₹1.1bn (Exhibit 9) in a year as early completion bonus for 11 projects worth ₹21.8bn totaling 763 kms. The key point to note here that out of 11 projects 9 were EPC projects contributing 53% vs. 12.8% (for FY13-16) of total early completion bonus. We believe, the company is likely to continue this trend in coming years, however, we have not factored in any early completion bonus in our valuation.

Best EBITDA margin among peers led by operational efficiency

DBL enjoys best EBITDA margin among peers (Exhibit 11) due to operational efficiency which is led by a large fleet of owned homogenous equipment, excellent in-house execution capabilities, and early completion bonus. A modern construction fleet of ~8,500 equipment with GPS tracking backed by a large trained employee base of ~25,000 reduces DBL's dependence on sub-contracting. Thus, DBL can do the smooth execution ahead of schedule time, if not, at least on-time and earn better EBITDA margin by saving overheads. DBL's asset-heavy model vs. asset-light helps it to clock superior EBITDA margin as depreciation forms below EBITDA line item.

Exhibit 10: Superior EBITDA margin to continue



Source: DART, Company

Exhibit 11: Highest EBITDA margin among peers

Company	FY16	FY17E	FY18E	FY19E
DBL	19.6	19.0	17.8	17.8
J.Kumar	17.6	17.2	16.5	16.5
KNR	17.2	14.8	14.3	14.3
PNC	13.2	13.0	13.0	13.0
Ashoka Buildcon	13.7	12.4	11.6	12.2
Sadbhav Eng.	10.3	11.5	11.9	12.2
Simplex Infra	10.9	11.6	11.6	11.6
NCC	8.9	8.9	9.5	9.7

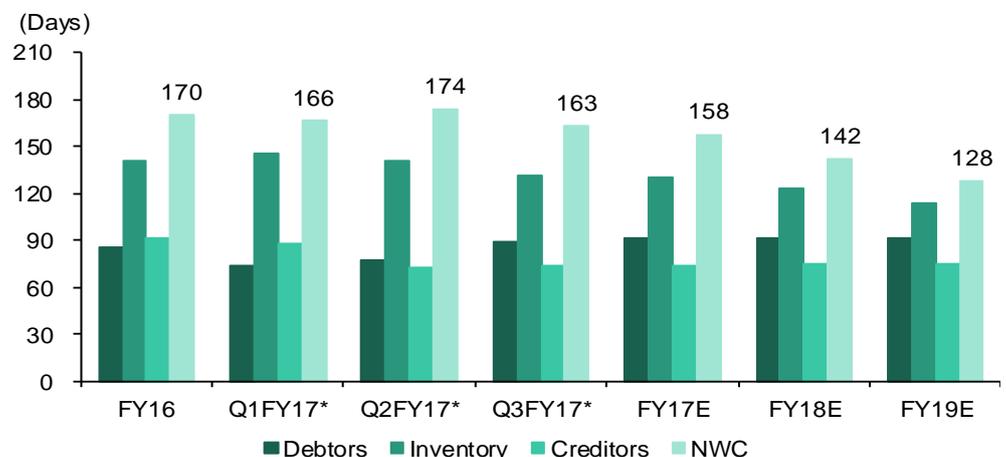
Source: DART, Company, Bloomberg

We expect DBL to enjoy the superior EBITDA margin of 17.8% (Exhibit 10) in FY18E/ FY19E, translating into a CAGR of 14.9% in the EBITDA over FY17-19E. We have not factored in any early completion bonus for FY18E and FY19E and accordingly our estimate of 17.8% EBITDA margin is lower than 19.6% (FY16)/ 19% (9MFY16 and FY19E).

Strong OCF, improving NWC, lower capex to reduce leverage

We expect DBL's Net D:E to decline to 1x (Exhibit 14) by FY19E vs. 2.2x/ 1.3x for FY16/ FY17E supported by strong operating cash flows (OCF) (Exhibit 13) due to rise in profitability along with gradual improvement in net working capital cycle (NWC) (Exhibit 12) and much lower capex.

Exhibit 12: Gradual improvement in NWC cycle to 128 days by FY19E

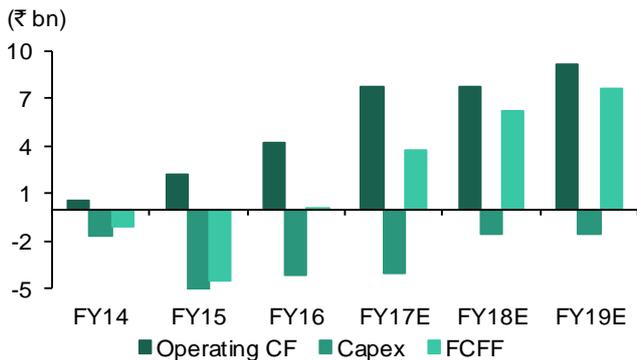


Source: DART, Company *Note: based on TTM revenue

High inventory days a concern but justified

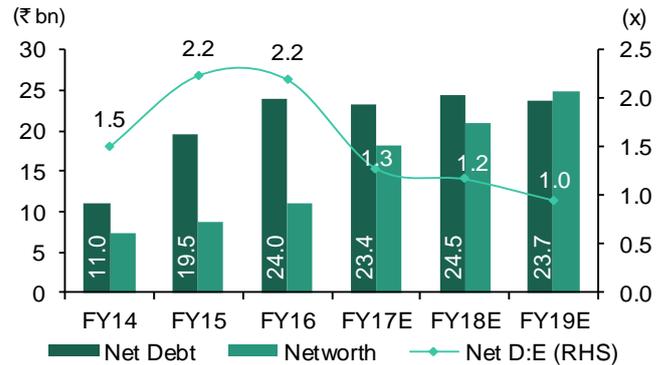
DBL's higher inventory days vs. most of its peers results into overall high NWC cycle for the company, though not much higher than one of the best players such KNR. The company's higher inventory days is attributable to its strategy of earning early completion bonus and completing most of its projects on time by strong control on entire execution process and availability of required aggregates (inventory) is the most crucial in the entire process. If the company opts to source aggregates from the third party, then it carries a risk of delay in getting required quantity as per schedule which in turn can lead to delay in overall execution of the project which is against its core strength and strategy.

Exhibit 13: +OCF, lower capex to aid robust FCFF



Source: DART, Company

Exhibit 14: Declining Net D:E – 1x by FY19E



Source: DART, Company

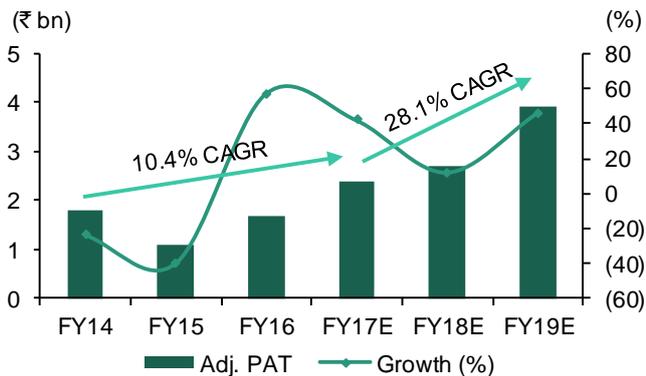
We expect gradual improvement in NWC days to 128 days by FY19E vs. 163/ 158 days in Q3FY17/ FY17E (Exhibit 12) due to (i) better monitoring and utilization of inventory leading to improvement in inventory days to 114 days by FY19E vs. 132/ 130 days in Q3FY17/ FY17E (ii) maintaining debtor days at current level of 91 days due to (a) recovery of ₹3.3bn old private receivables (Pan Essel and Topworth Infra) (b) focus on Govt orders (96% of total order book as on Q3FY17) where recoverability and time to recover are much better vs. private clients.

Robust FCFF led by strong OCF, lower capex will lower leverage

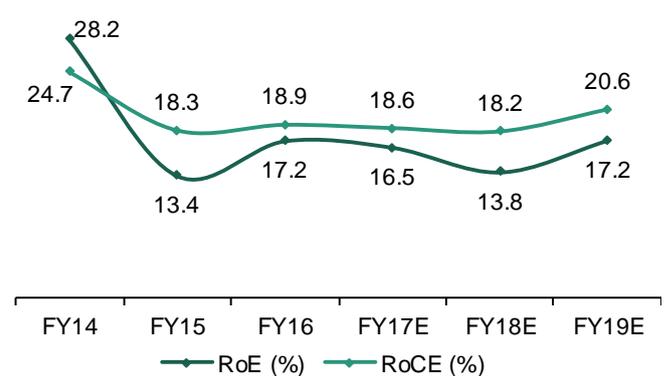
We expect DBL to witness strong OCF (Exhibit 13) to the tune of ₹16.7bn (FY18E + FY19E) led by the higher profitability of ₹6.6bn (FY18E + FY19E) along with gradual improvement in NWC cycle. The company will be doing limited capex (₹1.5bn each year) during FY18E and FY19E as it has done most of its required capex ₹16.5bn during FY14-17E. Thus, we expect DBL to generate robust FCFF to the tune of ₹13.9bn (FY18E + FY19E). Thus, we expect its gross debt to stabilize at the current level of ~₹25.2bn over FY17-19E which will result in lower Net D:E of 1x (Exhibit 14) by FY19E vs. 2.2x/ 1.3x for FY16/ FY17E. At the same time, we have considered ~₹6bn further equity investment in its BoT portfolio over FY17-19E.

Adjusted PAT CAGR of 28.1% over FY17-19E

We expect Adjusted PAT to grow at a robust CAGR of 28.1% over FY17-19E, much better than 10.4% CAGR (FY14-17) and 6.1% (9MFY17) driven by healthy operating performance, stable interest cost due to stabilization of debt. We have considered 31% tax rate in FY18E and FY19E vs. 12.3%/ 5.4% in FY16/ FY17E. We expect extraordinary adjusted PAT for the Q4FY17E primarily aided by robust operating performance along with ₹870mn early completion bonus. We expect NPM to rise to 5.6% by FY19E vs. 4.1%/ 4.8% in FY16/ FY17E. Due to robust growth in profitability, we expect return ratios (RoE and RoCE) to improve marginally to 17.2%/ 20.6% by FY19E vs. 16.5%/ 18.6% in FY17E. The networkth and capital employed has increased by ₹4.1bn during FY17 due to IPO.

Exhibit 15: Robust Adj. PAT CAGR over FY17-19E


Source: DART, Company

Exhibit 16: Improving healthy return ratios


Source: DART, Company

Operational BOT projects – able to meet interest & debt repayment

DBL has a portfolio of 24 BOT projects with total project cost of ~₹106 bn, of which, 14 are operational projects (2 became operational in Mar'17 and 12 were operational till FY16) and 10 are under development projects including recently bagged 6 HAM (Hybrid Annuity) projects. The company has invested ₹6.1 bn by Q3FY17 and expected to have invested ₹6.25 bn equity by FY17E. The company needs to invest further ₹11-12 bn over FY17-19E in 10 under development projects. The company is looking to bring equity partner in the entire BOT portfolio as it made an arrangement with Shrem Infraventure Pvt Ltd to bring 49% equity in one HAM project (Tuljapur – Ausa). We have assumed ₹6 bn equity investment by DBL over FY17-19E and rest by its new equity partner. The Out of 24 BOT projects, 22 are annuity/ annuity+Toll based projects ensuring fixed annuity payments and reducing traffic risks.

Exhibit 17: Operational BOT portfolio of 14 projects

Project	Type	Authority	Length (kms)	Cost (₹ mn)	Annul Annuity (₹ mn)	CoD	Concession Period (yrs)
Betul - Sami	Annuity + Toll	MPRDC	124	3,240	310	May-15	15
Nadiad - Modasa	Annuity	R&BD GoG	108	2,072	349	Dec-13	14
Jaora - Sailana	Annuity	MPRDC	88	1,360	241	May-14	15
Bankhlaftata - Dogawa	Annuity	MPRDC	65	1,177	198	Mar-14	15
Silwani - Sultanganj	Annuity + Toll	MPRDC	76	1,342	190	Mar-13	15
Tikamgarh - Nowgaon	Annuity + Toll	MPRDC	76	1,300	178	May-15	15
Uchera - Nagod	Annuity + Toll	MPRDC	56	1,158	169	May-14	15
Mundi - Sanawad	Annuity + Toll	MPRDC	68	1,405	166	May-13	15
Ashoknagar - Vidisha	Annuity + Toll	MPRDC	36	887	101	Jul-14	15
Sardarpur - Badhwar	Annuity + Toll	MPRDC	43	968	92	Jun-12	15
Sitamau - Suwasara	Annuity + Toll	MPRDC	35	652	74	Mar-13	15
Mandasur - Sitamau	Toll	MPRDC	44	290	-	Feb-09	25
Hata- Dargawon	Annuity + Toll	MPRDC	64	1,011	140	Mar-17	15
Patan - Rehli	Annuity + Toll	MPRDC	87	2,618	353	Mar-17	15
Total			970	19,480	2,561		

Source: DART, Company

The total annual annuity on 14 operational projects stands at ₹2.6 bn. 12 BOT projects which were operational till FY16 earned ₹2.1 bn annuity out of total BOT revenue of ₹2.7 bn in FY16 and generated cash profit (PAT + Depreciation) of ₹774 mn post interest cost of ₹1.3 bn. This implies that the portfolio of 12 operational projects are not only well-funded but also able to meet its interest and debt repayment.

Under development BOT projects – expect CoD ahead of time

DBL has a portfolio of 10 BOT projects which are at various stages of under development including recently bagged 6 HAM projects with total project cost of ~₹86.4 bn. Out of 10 projects 9 are annuity based. We expect DBL to achieve CoD for all the projects before schedule date as it did in the 14 are operational BOT projects.

Exhibit 18: Under development BOT portfolio of 10 projects

Project	Type	Authority	Length (kms)	Cost (₹ mn)	Annul Annuity (₹ mn)	Concession Period (yrs)
Guna - Biora	Toll	NHAI	94	9,010	-	26
Mundargi - Harapanahalli	Annuity	KRDCL	51	1,790	355	10
Hassan - Periyapatna	Annuity	KRDCL	74	2,546	526	10
Hirekerur - Ranibennur	Annuity	KRDCL	56	1,984	392	10
Luknow - Sultanpur	HAM	NHAI	123	20,160	-	18
Kalmath - Zarap	HAM	MoRHTH	44	9,140	-	15
Tuljapur - Ausa	HAM	NHAI	67	9,110	-	17
Mahagaon - Yavatmal	HAM	NHAI	80	11,606	-	17.5
Yavatmal - Wardha	HAM	NHAI	65	10,433	-	17.5
Wardha - Butibori	HAM	NHAI	59	10,655	-	17.5
Total			713	86,434	1,273	

Source: DART, Company

Exhibit 19: Rational bidding by DBL in 6 HAM projects bagged by it

Project	(a) Authority Estimated Cost (₹ bn)	(b) Bid Cost (₹ bn)	(c) NPV (₹ bn)	% Diff b/w (b) & (a)	% Diff b/w (c) & L2	No of bidders
Luknow - Sultanpur	16.6	20.2	17.3	21.3	(7.0)	7
Kalmath - Zarap	6.5	9.1	8.3	39.8	(2.6)	2
Tuljapur - Ausa	9.1	9.1	8.1	0.7	(8.2)	5
Mahagaon - Yavatmal	11.0	11.6	10.3	5.7	(7.7)	7
Yavatmal - Wardha	9.9	10.4	9.3	5.6	(5.3)	8
Wardha - Butibori	10.3	10.7	9.5	3.4	(1.5)	5

Source: DART, Company

SAP implementation – a positive strategy

DBL has started implementation of SAP S4 HANA in collaboration with IBM where IBM will implement 11 modules of SAP which will cover all major operations of the company. This process will take 6-8 months to start operating. The company expects further improvement in operational efficiency and profitability post operationalization of SAP.

Valuation: Initiating coverage with BUY rating

We expect DBL to witness traction in revenue, best EBITDA margin among peers (Exhibit 11), superior net profit margin, comfortable working capital, robust order inflow and order book, robust FCF (Exhibit 13), declining leverage, and improving healthy return ratios (RoE and RoCE) over FY17-19E. We like DBL's differentiated business model with thrust on project selection and execution with operational efficiency. Earning early project completion bonuses as it did in last five years (Exhibit 8 & 9) along with improvement in NWC cycle and a decline in leverage will act as key positive triggers. An equity partner in its BOT portfolio at a higher valuation than 1x BV will also act as a positive trigger. This, coupled with a reasonable valuation of 9.2x FY19E EPS (excluding Road BoTs), makes the stock attractive.

DBL has a very short period of comparable historical 1-year forward valuation multiples such as P/E, EV/EBITDA and P/B as it got listed on 11 August, 2016. With better revenue CAGR over FY17-19E vs. some of its large peers like NCC, Simplex Infra and Sadbhav Engineering, best EBITDA margin compared to peers, slightly better return ratios (RoE and RoCE) compared to peers' average (Exhibit 21) and excellent execution capabilities resulting into early completion bonuses, the company should be able to command a marginally higher PE multiple compared to its peers' average.

Despite these factors, we are valuing DBL's core construction business at ₹403/ share based on 14x FY19E EPS (Exhibit 20) which is just 2% premium compared to FY19E average of its peers under coverage (Exhibit 21). We value DBL's investment in Road BOT projects at ₹90 based on 1x BV of equity invested by FY19E. Thus, we arrive at our SOTP based TP of ₹493/ share (Exhibit 20) which provides 39% upside from current level. Hence, we initiate coverage on DBL with a Buy rating.

Exhibit 20: SOTP Valuation

Component	Valuation Method	₹ /sh	%
Standalone cons business	14x FY19E EPS	403.2	81.8
Road BOTs	1x FY19E BV	89.6	18.2
Total		492.8	100.0
CMP		355.3	
Potential upside (%)		38.7	

Source: Company, DART

Exhibit 21: Peer comparison

Name	CMP	MCap (₹ bn)	P/E (x)			EV/EBITDA (x)			RoE (%)				RoCE (%)			
			FY17E	FY18E	FY19E	FY17E	FY18E	FY19E	FY16	FY17E	FY18E	FY19E	FY16	FY17E	FY18E	FY19E
J.Kumar	247	18.7	15.1	12.1	10.2	7.4	6.1	5.4	10.0	9.3	10.6	11.3	14.5	14.2	15.4	16.0
KNR	196	27.6	18.5	16.1	13.7	13.8	11.3	9.0	24.9	17.5	18.1	17.8	18.9	20.1	19.7	20.8
NCC	85	47.0	19.8	15.3	12.8	9.0	7.9	7.1	6.7	6.8	8.2	9.1	15.7	13.4	14.6	15.2
Simplex	370	18.3	21.4	16.7	13.8	7.5	7.2	6.8	6.9	5.4	6.5	7.4	11.9	11.6	11.8	12.2
PNC	128	32.8	20.3	21.8	18.2	13.7	11.6	9.6	15.6	11.0	9.1	9.8	19.1	14.7	13.8	14.8
DBL	355	48.6	20.2	18.0	12.3	7.6	6.9	5.8	17.2	16.5	13.8	17.2	18.9	18.6	18.2	20.6
Avg.(excl. DBL)			22.9	14.6	13.7	10.3	8.8	7.6	12.8	10.0	10.5	11.1	17.4	16.7	19.3	18.0

Source: DART, Company

Exhibit 22: Peer comparison

Name	Revenue (₹ bn)				EBITDA margin (%)			Net D:E (x)			Gross FA turnover (x)		
	FY17E	FY18E	FY19E	CAGR (%)	FY17E	FY18E	FY19E	FY17E	FY18E	FY19E	FY17E	FY18E	FY19E
J.Kumar	16.5	21.6	25.1	23.4	17.2	16.5	16.5	0.2	0.2	0.2	2.2	2.1	2.3
KNR	14.1	18.0	22.8	27.0	14.8	14.3	14.3	0.2	0.2	0.1	2.0	2.2	2.5
NCC	80.9	86.1	91.0	6.1	8.9	9.5	9.7	0.5	0.4	0.4	6.0	5.9	5.9
Simplex	58.4	61.3	64.4	5.0	11.6	11.6	11.6	2.0	1.9	1.7	2.5	2.5	2.5
PNC	18.2	21.8	26.3	20.3	13.0	13.0	13.0	(0.0)	0.0	0.0	3.0	3.2	3.5
DBL	49.9	59.5	70.3	18.7	19.0	17.8	17.8	1.3	1.2	1.0	2.1	2.4	2.7
Avg.(excl. DBL)					13.1	13.0	13.0	0.6	0.5	0.5	3.1	3.2	3.3

Source: DART, Company

Upside risk to valuation

Early completion bonus

If DBL earns early completion bonuses (as it did in last 5 years) which is likely considering its excellent track record of completing most of its projects before time (Exhibit 8 and 9) which is not factored in our valuation, then it will positively impact its revenue and profitability. This may lead to further expansion in its valuation multiples and poises upside risk to our target price.

Reduction in debt vs. expectation of stabilization

If DBL can manage to reduce its debt due to a faster reduction in NWC cycle compared to our estimates, then it will positively impact its profitability by a reduction in interest cost and balance sheet by a further reduction in leverage. This may lead to further expansion in its valuation multiples and poises upside risk to our target price.

Downside risk to valuation

Not able to monetise/ bring partner in its BOT portfolio

DBL need to invest ₹11-12 bn equity in its under-development BOT portfolio over FY17-19E. The company is looking to bring equity partner in the entire BOT portfolio. We have assumed ₹6 bn equity investment by DBL over FY17-19E and rest by its new equity partner. If the company is unable to do that then it may adversely affect its debt, interest cost and profitability.

Further rise in NWC cycle

Any further rise in NWC cycle led by particularly inventory days and delay in recovery of old private debtors compared to our estimate of marginal decline in NWC cycle may result into higher debt and interest cost which will adversely affect its profitability.

Under utilisation of large fleet of equipment and manpower

DBL owns a large fleet of equipment and has high employees base, resulting in higher fixed costs. It may have an adverse impact on its profitability, if DBL is unable to utilize them properly.

Execution delays

Though the company has managed to complete most of its projects on or before time, any project delays due to an impediment at the client's end or other regulatory bottlenecks could adversely affect DBL's revenue and profitability.

Delay in order intake

Postponement in capex by private and government sectors will lead to a delay in the awarding of orders to DBL, negatively impacting its revenue and profitability.

Exhibit 23: Q3FY17 performance (Standalone)

Y/E Mar (₹ mn)	Q3FY17	Q3FY16	YoY (%)	Q2FY17	QoQ (%)	9MFY17	9MFY16	YoY (%)
Income from operations	13,884	9,786	41.9	9,157	51.6	33,431	27,288	22.5
Other operating income	7	5	41.4	7	0.3	43	27	57.8
Total revenue	13,891	9,791	41.9	9,163	51.6	33,474	27,315	22.5
Raw Materials	10,370	7,400	40.1	6,738	53.9	24,902	19,924	25.0
Staff cost	226	168	34.2	255	(11.6)	667	426	56.5
Other Expenses	520	330	57.5	615	(15.5)	1,529	1,181	29.6
Operating expenditure	11,115	7,898	40.7	7,608	46.1	27,099	21,531	25.9
EBITDA	2,776	1,893	46.6	1,555	78.5	6,375	5,784	10.2
Depreciation	593	480	23.5	539	10.0	1,656	1,333	24.2
Operating profit	2,183	1,413	54.5	1,016	114.8	4,719	4,452	6.0
Other income	27	9	182.4	36	(25.2)	82	27	205.8
EBIT	2,209	1,422	55.3	1,052	110.1	4,802	4,478	7.2
Interest	1,062	972	9.2	959	10.7	3,105	2,760	12.5
EBT	1,147	450	154.9	92	1,140.9	1,697	1,718	(1.3)
Tax	61	18	232.1	23	167.7	45	125	(64.3)
Reported PAT	1,086	432	151.7	70	1,459.3	1,652	1,593	3.7
EPS (₹)	7.9	3.2	151.7	0.5	1,459.3	12.1	11.6	3.7
			<i>bps</i>		<i>bps</i>			<i>bps</i>
EBIDTA Margin (excl. O.I.)	20.0	19.3	65	17.0	301	19.0	21.2	(213)
EBIDTA Margin (incl. O.I.)	20.2	19.4	74	17.4	281	19.3	21.3	(198)
NPM (%)	7.8	4.4	340	0.8	705	4.9	5.8	(90)
Tax/PBT (%)	5.3	4.1	124	24.7	(1,934)	2.6	7.3	(466)
Raw Materials/sales (%)	74.7	75.6	(92)	73.5	112	74.4	72.9	145

Source: DART, Company

Annexure I: About the Company

DBL, started in 1988 and listed on 11 August 2016, has emerged as a leading diversified private sector EPC player with a presence in various infrastructure segments such as Roads and Highways, Irrigation, Urban development, and Mining. The company's core expertise lies in the areas of Roads and Highways. DBL has excellent track record of completing 8,000 road lane kms (5,612 lane kms in last five years) over 100+ projects spread across India. Currently, the company is working on ~54 projects across the Road (8,422 lane kms), Irrigation, Urban development and Mining spread across 13 states in India.

DBL has emerged has one of the best project executors in India with successfully completing 90% projects on/ before time and earning ₹3.3 bn as early completion bonus during last five years. The company recently bagged MDO (Mine Developer cum Operator) project worth ₹108.8bn in the state of Jharkhand. A modern construction fleet of ~8,500 equipment with GPS tracking backed by a large trained employee base of ~25,000 not only reduces DBL's dependence on sub-contracting but also drive timely execution with best margins among peers. DBL received a significant boost with the highest fresh inflows of ~₹115.4 bn during FY17 which resulted spike in its order book to the historic highest level of ~₹173.3 bn (FY17E). As at Q3FY17, out of total order book of ₹127.7 bn Road accounted for 88% whereas Mining, Irrigation and Urban Development contributed 8%, 2% and 2%, respectively. At the same time 96% order book was from Govt clients. The company's revenue/ EBITDA/ PAT grew at very robust CAGR of 50%/ 51%/ 35% during FY11-17E.

DBL has a portfolio of 24 BOT projects with total project cost of ~₹106 bn, out of which 14 are operational projects (2 became operational in Mar'17 and 12 were operational till FY16) and 10 are under development projects including recently bagged 6 HAM (Hybrid Annuity) projects.

Annexure II: Management

Name	Designation
Dilip Suryavanshi	Chairman & Managing Director
Devendra Jain	Whole-time Director & Chief Executive Officer
Mrs. Seema Suryavanshi	Women & Whole-time Director
Aditya Vijay Singh	Independent Director
Naval Jawharlal Totla	Independent Director
Ashwini Verma	Independent Director
Amogh Kumar Gupta	Independent Director
Satish Chandra Pandey	Independent Director
Vaibhav Rawat	Chief Financial Officer
Vijay Chhibber	Independent Director
Abhishek Shrivastava	Company Secretary & Compliance Officer

Source: Company, DART

Dilip Suryavanshi is the Chairman and Managing Director, holds a Bachelor's Degree in Civil Engineering from the University of Jabalpur and has over 32 years of experience in the construction business. He is currently the President of the Madhya Pradesh Builders Association. As the Managing Director of DBL, he liaises with various departments of the government and supervises process including tendering, bidding, and planning the projects.

Seema Suryavanshi is an Executive Director, holds a Bachelor's Degree in Arts (honors) from Ranchi Women's College, Ranchi and has over 17 years of experience in the construction business. She actively participates in finance, investment, and various Company affairs as a coordinator between execution and administrative wing of DBL.

Devendra Jain, an Executive Director and Chief Executive Officer, holds a Bachelor's Degree in Civil Engineering from Vikram University, Ujjain and has over 17 years of experience in the construction business. He looks after project implementation along with the quality of work and ensures timely completion of the projects undertaken by our Company.

Income Statement (Standalone)

Particulars	Mar16	Mar17E	Mar18E	Mar19E
Revenue	40,853	49,933	59,458	70,349
Growth (%)	55.7	22.2	19.1	18.3
Total Expenditure	32,861	40,446	48,874	57,827
Cost of Construction	30,170	36,951	44,355	52,199
Employees cost	713	999	1,308	1,688
Other Expenses	1,978	2,497	3,211	3,940
Other Income	154	105	110	116
EBIDTA (Excl. OI)	7,992	9,487	10,583	12,522
Growth (%)	41.3	18.7	11.6	18.3
EBIDTA (Incl. OI)	8,146	9,592	10,694	12,638
Depreciation	1,835	2,270	2,562	2,721
EBIT	6,311	7,322	8,132	9,917
Interest	3,805	4,170	4,230	4,210
Profit Before Tax	2,507	3,152	3,902	5,707
Tax	308	169	1,208	1,768
Net Profit	2,199	2,983	2,694	3,939
Adjustments	(511)	(583)	-	-
Adj. Net Profit	1,688	2,400	2,694	3,939
Growth (%)	57.4	42.2	12.3	46.2

Balance Sheet (Standalone)

Particulars	Mar16	Mar17E	Mar18E	Mar19E
Sources of Funds				
Equity Capital	1,171	1,368	1,368	1,368
Reserves	9,777	16,855	19,532	23,455
Net Worth	10,948	18,222	20,900	24,823
Long Term Loans	10,195	9,149	10,479	11,631
Short Term Loans	14,906	15,406	15,136	13,136
Loan Funds	25,100	24,555	25,615	24,767
Deferred Tax Liability	948	959	985	1,012
Total Capital Employed	36,996	43,736	47,500	50,602
Applications of Funds				
Gross Block	19,416	23,416	24,916	26,416
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	5,213	7,483	10,044	12,765
Net Block	14,204	15,934	14,872	13,651
Capital Work in Progress	-	-	-	-
Investments	2,898	6,248	9,498	12,248
Current Assets, Loans & Advances				
Inventories	15,803	17,796	20,038	21,974
Sundry Debtors	9,619	12,483	14,864	17,587
Cash and Bank Balance	1,059	1,171	1,093	1,047
Other Financial Assets	1,618	2,422	2,599	2,713
Other Current Assets	8,136	8,980	9,792	10,415
<i>sub total</i>	36,235	42,853	48,387	53,736
Less: Current Liabilities & Provisions				
Current Liabilities	16,138	21,032	24,926	28,624
Provisions	203	267	331	409
<i>sub total</i>	16,341	21,299	25,257	29,034
Net Current Assets	19,894	21,555	23,129	24,703
Total Assets	36,996	43,736	47,500	50,602

E – Estimates

Cash Flow (Standalone)

Particulars	Mar16	Mar17E	Mar18E	Mar19E
Profit before tax	2,507	3,152	3,902	5,707
Depreciation	1,835	2,270	2,562	2,721
Finance cost	3,805	4,170	4,230	4,210
Other income	(44)	(105)	(110)	(116)
Others	7	-	-	-
Direct taxes paid	(589)	(158)	(1,182)	(1,741)
Change in Working Capital	(3,255)	(1,548)	(1,654)	(1,619)
(A) CF from Operations	4,265	7,782	7,747	9,162
Capex	(4,156)	(4,000)	(1,500)	(1,500)
Free Cash Flow to Firm	109	3,782	6,247	7,662
Inc./ (Dec.) in Investments	(109)	(3,350)	(3,250)	(2,750)
Others	44	105	110	116
(B) CF from Investments	(4,221)	(7,245)	(4,640)	(4,134)
Issue of Equity/ Preference	-	4,308	-	-
Inc./ (Dec.) in Debt	2,482	(546)	1,060	(848)
Interest exp net	(3,802)	(4,170)	(4,230)	(4,210)
Dividend Paid (Incl. Tax)	(7)	(16)	(16)	(16)
(C) CF from Financing	(1,327)	(424)	(3,186)	(5,074)
Net Change in Cash	(1,283)	112	(79)	(46)
Opening Cash balances	2,342	1,059	1,171	1,093
Closing Cash balances	1,059	1,171	1,093	1,047

Important Ratios (Standalone)

Particulars	Mar16	Mar17E	Mar18E	Mar19E
(A) Measures of Performance (%)				
EBIDTA Margin (excl. O.I.)	19.6	19.0	17.8	17.8
EBIDTA Margin (incl. O.I.)	19.9	19.2	18.0	18.0
EBIT Margin	15.4	14.7	13.7	14.1
Interest/EBIT	60.3	57.0	52.0	42.5
Tax/PBT	12.3	5.4	31.0	31.0
Net Profit Margin	4.1	4.8	4.5	5.6
(B) As Percentage of Net Sales				
Cost of Construction	73.8	74.0	74.6	74.2
Employees cost	1.7	2.0	2.2	2.4
Other Expenses	4.8	5.0	5.4	5.6
(C) Measures of Financial Status				
Debt / Equity (x)	2.3	1.3	1.2	1.0
Interest Coverage (x)	2.1	2.3	2.5	3.0
Average Cost of Debt (%)	16.2	16.8	16.9	16.7
Debtors Period (days)	86	91	91	91
Closing stock (days)	141	130	123	114
Working Capital (days)	170	158	142	128
Fixed Assets Turnover (x)	2.1	2.1	2.4	2.7
(D) Measures of Investment				
Diluted EPS (₹)	12.3	17.5	19.7	28.8
CEPS (₹)	34.4	44.9	44.9	56.9
DPS (₹)	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.1
Book Value (₹)	80.0	133.2	152.8	181.5
RoANW (%)	17.2	16.5	13.8	17.2
RoACE (%)	18.9	18.6	18.2	20.6
RoAIC (%) (Excl Cash&Invnt)	21.3	21.1	22.2	26.7
(E) Valuation Ratios				
CMP (₹)	355	355	355	355
P/E (x)	28.8	20.2	18.0	12.3
Market Cap. (₹ Mn)	48,594	48,594	48,594	48,594
MCap/ Sales (x)	1.2	1.0	0.8	0.7
EV (₹ Mn)	70,379	72,306	72,547	72,715
EV/Sales (x)	1.7	1.4	1.2	1.0
EV/EBDITA (x)	8.8	7.6	6.9	5.8
P/BV (x)	4.4	2.7	2.3	2.0
FCFE Yield (%)	(4.1)	(1.9)	6.3	5.4
Dividend Yield (%)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

E – Estimates

Stock price return objective (12 Months)

Buy	> 15%
Accumulate	5 to 15%
Reduce	(-5) to 5%
Sell	< -5%

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