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KNR Construction (KNRC IN)

Along expected lines; maintain BUY

INDIA | INFRASTRUCTURE | Quarterly Update

KNR Construction reported 3QFY15 results, broadly inline with expectations.

The company reported **topline of Rs2.13bn (+2% YoY)** – ahead of consensus estimate of Rs2.05bn. **EBITDA at Rs300mn (-12% YoY)** was lower than consensus expectations of Rs330mn. **Margins declined by 230bps YoY to 14.1%** – significantly below expectations. The management attributed the decline to few of the projects getting completed and expects the margins to revert back to 15%. **PAT of Rs149mn was marginally ahead of consensus expectations of Rs140mn** – driven primarily by margin expansion and lower tax.

The company continues to report lower tax, on the back of availing 80IA tax benefit, for infrastructure projects. However, we note that historically, the benefit has been provided to 'developers' for the projects, and not contractors. None of the other EPC companies are availing this benefit currently. While KNR continues to deposit tax as per the normal tax rate, lower provision in the P&L poses a risk of reversal of the same in future years.

The orderbook for the company stands at Rs12.1bn – 1.4x book-to-sales. However, the company stands L1 at Rs16bn of orders, including which the orderbook stands at handsome 3.2x book-to-sales. The management expects steady flow of orders from NHAI in coming months, leading to accrual of order inflow of atleast Rs10bn in FY16.

Management Guidance: The management guided for topline of Rs10bn for FY15, driven by its current orderbook and order inflow expectation of Rs10bn in FY16. Margins are expected to remain close to 15% range.

KNR's orderbook currently stands at Rs 12.1bn, 1.4x book-to-sales, inferior to its peers such as NCC (3x) and J Kumar (3.5x). <u>However, including L1 of Rs16bn, it stands at handsome 3.2x book-to-sales.</u> 94% of KNR's orderbook is in the roads segment, which has been hit by lack of awards from NHAI and other state governments over the last six months. However, the management remains optimistic about the order award potential in 2HFY15 and expects to total order inflow of atleast Rs 10bn in FY16, which should provide decent revenue visibility for the next two years.

Outlook and Valuation: We expect the potent combination of operational efficiency and financial discipline to help KNR grow at the cost of its peers in the EPC space. Few companies in this space can match KNR in terms of balance sheet strength and operating margins. We expect it to benefit from a surge of orders in the roads segment (from NHAI and state governments). Its diversification into irrigation and overhead MRTS projects should also help it grow its orderbook beyond roads.

KNR's stock has surged 73% in the last six months and is currently trading at 13x FY16 and 10x FY17 earnings, already at a significant premium to its historical average (6x). However, we believe it is set to enter the 'big league' of EPC players, leading to a significant rerating potential.

We have made minor revision to our FY15-17 estimates. We now value the company at 10x FY17 earnings (earlier 9x) — inline with our multiple for NCC. Our price target of Rs 424 (earlier Rs363) represents 13% upside from current levels. We maintain BUY.

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BUY (Maintain)

CMP RS 375

TARGET RS 424 (+13%)

COMPANY DATA

O/S SHARES (MN) :	28
MARKET CAP (RSBN):	11
MARKET CAP (USDBN):	0.2
52 - WK HI/LO (RS) :	420 / 81
LIQUIDITY 3M (USDMN):	0.3
PAR VALUE (RS):	10

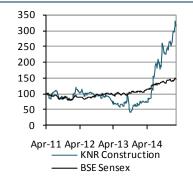
SHARE HOLDING PATTERN, %

PROMOTERS:	65.5
FII / NRI :	1.0
FI / MF :	20.2
NON PROMOTER CORP. HOLDINGS:	2.8
PUBLIC & OTHERS :	10.5

PRICE PERFORMANCE. %

	1MTH	3MTH	1YR
ABS	7.0	32.9	335.3
REL TO BSE	0.9	28.8	291.3

PRICE VS. SENSEX



Source: Phillip Capital India Research

KEY FINANCIALS

Rs mn	FY15E	FY16E	FY17E
Net Sales	8,765	10,080	11,592
EBIDTA	1,332	1,542	1,797
Net Profit	646	824	1,056
EPS, Rs	23.0	29.3	37.6
PER, x	16.4	12.9	10.0
EV/EBIDTA, x	8.1	6.6	5.3
P/BV, x	1.8	1.6	1.4
ROE, %	11.9	13.4	15.0
Debt/Equity (x)	0.1	0.1	0.0

Source: PhillipCapital India Research Est.

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Quarterly performance					
Particulars (Rs mn)	3QFY14	4QFY14	1QFY15	2QFY15	3QFY15
Total income	2,089	2,604	2,365	1,704	2,136
YoY growth	26.6	13.3	13.9	8.0	2.2
QoQ growth	32.3	24.7	<i>-9.2</i>	-27.9	25.3
Expenditure					
Stores materials consumed	637	902	934	582	884
% of sales	30.5	34.6	39.5	34.1	41.4
Sub contracting expenditure	0	0	0	0	0
% of sales	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Masonry, Labour and other consrt exp	86	89	85	89	96
% of sales	4.1	3.4	3.6	5.2	4.5
Employee cost	177	205	283	200	221
% of sales	8.5	7.9	12.0	11.7	10.3
Other Expenditure	846	1,037	752	531	634
% of sales	40.5	39.8	31.8	31.1	29.7
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	1,745	2,232	2,054	1,401	1,835
% of net sales	83.6	85.7	86.9	82.2	85.9
YoY growth	27.8	14.3	14.8	5.9	5.2
EBITDA	343	372	311	304	300
YoY growth	20.8	7.4	8.3	18.8	-12.6
QoQ growth	34.3	8.4	-16.6	-2.2	-1.1
EBITDA Margin (%)	16.4%	14.3%	13.1%	17.8%	14.1%
Other income	19	106	29	22	20
Interest	31	59	30	32	29
Depreciation	144	141	154	132	129
PBT	187	278	156	161	163
YoY growth	17.6	27.7	25.8	102.9	-13.1
QoQ growth	136.4	48.5	-44.0	3.3	1.2
Tax	53	(2)	(42)	21	14
Tax rate	28%	(1%)	(27%)	13%	9%
PAT	135	280	198	139	149
YoY growth	7.5	58.7	78.4	65.8	10.6
QoQ growth	60.0	108.1	-29.3	-29.5	6.7
EPS	4.79	9.96	7.04	4.96	5.29

Source: PhillipCapital India Research Estimates

Revision of Estimates

	New			NewOld			Change		
	FY15E	FY16E	FY17E	FY15E	FY16E	FY17E	FY15E	FY16E	FY17E
Revenue	8,765	10,080	11,592	8,765	10,080	11,592	0%	0%	0%
EBITDA	1,332	1,542	1,797	1,359	1,562	1,797	-2%	-1%	0%
PAT	646	824	1,056	640	830	1,028	1%	-1%	3%

Source: PhillipCapital India Research Estimates

SoTP	Val	luation

Business division	FY17 EPS	Book Value	Multiple	Valuation	Per share
	Rs	Rs mn		Rs mn	Rs
EPC	37.6		10.0x	10,564	375.6
Kerala BOT Project		1,365	1.0x	1,365	48.5
Total Valuation				11,929	424.0

Source: Company, PhillipCapital India Research



Financials

Income Statement

Y/E Mar, Rs mn	FY14	FY15e	FY16e	FY17e
Net sales	8,348	8,765	10,080	11,592
Growth, %	21	5	15	15
Total income	8,348	8,765	10,080	11,592
Employee expenses	-349	-367	-422	-485
Other Operating expenses	-3,834	-4,014	-4,607	-5,274
EBITDA (Core)	1,258	1,332	1,542	1,797
Growth, %	8.0	5.9	15.8	16.5
Margin, %	15.1	15.2	15.3	15.5
Depreciation	-572	-567	-599	-630
EBIT	686	765	944	1,167
Growth, %	12.8	11.6	23.3	23.6
Margin, %	8.2	8.7	9.4	10.1
Interest paid	-172	-129	-97	-65
Other Non-Operating Income	155	124	158	187
Pre-tax profit	669	760	1,004	1,288
Tax provided	-59	-114	-181	-232
Profit after tax	610	646	824	1,056
Net Profit	610	646	824	1,056
Growth, %	17.0	5.9	27.5	28.3
Net Profit (adjusted)	610	646	824	1,056
Unadj. shares (m)	28	28	28	28
Wtd avg shares (m)	28	28	28	28

Balance Sheet

Y/E Mar, Rs mn	FY14	FY15e	FY16e	FY17e
Cash & bank	112	548	914	1,382
Debtors	1,171	1,249	1,381	1,588
Inventory	341	384	414	476
Loans & advances	3,078	3,242	3,728	4,288
Total current assets	6,387	7,109	8,123	9,419
Investments	400	400	400	400
Gross fixed assets	5,252	5,552	5,852	6,152
Less: Depreciation	-2,615	-3,182	-3,781	-4,412
Add: Capital WIP	3	3	3	3
Net fixed assets	2,640	2,373	2,074	1,744
Total assets	9,546	10,001	10,715	11,682
Current liabilities	3,505	3,547	3,671	3,814
Total current liabilities	3,505	3,547	3,671	3,814
Non-current liabilities	908	708	508	308
Total liabilities	4,412	4,254	4,178	4,121
Paid-up capital	281	281	281	281
Reserves & surplus	4,852	5,465	6,256	7,279
Shareholders' equity	5,133	5,746	6,537	7,561
Total equity & liabilities	9,546	10,001	10,715	11,682

Source: Company, PhillipCapital India Research Estimates

Cash Flow

	FY14	FY15e	FY16e	FY17e
Pre-tax profit	669	760	1,004	1,288
Depreciation	572	567	599	630
Chg in working capital	-1,035	-244	-524	-686
Total tax paid	-141	-114	-181	-232
Cash flow from operating activities	65	969	898	1,001
Capital expenditure	-273	-300	-300	-300
Chg in investments	83	0	0	0
Cash flow from investing activities	-190	-300	-300	-300
Free cash flow	-124	669	598	701
Equity raised/(repaid)	15	0	0	0
Debt raised/(repaid)	197	-200	-200	-200
Dividend (incl. tax)	-33	-33	-33	-33
Cash flow from financing activities	164	-233	-233	-233
Net chg in cash	40	437	365	468

Valuation Ratios

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	FY14	FY15e	FY16e	FY17e
Per Share data				
EPS (INR)	21.7	23.0	29.3	37.6
Growth, %	17.0	5.9	27.5	28.3
Book NAV/share (INR)	182.5	204.3	232.4	268.8
FDEPS (INR)	21.7	23.0	29.3	37.6
CEPS (INR)	42.0	43.1	50.6	60.0
CFPS (INR)	(3.2)	30.1	26.3	28.9
Return ratios				
Return on assets (%)	7.5	7.5	8.6	9.8
Return on equity (%)	12.6	11.9	13.4	15.0
Return on capital employed (%)	12.7	11.7	13.1	14.7
Turnover ratios				
Asset turnover (x)	1.7	1.6	1.8	2.0
Sales/Total assets (x)	0.9	0.9	1.0	1.0
Sales/Net FA (x)	3.0	3.5	4.5	6.1
Working capital/Sales (x)	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.4
Receivable days	51.2	52.0	50.0	50.0
Inventory days	14.9	16.0	15.0	15.0
Payable days	158.0	152.7	138.3	125.8
Working capital days	121.1	125.5	128.1	133.0
Liquidity ratios				
Current ratio (x)	1.8	2.0	2.2	2.5
Quick ratio (x)	1.7	1.9	2.1	2.3
Interest cover (x)	4.0	5.9	9.7	17.9
Total debt/Equity (x)	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.0
Net debt/Equity (x)	0.2	0.0	(0.1)	(0.1)
Valuation				
PER (x)	17.4	16.4	12.9	10.0
PEG (x) - y-o-y growth	1.0	2.8	0.5	0.4
Price/Book (x)	2.1	1.8	1.6	1.4
EV/Net sales (x)	1.4	1.2	1.0	0.8
EV/EBITDA (x)	9.1	8.1	6.6	5.3
EV/EBIT (x)	16.6	14.1	10.8	8.2

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