

# JK Lakshmi Cement (JKLC IN)

**Q4FY26 Result Update**

May 22, 2026

 Estimate Change |  Target |  Reco.

## Change in Estimates

|                 | Current |        | Previous |        |
|-----------------|---------|--------|----------|--------|
|                 | FY27E   | FY28E  | FY27E    | FY28E  |
| Rating          | BUY     |        | BUY      |        |
| Target Price    | 765     |        | 751      |        |
| Sales (INR mn)  | 76,565  | 84,719 | 76,857   | 87,191 |
| % Chng.         | (0.4)   | (2.8)  |          |        |
| EBITDA (INR mn) | 11,018  | 13,036 | 11,219   | 13,910 |
| % Chng.         | (1.8)   | (6.3)  |          |        |
| EPS (INR)       | 31.2    | 32.4   | 30.3     | 33.6   |
| % Chng.         | 3.0     | (3.6)  |          |        |

## Key Data

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|                     |                       |
|---------------------|-----------------------|
| BSE Code            | 500380                |
| NSE Code            | JKLAKSHMI             |
| 52-W High / Low     | INR 1,021 / INR 549   |
| Face Value          | 5                     |
| Sensex / Nifty      | 75,183 / 23,655       |
| Market Cap          | INR 77 bn / \$ 800 mn |
| Shares Outstanding  | 124.14 mn             |
| 3M Avg. Daily Value | INR 98.88 mn          |

## Shareholding Pattern (%)

|                            |       |
|----------------------------|-------|
| Promoters                  | 45.12 |
| FIIs                       | 11.96 |
| Mutual Funds               | 18.31 |
| Domestic Institutions      | 4.69  |
| Public & Others            | 19.92 |
| Promoter's Pledge (INR bn) | -     |

## Stock Performance (%)

|          | 1M    | 3M     | 6M     | 12M    |
|----------|-------|--------|--------|--------|
| Absolute | (6.8) | (13.0) | (22.0) | (27.3) |
| Relative | (1.7) | (4.2)  | (11.6) | (21.1) |

## Key Financials - Consolidated

| Y/e Mar             | FY25   | FY26   | FY27E  | FY28E   |
|---------------------|--------|--------|--------|---------|
| Sales (INR mn)      | 61,926 | 67,626 | 76,565 | 84,719  |
| EBITDA (INR mn)     | 8,646  | 10,107 | 11,018 | 13,036  |
| Margin (%)          | 14.0   | 14.9   | 14.4   | 15.4    |
| PAT (INR mn)        | 3,016  | 4,262  | 3,876  | 4,029   |
| EV (INR mn)         | 90,254 | 89,556 | 99,778 | 112,380 |
| Total Debt (INR mn) | 25,272 | 24,915 | 36,915 | 51,915  |
| C&C Eq. (INR mn)    | 760    | 734    | 2,518  | 4,922   |
| EPS (INR)           | 25.6   | 34.3   | 31.2   | 32.4    |
| Gr. (%)             | (37.4) | 33.9   | (9.1)  | 3.9     |
| DPS (INR)           | 6.5    | 6.5    | 6.8    | 7.2     |
| Yield (%)           | 1.0    | 1.0    | 1.1    | 1.2     |
| RoE (%)             | 8.8    | 11.5   | 9.6    | 9.2     |
| RoCE (%)            | 10.2   | 11.0   | 10.3   | 9.7     |
| EV/Sales (x)        | 1.5    | 1.3    | 1.3    | 1.3     |
| EV/EBITDA (x)       | 10.4   | 8.9    | 9.1    | 8.6     |
| PE (x)              | 24.2   | 18.1   | 19.9   | 19.1    |
| P/BV (x)            | 2.1    | 2.0    | 1.8    | 1.7     |

## NSR recovery lags again; well controlled costs

### Quick Pointers

- Management expects Q1FY27 cost inflation of ~INR120-130/t.
- FY27/FY28 capex to be ~INR15-17bn/INR20bn.

JK Lakshmi (JKLC) reported an inline operating performance in Q4FY26, with healthy volume growth of 8% YoY driven by ramp-up of the Surat GU (60% CU) and continued focus on market penetration in western markets. However, NSR remains disappointing, improved just 1% QoQ despite industry-wide price recovery, as pricing in JKLC's key markets such as Gujarat and Chhattisgarh/East lagged other regions amid competitive intensity. On the cost front, P&F costs declined led by higher renewable energy mix and operational efficiencies, while freight costs remained under control. However, higher raw material costs coupled with weak NSR resulted in EBITDA/t of INR734 (PL E INR749). Mgmt. indicated cost inflation of ~INR120-130/t in Q1FY27, with a higher impact likely in Q2FY27.

JKLC remains focused on volume-led growth and improving operational efficiencies through higher RE share and cost optimisation initiatives. However, with no major capacity additions expected in FY27 and the next phase of expansion commissioning towards end-FY28, the company could face capacity constraints if demand improves meaningfully, potentially impacting market share growth. Further, rising input costs from Q1FY27 can put pressure on margins as price hikes taken so far remain insufficient to offset the inflationary impact. At higher prices, JKLC may lose volume growth. Key things to monitor are: a) timely execution of the ongoing expansion at Durg, b) sustained demand recovery and ability to take price hikes, c) step up of capex for Northeast project. We cut our estimates for FY27/28E by 2%/6% on lower pricing/volume assumption respectively and expect JKLC to deliver EBITDA/volume CAGR of 14%/8% over FY26-28E. The stock is trading at EV of 9.1x/8.6x FY27E/28E EBITDA. Maintain 'BUY' with revised TP of Rs765 (earlier Rs751) valuing at same 10x EV of Mar'28E EBITDA as mgmt. has reduced some capex amount.

### Other Important points:

- Mgmt. expects FY27 industry demand to grow ~5.5-6.5% and aims to outperform.
- Energy/packaging costs may increase by ~INR300/t/~INR80-100/t.
- JKLC has spent ~INR5bn on ongoing expansion projects.
- Debt is expected to peak in FY27-28 before moderating post expansion commissioning.

### Quarter Summary

| Y/e Mar            | Q4'26E | Q4'26A | % Var. | Q4'25A | YoY gr. (%) |
|--------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|-------------|
| Net Sales (INR mn) | 19,202 | 19,015 | -1.0   | 18,976 | 0.2         |
| EBITDA (INR mn)    | 2,858  | 2,861  | 0.1    | 3,512  | -18.5       |
| Margin (%)         | 14.9   | 15.0   | 16 bps | 18.5   | -346 bps    |
| PAT (INR mn)       | 1,318  | 1,241  | -5.9   | 1,750  | -29.1       |

Source: Company, PL

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**Flat revenue on lower-than-expected NSR:** Cons. revenue was flat YoY at INR19bn (+20% QoQ; PLe INR19.2bn) on lower-than-expected NSR. Cement volumes grew 8% YoY to 3.9mt (+19% QoQ; PLe 3.8mt). Blended realization grew just 1% QoQ to INR4,881/t (-7.5% YoY; PLe INR5,035/t) despite improvement in cement prices during the quarter.

**EBITDA/t declined on lower YoY costs:** EBITDA declined 19% YoY to INR2.86bn (+39% QoQ; PLe INR2.86bn) on poor YoY NSR. P&F costs declined 1% YoY to INR1,077 on 46% RE mix for the quarter. Freight cost/t declined 8% YoY to INR1,122. RM costs/t increased 3% to INR1,000. Other expenses declined 4% YoY to INR661/t. **EBITDA/t works out at INR734 (-25% YoY/ +17% QoQ) vs PLe INR749/t.** PAT declined 19% YoY to INR1.36bn (+138% QoQ, PLe INR1.32bn).

**Update on Northeast Project:** After cancellation of MDO contract under the Agrani-Trivikram consortium by Assam Mineral Development Corp., JKLC derecognized its INR3.25bn investment, recognised INR1.3bn paid as claims recoverable, and initiated legal proceedings. Later, it was declared the preferred bidder for 3 limestone blocks (incl. 2 mines earlier allotted under MDO) in Assam and has paid ~INR0.12bn upfront consideration, preserving its Northeast expansion plans.

## Q4FY26 Concall Highlights

### Industry Demand & Outlook

- Demand remained strong during Dec'25-Feb'26 (~8-10% growth), but moderated in March (~5%) due to weak sentiment amid Middle East conflict. Q4FY26 demand growth stood at ~6-6.5% YoY.
- Industry added a record ~64mt capacity in FY26, taking effective installed capacity to ~712mt. Major additions were in East, North, South and Central India, while pan-India utilisation remained low at ~69%. FY27 capacity additions are expected at ~45-50mt.
- Pet coke prices increased ~40% QoQ to ~USD160/t, while imported coal prices rose ~30% QoQ.
- Management expects FY27 cement demand growth at ~5.5-6.5% and expects to outperform industry growth.
- Energy costs are expected to increase by ~INR300/t and packaging costs by ~INR80-100/t over the coming quarters if geopolitical tensions persist.

### Demand, Pricing & Costs

- April demand remained healthy, while May was initially sluggish due to labour migration during elections and geopolitical uncertainty. Demand improved from mid-May onwards.
- Trade and non-trade prices increased across regions, though hikes remain insufficient to fully offset cost inflation.
- JKLC's NSR improvement lagged peers due to weaker pricing in Gujarat and Chhattisgarh/East markets.
- Fuel cost stood at ~INR1.54/mcal in Q4FY26 and is expected to rise further despite fuel mix optimisation efforts.
- Management expects Q1FY27 cost inflation of ~INR120-130/t, while the full impact of higher energy and packaging costs could play out over the next 2 quarters.
- Petrol and diesel price hikes are expected to increase logistics costs (~INR15-16/t impact for every ~INR4/litre increase in diesel prices).

- The company is mitigating cost pressures through fuel mix optimisation, higher renewable energy usage and operational efficiencies.
- Renewable energy contribution reached ~46%; management expects the EBITDA gap with larger peers to narrow further through operational efficiencies, AI/ML deployment and logistics optimisation.

### Capacity Expansion & Growth Plans

- Current operational cement capacity stands at ~18mt, with FY26 utilisation at ~73%.
- Management reiterated its target of reaching ~30mt capacity by 2030 and remains confident of growing faster than industry in FY27.
- Surat GU utilisation has crossed ~60% and is expected to ramp up further, while Udaipur and Cuttack also provide growth headroom.
- Durg clinker unit along with associated GUs is expected to commission by end-FY28. Northeast expansion is expected ~1 year later, followed by Kutch and then Nagaur.
- Kutch project may be prioritised ahead of Nagaur due to land acquisition and regulatory issues at Nagaur.
- Company secured 2 limestone mines in Northeast with reserves of ~250mt after cancellation of the earlier AMDC-linked arrangement.
- FY27 capex guidance stands at ~INR15-17bn, while FY28 capex is expected at ~INR20bn. No new cement capacity additions are planned in FY27.
- The company has already spent ~INR5bn on expansion projects including railway siding investments.
- Management expects debt to peak in FY27-FY28 before moderating with EBITDA contribution from upcoming expansions.

### Operational

- FY26 clinker sales stood at 0.75mt, while Q4FY26 clinker production and sales was ~2.47mt and ~0.22mt.
- Management indicated sufficient clinker availability to support growth beyond ~14mt sales through higher blended cement mix (~65% vs ~62%), improved clinker utilisation (~97-98% vs ~94%) and lower clinker sales.
- Blended cement ratio stood at ~62% in Q4FY26 and FY26.
- Power cost stood at ~INR5.79/unit, while CC ratio stood at ~1.44x in Q4FY26.
- TSR Phase-1 at Sirohi has been completed, while Phase-2 remains pending due to limited alternative fuel availability.

### Others

- Non-cement revenue stood at ~INR1.69bn in Q4FY26, of which RMC revenue was ~INR0.82bn. AAC block revenue stood at ~INR0.59bn, while non-cement EBITDA margin stood at ~4%.
- JKLC has started piloting adjacent building material products such as TMT steel through partnerships. Management clarified it is not entering manufacturing and is only leveraging distribution reach and brand strength.

- Strategy remains focused on expanding into adjacent building material categories over time.
- The company completed settlement of liabilities related to the earlier off-market acquisition. Total transaction consideration stood at ~INR0.19bn along with takeover of liabilities, of which ~INR0.125bn liabilities were settled in Mar'26. Out of the total consideration, ~INR0.015bn has been paid towards share acquisition, while ~INR0.035bn has been infused as capital. Remaining payment towards non-compete fees is expected upon closure of the transaction during the current quarter.

**Exhibit 1 : Q4FY26 Result Overview - Consolidated**

| Y/e March (INR mn)                             | Q4FY26        | Q4FY25        | YoY gr. (%)   | Q4FY26E       | % Var.       | Q3FY26        | QoQ gr. (%)  | FY26          | FY25          | YoY gr. (%) |
|------------------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|-------------|
| <b>Net Sales</b>                               | <b>19,015</b> | <b>18,976</b> | <b>0.2</b>    | <b>19,202</b> | <b>(1.0)</b> | <b>15,884</b> | <b>19.7</b>  | <b>67,626</b> | <b>61,926</b> | <b>9.2</b>  |
| Total RM costs                                 | 3,896         | 3,492         | 11.6          | 3,775         | 3.2          | 3,123         | 24.8         | 12,764        | 12,688        | 0.6         |
| % of Net Sales                                 | 20.5          | 18.4          |               | 19.7          |              | 19.7          |              | 18.9          | 20.5          |             |
| Employee Benefits Expense                      | 1,116         | 1,137         | (1.9)         | 1,228         | (9.1)        | 1,156         | (3.5)        | 4,815         | 4,395         | 9.6         |
| % of Net Sales                                 | 5.9           | 6.0           |               | 6.4           |              | 7.3           |              | 7.1           | 7.1           |             |
| Power & Fuel                                   | 4,196         | 3,909         | 7.4           | 4,226         | (0.7)        | 3,709         | 13.1         | 15,369        | 14,044        | 9.4         |
| % of Net Sales                                 | 22.1          | 20.6          |               | 22.0          |              | 23.4          |              | 22.7          | 22.7          |             |
| Freight and Forwarding Expense                 | 4,370         | 4,397         | (0.6)         | 4,568         | (4.3)        | 3,670         | 19.1         | 15,524        | 13,712        | 13.2        |
| % of Net Sales                                 | 23.0          | 23.2          |               | 23.8          |              | 23.1          |              | 23.0          | 22.1          |             |
| Other Expenses                                 | 2,576         | 2,530         | 1.8           | 2,547         | 1.1          | 2,173         | 18.6         | 9,046         | 8,442         | 7.2         |
| % of Net Sales                                 | 13.5          | 13.3          |               | 13.3          |              | 13.7          |              | 13.4          | 13.6          |             |
| Total Expenditure                              | 16,154        | 15,464        | 4.5           | 16,344        | (1.2)        | 13,832        | 16.8         | 57,519        | 53,280        | 8.0         |
| <b>EBITDA</b>                                  | <b>2,861</b>  | <b>3,512</b>  | <b>(18.5)</b> | <b>2,858</b>  | <b>0.1</b>   | <b>2,052</b>  | <b>39.4</b>  | <b>10,107</b> | <b>8,646</b>  | <b>16.9</b> |
| Margin (%)                                     | 15.0          | 18.5          |               | 14.9          |              | 12.9          |              | 14.9          | 14.0          |             |
| Depreciation & Amortisation Expenses           | 837           | 767           | 9.2           | 843           | (0.8)        | 851           | (1.7)        | 3,238         | 2,994         | 8.1         |
| <b>EBIT</b>                                    | <b>2,024</b>  | <b>2,745</b>  | <b>(26.3)</b> | <b>2,015</b>  | <b>0.5</b>   | <b>1,201</b>  | <b>68.5</b>  | <b>6,870</b>  | <b>5,652</b>  | <b>21.6</b> |
| Other Income                                   | 382           | 159           | 140.1         | 166           | 130.8        | 291           | 31.3         | 1,123         | 464           | 141.8       |
| Finance Costs                                  | 532           | 444           | 19.9          | 532           | (0.1)        | 550           | (3.2)        | 2,109         | 1,812         | 16.4        |
| <b>PBT</b>                                     | <b>1,875</b>  | <b>2,461</b>  | <b>(23.8)</b> | <b>1,648</b>  | <b>13.7</b>  | <b>943</b>    | <b>98.9</b>  | <b>5,883</b>  | <b>4,304</b>  | <b>36.7</b> |
| Extra-ordinary Items                           | 0             | 0             | NA            | 0             | NA           | -191          | NA           | -191          | -354          | NA          |
| <b>PBT (After EO)</b>                          | <b>1,875</b>  | <b>2,461</b>  | <b>(23.8)</b> | <b>1,648</b>  | <b>13.7</b>  | <b>752</b>    | <b>149.4</b> | <b>5,692</b>  | <b>3,950</b>  | <b>44.1</b> |
| Tax                                            | 517           | 781           | (33.9)        | 330           | 56.7         | 182           | 184.0        | 1,460         | 1,211         | 20.6        |
| % PBT                                          | 27.6          | 31.7          |               | 20.0          |              | 24.2          |              | 25.7          | 30.7          |             |
| <b>Reported PAT</b>                            | <b>1,358</b>  | <b>1,680</b>  | <b>(19.2)</b> | <b>1,319</b>  | <b>3.0</b>   | <b>570</b>    | <b>138.3</b> | <b>4,232</b>  | <b>2,739</b>  | <b>54.5</b> |
| Minority Interest                              | 10            | -3            | NA            | 1             | NA           | 1             | NA           | 6             | -47           | NA          |
| Share of Profit / (Loss) of an Associate       | -107          | 74            | NA            | 1             | NA           | 1             | NA           | -106          | -6            | NA          |
| <b>Net Profit Attributable to shareholders</b> | <b>1,241</b>  | <b>1,757</b>  | <b>(29.4)</b> | <b>1,318</b>  | <b>(5.9)</b> | <b>569</b>    | <b>118.0</b> | <b>4,121</b>  | <b>2,780</b>  | <b>48.2</b> |

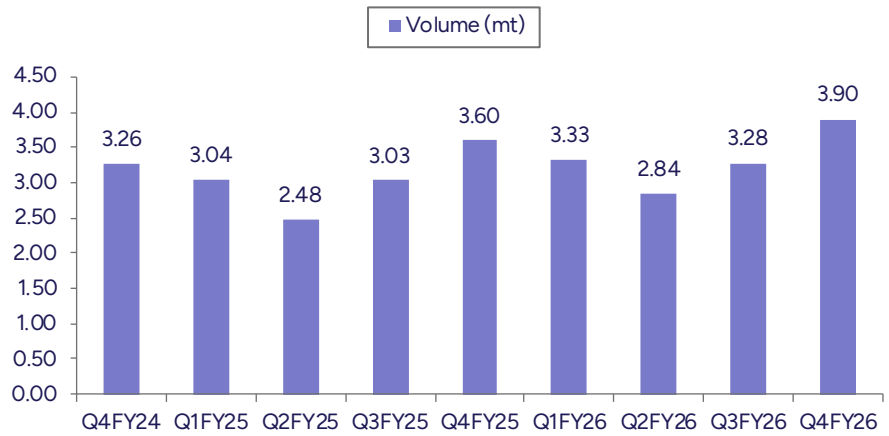
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**Exhibit 2 : Operating Parameters**

| Y/e March                | Q4FY26     | Q4FY25     | YoY gr. (%)   | Q4FY26E    | % Var.       | Q3FY26     | QoQ gr. (%) | FY26       | FY25       | YoY gr. (%) |
|--------------------------|------------|------------|---------------|------------|--------------|------------|-------------|------------|------------|-------------|
| Volume (mt)              | 3.90       | 3.60       | 8.3           | 3.81       | 2.2          | 3.28       | 18.7        | 13.35      | 12.14      | 9.9         |
| Net Realisations/t (INR) | 4,881      | 5,274      | (7.5)         | 5,035      | (3.1)        | 4,841      | 0.8         | 5,067      | 5,100      | (0.6)       |
| <b>EBITDA/t (INR)</b>    | <b>734</b> | <b>976</b> | <b>(24.8)</b> | <b>749</b> | <b>(2.0)</b> | <b>625</b> | <b>17.4</b> | <b>757</b> | <b>712</b> | <b>6.4</b>  |

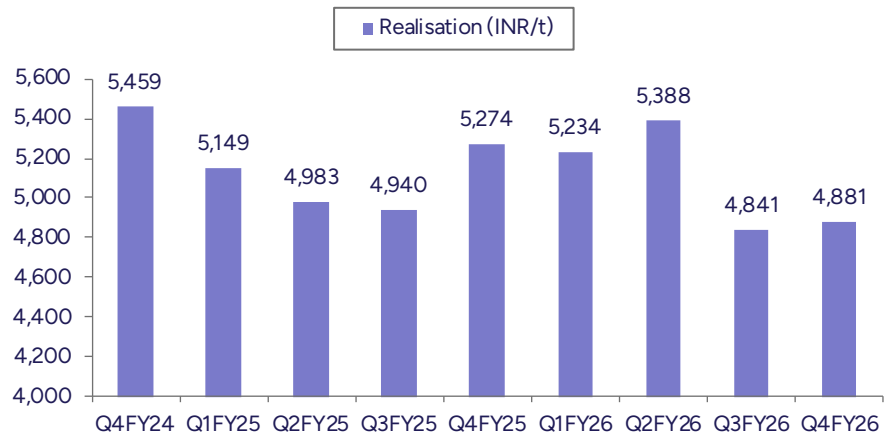
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**Exhibit 3 : Volumes grew 8% YoY led by ramp up of Surat GU**



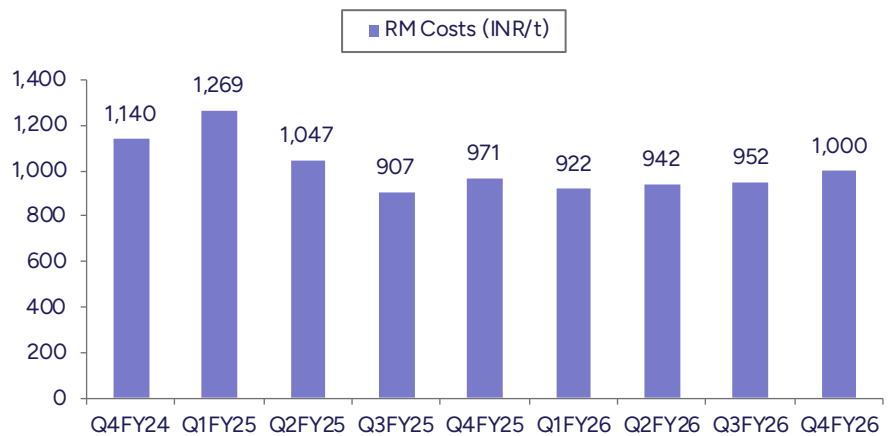
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**Exhibit 4 : Blended NSR grew just 1% QoQ despite increase in cement prices during the quarter**



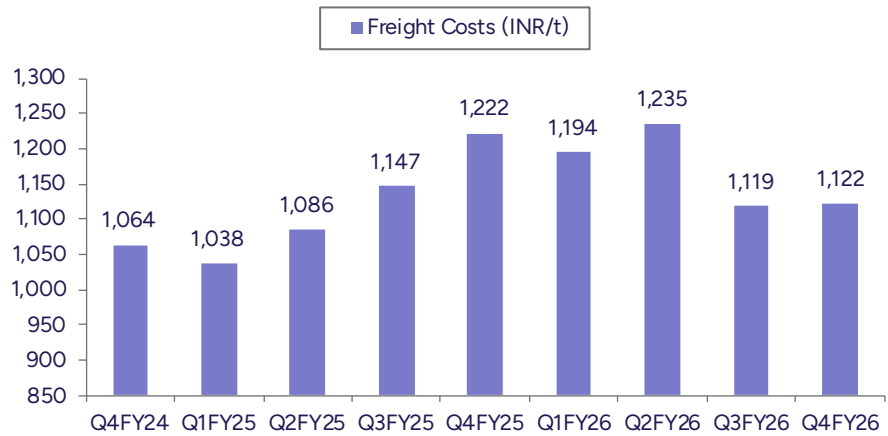
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**Exhibit 5 : RM cost/t grew 3% YoY on higher input costs**



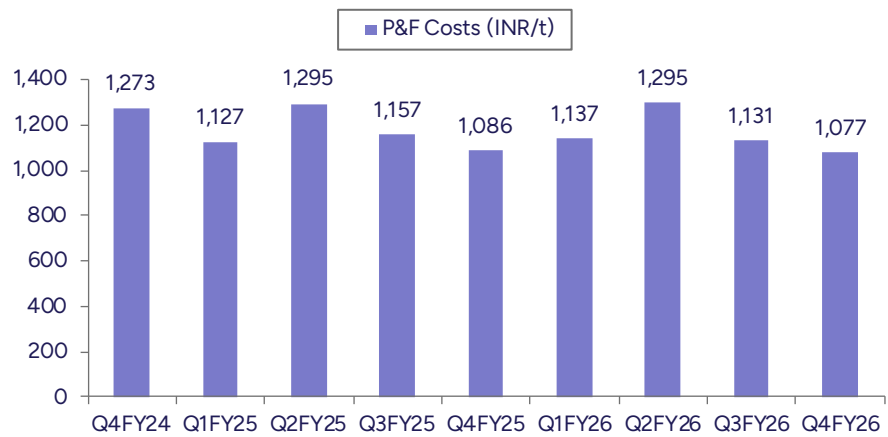
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**Exhibit 6 : Freight costs declined 8% YoY led by operational efficiencies**



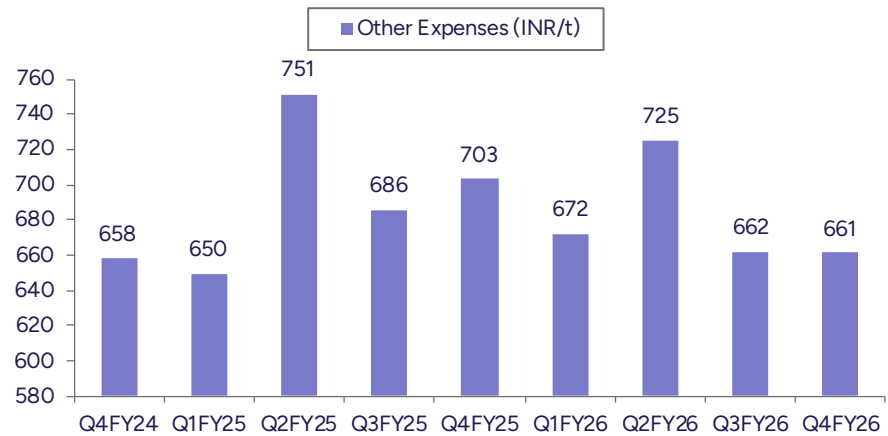
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**Exhibit 7 : P&F costs declined 1% YoY on higher RE share and low-cost inventories**



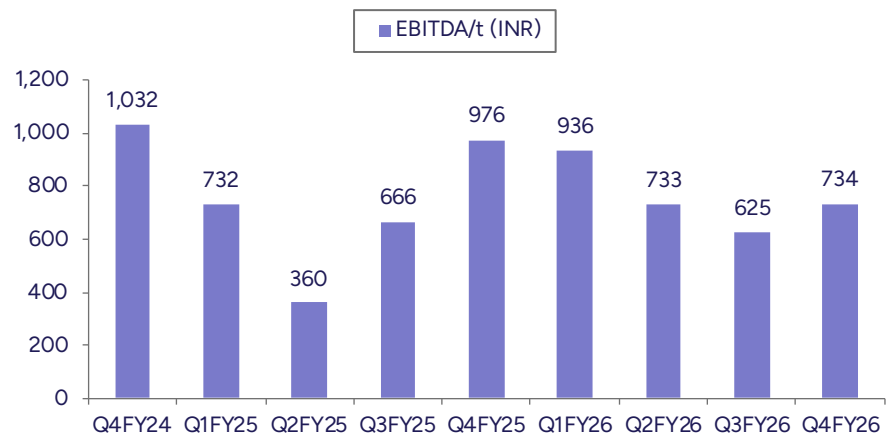
Source: Company, PL

**Exhibit 8 : Other expenses declined 6% YoY on good operating leverage**



Source: Company, PL

Exhibit 9 : EBITDA/t declined 25% YoY due to weak YoY NSR



Source: Company, PL

## Financials

### Income Statement (INR mn)

| Y/e Mar                       | FY25         | FY26          | FY27E         | FY28E         |
|-------------------------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| <b>Net Revenues</b>           | 61,926       | 67,626        | 76,565        | 84,719        |
| YoY gr. (%)                   | (8.8)        | 9.2           | 13.2          | 10.6          |
| Cost of Goods Sold            | 12,347       | 12,764        | 14,760        | 16,791        |
| Gross Profit                  | 49,579       | 54,863        | 61,805        | 67,928        |
| Margin (%)                    | 80.1         | 81.1          | 80.7          | 80.2          |
| Employee Cost                 | 4,395        | 4,815         | 5,201         | 5,617         |
| Other Expenses                | 8,482        | 9,047         | 9,770         | 10,552        |
| <b>EBITDA</b>                 | <b>8,646</b> | <b>10,107</b> | <b>11,018</b> | <b>13,036</b> |
| YoY gr. (%)                   | (17.8)       | 16.9          | 9.0           | 18.3          |
| Margin (%)                    | 14.0         | 14.9          | 14.4          | 15.4          |
| Depreciation and Amortization | 2,994        | 3,238         | 3,678         | 4,474         |
| <b>EBIT</b>                   | <b>5,652</b> | <b>6,870</b>  | <b>7,339</b>  | <b>8,562</b>  |
| Margin (%)                    | 9.1          | 10.2          | 9.6           | 10.1          |
| Net Interest                  | 1,812        | 2,109         | 2,628         | 3,775         |
| Other Income                  | 464          | 1,123         | 984           | 1,127         |
| <b>Profit Before Tax</b>      | <b>3,950</b> | <b>5,692</b>  | <b>5,696</b>  | <b>5,914</b>  |
| Margin (%)                    | 6.4          | 8.4           | 7.4           | 7.0           |
| Total Tax                     | 1,184        | 1,460         | 1,709         | 1,774         |
| Effective Tax Rate (%)        | 30.0         | 25.7          | 30.0          | 30.0          |
| <b>Profit After Tax</b>       | <b>2,766</b> | <b>4,232</b>  | <b>3,987</b>  | <b>4,140</b>  |
| Minority Interest             | (9)          | 6             | 6             | 6             |
| Share Profit from Associate   | (6)          | (106)         | (106)         | (106)         |
| <b>Adjusted PAT</b>           | <b>3,016</b> | <b>4,262</b>  | <b>3,876</b>  | <b>4,029</b>  |
| YoY gr. (%)                   | (37.4)       | 41.3          | (9.1)         | 3.9           |
| Margin (%)                    | 4.9          | 6.3           | 5.1           | 4.8           |
| Extra Ord. Income / (Exp)     | (248)        | (142)         | -             | -             |
| <b>Reported PAT</b>           | <b>2,768</b> | <b>4,121</b>  | <b>3,876</b>  | <b>4,029</b>  |
| YoY gr. (%)                   | (43.3)       | 48.8          | (5.9)         | 3.9           |
| Margin (%)                    | 4.5          | 6.1           | 5.1           | 4.8           |
| Other Comprehensive Income    | -            | -             | -             | -             |
| Total Comprehensive Income    | 2,768        | 4,121         | 3,876         | 4,029         |
| <b>Equity Shares O/s (mn)</b> | <b>118</b>   | <b>124</b>    | <b>124</b>    | <b>124</b>    |
| <b>EPS (INR)</b>              | <b>25.6</b>  | <b>34.3</b>   | <b>31.2</b>   | <b>32.4</b>   |

Source: Company, PL

### Balance Sheet (INR mn)

| Y/e Mar                               | FY25          | FY26          | FY27E          | FY28E          |
|---------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|----------------|
| <b>Non-Current Assets</b>             |               |               |                |                |
| <b>Gross Block</b>                    | <b>75,557</b> | <b>78,038</b> | <b>93,038</b>  | <b>115,038</b> |
| Tangibles                             | 75,557        | 78,038        | 93,038         | 115,038        |
| Intangibles                           | -             | -             | -              | -              |
| <b>Acc: Dep / Amortization</b>        | <b>21,194</b> | <b>24,432</b> | <b>28,110</b>  | <b>32,584</b>  |
| Tangibles                             | 21,194        | 24,432        | 28,110         | 32,584         |
| Intangibles                           | -             | -             | -              | -              |
| <b>Net Fixed Assets</b>               | <b>54,362</b> | <b>53,606</b> | <b>64,927</b>  | <b>82,454</b>  |
| Tangibles                             | 54,362        | 53,606        | 64,927         | 82,454         |
| Intangibles                           | -             | -             | -              | -              |
| Capital Work In Progress              | 2,777         | 2,772         | 6,772          | 6,772          |
| Goodwill                              | -             | -             | -              | -              |
| Non-Current Investments               | 2,991         | 1,027         | 1,027          | 1,027          |
| Net Deferred Tax Assets               | (4,023)       | (4,893)       | (4,893)        | (4,893)        |
| Other Non-Current Assets              | 4,708         | 4,747         | 4,747          | 4,747          |
| <b>Current Assets</b>                 |               |               |                |                |
| Investments                           | 5,990         | 7,160         | 7,160          | 7,160          |
| Inventories                           | 8,648         | 6,449         | 8,391          | 9,284          |
| Trade Receivables                     | 1,068         | 1,108         | 1,468          | 1,625          |
| Cash & Bank Balance                   | 1,969         | 5,140         | 6,924          | 9,328          |
| Other Current Assets                  | 115           | 1,712         | 1,049          | 1,161          |
| <b>Total Assets</b>                   | <b>84,445</b> | <b>85,481</b> | <b>104,226</b> | <b>125,318</b> |
| <b>Equity</b>                         |               |               |                |                |
| Equity Share Capital                  | 589           | 621           | 621            | 621            |
| Other Equity                          | 34,947        | 38,235        | 41,375         | 44,625         |
| <b>Total Networth</b>                 | <b>35,536</b> | <b>38,856</b> | <b>41,996</b>  | <b>45,246</b>  |
| <b>Non-Current Liabilities</b>        |               |               |                |                |
| Long Term Borrowings                  | 20,511        | 19,090        | 31,090         | 46,090         |
| Provisions                            | 200           | 224           | 224            | 224            |
| Other Non Current Liabilities         | 4,335         | 4,410         | 4,410          | 4,410          |
| <b>Current Liabilities</b>            |               |               |                |                |
| ST Debt / Current of LT Debt          | 4,761         | 5,824         | 5,824          | 5,824          |
| Trade Payables                        | 4,548         | 4,663         | 5,244          | 6,963          |
| Other Current Liabilities             | 10,541        | 7,546         | 10,565         | 11,682         |
| <b>Total Equity &amp; Liabilities</b> | <b>84,445</b> | <b>85,481</b> | <b>104,226</b> | <b>125,318</b> |

Source: Company, PL

**Cash Flow (INR mn)**

| Y/e Mar                              | FY25            | FY26           | FY27E           | FY28E           |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| PBT                                  | 3,944           | 5,587          | 5,696           | 5,914           |
| Add. Depreciation                    | 2,994           | 3,238          | 3,678           | 4,474           |
| Add. Interest                        | 1,504           | 1,632          | 1,644           | 2,649           |
| Less Financial Other Income          | 464             | 1,123          | 984             | 1,127           |
| Add. Other                           | (131)           | (518)          | -               | -               |
| Op. Profit before WC Changes         | 8,310           | 9,938          | 11,018          | 13,036          |
| Net Changes-WC                       | (136)           | 1,402          | 1,961           | 1,674           |
| Direct Tax                           | (338)           | (516)          | (1,709)         | (1,774)         |
| <b>Net Cash from Op. Activities</b>  | <b>7,837</b>    | <b>10,824</b>  | <b>11,270</b>   | <b>12,936</b>   |
| Capital Expenditures                 | (6,521)         | (6,753)        | (19,000)        | (22,000)        |
| Interest / Dividend Income           | 457             | 200            | 984             | 1,127           |
| Others                               | (5,458)         | (828)          | 6               | 6               |
| <b>Net Cash from Inv. Activities</b> | <b>(11,522)</b> | <b>(7,382)</b> | <b>(18,010)</b> | <b>(20,868)</b> |
| Issue of Share Cap. / Premium        | -               | -              | -               | -               |
| Debt Changes                         | 4,864           | (556)          | 12,000          | 15,000          |
| Dividend Paid                        | (532)           | (765)          | (847)           | (890)           |
| Interest Paid                        | (2,034)         | (2,222)        | (2,628)         | (3,775)         |
| Others                               | 880             | -              | -               | -               |
| <b>Net Cash from Fin. Activities</b> | <b>3,179</b>    | <b>(3,543)</b> | <b>8,525</b>    | <b>10,335</b>   |
| <b>Net Change in Cash</b>            | <b>(507)</b>    | <b>(101)</b>   | <b>1,784</b>    | <b>2,404</b>    |
| Free Cash Flow                       | 1,230           | 3,736          | (7,730)         | (9,064)         |

Source: Company, PL

**Quarterly Financials (INR mn)**

| Y/e Mar                           | Q1FY26        | Q2FY26        | Q3FY26        | Q4FY26        |
|-----------------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| <b>Net Revenues</b>               | <b>17,409</b> | <b>15,318</b> | <b>15,884</b> | <b>19,015</b> |
| YoY gr. (%)                       | 11.3          | 24.1          | 6.1           | 0.2           |
| Raw Material Expenses             | 3,065         | 2,679         | 3,123         | 3,896         |
| Gross Profit                      | 14,344        | 12,639        | 12,761        | 15,119        |
| Margin (%)                        | 82.4          | 82.5          | 80.3          | 79.5          |
| <b>EBITDA</b>                     | <b>3,112</b>  | <b>2,083</b>  | <b>2,052</b>  | <b>2,861</b>  |
| YoY gr. (%)                       | 39.9          | 133.3         | 1.7           | (18.5)        |
| Margin (%)                        | 17.9          | 13.6          | 12.9          | 15.0          |
| Depreciation / Depletion          | 773           | 777           | 851           | 837           |
| <b>EBIT</b>                       | <b>2,339</b>  | <b>1,306</b>  | <b>1,201</b>  | <b>2,024</b>  |
| Margin (%)                        | 13.4          | 8.5           | 7.6           | 10.6          |
| Net Interest                      | 522           | 505           | 550           | 532           |
| Other Income                      | 222           | 227           | 291           | 382           |
| <b>Profit before Tax</b>          | <b>2,039</b>  | <b>1,027</b>  | <b>752</b>    | <b>1,875</b>  |
| Margin (%)                        | 11.7          | 6.7           | 4.7           | 9.9           |
| Total Tax                         | 541           | 221           | 182           | 517           |
| Effective Tax Rate (%)            | 26.5          | 21.5          | 24.2          | 27.6          |
| <b>Profit After Tax</b>           | <b>1,498</b>  | <b>806</b>    | <b>570</b>    | <b>1,358</b>  |
| Minority Interest                 | 3             | 3             | 1             | 10            |
| Share Profit from Associate       | 1             | 1             | 1             | (107)         |
| <b>Adjusted PAT</b>               | <b>1,496</b>  | <b>804</b>    | <b>714</b>    | <b>1,241</b>  |
| YoY gr. (%)                       | 115.1         | (534.8)       | 16.0          | (29.1)        |
| Margin (%)                        | 8.6           | 5.2           | 4.5           | 6.5           |
| Extra Ord. Income / (Exp)         | -             | -             | (145)         | -             |
| <b>Reported PAT</b>               | <b>1,496</b>  | <b>804</b>    | <b>569</b>    | <b>1,241</b>  |
| YoY gr. (%)                       | 228.3         | (534.8)       | (7.5)         | (29.1)        |
| Margin (%)                        | 8.6           | 5.2           | 3.6           | 6.5           |
| Other Comprehensive Income        | -             | -             | -             | -             |
| <b>Total Comprehensive Income</b> | <b>1,496</b>  | <b>804</b>    | <b>569</b>    | <b>1,241</b>  |
| Avg. Shares O/s (mn)              | 118           | 118           | 118           | 118           |
| <b>EPS (INR)</b>                  | <b>12.7</b>   | <b>6.8</b>    | <b>6.1</b>    | <b>10.5</b>   |

Source: Company, PL

**Key Financial Metrics**

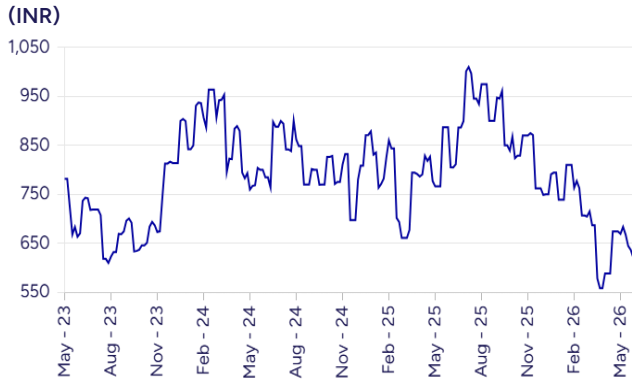
| Y/e Mar                    | FY25  | FY26  | FY27E  | FY28E  |
|----------------------------|-------|-------|--------|--------|
| <b>Per Share (INR)</b>     |       |       |        |        |
| EPS                        | 25.6  | 34.3  | 31.2   | 32.4   |
| CEPS                       | 51.1  | 60.4  | 60.8   | 68.5   |
| BVPS                       | 301.9 | 312.9 | 338.2  | 364.4  |
| FCF                        | 10.4  | 30.1  | (62.3) | (73.0) |
| DPS                        | 6.5   | 6.5   | 6.8    | 7.2    |
| <b>Return Ratio (%)</b>    |       |       |        |        |
| RoCE                       | 10.2  | 11.0  | 10.3   | 9.7    |
| ROIC                       | 8.3   | 10.2  | 9.0    | 8.4    |
| RoE                        | 8.8   | 11.5  | 9.6    | 9.2    |
| <b>Balance Sheet</b>       |       |       |        |        |
| Net Debt : Equity (x)      | 0.5   | 0.3   | 0.5    | 0.8    |
| Net Working Capital (Days) | 30    | 16    | 22     | 17     |
| <b>Valuation (x)</b>       |       |       |        |        |
| PER                        | 24.1  | 18.0  | 19.8   | 19.1   |
| P/B                        | 2.0   | 1.9   | 1.8    | 1.7    |
| P/CEPS                     | 12.1  | 10.2  | 10.1   | 9.0    |
| EV/EBITDA                  | 10.4  | 8.8   | 9.0    | 8.6    |
| EV/Sales                   | 1.4   | 1.3   | 1.3    | 1.3    |
| Dividend Yield (%)         | 1.0   | 1.0   | 1.1    | 1.1    |
| FCFF Yield (%)             | 1.6   | 4.8   | (10.1) | (11.8) |
| PEG Ratio                  | -     | 0.5   | (2.2)  | 4.8    |

Source: Company, PL

**Key Operating Metrics**

| Y/e Mar                    | FY25  | FY26  | FY27E | FY28E |
|----------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Volume (mt)                | 12    | 13    | 14    | 16    |
| Blended Realisation (Rs/t) | 5,106 | 5,067 | 5,343 | 5,414 |
| EBITDA (Rs/t)              | 713   | 757   | 769   | 833   |

Source: Company, PL

**Price Chart**

**Recommendation History**

| No. | Date      | Rating     | TP (INR) | Share Price (INR) |
|-----|-----------|------------|----------|-------------------|
| 1   | 09-Apr-26 | BUY        | 751      | 625               |
| 2   | 04-Feb-26 | BUY        | 881      | 761               |
| 3   | 08-Jan-26 | BUY        | 891      | 775               |
| 4   | 31-Dec-25 | BUY        | 891      | 770               |
| 5   | 29-Jul-22 | Accumulate | 555      | 437               |
| 6   | 08-Jul-22 | Accumulate | 570      | 434               |
| 7   | 20-May-22 | Accumulate | 570      | 422               |
| 8   | 08-Apr-22 | Hold       | 560      | 453               |
| 9   | 04-Feb-22 | Hold       | 663      | 559               |
| 10  | 10-Jan-22 | Hold       | 665      | 602               |

**Analyst Coverage Universe**

| Sr. No. | Company Name              | Rating     | TP (INR) | Share Price (INR) |
|---------|---------------------------|------------|----------|-------------------|
| 1       | ACC                       | BUY        | 2188     | 1411              |
| 2       | Adani Port & SEZ          | BUY        | 1879     | 1657              |
| 3       | Ambuja Cement             | BUY        | 524      | 445               |
| 4       | Dalmia Bharat             | BUY        | 2287     | 1919              |
| 5       | Hindalco Industries       | Accumulate | 1043     | 986               |
| 6       | Jindal Stainless          | Accumulate | 821      | 779               |
| 7       | Jindal Steel              | Accumulate | 1289     | 1223              |
| 8       | JK Cement                 | Accumulate | 6017     | 5566              |
| 9       | JK Lakshmi Cement         | BUY        | 751      | 625               |
| 10      | JSW Cement                | Accumulate | 142      | 127               |
| 11      | JSW Infrastructure        | Buy        | 342      | 284               |
| 12      | JSW Steel                 | Accumulate | 1381     | 1297              |
| 13      | National Aluminium Co.    | Hold       | 413      | 399               |
| 14      | NMDC                      | Accumulate | 95       | 84                |
| 15      | Nuvoco Vistas Corporation | Buy        | 474      | 305               |
| 16      | Shree Cement              | Accumulate | 27907    | 24975             |
| 17      | Steel Authority of India  | Accumulate | 209      | 192               |
| 18      | Tata Steel                | Accumulate | 247      | 217               |
| 19      | Ultratech Cement          | BUY        | 13835    | 12010             |

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|                          |                                   |
|--------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| <b>BUY</b>               | : > 15%                           |
| <b>Accumulate</b>        | : 5% to 15%                       |
| <b>Hold</b>              | : +5% to -5%                      |
| <b>Reduce</b>            | : -5% to -15%                     |
| <b>Sell</b>              | : < -15%                          |
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| <b>Under Review (UR)</b> | : Rating likely to change shortly |

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