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CMP : Rs.964	
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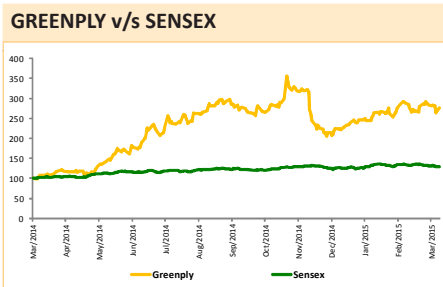
STOCK INFO	
BSE	526797
NSE	GREENPLY
Index	S&P BSE MID CAP
Bloomberg	MTLM IN
Reuters	GRPL.BO
Sector	Building Products
Face Value (Rs)	5
Equity Capital (Rs mn)	121
Mkt Cap (Rs mn)	23,271
52w H/L (Rs) (Adj.)	1277/346
3m Avg Daily Volume (BSE + NSE)	25,532

SHAREHOLDING PATTERN	%
(as on Dec. 2014)	
Promoters	55.0
FII's	15.3
DII's	7.9
Public & Others	21.8

Source: BSE

STOCK PERFORMANCE (%)	1m	3m	12m
GREENPLY	-3	23	176
SENSEX	-3	2	30

Source: Capitaline, IndiaNivesh Research



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Greenply Industries Ltd (GIL), incorporated in 1990, is a one-stop manufacturer of all products related to interior infrastructure from plywood and boards, flush doors, medium density fiber (MDF), pre-lam MDF and particle boards. The company commands a market share of 30% in organised plywood segment and 30% in MDF segment. Recently it de-merged its laminates business (market share of 28%) to a separate company namely Greenlam Industries Ltd and listed on the exchanges. Its plywood segment has manufacturing facilities located at 4 locations in Nagaland, West Bengal, Uttarakhand and Gujarat with capacity of 32 mn square meters. MDF plant is located at Uttarakhand with capacity of 180,000 cubic meters.

We met the senior management of the company to understand the business model, growth prospects and strategic initiatives of the company. The following are the key takeaways:

MDF industry likely to grow faster than plywood:

Plywood industry (worth Rs ~50 bn) has been growing at 5%-6% while MDF industry has been growing at 15-20% over the last few years. The increase in automatic furniture manufacturing has led to an increase in demand for MDF. Moreover, MDF is cheaper than premium ply, making it more desirable for furniture manufacturers. MDF is used in other products like handicraft, gift articles, photo frames, shoe heels, etc. as well diversifying the client base of the company. MDF industry is worth Rs 14-15 bn currently, with imports constituting 35-45%. Five years back, the industry size was Rs ~5 bn.

Business Model:

GIL caters to premium and mid segments of the plywood industry. The company sells premium segment products under the brands namely Greenply and Optima Red and mid segment brand include Ecotec brand.

While the premium segment is manufactured in-house, mid segment is outsourced from domestic and Chinese players. The company has tie-up with 6-7 Indian manufacturers and two Chinese players for outsourcing. Traded revenues constitute 23% of plywood volume and 17-18% of plywood revenue.

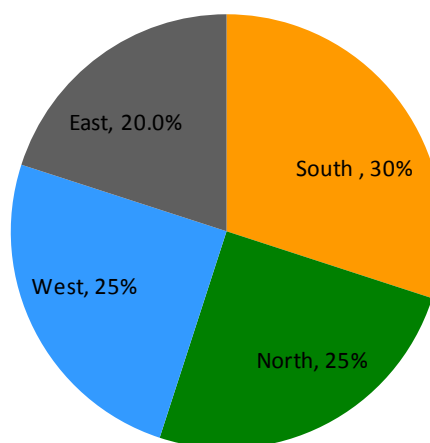
The operating margin from outsourced products is lower but ROCE is high. The company expects the share of outsourced products to increase to 25% in next 3 years from 17%-18% currently. The demand in mid segment has been better than that of the premium segment as metro cities growth has been stagnant while growth was being driven by Tier-2 and Tier-3 cities. The premium segment sales have been stagnant over the last 2 years against 35-40% growth in mid segment.

Currently, revenue mix of the company is the ratio of 74:26 for plywood: MDF. With expected higher growth in MDF, this is likely to be 70:30 by FY17E.

Wide Distribution Network:

GIL has warehouses in Delhi, Mumbai, Chennai and Kolkata. Its distribution network includes 1100 dealers for plywood and 450 dealers for MDF. The company added 200 dealers in last 2 years who have contributed 34% to topline. The company has been deliberately reducing dependence on large dealers and upgrading sub-dealers to dealers. This is being done to spread dealer network and reduce price inconsistency in market caused by large dealers. It is likely to add 400 dealers in plywood and 150 dealers in the flooring segment of MDF business over the next 2 years.

Region-wise Revenue Mix



Source: Company, IndiaNivesh Research

Ensuring raw material sustainability through JV:

GIL has entered into 50:50 joint venture with a Singapore based company to set up face veneer facility in Myanmar. The total cost of setting up this facility is Rs 500 mn of which GIL has contributed its share of 50% in the investment. This would enable raw material availability at reasonable price. The facility commissioned commercial operations in October 2014. The management expects that logistics cost should reduce going forward when Myanmar plant utilisation increases to 80%.

Capex in high margin MDF segment:

GIL has planned a capacity expansion plan of setting up MDF plant with capacity of 300,000-360,000 cubic meters per annum in Andhra Pradesh. This would require capex of Rs 6.5 – Rs 7 bn which would be financed through a mix of debt and internal accruals of 70:30. It has already purchased land worth Rs 1.85 bn and the process of various regulatory approvals is in progress. The commercial production would likely begin in FY19E, if all the approvals are received as per planned schedule.

Demerger of laminate business:

The business model of laminate business is quite different from plywood and MDF businesses. Its profitability is lower than plywood and MDF business and working capital cycle is longer due to higher number of Stock Keeping Units (SKUs). Laminates focus on latest trends in the interior designs while plywood and MDF are base materials for laminates with focus on quality and durability. Also in terms of clientele, laminates caters to commercial segment (65% of revenues) and plywood business caters to residential segment (70% of revenues). Exports constitute 18-20% of sales in laminates while plywood has insignificant revenues from exports. Hence the management observed that the business would require separate management focus and business strategies. Consequently, GIL recently demerged its laminate business into a separate entity and got it listed on the exchanges.

Financial Performance:

The net sales of the company (GIL + Greenlam) stood at Rs 22169 mn in FY14. Its sales have grown at a CAGR of 26.1% CAGR over FY07-FY14 and 20.7% over FY11-FY14. The lower growth in recent years can be attributed to slowdown in real estate sector. The plywood and laminate segments have grown at a CAGR of ~16% over FY11-FY14 while the recently introduced MDF in FY11 has grown at a CAGR of 97.5% in the same period. EBITDA margin of the company has improved to 12.1% in FY14 from 9.1% in FY11.

Recently we have seen an uptick in the demand for real estate which is likely to impact positively for the company. Adjusting for de-merger of Greenlam for 9mFY15, revenue of the company grew 11.7% yoy at Rs 11322 mn, which is higher than FY14

growth. EBITDA grew 9.9% yoy to reach Rs 1471 mn with margin contraction of 20 bps yoy at 13%. Higher advertisement cost impacted the profitability of the company. Net profit grew 39.3% yoy to reach Rs 763 mn due to higher other income, marginal decline in interest cost and lower effective tax rate.

The management estimates 10-12% topline growth for the next 2 years due to slower pace of revival in real estate sector. It also commented that margin may improve slightly with MDF gaining share in revenue mix.

Valuation

At CMP of 964, the stock trades at PE of 17.3x and 14.8x its FY16E and FY17E Bloomberg consensus earnings. In our opinion, the company is well poised to benefit from the improvement in macroeconomic scenario. Its leadership position would enable to capitalise on the opportunity much faster than its competitors. The key catalyst for financial performance of the company would be improvement in secondary sales of real estate business in both the commercial and residential segments. **We do not have any formal rating on the stock.**

Quick Consolidated Fundamentals

Particulars (Rs Mn)	FY11	FY12	FY13	FY14
Net Sales	12607	17081	20475	22168.9
Growth (%)	31.4	35.5	19.9	8.3
EBITDA	1144	1762	2702	2686
Margin (%)	9.1	10.3	13.2	12.1
PAT	234.7	567.1	1196.6	1175.7
Margin (%)	1.9	3.3	5.8	5.3
EPS	9.56	23.17	49.07	48.2
Debt:Equity	1.86	1.98	1.66	1.36
ROE (%)	8.21	16.84	28.61	22.23

Source: Company, Capitaline, IndiaNivesh Research

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