Clean Science and Technology Ltd.

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Company Overview

Clean Science and Technology Limited ("CSTL") is among the few companies globally focused entirely on developing newer technologies using in-house catalytic processes, which are eco-friendly and cost competitive. This has enabled them to emerge as the largest manufacturer of certain specialty chemicals in terms of manufacturing capacities as of March 31, 2021. Some of these technologies have been developed and commercialized for the first time globally. CSTL's continued focus on product identification, process innovation, catalyst development, significant scale of operations as well as their measures towards strategic backward integration have all contributed to their success as one of the fastest growing and among the most profitable specialty chemical companies globally. CSTL manufacture functionally critical specialty chemicals such as Performance Chemicals - Mono methyl ether of hydroquinone ("MEHQ"), Butylated hydroxyl anisole ("BHA"), and L-Ascorbyl Palmitate ("AP"), Pharmaceutical Intermediates- Guaiacol and Dicyclohexyl Carbodimide ("DCC") which are also widely used in anti-retroviral drugs, and FMCG Chemicals- 4-Methoxy Acetophenone ("4-MAP") and Anisole.

Objects of the issue

- ⇒ To make an offer for sale of equity shares aggregating to Rs. 1,5466.22 million.
- ⇒ To achieve the share listing benefits on the BSE and NSE.

Investment Rationale

Consistent R&D initiatives resulting in a track record of strategic process innovation.

CSTL is one of India's leading firms in commercializing the use of environmentally friendly techniques to produce specific specialty chemicals at global scales. They have achieved this position by maximizing use of conventional raw materials, improving atom economy, enhancing yields, lowering effluent discharge, and consequently increasing cost competitiveness. These technologies were developed by CSTL through process innovation and persistent R&D. Various catalysts have been developed inhouse through R&D and have helped boost productivity, yields, atom economy, and cost efficiencies across process advancements. By employing "clean-technologies", they distinguish their processes from conventional processes and optimize use of non-toxic raw materials, resulting in lower effluent generation, and products that are not as harmful to the end-consumer as conventionally produced chemicals. For instance, they manufacture sulphur-free BHA and sulphur-free DCC. Being a technologically advanced company, CSTL has pioneered the commercialization of catalytic-reactions in production processes.

Strong long term relationship with key customers

Strong and long-standing ties with many global organisations have come from the company's capacity to meet demand for, and quality of, their products at affordable pricing. They've been able to extend their product options and geographic reach because to these long-term consumer ties. Their long-term relationships and on-going active engagements with customers also allow them to plan their capital expenditure, enhance their ability to benefit from increasing economies of scale with stronger purchasing power for raw materials and a lower cost base, thereby ensuring a competitive cost structure to achieve sustainable growth and profitability.

Valuation and Outlook

Clean Science and Technology Ltd. (CSTL) is one of the largest manufacturer of certain specialty chemicals in terms of manufacturing capacities. Moreover, CSTL's continued focus on product identification, process innovation, catalyst development, significant scale of operations as well as their measures towards strategic backward integration make it a good long term investment offer. On the valuation front, at the upper price band, the company is valued at 48.2x P/E considering the diluted equity shares which is at a discount compared to the industry average of 55.38 and Vinati Organics, Fine Organics, Camlin Fine, SRF Ltd., Navin Fluorine and PI Ind, its listed peers that are currently trading at a P/E of 77.4x, 78.5x, 290.5x, 48x, 74.6x and 63.9x. Considering these factors we give a "SUBSCRIBE" rating on this issue for the long term.

Offer Period	7th July to 9th July 2021
Price Band	INR.880 to INR.900
Bid Lot	16
Listing	BSE&NSE
Issue Size (no. of shares in mn)	17.18
Issue Size (INR. in bn)	15.46

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Face Value

Registrar

Issue Structur	е	
QIB	50%	
Retail	15%	
HNI	35%	
BRLM	Axis Capital, JM Financial, Kotak Mahindra Capital ,:	

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Particulars	Pre Issue %	Post Issue %
Promoter	94.66	78.51
Public	5.35	21.49
Total	100	100

(Assuming issue subscribed at higher band)

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Income Statement (In mn)

Particulars	FY19	FY20	FY21
Revenue			
Revenue from operations	3,933	4,193	5,124
Total revenue	3,933	4,193	5,124
Expenses			
Raw Materials Consumed	1,786	1,280	1,379
Changes in inventories of finished goods and work in progress	(74)	13	(143)
Purchase of Stock in Trade	-	-	-
Excise Duty	-	-	-
Employee benefit expenses	249	310	436
Other expenses	609	738	863
Total Operating expenses	2,570	2,340	2,535
EBITDA	1,363	1,853	2,590
Depreciation and amortisation expense	110	137	172
Other income	113	109	256
EBIT	1,366	1,824	2,674
Finance costs	0	1	1
Share in Profit/(Loss) of Joint Ventures	-	-	-
PBT	1,365	1,823	2,673
Current tax	351	461	618
Deferred Tax charge	38	(34)	72
Total tax	389	427	689
PAT	977	1,396	1,984
Diluted EPS	9.2	13.2	18.7

Source: RHP, BP Equities Research

Cash Flow Statement (In mn)

Particulars	FY19	FY20	FY21
Cash Flow from operating activities	847	1,601	1,928
Cash flow from investing activities	(950)	(1,063)	(1,868)
Cash flow from financing activities	(108)	(554)	(59)
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	(211)	(16)	2
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the period	305	108	92
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the period Source: RHP, BP Equities Research	94	92	93

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Balance Sheet (In mn)

Particulars	FY19	FY20	FY21
Liabilities			
Share Capital	14	13	106
Other Equity	2,706	3,408	5,290
Non-Controlling Interest	-	-	-
Net worth	2,721	3,421	5,397
Long-Term Borrowings	1	3	3
Long-Term Provisions	3	3	4
Other Non Current Liabilities			
Total Non Current Liabilities	4	6	7
Trade payables	223	357	610
current tax liability	-	30	-
Deferred Tax Liabilities	139	102	176
Borrowings	25	24	-
Other Financial Liabilities	109	184	278
Lease Liabilities	-	-	-
Other current liabilities	53	173	131
Short Term Provisions	1	1	2
Total Current Liabilities	550	872	1,195
Total liabilities	3,275	4,299	6,599
Assets			
Tangible Assets	1,249	1,626	1,826
Right of Use Assets	19	27	30
Capital work in Progress	39	34	550
Good will	-	-	-
Intangible Assets	2	3	3
Equity Accounted Investment	10	12	21
Other Financial Assets	3	4	155
Income tax assets (net)	4	3	14
Other non-current assets	23	20	49
Total Non current assets	1,349	1,729	2,648
Investment	752	1,330	2321
Trade Receivables	598	698	742
Cash and Bank Balances	94	92	93
Other current assets	67	40	105
Bank Balances	0	1	63
Other Financial Assets	44	63	97
Inventories	370	346	529
Total Current Asset	1,926	2,570	3,951
Net Current Assets	1,376	1,698	2,756
Total Assets	3,275	4,299	6,599

Source: RHP, BP Equities Research

Key Risks

- ⇒ Clean Science and Technology Limited ("CSTL") business operations are dependent on their R&D capabilities and an inability to continue to design catalytic processes may adversely affect their business.
- ⇒ All the manufacturing facilities are located in close proximity to each other in a particular region and any adverse development affecting such region may have an adverse effect on the business, prospects, financial condition and results of operation.
- ⇒ The company depends on the success of the relationships with their customers. In FY21 47.90% of total revenues were derived from the top 10 customers. Loss of one or more such customers, the deterioration of their financial condition or prospects, or a reduction in their demand for products could adversely affect the company's business.



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