

CLEAN SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY LTD.

RECOMMENDATION: BUY

MARKET PRICE: Rs.1368.45 (As on 14th June 2023)

TARGET PRICE: Rs.1711.00



FACE VALUE: Re.1

BSE CODE: 543318

NSE CODE: CLEAN







Clean Science and Technology Ltd.

Clean Science and Technology Ltd. is a fine and specialty chemical manufacturing company incorporated in 2003. The Company is among the few global organisations focused on developing ingenious technologies with unique, innovative, sustainable and cost effective catalytic manufacturing processes. Globally, the Company is among the largest manufacturers of certain chemicals developed in-house.

ABOUT THE COMPANY

The Company's speciality chemical chemistry is diversified into 3 major segments – Performance Chemicals, Pharmaceutical Chemicals, and FMCG Chemical. They are an essential ingredient in daily usage products catering to agricultural, cosmetic, aromas, and food industries.

Continuous innovation, in-house R&D and focus on value engineering are the real DNA of the Company. The Company has a unique, innovative, sustainable, and cost-effective catalytic manufacturing process for all its products. It operates from 3 manufacturing facilities. The Company takes pride in being a global manufacturing company in speciality chemicals. It has built a strong global presence and customer base. The Company's products are present in multiple countries.



CLEAN SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AT A GLANCE

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A brief Introduction about the Company



- One of the fastest growing and among the most profitable fine and specialty chemical companies globally. Among the largest manufacturers of certain specialty chemicals developed in-house.
- Among the few global organizations focused on developing ingenious technologies with unique, innovative, sustainable, and cost-effective catalytic manufacturing processes



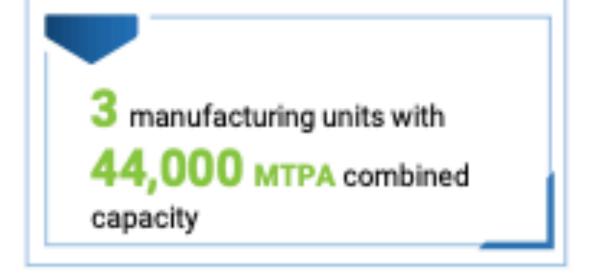






Sustainability and ESG deeply ingrained in our philosophy









COMPANY EVOLUTION

Continuous R&D and Innovation has led to new product launches on a consistent basis



YEAR	2006	2009	2011	2014	2018	2020	2021	2022	2023
REVENUES (INR Crore)	_	1	19	120	241	419	512	685	936

2018

Technocrat Promoters collaborated to develop novel, clean and sustainable chemical processes

Aligned to the philosophy, Company was named as Clean Science and Technology

Commercialized unique catalytic

technology to manufacture 4-MAP

2011

Commercialized unique catalytic forward integration to manufacture BHA

2014

Commercialized unique vapour phase route to manufacture Anisole

Backward integration for flagship products

> technology to manufacture DCC

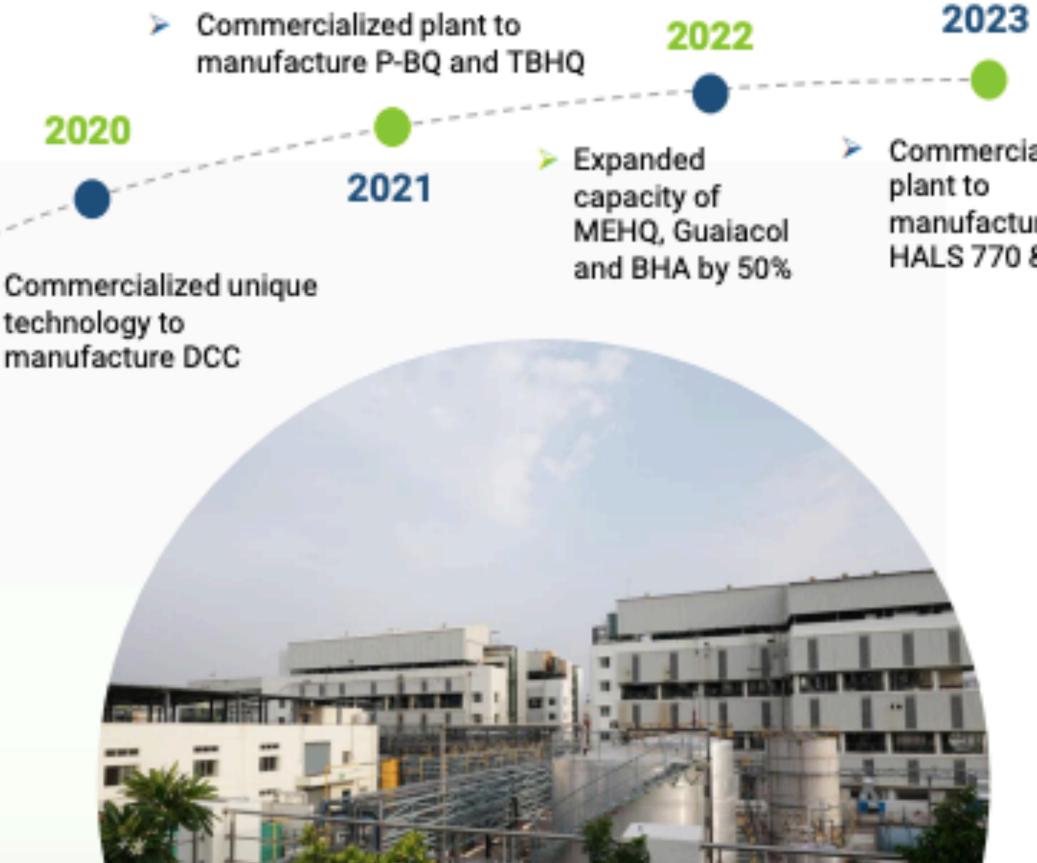
2020

Commercialized plant to manufacture HALS 770 & 701

2009

2006

Commercialized unique catalytic technology to manufacture MEHQ and Guaiacol





DIVERSIFIED PRODUCT PROFILE SERVING CRITICAL END-USER INDUSTRIES

Largest capacity in the world for our flagship products



PERFORMANCE CHEMICALS





MEHQ (Monomethyl Ether of Hydroquinone)

- Used as polymerization inhibitor in acrylic acids, acrylic esters, super absorbent polymers (diapers and sanitary pads)
- Pre-cursor for agrochemical industry



in World & India



BHA (Butylated Hydroxy Anisole)

Used as anti-oxidant in food and feed industry



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AP (Ascorbyl Palmitate)

Used in infant food formulations, breakfast cereals and cosmetics



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TBHQ (Tertiary Butyl Hydroquinone)

Stabilizer in oil industry



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HALS (Hindered Amine light Stabilizers)

- HALS 701 is used in water treatment
- HALS 770 is used for UV stabilization in a variety of polymers



in India

PHARMA AND AGRO INTERMEDIATES





Guaiacol

- Pre-cursor to manufacture APIs for cough syrup (pharma industry)
- Key raw material to produce Vanillin



in World



in India



DCC (Dicyclohexyl Carbodiimide)

Used as reagent in anti-retroviral



in World



in India



p-BQ (Para Benzoquinone)

Intermediate in agrochemical industry



in World



in India

FMCG CHEMICALS





4-MAP (4-Methoxy Acetophenone)

 Used in UV blocker in sunscreens (cosmetics industry)



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Anisole

- Precursor to perfumes, insect pheromones, pharmaceuticals
- Majority of Anisole produced is used for captive consumption



in World & India



KEY DIFFERENTIATORS THAT ADD VALUE

Unique benefits that set our business apart from competition





INNOVATION

Strategic process innovation and new product development driven by a strong in-house R&D team



GLOBAL LEADERS

Among the largest producers globally of critical specialty chemicals with diversified applications



PREFERRED PARTNER OF CHOICE

Strong and long term relationships with a well diversified marquee customer base



STATE-OF-THE-ART

Multiple, automated manufacturing facilities with zero liquid discharge and strong focus on EHS



PROMOTERS

Technocrat promoters supported by an experienced workforce with extensive domain knowledge



FORMULATION

Unique, innovative, sustainable and costeffective catalytic manufacturing process



STATISTIC

Strong and consistent financial performance



STEADFAST FOCUS ON RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT

Pioneered commercialization of catalytic reactions



Research and Development team's focus areas



Enhance our existing catalyst systems to further optimize yield and selectivity



Expand product portfolio in the performance chemical segment



Develop products with high demand which are produced by limited manufacturers globally



Hydroxylation Hydrogenation

Grignard Reaction Chlorination

Oxidation Polymeric Reaction

Alkylation Esterification

Catalysis Halogenation

BACKED BY DIVERSE TECHNOLOGY

Continuous flow reaction

Vapour phase reaction

Tri-phasic reaction

Fixed bed reaction

LED BY EXEMPLARY R&D TEAM

March 2018 March 2023

1 PhD 7 PhD

22 scientists 90 scientists

4 independent R&D labs with pilot facility



ADVANCED MANUFACTURING FACILITIES DESIGNED BY IN-HOUSE ENGINEERING TEAM

3 independent functional units at Kurkumbh Industrial Area, Maharashtra with dedicated lines for each product





UNIT 1

7 plants Total area – 30,000 sq.m

UNIT 2

4 plants

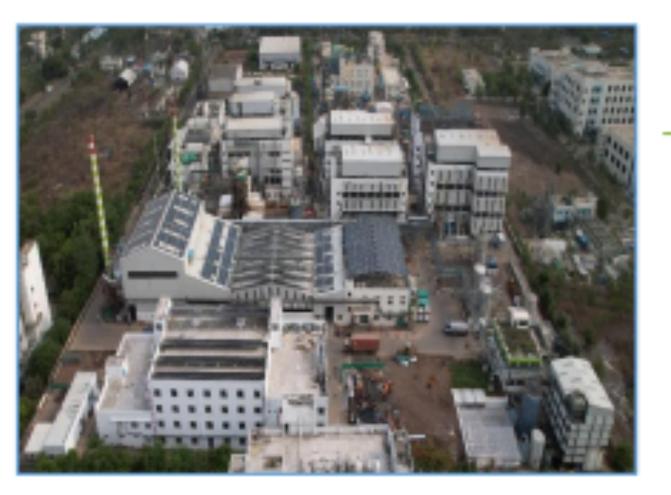
Total area - 23,337 sq.m



NO plant closure notice received from pollution control board

All Units are ISO 9001, ISO 14001 and ISO 45001 certified

Sustainable processes ensures zero liquid discharge (ZLD) facility



UNIT 3

5 plants

Total area - 40,343 sq.m

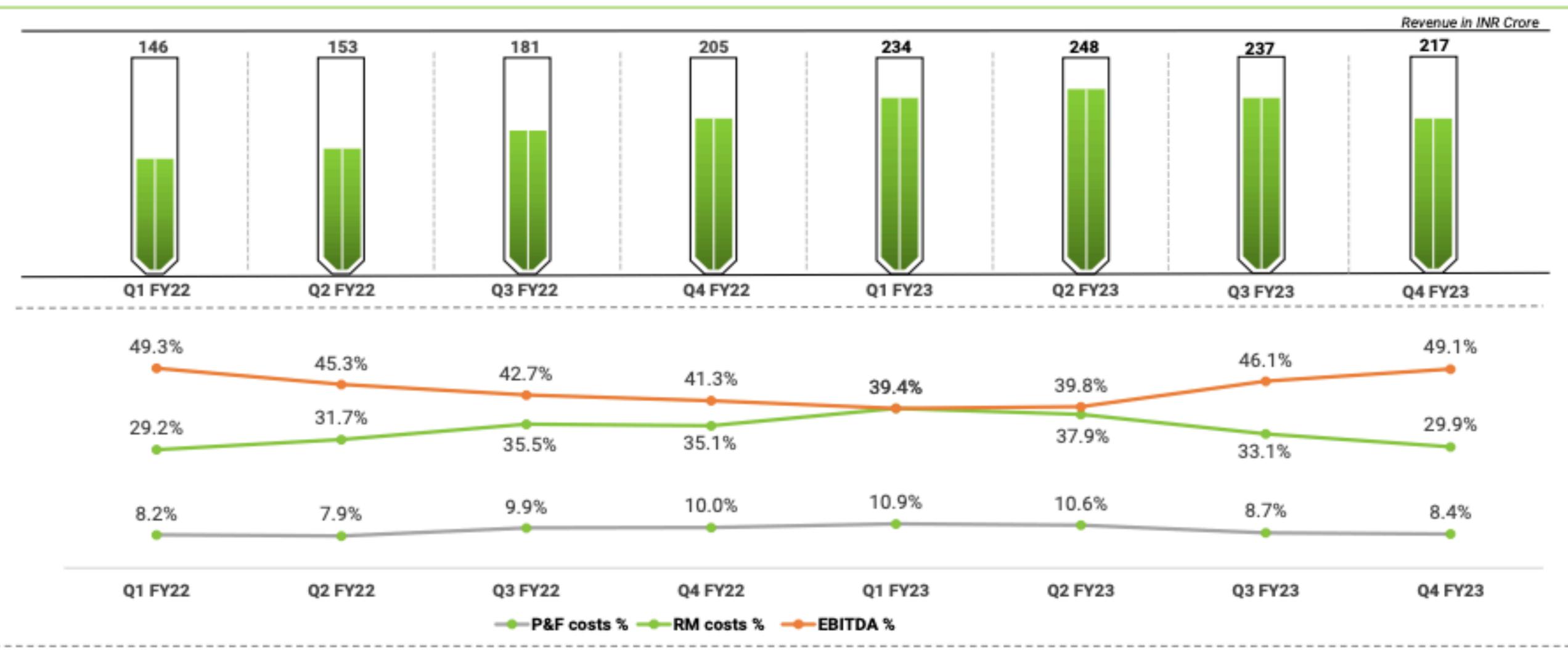
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- Multiple dedicated plants for key products. To that extent, each plant is immune to challenges in other plants
- Independent plants for catalysts
- Each unit has a separate R&D facility, warehouse, engineering and utility section
- Construction for 100% owned subsidiary Clean Fino-Chem Limited (CFCL) on track.



Q4 FY23 UPDATE

Steady revenue; moderation in input prices enabled strong improvement in margins





CAPEX & BUSINESS UPDATE

- Incurred total capex of ~ Rs. 191 crores during FY 2023, including investment in subsidiary of Rs. 65 crores
- Clean Fino-Chem Limited (CFCL) construction work on track.
- Received maiden order for HALS 770 within a month of commercialization and started recording sales from Q4 FY23.



FY 2023: DEBT FREE BALANCE SHEET WITH CASH SURPLUS OF ~INR 300 CRORES

Stable return ratios; Internal accruals to fuel capex plans



In INR Crore	As at	As at 31-March-2022	
III II	31-March-2023		
	Assets		
Non-current assets			
Fixed Assets	422.1	292.3	
Capital work-in-progress	4.1	44.1	
Right of use asset	3.9	2.9	
Other non-current assets	151.5	61.2	
Total non-current assets	581.6	400.6	
Current assets			
Inventories	108.8	88.1	
Investments	281.7	190.4	
Trade receivables	147.7	153.5	
Cash and bank balances	12.4	29.5	
Other current assets	26.5	51.8	
Asset held for sale	-	11.1	
Total current assets	577.1	524.4	
Total assets	1,158.7	925.0	
	Equity and Liabilities		
Net-worth	1,018.8	768.9	
Non-current liabilities			
Borrowings	-	0.3	
Provisions	0.6	0.1	
Other non-current liabilities	26.5	20.9	
Total non-current liabilities	27.0	21.3	
Current liabilities			
Trade payables	80.4	102.1	
Other current liabilities	32.5	32.7	
Total current liabilities	112.9	134.8	
Total equity and liabilities	1,158.7	925.0	

Key ratios	FY 2023	FY 2022
Return on Equity	29.8%	29.7%
Return on Capital Employed	49.8%	51.5%
Net Fixed Assets Turnover	2.2x	2.3x



Yearly Results

YEARLY RESULTS OF CLEAN SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (in Rs. Cr.)	MAR '23	MAR '22
Net Sales/Income from operations	935.80	684.89
Total Income From Operations	935.80	684.89
EXPENDITURE		
Consumption of Raw Materials	338.39	245.11
Increase/Decrease in Stocks	-12.44	-20.45
Power & Fuel	89.82	
Employees Cost	45.20	34.55
Depreciation	36.09	24.92
Other Expenses	72.73	125.79
P/L Before Other Inc., Int., Excpt. Items & Tax	366.01	274.97
Other Income	29.83	29.97
P/L Before Int., Excpt. Items & Tax	395.83	304.94
Interest	0.20	0.15
P/L Before Exceptional Items & Tax	395.64	304.80
P/L Before Tax	395.64	304.80
Tax	100.46	76.30
P/L After Tax from Ordinary Activities	295.18	228.50
Net Profit/(Loss) For the Period	295.18	228.50
Net P/L After M.I & Associates	295.18	228.50
Equity Share Capital	10.62	10.62
Reserves Excluding Revaluation Reserves	999.38	757.34
EPS BEFORE EXTRA ORDINARY		
Basic EPS	27.79	21.51
Diluted EPS	27.78	21.51
EPS AFTER EXTRA ORDINARY		
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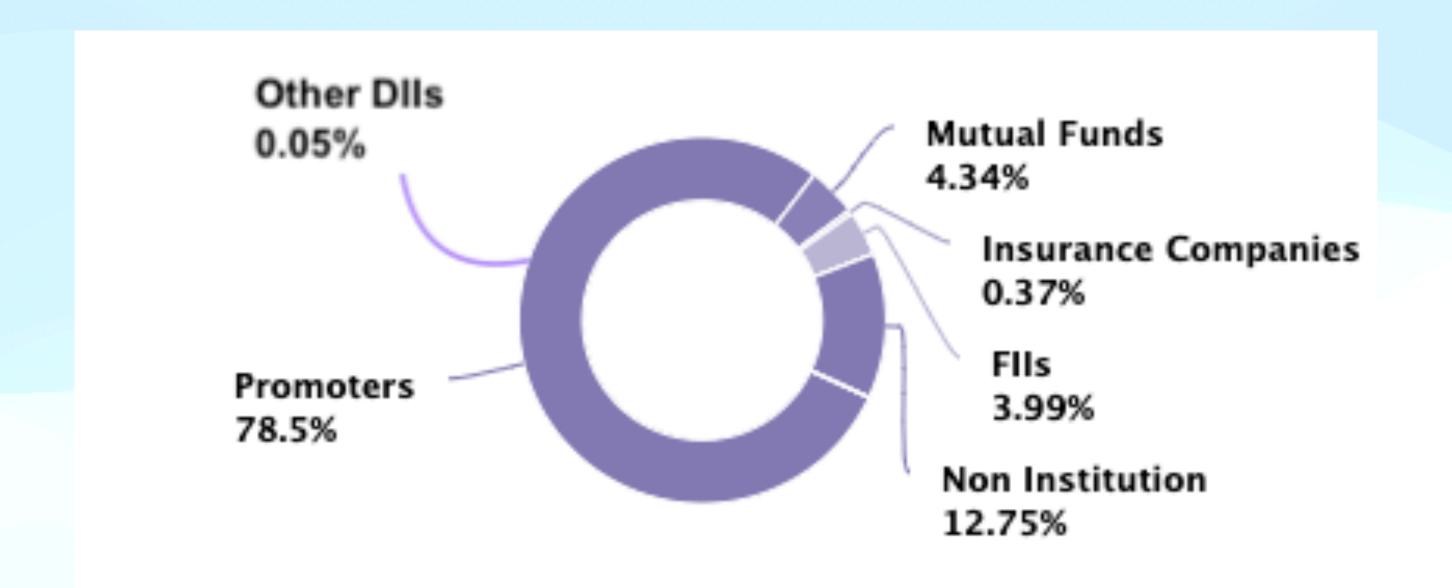


Key Financial Ratios

KEY FINANCIAL RATIOS OF CLEAN SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (in Rs.	MAR 23	MAR 22	MAR 21
Cr.)			
PER SHARE RATIOS	07.70	04 54	10.00
Basic EPS (Rs.)	27.79	21.51	18.68
Diluted EPS (Rs.)	27.78	21.51	18.68
Cash EPS (Rs.)	31.18	23.86	20.30
Book Value [ExclRevalReserve]/Share (Rs.)	95.07	72.35	50.81
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Revenue from Operations/Share (Rs.)	88.08	64.48	48.24
PBDIT/Share (Rs.)	40.66	31.05	26.79
PBIT/Share (Rs.)	37.26	28.71	25.17
PBT/Share (Rs.)	37.24	28.69	25.16
Net Profit/Share (Rs.)	27.78	21.51	18.68
NP After MI And SOA / Share (Rs.)	27.78	21.51	18.68
PROFITABILITY RATIOS			
PBDIT Margin (%)	46.15	48.16	55.53
PBIT Margin (%)	42.29	44.52	52.18
PBT Margin (%)	42.27	44.50	52.16
Net Profit Margin (%)	31.54	33.36	38.71
NP After MI And SOA Margin (%)	31.54	33.36	38.71
Return on Networth/Equity (%)	29.22	29.73	36.75
Return on Capital Employed (%)	38.19	38.61	47.92
Return on Assets (%)	25.62	24.71	30.06
Total Debt/Equity (X)	0.00	0.00	0.00
Asset Turnover Ratio (%)	0.90	0.86	0.94
LIQUIDITY RATIOS			
Current Ratio (X)	5.46	4.23	3.87
Quick Ratio (X)	4.51	3.57	3.36
Inventory Turnover Ratio (X)	3.44	3.48	3.15
Dividend Payout Ratio (NP) (%)	0.00	0.00	0.00
Dividend Payout Ratio (CP) (%)	0.00	0.00	0.00
Earnings Retention Ratio (%)	0.00	0.00	0.00
Cash Earnings Retention Ratio (%)	0.00	0.00	0.00
COVERAGE RATIOS			
Interest Coverage Ratios (%)	2,214.97	2,243.95	3,127.44
Interest Coverage Ratios (Post Tax) (%)	2,214.97	2,243.95	3,127.44
VALUATION RATIOS			
Enterprise Value (Cr.)	13,420.03	21,095.82	0.00
EV/Net Operating Revenue (X)	14.34	30.80	0.00
EV/EBITDA (X)	31.07	63.95	0.00
MarketCap/Net Operating Revenue (X)	14.35	30.91	0.00
Retention Ratios (%)	0.00	0.00	0.00
Price/BV (X)	13.30	27.55	0.00
Price/Net Operating Revenue	14.35	30.91	0.00
Earnings Yield	0.02	0.01	0.00



Shareholding Pattern an on Mar'23





Summary

- * With deliverance of robust performance in Q4 of FY'23, the Company's Net Sales grew up by 5.99% i.e. Rs.216.86 crs in Mar'23 versus Rs.204.60 crs in Mar'22. However, the Net Profits increased by 29.11% i.e. Rs.80.53 crs in Mar'23 as compared to Rs.62.37 crs in Mar'22.
- * As per fine financials and fair fundamentals, the Company is available at a good price of Rs.1368.45 with its 52 week low at Rs.1227.10 and its 52 week high at Rs.1980.00.
- * Since the Promoters are holding majority stake around 78.50% as well as its robust valuations, it is fair to assume that the Management is committed to growth of the Company.
- * In Public Shareholding as on Mar'23, the FIIs and the Other DIIs collectively stood with 4.04% stake. Whilst, the Mutual Fund Houses own 4.34% holdings.
- * It is reassuring to see that Clean Science and Technology Ltd. is held by AXIS MF, PGIM MF, ABSL MF, CANARA ROBECO MF, INVESCO MF, NIPPON INDIA MF, EDELWEISS MF, SUNDARAM MF and a few more.
- * On consolidated basis, the Company registered Return on Equity (ROE) and Return on Capital Employed (ROCE) around 29.22% & 38.19% respectively as on Mar'23.
- * For the year ending, Mar'23, Clean Science and Technology Ltd. has declared an equity dividend of 500.00% i.e. Rs.5.00 per equity share.



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