

Chemicals Sector

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Conference Key Takeaways

We recently hosted the managements of Fine Organic (FINEORG), Galaxy Surfactants (GALSURF) and Neogen Chemicals (NEOGEN) as part of our Investor Conference. The two oleochemicals companies have shown remarkable improvement in margin delivery, taking advantage of supply chain issues at peers' end and other company-related measures. While FINEORG sees no serious demand concerns in the overseas markets, GALAXY has hinted at some signs of weakness in the Developed Markets (DM) and AMET regions amid global inflation and recessionary pressures. NEOGEN's bromine story is on track as the company is witnessing incremental traction in Non-agro and Non-pharma segments as well. As far as Lithium is concerned, the company could pass on the entire cost increase with a lag. But, the management indicated that a sustained increase in prices might make it difficult for select companies to absorb the entire impact. While we are positive on all the three businesses on account of their long-term potential, backed by innovation, technology and market development, we have an Accumulate rating on FINEORG for 1-year time horizon and a Buy on GALAXY and NEOGEN.

Following are the key takeaways from the meetings:

FINEORG: The management stated that the strong volume-backed profitable performance in the last two quarters was due to: (1) The company being able to capitalize on supply disruptions faced by peers due to adequate inventory in hand (2) Rising salience of spot orders wherein customers (including new ones) were ready to pay a higher price (3) Improved mix towards premium emulsifiers (4) Rising exports salience (70:30 in favour of exports) and (5) Operating leverage as the entire capacity, except Patalganga, operated at optimium utilisation. Fire incident at one of its peers in USA in Jan'22 also helped the company; however, it was stated that the capacity was old and size is not meaningful. RM availability continues to be a problem for majority of its peers and hence similar benefits are likely to continue in 2QFY23 as well. While EBITDA margin has expanded owing to the factors discussed above, the management maintained its normalized band of 18-20% as sustainable EBITDA margin going forward. In terms of capacity addition, various players like Palsgaard, Croda, Peter Greven etc are in the process of/recently expanded capacities by ~50-100%. However, the management believes that except for Palgaard, capacity additions done by other companies are not relevant as there is very little product overlap.

GALSURF has reported a very robust EBITDA/kg performance in the last two quarters despite persistent supply chain issues and signs of demand moderation across major geographies. While overall volume has declined, EBITDA/kg has shot up materially on account of: (1) superior performance of US subsidiary (2) supply disruption benefits in the form of better pricing in select contracts and (3) price hikes and mix in favour of Specialty Care products during 1QFY23. Despite robust EBITDA/kg in 1QFY23, the management has not revised its guidance of Rs18-20/kg; however, it has indicated that GALSURF should clock EBITDA/kg at the higher end of the guided range. The management indicated that there are early signs of demand moderation in USA, Europe and AMET region amid global inflation and recessionary pressures.

NEOGEN: As far as Advanced Intermediates and CSM business is concerned, outlook remains encouraging. NEOGEN is also getting enquiries from Non-agro and Non-pharma clients. It has announced a capex of Rs1.5bn for the addition of capacities in Organic as well as Inorganic Chemical segments in FY23. The brownfield expansion is likely to be completed by the end of FY23. Peak revenue potential from this capex is estimated at Rs2.5-3bn. The management expects full utilisation by FY25/FY26. Lithium business for battery materials (electrolyte formulation, Li-based salts and additives) is still in the evolving stage and a lot is dependent on timelines of capacity addition, demand requirements of clients, lithium prices and overall rampup in the domestic market. In the Lithium segment, the management sees competition coming in from new players (based out of China, Japan, Korea etc.) as existing players have not announced foray into the EV segment.

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Rating Table

Company	CMP (Rs)	TP (Rs)	Rating
FINEORG	6,227	6,000	Accumulate
GALSURF	3,219	3,700	Buy
NEOGEN	1,389	1,640	Buy

Valuation Table

Company	Mkt Cap (US\$mn)	PE (FY24E)	EV/EBITDA (FY24E)
FINEORG	2,390	52.0	34.7
GALSURF	1,429	28.8	19.6
NEOGEN	434	38.5	23.3



Fine Organic Industries (TP: Rs6,000; Accumulate) Financials (Consolidated)

Exhibit 1: Income statement

Y/E March (Rsm)	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23E	FY24E
Net Sales	10,381	11,332	18,763	28,099	27,598
Growth YoY%	-2.1	9.2	65.6	49.8	-1.8
COGS	6,093	7,260	11,879	17,058	17,413
Gross margin %	41.3	35.9	36.7	39.3	36.9
Staff costs	725	796	893	1,317	1,444
Other expenses	1,158	1,284	2,346	3,317	3,422
EBITDA	2,405	1,993	3,645	6,408	5,319
Growth YoY%	2.9	-17.1	82.9	75.8	-17.0
EBITDA margin %	23.2	17.6	19.4	22.8	19.3
Depreciation	347	468	399	591	716
EBIT	2,058	1,525	3,246	5,817	4,603
Interest	48	61	51	49	49
Other income	202	171	331	214	392
PBT (bei)	2,161	1,621	3,515	5,982	4,946
PBT	2,161	1,621	3,515	5,982	4,946
ETR	23.7	25.8	26.1	25.8	25.8
PAT	1,648	1,203	2,597	4,439	3,669
Adj PAT	1,648	1,203	2,596	4,438	3,668
Growth YoY%	21.0	-27.0	115.8	71.0	-17.4

Source: Company, Nirmal Bang Institutional Equities Research

Exhibit 3: Balance sheet

Y/E March (Rsm)	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23E	FY24E
Share Capital	153	153	153	153	153
Reserves & Surplus	6,036	7,161	9,439	12,990	15,925
Net worth	6,189	7,314	9,592	13,143	16,078
MI	1	1	-	-	-
Long term debt	915	567	251	350	350
Short term debt	-	324	334	334	334
Total debt	915	892	585	684	684
Other non-current liabilities	76	44	9	9	9
Total Equity & Liabilities	7,180	8,250	10,186	13,836	16,771
Gross block	4,203	4,436	5,159	6,659	7,659
Accumulated depreciation	2,035	2,477	2,866	3,457	4,173
Net Block	2,168	1,959	2,293	3,202	3,486
CWIP	58	263	141	141	141
Intangible and others	-	-	-	-	-
Other non-current assets	724	739	744	744	744
Investments	328	311	306	306	306
Trade receivables	1,323	1,616	3,014	4,353	4,117
Inventories	1,317	1,262	2,356	1,864	1,901
Cash & Cash equivalents	2,104	2,637	2,326	4,414	7,198
Other current assets	498	689	1,184	1,184	1,184
Total current assets	5,243	6,205	8,879	11,815	14,399
Trade payables	858	978	1,536	1,815	1,774
Other current liabilities	483	249	642	557	531
Total current liabilities	1,341	1,226	2,178	2,372	2,306
Total Assets	7,180	8,250	10,186	13,836	16,771

Source: Company, Nirmal Bang Institutional Equities Research

Exhibit 2: Cash flow

Y/E March (Rsm)	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23E	FY24E
PBT	2,161	1,621	3,515	5,982	4,946
Depreciation	344	463	396	591	716
Interest	63	52	37	49	49
Other adjustments	-170	-147	-291	-214	-392
Change in Working capital	411	-226	-2,162	-653	133
Tax paid	-612	-415	-769	-1,486	-1,220
Operating cash flow	2,190	1,343	670	4,211	4,175
Capex	-722	-463	-610	-1,500	-1,000
Free cash flow	1,469	880	60	2,711	3,175
Other investing activities	-126	60	47	214	392
Investing cash flow	-847	-403	-563	-1,286	-608
Issuance of share capital	-	-	-	-	-
Movement of Debt	-14	-355	-306	99	-
Dividend paid (incl DDT)	-407	-92	-337	-888	-734
Other financing activities	53	40	208	16	-49
Financing cash flow	-367	-407	-436	-772	-782
Net change in cash flow	975	533	-329	2,153	2,784
Opening C&CE	1,081	2,057	2,590	2,261	4,414
Closing C&CE	2,057	2,590	2,261	4,414	7,198

Source: Company, Nirmal Bang Institutional Equities Research

Exhibit 4: Key ratios

Y/E March (Rsm)	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23E	FY24E
Per share (Rs)					
Adj EPS	53.7	39.2	84.7	144.8	119.7
Book value	201.9	238.5	312.9	428.7	524.4
DPS	7.0	11.0	11.0	29.0	23.9
Valuation (x)					
P/Sales	18.4	16.8	10.2	6.8	6.9
EV/sales	18.3	16.7	10.1	6.7	6.7
EV/EBITDA	78.9	94.9	51.9	29.2	34.7
P/E	115.9	158.7	73.5	43.0	52.0
P/BV	30.8	26.1	19.9	14.5	11.9
Return ratios (%)					
RoCE	31.1	19.9	35.3	48.5	30.1
RoE	29.4	17.8	30.7	39.0	25.1
Profitability ratios (%)					
Gross margin	41.3	35.9	36.7	39.3	36.9
EBITDA margin	23.2	17.6	19.4	22.8	19.3
PAT margin	15.6	10.5	13.6	15.7	13.1
Liquidity ratios (%)					
Current ratio	3.9	4.0	3.5	4.4	5.5
Quick ratio	2.9	3.2	2.6	3.7	4.7
Solvency ratio (%)					
Debt to Equity ratio	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.0
Turnover ratios					
Fixed asset turnover ratio (x)	7.0	5.5	8.8	10.2	8.3
Debtor days	51	47	45	48	56
Inventory days	39	42	35	27	25
Creditor days	24	30	24	22	24

Source: Company, Nirmal Bang Institutional Equities Research



Galaxy Surfactants (TP: Rs3,700; Buy) Financials (Consolidated)

Exhibit 5: Income statement

Y/E March (Rsm)	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23E	FY24E
Net Sales	25,964	27,841	36,857	46,023	50,964
Growth YoY%	-6.0	7.2	32.4	24.9	10.7
COGS	17,153	17,746	25,885	30,912	33,440
Gross margin %	33.9	36.3	29.8	32.8	34.4
Staff costs	1,781	2,040	2,118	3,104	3,437
Other expenses	3,341	3,566	4,847	6,904	8,071
EBITDA	3,689	4,488	4,007	5,103	6,016
Growth YoY%	4.4	21.7	-10.7	27.4	17.9
EBITDA margin %	14.2	16.1	10.9	11.1	11.8
Depreciation	622	740	711	877	995
EBIT	3,067	3,749	3,297	4,226	5,021
Interest	238	134	129	304	320
Other income	74	109	125	170	230
PBT (bei)	2,904	3,723	3,293	4,092	4,930
PBT	2,904	3,723	3,293	4,092	4,930
ETR	20.1	18.8	20.2	19.9	19.7
PAT	2,319	3,021	2,628	3,279	3,958
Adj PAT	2,319	3,021	2,628	3,279	3,958
Growth YoY%	17.7	30.3	-13.0	24.8	20.7

Source: Company, Nirmal Bang Institutional Equities Research

Exhibit 7: Balance sheet

Y/E March (Rsm)	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23E	FY24E
Share capital	355	355	355	355	355
Reserves	10,323	12,660	15,389	18,012	21,179
Net worth	10,678	13,014	15,744	18,367	21,533
Long term debt	1,166	774	796	1,173	1,009
Short term debt	2,030	1,906	2,864	2,864	2,864
Total debt	3,196	2,680	3,660	4,037	3,873
Other non-current liabilities	582	506	812	812	812
Total Equity & Liabilities	14,456	16,200	20,215	23,216	26,218
Gross block	12,774	13,154	14,081	16,081	18,081
Accumulated depreciation	5,296	6,035	6,477	7,354	8,349
Net Block	7,478	7,119	7,604	8,727	9,732
CWIP	660	1,240	2,055	1,782	1,782
Intangible and others	-	-	-	-	-
Other non-current assets	627	559	645	773	1,157
Investments	58	435	5	5	5
Trade receivables	4,394	4,689	6,380	7,121	7,885
Inventories	3,250	4,278	7,118	8,826	9,773
C&CE and others	545	1,114	711	562	282
Other current assets	247	1,056	1,483	1,483	2,225
Total current assets	9,295	11,142	15,697	17,997	20,171
Trade payables	2,731	3,770	5,189	5,496	6,086
Other current liabilities	841	439	525	498	473
Total current liabilities	3,663	4,295	5,790	6,068	6,629
Total Assets	14,456	16,200	20,215	23,216	26,218

Source: Company, Nirmal Bang Institutional Equities Research

Exhibit 6: Cash flow

Y/E March (Rsm)	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23E	FY24E
PBT	2,888	3,723	3,293	4,092	4,930
Depreciation	622	740	711	877	995
Interest	238	134	129	304	320
Other adjustments					
Change in Working capital	113	-186	-3,450	-2,171	-1,893
Tax paid	-574	-662	-473	-579	-682
Operating cash flow	3,162	3,651	49	2,118	3,151
Capex	-1,416	-1,075	-1,552	-1,727	-2,000
Free cash flow	1,746	2,575	-1,502	391	1,151
Other investing activities	-95	-571	711	115	-154
Investing cash flow	-1,511	-1,647	-841	-1,612	-2,154
Issuance of share capital	-	-	-	-	-
Movement of Debt	-272	-951	941	377	-164
Dividend paid (incl DDT)	-940	-495	-142	-656	-792
Other financing activities	-226	-152	-131	-304	-320
Financing cash flow	-1,438	-1,650	592	-582	-1,276
Net change in cash flow	213	354	-200	-76	-280
Opening C&CE	250	477	815	638	562
Closing C&CE	477	815	638	562	282

Source: Company, Nirmal Bang Institutional Equities Research

Exhibit 8: Key ratios

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Y/E March (Rsm)	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23E	FY24E
Per share (Rs)					
Adj EPS	65.4	85.2	74.1	92.5	111.7
Book value	301.2	367.1	444.1	518.1	607.4
DPS	14.0	18.0	-	18.5	22.3
Valuation (x)					
P/Sales	4.4	4.1	3.1	2.5	2.2
EV/sales	4.5	4.2	3.2	2.6	2.3
EV/EBITDA	31.7	25.8	29.2	23.0	19.6
P/E	49.2	37.8	43.4	34.8	28.8
P/BV	10.7	8.8	7.2	6.2	5.3
Return ratios (%)					
RoCE	24.4	25.4	18.8	20.2	21.0
RoE	23.9	25.5	18.3	19.2	19.8
Profitability ratios (%)					
Gross margin	33.9	36.3	29.8	32.8	34.4
EBITDA margin	14.2	16.1	10.9	11.1	11.8
PAT margin	8.9	10.8	7.1	7.1	7.7
Liquidity ratios (%)					
Current ratio	1.6	1.9	1.8	2.0	2.1
Quick ratio	1.1	1.2	1.0	1.0	1.1
Solvency ratio (%)					
Debt to Equity ratio	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
Turnover ratios					
Fixed asset turnover ratio (x)	4.1	3.8	5.0	5.6	5.5
Debtor days	61	60	55	61	55
Inventory days	48	49	56	48	48
Creditor days	41	43	44	41	41
Net Working capital days	68	66	67	68	62

Source: Company, Nirmal Bang Institutional Equities Research



Neogen Chemicals (TP: Rs1,640; Buy) Financials (Consolidated)

Exhibit 9: Income statement

Y/E March (Rsm)	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23E	FY24E
Net Sales	3,061	3,364	4,873	6,127	7,590
Growth YoY%	28.1	9.9	44.8	25.7	23.9
COGS	1,841	1,976	2,750	3,462	4,250
Gross margin %	39.9	41.3	43.6	43.5	44.0
Staff costs	172	201	315	417	493
Other expenses	467	544	942	1,164	1,404
EBITDA	581	644	866	1,084	1,442
Growth YoY%	33.7	10.9	34.5	25.2	33.0
EBITDA margin %	19.0	19.1	17.8	17.7	19.0
Depreciation	52	69	117	212	266
EBIT	528	575	749	872	1,176
Interest	119	138	191	104	85
Other income	3	6	11	63	35
PBT (bei)	412	443	571	831	1,126
PBT	412	443	571	831	1,126
ETR	30.2	29.1	21.8	23.0	20.0
PAT	288	314	446	640	900
Adj PAT	288	314	446	640	900
Growth YoY%	36.8	9.3	42.0	43.4	40.7

Source: Company, Nirmal Bang Institutional Equities Research

Exhibit 11: Balance sheet

Y/E March (Rsm)	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23E	FY24E
Share Capital	233	233	249	249	249
Reserves & Surplus	1,334	1,597	4,143	4,730	5,553
Net worth	1,567	1,830	4,392	4,979	5,803
Long term debt	304	1,161	1,215	1,000	800
Short term debt	1,019	858	762	686	550
Total debt	1,323	2,019	1,977	1,686	1,350
Other non-current liabilities	184	189	204	219	449
Total Equity & Liabilities	3,074	4,038	6,574	6,883	7,601
Gross block	1,205	1,435	3,136	3,936	4,936
Accumulated depreciation	99	168	285	497	763
Net Block	1,105	1,267	2,851	3,439	4,173
CWIP	27	1,147	106	1,000	700
Intangible and others	-	-	-	-	-
Other non-current assets	100	97	101	130	91
Investments	5	8	817	10	10
Trade receivables	752	786	1,095	1,343	1,560
Inventories	1,299	1,140	1,946	2,048	2,537
Cash & Cash equivalents	15	12	452	40	116
Other current assets	251	464	624	562	350
Total current assets	2,317	2,402	4,925	3,992	4,563
Trade payables	359	661	989	1,037	1,285
Other current liabilities	121	221	430	650	650
Total current liabilities	479	882	1,419	1,687	1,935
Total Assets	3,074	4,038	6,574	6,883	7,601

Source: Company, Nirmal Bang Institutional Equities Research

Exhibit 10: Cash flow

Y/E March (Rsm)	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23E	FY24E
РВТ	412	442	571	831	1,126
Depreciation	52	69	117	212	266
Interest	119	138	191	104	85
Other adjustments	49	-75	-66	-63	-35
Change in Working capital	-847	366	-701	-19	-247
Tax paid	-127	-104	-98	-191	-225
Operating cash flow	-341	836	14	874	970
Capex	-265	-231	-1,703	-1,694	-700
Free cash flow	-606	605	-1,689	-820	270
Other investing activities	-24	-1,115	245	841	74
Investing cash flow	-289	-1,346	-1,458	-852	-626
Issuance of share capital					
Movement of Debt	165	696	-42	-291	-336
Dividend paid (incl DDT)	-43	-47	-53	-54	-77
Other financing activities	-119	-138	-191	-104	-85
Financing cash flow	625	507	1,884	-434	-267
Net change in cash flow	-5	-3	440	-413	77
Opening C&CE	20	15	12	452	40
Closing C&CE	15	12	452	40	116

Source: Company, Nirmal Bang Institutional Equities Research

Exhibit 12: Key ratios

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Y/E March (Rsm)	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23E	FY24E
Per share (Rs)					
Adj EPS	12.3	13.5	17.9	25.7	36.1
Book value	67.2	78.4	188.2	213.4	248.7
DPS	2.0	2.3	2.1	3.1	4.3
Valuation (x)					
P/Sales	10.6	9.6	6.7	5.3	4.3
EV/sales	11.0	10.2	7.0	5.6	4.4
EV/EBITDA	58.1	53.5	39.2	31.4	23.3
P/E	112.6	103.1	77.6	54.1	38.5
P/BV	20.7	17.7	7.4	6.5	5.6
Return ratios (%)					
RoCE	22.2	17.1	14.7	13.4	17.0
RoE	25.0	20.5	15.3	13.4	17.0
Profitability ratios (%)					
Gross margin	39.9	41.3	43.6	43.5	44.0
EBITDA margin	19.0	19.1	17.8	17.7	19.0
PAT margin	9.4	9.3	9.1	10.3	11.8
Liquidity ratios (%)					
Current ratio	1.5	1.4	2.3	1.7	1.8
Quick ratio	0.7	0.7	1.4	8.0	0.8
Solvency ratio (%)					
Debt to Equity ratio	0.8	1.1	0.5	0.3	0.2
Turnover ratios					
Fixed asset turnover ratio (x)	2.9	2.5	2.1	1.7	1.7
Debtor days	81	83	70	80	75
Inventory days	121	132	116	122	122
Creditor days	47	55	62	62	62
Net Working capital days	155	160	124	140	135

Source: Company, Nirmal Bang Institutional Equities Research



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