

## Action Construction Equipment Ltd

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## Q2FY22 Result Update

Accumulate

| Industry | Engineering |
| :--- | ---: |
| CMP (Rs) | 256 |
| FY21E Target Price (Rs) | 283 |
| 52 Week H/L (Rs) | $292 / 73$ |
| Volumes (BSE+NSE) | 386120 |
| Shares O/S (mn) | 119.1 |
| Market Cap (Rs mn) | 31045 |
| Free Float (\%) | 33.2 |
| Bloomberg | ACCE IN |
| Reuters | ACEL.BO |

*Three month daily average
Share Holding Pattern (30/09/2021)

| Particulars | Shares <br> $(\mathbf{m n})$ | Holding <br> $(\%)$ |
| :--- | ---: | ---: |
| Promoters | 79.5 | 66.8 |
| FIIs | 6.3 | 5.2 |
| DIIs | 4.7 | 4.0 |
| Others | 28.6 | 24.0 |
| Total | $\mathbf{1 1 9 . 1}$ | $\mathbf{1 0 0 . 0}$ |
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Source : BSE
Financial Highlights

| (Rs mn) |  | FY21 |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Sales | 12,270 | 15,361 | 17,719 |
| Sales Growth | $6.1 \%$ | $25.2 \%$ | $15.4 \%$ |
| EBITDA | 1,194 | 1,653 | 2,030 |
| EBITDA Margin | $9.7 \%$ | $10.8 \%$ | $11.5 \%$ |
| PAT | 801 | 1102 | 1434 |
| EPS (Rs) | 6.9 | 9.5 | 12.4 |
| P/E (x) | 37.0 | 26.9 | 20.7 |
| EV/EBITDA (x) | 21.3 | 16.7 | 13.0 |
| ROE | $16.6 \%$ | $16.7 \%$ | $16.6 \%$ |
| RoCE | $13.8 \%$ | $15.5 \%$ | $15.3 \%$ |

Source : Company Data, QS Research
Price Chart
ACE - 3 Years Stock Price Trend (Rs)


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## Quarterly Result Review

Action Construction Equipment Ltd (ACE) reported growth in its topline in Q2FY22, above our expectation. The EBITDA margin was below our estimates and higher raw material cost continued to impact the profitability.

## Key Highlights:

- ACE's revenues increased by $34.5 \%$ Y-o-Y to Rs 3,609mn, much above our estimate of Rs 3,309mn. This was driven by $21.9 \% \mathrm{Y}-$ $0-\mathrm{Y}$ increase in Q2FY22 total sales volumes to 2,806 units. The Material Handling division experienced significant increase and reported a growth of $42.5 \% \mathrm{Y}-\mathrm{o}-\mathrm{Y}$ in the sales volume to 379 units.

Segmental Sales Volume

| Sales Volumes <br> (Units) | Q2FY22 | Q2FY21 | Variance <br> $(\mathrm{Y}-\mathrm{o}-\mathrm{Y})$ | Q1FY22 | Variance <br> $(\mathrm{Q}-\mathrm{o}-\mathrm{Q})$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Cranes | 1250 | 950 | $+31.6 \%$ | 1080 | $+15.7 \%$ |
| Construction Equip. | 140 | 122 | $+14.8 \%$ | 111 | $+26.1 \%$ |
| Materials Handling | 379 | 266 | $+42.5 \%$ | 334 | $+13.5 \%$ |
| Tractors | 1037 | 963 | $+7.7 \%$ | 654 | $+58.6 \%$ |

- The Cranes segment showed strong revenue growth and increase by $45.1 \%$ Y-o-Y to Rs $2414 m n$.
- The Construction Equipments segment reported $29.8 \% \mathrm{Y}-\mathrm{o}-\mathrm{Y}$ growth to Rs 399mn.
- Material Handling segment revenue increased from Rs 265mn in Q2FY21 to Rs 375mn in Q2FY22, a growth of 41.6\% Y-o-Y.
- Tractor segment's revenue decreased slightly from Rs 447mn in Q2FY21 to Rs 421mn in Q2FY22 due to weak demand, a degrowth of $5.7 \%$ Y-o-Y.
- EBITDA during the quarter increased 43.3\% Y-o-Y to Rs 348mn, compared to our estimate of Rs 390mn.
- Overall EBITDA margin during the quarter improved by 60bps $\mathrm{Y}-\mathrm{o}-\mathrm{Y}$ and 20bps $\mathrm{Q}-\mathrm{o}-\mathrm{Q}$ to $9.6 \%$ in Q2FY22. EBITDA margin was below our estimate mainly due to increase in the Raw Material Cost and Other Expenses.
- Further, net profit during the quarter increased by $57.9 \% \mathrm{Y}-\mathrm{o}-\mathrm{Y}$ to Rs 230 mn , compared to our estimate of Rs 255 mn .


## Outlook and Valuations

Demand for ACE equipments recovered in Q2FY22 as most of the Covid-19 related restrictions were lifted after abatement of second wave of Covid-19. Management expects that demand will gain momentum in H2FY22. However a sharp increase in steel prices resulted in pressure on the margins. At a current price of Rs 256, ACE trades at an EV/EBITDA of $16.7 x$ FY22E and 13.0x FY23E earnings. On the back of sustained superior return ratios and improvement in the market share in a tough operating environment, we assign an EV/EBITDA multiple of $15 \times$ FY23E and arrive at a FY23E price target of Rs 283. We maintain our recommendation of an "Accumulate" rating on the company.

Quarterly Results

| Particulars (Rs mn) | Q2FY22 | Q2FY21 | Variance <br> (Y-0-Y) | Q1FY22 | Variance <br> (Q-0-Q) | H1FY22 | H1FY21 | Variance <br> (Y-0-Y) |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Total Operating Income | $\mathbf{3 6 0 9}$ | $\mathbf{2 6 8 3}$ | $\mathbf{3 4 . 5 \%}$ | $\mathbf{3 2 1 5}$ | $\mathbf{1 2 . 3 \%}$ | $\mathbf{6 8 2 4}$ | $\mathbf{3 6 9 2}$ | $\mathbf{8 4 . 8 \%}$ |
| Expenditures: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Materials and Trading Exp | 2,830 | 2,105 | $34.4 \%$ | 2,564 | $10.4 \%$ | 5394 | 2,888 | $86.8 \%$ |
| Staff Cost | 201 | 179 | $12.2 \%$ | 191 | $5.3 \%$ | 392 | 328 | $19.6 \%$ |
| Other Expenses | 230 | 156 | $47.3 \%$ | 158 | $45.5 \%$ | 387 | 235 | $65.2 \%$ |
| Total Expenditures | $\mathbf{3 , 2 6 1}$ | $\mathbf{2 , 4 4 0}$ | $\mathbf{3 3 . 6 \%}$ | $\mathbf{2 , 9 1 3}$ | $\mathbf{1 2 . 0 \%}$ | $\mathbf{6 , 1 7 4}$ | $\mathbf{3 , 4 5 0}$ | $\mathbf{7 9 . 0 \%}$ |
| EBITDA | $\mathbf{3 4 8}$ | $\mathbf{2 4 3}$ | $\mathbf{4 3 . 3 \%}$ | $\mathbf{3 0 2}$ | $\mathbf{1 5 . 1 \%}$ | $\mathbf{6 5 0}$ | $\mathbf{2 4 2}$ | $\mathbf{1 6 8 . 4 \%}$ |
| EBITDA Margin (\%) | $\mathbf{9 . 6 \%}$ | $\mathbf{9 . 0 \%}$ | $\mathbf{+ 6 0 b p s}$ | $\mathbf{9 . 4 \%}$ | $\mathbf{+ 2 0 b p s}$ | $\mathbf{9 . 5 \%}$ | $\mathbf{6 . 6 \%}$ | $\mathbf{+ 3 0 0 b p s}$ |
| Depreciation | 38 | 35 | $7.3 \%$ | 36 | $3.4 \%$ | 74 | 69 | $6.8 \%$ |
| Other Income | 22 | 18 | $24.2 \%$ | 24 | $-5.4 \%$ | 46 | 42 | $8.5 \%$ |
| Interest | 33 | 35 | $-4.7 \%$ | 27 | $22.4 \%$ | 60 | 68 | $-10.8 \%$ |
| PBT | $\mathbf{2 9 9}$ | $\mathbf{1 9 1}$ | $\mathbf{5 6 . 9 \%}$ | $\mathbf{2 6 2}$ | $\mathbf{1 4 . 1 \%}$ | $\mathbf{5 6 2}$ | $\mathbf{1 4 8}$ | $\mathbf{2 8 0 . 7 \%}$ |
| Taxes | 69 | 45 | $53.7 \%$ | 69 | $-0.2 \%$ | 138 | 44 | $214.1 \%$ |
| Net Profit | $\mathbf{2 3 0}$ | $\mathbf{1 4 6}$ | $\mathbf{5 7 . 9 \%}$ | $\mathbf{1 9 3}$ | $\mathbf{1 9 . 2 \%}$ | $\mathbf{4 2 4}$ | $\mathbf{1 0 4}$ | $\mathbf{3 0 9 . 0 \%}$ |
| Net Profit Margin | $\mathbf{6 . 4 \%}$ | $\mathbf{5 . 4 \%}$ | $\mathbf{+ 1 0 0 b p s}$ | $\mathbf{6 . 0 \%}$ | $\mathbf{+ 4 0 b p s}$ | $\mathbf{6 . 2 \%}$ | $\mathbf{2 . 8 \%}$ | $\mathbf{+ 3 4 0}$ |
| EPS (Rs) | $\mathbf{2 . 0}$ | $\mathbf{1 . 3}$ | $\mathbf{5 7 . 9 \%}$ | $\mathbf{1 . 7}$ | $\mathbf{1 9 . 2 \%}$ | $\mathbf{3 . 7}$ | $\mathbf{0 . 9}$ | $\mathbf{3 0 9 . 0 \%}$ |

## Quarterly Segmental Performance

| Particulars (Rs mn) | Q2FY22 | Q2FY21 | Variance <br> $(\mathbf{Y - 0 - Y})$ | Q1FY22 | Variance <br> $($ Q-0-Q) | H1FY22 | H1FY21 | Variance <br> $(\mathbf{Y - 0 - Y})$ |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Cranes | 2,414 | 1,664 | $45.1 \%$ | 2,221 | $8.7 \%$ | 4,635 | 2,162 | $114.4 \%$ |
| Construction Equip. | 399 | 308 | $29.8 \%$ | 366 | $9.0 \%$ | 766 | 487 | $57.1 \%$ |
| Materials Handling | 375 | 265 | $41.6 \%$ | 331 | $13.1 \%$ | 706 | 342 | $106.6 \%$ |
| Agricultural Equipment | 421 | 447 | $-5.7 \%$ | 296 | $42.4 \%$ | 717 | 702 | $2.2 \%$ |
| Net Sales | $\mathbf{3 , 6 0 9}$ | $\mathbf{2 , 6 8 3}$ | $\mathbf{3 4 . 5 \%}$ | $\mathbf{3 , 2 1 5}$ | $\mathbf{1 2 . 3 \%}$ | $\mathbf{6 , 8 2 4}$ | $\mathbf{3 , 6 9 2}$ | $\mathbf{8 4 . 8 \%}$ |
| EBIT Margin |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Cranes | $11.3 \%$ | $9.2 \%$ | 211 | $11.2 \%$ | 5 | $11.2 \%$ | $6.1 \%$ | 514 |
| Construction Equip. | $5.2 \%$ | $1.3 \%$ | 390 | $4.9 \%$ | 31 | $5.0 \%$ | $1.9 \%$ | 314 |
| Materials Handling | $12.0 \%$ | $13.2 \%$ | -121 | $11.6 \%$ | 40 | $11.8 \%$ | $10.9 \%$ | 88 |
| Tractor | $8.0 \%$ | $13.0 \%$ | -499 | $7.1 \%$ | 86 | $7.6 \%$ | $11.5 \%$ | -387 |

## Income Statement

| Particular (In Rs mn) | FY19 | FY20 | FY21 | FY22E | FY23E |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Net Sales | $\mathbf{1 0 , 5 4 3}$ | $\mathbf{1 1 , 5 6 1}$ | $\mathbf{1 2 , 2 7 0}$ | $\mathbf{1 5 , 3 6 1}$ | $\mathbf{1 7 , 7 1 9}$ |
| Sales Growth(\%) | $-3.0 \%$ | $9.7 \%$ | $6.1 \%$ | $25.2 \%$ | $15.4 \%$ |
| Expenditures: |  |  |  |  |  |
| Raw Materials | 10,845 | 8,942 | 9,619 | 11,968 | 13,677 |
| Employees Cost | 750 | 856 | 721 | 904 | 1,049 |
| Selling and Distribution | 850 | 845 | 737 | 836 | 964 |
| Total Expenses | $\mathbf{1 2 , 4 0 6}$ | $\mathbf{1 0 , 6 4 3}$ | $\mathbf{1 1 , 0 7 7}$ | $\mathbf{1 3 , 7 0 8}$ | $\mathbf{1 5 , 6 8 9}$ |
| EBITDA | $\mathbf{- 1 , 8 6 3}$ | $\mathbf{9 1 8}$ | $\mathbf{1 , 1 9 4}$ | $\mathbf{1 , 6 5 3}$ | $\mathbf{2 , 0 3 0}$ |
| EBITDA Margins | $\mathbf{- 1 7 . 7 \%}$ | $\mathbf{7 . 9 \%}$ | $\mathbf{9 . 7 \%}$ | $\mathbf{1 0 . 8 \%}$ | $\mathbf{1 1 . 5 \%}$ |
| Depreciation | 118 | 130 | 139 | 150 | 149 |
| EBIT | $\mathbf{- 1 , 9 8 1}$ | $\mathbf{7 8 8}$ | $\mathbf{1 , 0 5 4}$ | $\mathbf{1 , 5 0 3}$ | $\mathbf{1 , 8 8 1}$ |
| Other Income | 97 | 40 | 153 | 103 | 103 |
| Interest Expenses | 115 | 147 | 122 | 127 | 59 |
| PBT | $\mathbf{- 1 , 9 9 9}$ | $\mathbf{6 8 2}$ | $\mathbf{1 , 0 8 5}$ | $\mathbf{1 , 4 8 0}$ | $\mathbf{1 , 9 2 6}$ |
| Taxes | 282 | 156 | 284 | 378 | 492 |
| Net Profit | $\mathbf{- 2 2 8 1}$ | $\mathbf{5 2 6}$ | $\mathbf{8 0 1}$ | $\mathbf{1 1 0 2}$ | $\mathbf{1 4 3 4}$ |
| Net Profit Margins | $\mathbf{- 2 1 . 6 \%}$ | $\mathbf{4 . 6 \%}$ | $\mathbf{6 . 5 \%}$ | $\mathbf{7 . 2 \%}$ | $\mathbf{8 . 1 \%}$ |
| EPS (Rs) | $\mathbf{- 1 9 . 7}$ | 4.6 | 6.9 | 9.5 | 12.4 |

## Balance Sheet

| Particular (In Rs mn) | FY19 | FY20 | FY21 | FY22E | FY23E |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Sources of Funds |  |  |  |  |  |
| Equity Capital | 235 | 227 | 227 | 238 | 238 |
| Reserves \& Surplus | 4,137 | 4,199 | 5,008 | 7,755 | 9,084 |
| Total Shareholders' Fund | $\mathbf{4 , 3 7 2}$ | $\mathbf{4 , 4 2 5}$ | $\mathbf{5 , 2 3 5}$ | $\mathbf{7 , 9 9 3}$ | $\mathbf{9 , 3 2 2}$ |
| Total Loans | $\mathbf{3 7 3}$ | $\mathbf{7 4 1}$ | $\mathbf{5 1 2}$ | $\mathbf{3 0 0}$ | $\mathbf{3 0 0}$ |
| Deferred Tax Liabilities | $\mathbf{1 5 6}$ | $\mathbf{1 4 2}$ | $\mathbf{1 6 1}$ | $\mathbf{1 6 5}$ | $\mathbf{1 7 0}$ |
| Total Equity \& Liabilities | $\mathbf{4 , 9 2 6}$ | $\mathbf{5 , 3 0 9}$ | $\mathbf{5 , 9 0 7}$ | $\mathbf{8 , 4 5 8}$ | $\mathbf{9 , 7 9 3}$ |
| Application of Funds |  |  |  |  |  |
| Gross Block | $\mathbf{4 , 3 5 5}$ | $\mathbf{5 , 2 6 0}$ | $\mathbf{5 , 5 8 2}$ | $\mathbf{5 , 8 4 6}$ | $\mathbf{6 , 0 4 6}$ |
| Accumulated Depreciation | 1,141 | 1,271 | 1,411 | 1,560 | 1,709 |
| Net Block | $\mathbf{3 , 2 1 3}$ | $\mathbf{3 , 9 1 7}$ | $\mathbf{4 , 0 7 7}$ | $\mathbf{4 , 2 8 6}$ | $\mathbf{4 , 3 3 7}$ |
| Capital Work-in-Progress | 71 | 182 | 124 | 60 | 60 |
| Investments | 125 | 122 | 120 | 123 | 127 |
| Others | 976 | 434 | 306 | 315 | 324 |
| Current Assets: |  |  |  |  |  |
| Inventories | 2,125 | 2,703 | 2,657 | 3,326 | 3,155 |
| Sundry Debtors | 1,439 | 1,473 | 2,246 | 2,812 | 2,767 |
| Cash and Bank | 114 | 93 | 364 | 2,319 | 3,414 |
| Loans and Advances | 474 | 109 | 276 | 303 | 334 |
| Total Current Assets | $\mathbf{4 , 4 5 7}$ | $\mathbf{4 , 8 5 6}$ | $\mathbf{5 , 9 0 0}$ | $\mathbf{9 , 1 5 3}$ | $\mathbf{1 0 , 1 0 3}$ |
| Current Liabilities \& Provisions | $\mathbf{3 , 9 1 7}$ | $\mathbf{4 , 1 6 9}$ | $\mathbf{4 , 6 0 3}$ | $\mathbf{5 , 5 5 3}$ | $\mathbf{5 , 2 3 0}$ |
| Net Current Assets | $\mathbf{5 4 0}$ | $\mathbf{6 8 8}$ | $\mathbf{1 , 2 9 7}$ | $\mathbf{3 , 6 0 0}$ | $\mathbf{4 , 8 7 3}$ |
| Miscellaneous | 0 | -35 | -18 | 74 | 72 |
| Total Assets | $\mathbf{4 , 9 2 6}$ | $\mathbf{5 , 3 0 8}$ | $\mathbf{5 , 9 0 7}$ | $\mathbf{8 , 4 5 8}$ | $\mathbf{9 , 7 9 3}$ |

Cash Flow Statement

| Y/E March (Rs Mn) | FY19 | FY20 | FY21 | FY22E | FY23E |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES |  |  |  |  |  |
| PBT Before Extraordinary Items | -2281 | 682 | 1085 | 1102 | 1434 |
| Adjustments for: |  |  |  |  |  |
| Depreciation | 118 | 130 | 139 | 150 | 149 |
| Interest Expenses | 115 | 146 | 122 | 127 | 59 |
| Other Adjustment | -97 | -40 | -153 | -103 | -103 |
| Operating Profit before WC changes | -2145 | 917 | 1193 | 1275 | 1538 |
| Change in Working Capital | -351 | -343 | -254 | -312 | -139 |
| Cash generated from Operations | -2496 | 574 | 939 | 963 | 1400 |
| Direct Taxes (Net) | -282 | -164 | -241 | -378 | -492 |
| Net Cash from Operating activities | -2778 | 410 | 698 | 585 | 907 |
| CASH FLOW FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES |  |  |  |  |  |
| Net Purchase of Fixed Assets | -65 | -417 | -338 | -199 | -198 |
| Net Purchase of Investments | 370 | 214 | 169 | -4 | -4 |
| Interest Received | 58 | 7 | 6 | 0 | 0 |
| Net Cash used in Investing activities | 363 | -196 | -162 | -203 | -202 |
| CASH FLOW FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES |  |  |  |  |  |
| Equity Share Capital | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Net Borrowing | -270 | 348 | -277 | -212 | 0 |
| Buy-back of Equity Share | 0 | -333 | 0 | 1750 | 0 |
| Interest Paid | -115 | -146 | -122 | -127 | -59 |
| Dividend and Dividend Tax Paid | -100 | -203 | -4 | -104 | -104 |
| Net Cash from Financing activities | -486 | -334 | -404 | 1308 | -162 |
| Net Change in Cash \& Equivalents | -2900 | -120 | 132 | 1690 | 544 |
| Cash \& Equivalents as at the beginning | 108 | 114 | 93 | 364 | 2,319 |
| Cash \& Equivalents as at the end | 114 | 93 | 364 | 2319 | 3414 |

## Key Ratios

| Ratios | FY19 | FY20 | FY21 | FY22E | FY23E |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Liquidity Ratios |  |  |  |  |  |
| Current Ratio | 1.1 | 1.2 | 1.3 | 1.6 | 1.9 |
| Quick Ratio | 0.6 | 0.5 | 0.7 | 1.0 | 1.3 |
| Leverage Ratios |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total Debt/Networth | 0.1 | 0.2 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Interest Coverage Ratio | -17.2 | 5.4 | 8.6 | 11.9 | 32.1 |
| Working Capital/Sales | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.2 | 0.3 |
| Activity Ratios |  |  |  |  |  |
| Inventory Days | 74 | 85 | 79 | 79 | 65 |
| Debtors Days | 50 | 46 | 67 | 67 | 57 |
| Creditors Days | 87 | 110 | 109 | 109 | 87 |
| Profitability Ratios |  |  |  |  |  |
| Operating Profit Margin | $-17.7 \%$ | $7.9 \%$ | $9.7 \%$ | $10.8 \%$ | $11.5 \%$ |
| Net Profit Margin | $-21.6 \%$ | $4.6 \%$ | $6.5 \%$ | $7.2 \%$ | $8.1 \%$ |
| Return on Capital Employed | $-46.5 \%$ | $11.9 \%$ | $13.8 \%$ | $15.5 \%$ | $15.3 \%$ |
| Return on Equity | $-54.1 \%$ | $12.0 \%$ | $16.6 \%$ | $16.7 \%$ | $16.6 \%$ |
| Valuation Ratios |  |  |  |  |  |
| EPS | -19.7 | 4.6 | 6.9 | 9.5 | 12.4 |
| Dividend Yield | $0.3 \%$ | $0.3 \%$ | $0.3 \%$ | $0.3 \%$ | $0.3 \%$ |
| P/E | -13.0 | 56.4 | 37.0 | 26.9 | 20.7 |
| P/BV | 5.5 | 5.4 | 4.6 | 3.0 | 2.6 |
| EV/Sales | 2.4 | 2.3 | 2.1 | 1.5 | 1.3 |
| EV/EBITDA | -13.7 | 28.3 | 21.3 | 16.7 | 13.0 |

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