

IL&FS Transportation Networks

Company Update

Strong revenue & cash flow generation visibility: At 4QFY2016-end, IL&FS Transportation Networks Ltd (ITNL) reported gross Toll & Annuity income of ₹7.8cr/day (Toll Income at ₹5.4cr/day and Annuity Income at ₹2.9cr/day). 7 BOT projects (2 Annuity + 5 Toll) are expected to be operational in next few months. On being fully operational, all 5 Toll projects (BKEL, PSRDCL, BAEL, KNCL, KSEL) in FY2017E would contribute additional toll of ₹1.5cr/day. Further, there's strong visibility on assured revenues from Annuity projects. Of the 3 Annuity projects, JSEL, has already received provisional completion certificate and other 2, CNTL & TRDCL P-III are expected to be operational in 1Q/2QFY2017E. Annuity business insulated from traffic volumes is expected to generate assured gross revenue of ₹2.2cr/day in FY2017E (~58% of incremental revenues in FY2017E would be from the assured Annuity business).

Profit to grow 13.6% CAGR during FY2016-18E: Commencement of 7 BOT projects coupled with ongoing strategic initiatives such as asset sales, debt re-financing (across project levels), listing of InvITs, in our view would help ITNL PAT report 13.6% CAGR during FY2016-18E, to ₹915cr.

Attractive Valuation: In the backdrop of strong surge in profitability, ITNL stock price looks very attractive from valuation point of view. ITNL stock (on consol. basis) is trading at FY2018E P/E and P/BV multiple of 8.7x and 0.4x, respectively. Alternatively, we value construction business at EV/EBITDA of 5x FY2018E EBITDA and domestic Road BOT projects on FCFE basis at Cost of Equity of 14%. Also, we value Elsamex, YuHe Expressway, Metro and other Infra Projects (other than road projects) using Investment multiple. On adding up all the projects' value, we arrive at SOTP-based target price of ₹93. Given the strong case of improvement in business outlook, we maintain BUY rating on the stock.

Key financials (Consolidated)

| Y/E March (₹ cr) | FY13 | FY14 | FY15 | FY16 | FY17E | FY18E |
|------------------|-------|--------|-------|--------|-------|--------|
| Net Sales | 6,645 | 6,587 | 6,304 | 7,947 | 8,946 | 10,017 |
| % chg | | (0.9) | (4.3) | 26.1 | 12.6 | 12.0 |
| Net Profit | 520 | 463 | 444 | 232 | 266 | 299 |
| % chg | | (11.0) | (4.2) | (47.7) | 14.5 | 12.6 |
| EBITDA (%) | 27.7 | 28.7 | 30.8 | 30.8 | 31.0 | 31.6 |
| EPS (₹) | 29 | 19 | 14 | 7 | 8 | 9 |
| P/E (x) | 2.7 | 4.2 | 5.5 | 11.2 | 9.8 | 8.7 |
| P/BV (x) | 0.4 | 0.4 | 0.3 | 0.4 | 0.4 | 0.4 |
| RoE (%) | 14.9 | 10.6 | 7.5 | 4.3 | 4.2 | 5.0 |
| RoCE (%) | 9.7 | 8.3 | 6.7 | 6.8 | 6.8 | 7.2 |
| EV/Sales (x) | 2.3 | 3.1 | 3.9 | 3.7 | 3.6 | 3.4 |
| EV/EBITDA (x) | 8.4 | 10.6 | 12.6 | 12.0 | 11.7 | 10.6 |

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| BUY | |
|-------------------|-----------|
| CMP | ₹79 |
| Target Price | ₹93 |
| Investment Period | 12 Months |

| Stock Info | |
|--------------------|----------------|
| Sector | Infrastructure |
| Market Cap (₹ cr) | 2,603 |
| Net debt (₹ cr) | 26,768 |
| Beta | 1.0 |
| 52 Week High / Low | 148/64 |
| Avg. Daily Volume | 240,451 |
| Face Value (₹) | 10 |
| BSE Sensex | 27,711 |
| Nifty | 8,510 |
| Reuters Code | ILFT.BO |
| Bloomberg Code | ILFT@IN |

| Shareholding Pattern (%) | |
|--------------------------|------|
| Promoters | 73.2 |
| MF / Banks / Indian Fls | 0.7 |
| FII / NRIs / OCBs | 7.2 |
| Indian Public / Others | 18.9 |
| | |

| Abs. (%) | 3m | 1 yr | Зуr |
|----------|-------|--------|--------|
| Sensex | (1.2) | (2.8) | 37.5 |
| ITNL | 7.2 | (45.3) | (41.5) |



Source: Company, Angel Research

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Toll & Annuity Income to report strong growth

In 3Q/4QFY2016 ITNL reported gross Toll & Annuity Income of ₹7.1cr/day/ ₹7.8cr/day (includes toll income from YuHe Expressway and A4 Autovia). Of this 4Q Toll & Annuity Income, Toll Income was ₹5.4cr/day (69% of gross Toll & Annuity Income) and Annuity Income was ₹2.4cr/day (31% of gross Toll & Annuity Income).

Traffic growth across already operational projects and commencement of tolling at (1) Moradabad Bareilly (MBEL), (2) Warora Chandrapur (WCBTL), (3) Baleshwar Kharagpur (BKEL), (4) Pune Sholapur (PSRDCL, received provisional completion certificate), and (5) Sikar Bikaner (SBEL) BOT projects helped ITNL report 20% yoy increase in gross Toll Income in 4QFY2016. On same lines, commencement of new stretches/phases at (1) Jharkhand Road (JRPICL), (2) Thiruvananthapuram Roads (TRDCL), and (3) Jorbat Shillong (JSEL), helped ITNL report 26% yoy increase in gross Annuity Income in 4QFY2016.

Currently, 2 BOT's are partially operational, namely, (1) Barwa Adda (BAEL), and (2) BKEL; these are soon expected to be 100% operational. These 2 BOT projects coupled with PSRDCL getting 100% fully operational, in our view would lead to increase in toll income by ₹0.1cr/day (excludes organic toll income growth from the already operational stretches of these BOT projects).

Further, commencement of new Tolling & Annuity projects, like (1) Chenani Nashri (CNTL, in 2QFY2017), (2) Thiruvananthapuram Phase III (TRDCL, in 1QFY2017), (3) Khed Sinnar (KSEL, in 2QFY2017) and (4) Kiratpur-Ner Chowk (KNEL in 2QFY2017) would further add to the toll & annuity income.

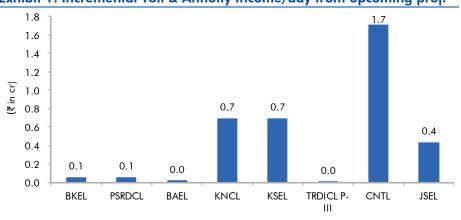


Exhibit 1: Incremental Toll & Annuity Income/day from upcoming proj.

Source: Company, Angel Research

On being fully operational, all 5 BOT Toll projects (BKEL, PSRDCL, BAEL, KNCL, KSEL) would contribute toll of ₹1.5cr/day. Further, there's strong visibility on assured revenues from Annuity projects. Annuity business insulated from traffic volumes is expected to generate assured gross revenue of ₹2.2cr/day in FY2017E (~58% of incremental revenues in FY2017E would be from the assured Annuity business). On a whole, we expect ITNL's gross Toll & Annuity income to increase by ₹3.7cr/day during FY2017E, from current levels of ₹7.8cr/day and this estimation excludes organic traffic growth from already operational BOT Toll projects.



On a whole, commencement of 7 Toll & Annuity projects coupled with uptick in the traffic growth of already operational road projects, should lead to strong 34% Toll & Annuity Income growth during FY2016-18E to ₹2,819cr.

Incremental projects to enhance overall financials

Over the last few quarters ITNL's consol. interest coverage ratio has been hovering at \sim 0.9x (on excluding profits from the sale of assets/ investments), which tells that company is undergoing tough phase. But going forward, with 7 BOT projects likely to commence operations, we expect the scenario to change. We sense that once 7 BOT projects commence operations, overall financials of the company would see sharp improvement. This when coupled with interest re-financing across SPVs should help ITNL report strong turn-around in its operating performance, going forward. We expect ITNL's consol. interest coverage ratio to improve to 1.4x in FY2017E and 1.5x in FY2018E, thus projecting favorable operational scenario for the company than is currently prevalent.

Exhibit 2: Incremental Financials of 8 BOT projects (includes JSEL)

| Particulars (₹ cr) | FY2017E | FY2018E |
|-----------------------------|---------|---------|
| Inc. Net Revenues | 1,177 | 518 |
| EBITDA/ Cash Profit | 1,091 | 456 |
| Interest | 772 | 339 |
| Interest Coverage Ratio (x) | 1.4x | 1.5x |

Source: Company, Angel Research

Debt raised takes care of the 'stop-gap' funding requirements

As of 4QFY2016-end, ITNL had consolidated debt of ₹27,643cr, reflecting D/E ratio of 4.13x. With 7 projects at latter stages of the construction cycle and some of the o/s non-convertible debentures (NCDs) maturing, ITNL has been compelled to go for short-term stop-gap funding. As a result, the company issued NCDs of ₹1,300cr in tranches. Management highlighted that the funds raised would be used to repay existing loans, towards lowering interest costs and for improving the short-term loan vs. long-term loans mix in terms of total debt.

On the whole, we expect ITNL to raise further debt to fund its ongoing BOT projects, in addition to addressing aforementioned debt constraints currently being faced. As a result, we expect the consol. debt to further increase by $\sim ₹3,780$ cr. Given that majority of the company's ongoing projects would get commissioned in FY2017 itself, we are optimistic of debt repayment at SPV level to start from FY2018E itself (where full year impact for most of the SPVs would be seen).

Accordingly, we sense that this balance sheet stress is bottoming out and it is a near-term phenomenon for the company. We expect the pain to gradually start subsiding from FY2018E onwards.

Strategic initiatives to help ITNL get back its growth momentum

Given that ITNL is currently having a consol. D/E ratio of 4.13x, in our view it's left with no option but to pursue strategic initiatives as there would be higher equity and debt requirements towards financing projects in pipeline. Media reports as well as, management's quarterly concalls have highlighted that it is pursuing



strategic initiatives such as stake sales, securitization of projects, InvIt listing and equity issuances.

ITNL has already done 2 rounds of Rights Issue; it raised ₹524cr in Apr-2014 and ₹740cr in Oct-2015. We now sense the company would not go for further rounds of Rights Issue in the near-term.

In the last few quarters, ITNL has sold stake in Gujarat Toll Roads (includes Ahmedabad-Mehsana and Vadodara Halol Road BOT projects) & in Rapid Metro in tranches, intending to utilize proceeds towards equity infusion in upcoming projects as it needs ₹1,407cr of incremental equity towards implementation of existing projects.

Further, in-line with management commentary, we expect ITNL to report sale of its Road Assets in FY2017E. Also, ITNL is expected to transfer some of its Infra assets under new SPV and get the SPV listed as an Invlt. Our view gets substantiated from recent media articles, suggesting that ITNL's Management has already started working on \$400-500mn (₹2,600-3,250cr) Invlt and many of the operational BOT projects would get transferred to this trust with the same being listed. We sense that an Invlt listing would release much required funds for ITNL, which could be utilized towards equity requirements of new projects, which would also lower the D/E ratio.

Given that we are still at least few quarters away from any such listing; till then, ITNL's levered balance sheet should continue to put pressure on its profitability, mainly owing to higher interest expenses. Till then, we expect ITNL to explore asset sales and debt re-financing alternatives.

Low Interest rates to lead to improved cash flow cycle

Between Jan-2015 to Apr-2016, RBI has cut interest rates by a cumulative \sim 150bp and the same has not yet been commensurately passed on to borrowers. With the ongoing rate cut cycle, we expect debt dependent companies like ITNL and its SPV subsidiaries to avail the benefits of rate re-sets.

Recently ITNL raised NCDs worth ₹1,300cr in tranches, with one tranche carrying coupon rate of 9.4%, which is lower than the company's consol. borrowing rate of 11-12%. Recently, GRICL (in which ITNL has 42% stake) announced issuance of ₹300cr of NCDs where the high cost debt carrying 15.5% interest rate has been re-financed by lower cost debt carrying 9% interest rate.

Accordingly, we see potential for further refinancing of high cost debt. For an o/s debt of ₹27,643cr (as of 4QFY2016) for the company, for every 100bp decline in the interest rate, the interest expenses of the company would decline by ₹276cr on an annualized basis. Savings on interest expenses (on account of rate re-sets), in our view would be mitigated up to certain extent by further increase in near-term funding requirements towards the 4 upcoming BOT projects, as a result consol. income statement would not majorly benefit from interest savings. However, these interest rate re-sets should lead to improved SPV level cash flows.

Strong Order backlog of ₹14,625cr gives better revenue visibility

ITNL, as of 4QFY2016-end, reported an order backlog of ₹14,625cr, which gives revenue visibility for the Construction segment for over the next 36 months.



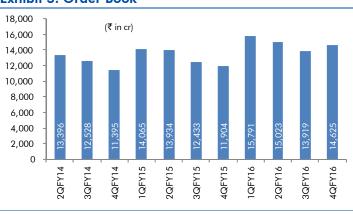


Exhibit 3: Order Book

Source: Company, Angel Research

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ITNL to-date has reported 6 Infrastructure project wins since FY2016 beginning. Details of these projects are as follows:

- 4-laning of 141kms stretch between Fagne-Gujarat/ Maharashtra Border (Package-III, NH-6) on BOT (Toll) basis.
- 4-laning of 194kms stretch between Amravati-Chikhli (Package-I, NH-6) on BOT (Toll) basis.
- 6-laning of 23.5kms stretch between Ranchi Ring Road, section VII from Kathitanr to Karma on BOT basis.
- Upgrading of 2 road projects, (i) Bandri-Jaruwakheda, Nirtala-Mandi-Bamora and Damoh-Hindoriya-Patera section covering 76.23 kms, (ii) Pachawali-Rannod, Rannod-Pichhore, Bhasula-Chainpur, Vijaypur-Dhanrawad and Ashok Nagar-Thubon section on performance based contract.
- Development of Commercial Area and Automated Car Park of approx. 1200 car spaces on DBFOT Basis including right to collect revenue from the Project for a period of 30 years in the Middle East.
- Ethiopian Roads Authority has awarded ITNL and Elsamex (a wholly owned subsidiary of ITNL) joint venture Design, Improvement Works and Management and Maintenance Services of (i) Nekempte Anger Gutin-Andhode Road Section (86.10 km) and (ii) Agamsa-Bure Road Section (84.56 km) on an Output and Performance Based Road Contract (OPRC) for approx. contract value of ₹1,524.76cr. This project is for a period of 8 years.

ITNL indicated a healthy bid-pipeline of $\sim ₹35,867$ cr, with a major $\sim ₹18,563$ cr of it being at the RFP stage. Notably, $\sim 68\%$ of the bid pipeline highlighted by the company is from NHAI.

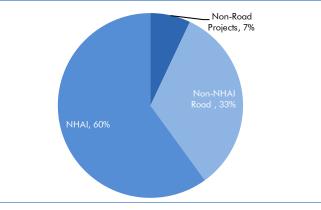


Exhibit 4: Order Book Split as of 4QFY2016-end (in %)



Exhibit 5: 4QFY2016 bid-pipeline details

| Particular (₹ cr) | RFP Stage | RFQ Stage | |
|------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|--|
| NHAI Projects | 17,253 | 7,248 | |
| State Highway Projects | 749 | 9,350 | |
| MoRTH Projects | 561 | 706 | |
| NHAI EPC Projects | 0 | 0 | |
| Metro Transportation Corp. Project | 0 | 0 | |
| Total Bid Pipeline | 18,563 | 17,304 | |

Source: Company, Angel Research

Update on BOT projects

ITNL to-date has reported receipt of Provisional Completion Certificate (CC)/ Commercial Operations Date (CoD) for 2 Central Control facilities at Gwalior and 18 stretches of the Madhya Pradesh border check post project, including (1) Agra-Mumbai, (2) Indore-Ahmedabad, (3) Shivpuri-Kota, (4) Betul-Nagpur, (5) Indore-Icchapur, (6) Mhow-Neemuch, (7) Jabalpur-Jaipur, (8) Seoni-Nagpur, (9) Chindwara-Nagpur, (10) Kabir-Chabtura, (11) Sagar-Kanpur, (12) Ujjain-Jhalapur, (13) Sendhwa-Khetiya, (14) Venkatnagar, (15) Naugaon-Jhansi, (16) Sagar-Lalitpur, (17) Balaghat-Gondia, and (18) Rewa-Mirazpur. Works on the remaining check posts is expected to get completed in FY2017E.

SBHL has received provisional completion certificate as on Oct-2015. ITNL reported receipt of Provisional Completion Certificate for JSEL in Jan-2016 and Certificate of Commercial Operations for PSRDCL in Feb-2016. Also, ITNL announced receipt of Completion Certificate for BKEL in Mar-2016.

| POT Projecto | Scheduled CoD |
|--------------|---------------|
| BOT Projects | Scheduled CoD |
| TRDCL P-III | 1QFY2017 |
| MPBCDCL | 1QFY2017 |
| CNTL | 2QFY2017 |
| RIDCOR III | 2QFY2017 |
| KSEL | 2QFY2017 |
| BAEL | 2QFY2017 |
| KNCL | 2QFY2017 |

Exhibit 6: BOT Projects Scheduled CoD

Source: Company, Angel Research

We expect all the above-mentioned BOT projects to be fully operational in next few months and full benefits of these new road projects to be seen in FY2018E on a full year basis.

Outlook & Valuation

A major part of the ₹1,300cr raised through NCDs recently would be used to repay high cost debt and replace it with low cost debt. We expect similar type of debt re-financing initiatives to be seen across SPVs, going forward. As a result, we



expect the company to potentially save interest expenses of ~₹276cr for every 100bp of re-financing on the consol. balance sheet debt.

On revising our 2017E estimates and rolling FY2018E estimates, and considering the benefit from sale of assets, PAT is expected to report 13.6% CAGR during FY2016-18E.

| | | | FY2018E | |
|----------------------|-------|-------|------------|--------|
| Y/E March (₹ cr) | Old | New | Change (%) | |
| Net Sales | 8,825 | 8,946 | 1.4 | 10,017 |
| EBITDA | 3,168 | 2,769 | (12.6) | 3,169 |
| EBITDA Margins (%) | 35.9 | 31.0 | | 31.6 |
| PAT | 301 | 266 | (11.6) | 311 |
| PAT Margins (%) | 3.4 | 3.0 | | 3.1 |

Exhibit 7: Earnings Revision

Source: Angel Research

Maintain BUY with price target of ₹93

Despite ITNL's robust order backlog and strong execution capabilities, we had remained concerned about its high consol. D/E ratio, which was eating into its profits. Recent fund raising initiatives in our view would be majorly used towards debt repayment. With 7 projects expected to commence tolling/annuity in the next few months, we expect debt repayment cycle at the SPV level for these 7 projects to commence, which should further ease consol. Balance Sheet and cash flow cycles. Till then we expect some near-term pain from the Balance Sheet perspective.

In addition to the 4 BOT project wins in FY2016, ITNL recently reported Ethiopian & Dubai based O&M Road & Car parking projects on BOT basis, respectively. In the backdrop of strong visibility on the order book front, any news flow on commencement of new BOT projects, re-financing of BOT projects and outcome of any strategic initiatives should lead to further re-rating from here-on. Thus, with better visibility on these initiatives, we expect the stock to get re-rated from here-on.

To arrive at a target price for ITNL, we have used the sum-of-the-parts (SOTP) valuation method. Considering high leverage and stronger execution capabilities, we have valued the construction business at an EV/EBITDA of 5x FY2018E EBITDA, and the domestic Road BOT projects on FCFE basis at a Cost of Equity of 14%. Also, we have valued Elsamex, YuHe Expressway, Metro and other infrastructure projects (other than road projects) using the P/BV multiple. On adding up all the projects' values, we arrive at a SOTP-based target price of ₹93. Given the strong case of improvement in the business outlook, we upgrade our rating on the stock to BUY.



Exhibit 8: Derivation of SOTP-based target price for ITNL

| Particulars | Segment | FY18E S i d. EBITDA (₹ cr) | Target Multiple | Target Value (₹ cr) | Value/ share (₹) | % of SoTP | Basis |
|-----------------------------------|--------------|---|--------------------|------------------------------|------------------------|--------------|-------------------------------|
| ITNL's construction business | Construction | 942 | 5.0 | 4,708 | 143 | 77.8 | EV/EBITDA of 5x |
| Total | | | | 4,708 | 143 | 77.8 | |
| Particulars | Ргој. Туре | Discounted FCFE (₹ cr) | Project Stake | Adj. FCFE Value (₹ cr) | Value/ share (₹) | % of SoTP | Basis |
| Road BOT projects | | | | | | | |
| Noida Toll Bridge | Toll | 728 | 26% | 192 | 6 | 3.1 | NPV at CoE of 14% |
| Gujarat Toll Roads | Toll | 603 | 42% | 253 | 8 | 4.1 | NPV at CoE of 14% |
| West Gujarat Expressway | Toll | 133 | 100% | 133 | 4 | 2.2 | NPV at CoE of 14% |
| RIDCOR Phase-I & II | Toll | 1,249 | 50% | 624 | 19 | 10.1 | NPV at CoE of 14% |
| Begwar-Gomti | Toll | 120 | 100% | 120 | 4 | 1.9 | NPV at CoE of 14% |
| Pune Sholapur | Toll | 56 | 91% | 51 | 2 | 0.8 | NPV at CoE of 14% |
| Moradabad Bareilly | Toll | 201 | 100% | 201 | 6 | 3.3 | NPV at CoE of 14% |
| Chandrapur Warora | Toll | 118 | 35% | 41 | 1 | 0.7 | NPV at CoE of 14% |
| Narkatpally Addanki | Toll | 613 | 50% | 306 | 9 | 5.0 | NPV at CoE of 14% |
| Kiratpur Ner-Chowk | Toll | 1,185 | 100% | 1,185 | 36 | 19.2 | NPV at CoE of 14% |
| Sikar Bikaner | Toll | 154 | 100% | 154 | 5 | 2.5 | NPV at CoE of 14% |
| Baleshwar Kharagpur | Toll | 143 | 100% | 143 | 4 | 2.3 | NPV at CoE of 14% |
| Khed Sinnar | Toll | 311 | 100% | 311 | 9 | 5.0 | NPV at CoE of 14% |
| Barwa Adda Panagarh | Toll | 375 | 100% | 375 | 11 | 6.1 | NPV at CoE of 14% |
| North Karnataka Expressway | Annuity | 175 | 94% | 164 | 5 | 2.7 | NPV at CoE of 14% |
| Thiruvananthapuram Phase - I & II | Annuity | 54 | 50% | 27 | 1 | 0.4 | NPV at CoE of 14% |
| AP Expressway | Annuity | (35) | 100% | (35) | (1) | (0.6) | NPV at CoE of 14% |
| Hyderabad Ring Road | Annuity | 123 | 26% | 32 | 1 | 0.5 | NPV at CoE of 14% |
| East Hyderabad Expressway | Annuity | 22 | 74% | 16 | 0 | 0.3 | NPV at CoE of 14% |
| Hazaribagh Ranchi Expressway | Annuity | 44 | 74% | 32 | 1 | 0.5 | NPV at CoE of 14% |
| Jharkhand roads Ph-I & II | Annuity | 44 | 93% | 37 | 1 | 0.6 | NPV at CoE of 14% |
| Chenani Nashri | Annuity | 625 | 100% | 625 | 19 | 10.1 | NPV at CoE of 14% |
| Jorabat Shillong | Annuity | 172 | 50% | 86 | 3 | 1.4 | NPV at CoE of 14% |
| Total | Annony | 7,208 | 50% | 5,075 | 154 | 82.3 | |
| Elsamax | | 272 | 1.5 | 408 | 12 | 6.6 | Valued at 1.5x its investment |
| YuHe Expressway | Toll | 191 | 1.5 | 286 | 9 | 4.6 | Valued at 1.5x its Investment |
| Vansh Nimay Infraprojects | 1011 | 15 | 1.0 | 15 | 0 | 0.4 | Valued at 1.0x its Investment |
| Metro Rail Gurgaon | | 385 | 34% | 130 | 4 | 3.2 | Valued at 1.0x its Investment |
| MP Entry Point project | | 110 | 51% | 56 | 2 | 1.4 | Valued at 1.0x its Investment |
| Other Investments | | 98 | 1.0 | 98 | 3 | 1.4 | Valued at 1.0x its Investment |
| Net Debt | | 70 | 1.0 | (7,713) | (234) | 1.0 | Standalone Net Debt |
| Grand Total | | 9,198 | | 3,063 | (234) 93 | 100.0 | |
| No. of shares | | 7,170 | | 0,000 | 33 | 100.0 | |
| Upside | | | | | 1 8% | | |
| CMP | | | | | 79 | | |
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Source: Company, Angel Research



Investment arguments

Market leader in the growing BOT space: ITNL is a surface transport player with an established track record of successfully bidding, developing and operating road BOT projects on a commercial basis. It was one of the first movers in the road development segment. The company bagged the Noida Toll Bridge project in 1998. Since then, it has come a long way and has built a sizeable portfolio. The company has one of the largest BOT portfolios in India, encompassing 31 road projects covering 14,680 lane kms spread across 16 states. Their 4QFY2016 order book at ₹14,625cr gives the Construction segment revenue visibility for over the next 36 months.

Pan-India presence: ITNL has 31 BOT Road projects well spread across 16 states in India. The company has decent exposure to state highways, which differentiates it from peers. The one major advantage that state highway projects enjoy over national highways is that they can be bundled with land, making the projects viable. Such diversification strategy prevents the company from any fluctuation in the revenue stream given its limited exposure to any one region or project.

Hedged revenue stream: We believe ITNL has a hedged road BOT asset portfolio currently, as it is bifurcated into toll and annuity projects in revenue terms, thereby reducing its dependence on traffic-related revenue inflow. The recent project win of Ethopian & Dubai based project strengthens our view that going forward too, ITNL would continue to have a balanced revenue mix of annuity and toll.

ITNL's strategic initiatives to lead to Balance Sheet de-leveraging: ITNL is currently sitting on consol. D/E ratio of 4.1x (reflecting debt of ₹27,643cr). On considering, (1) equity requirement of ₹1,407cr towards its BOT projects, (2) 7 BOT projects expected to commence operations in the next few months, and (3) levered Balance Sheet status, we are of view that profitability growth is restricted due to high interest expenses. We expect their strategic initiatives to materialize in next few quarters, which should lead to the stock getting re-rated.

Key concerns

Even though expectations are high for allocation towards Roads and Highways vertical in the upcoming budget, any slowdown in the award activity from NHAI could affect road-focused players such as ITNL.

ITNL faced execution delays across few of its projects. Prolonged delays in project execution beyond the time schedule could act as risk to our estimates.

BOT projects are inherently highly-levered projects. Hence, delays in the correction of interest rates than our expectations could be a risk to our assumptions.

The Management has highlighted plans to pursue fund raising / strategic initiatives which should materialize in the next few quarters. Any delays beyond that could act as a risk to our estimates.



Company background

ITNL, promoted by IL&FS, was incorporated in Nov-2000. Over the years, ITNL emerged as the largest surface transportation infrastructure company in India. ITNL is involved in the development, operation and maintenance of surface transportation infrastructure projects encompassing national and state highways, roads, tunnels, flyovers and bridges. The company performs a range of project development activities from project conceptualization to commissioning and commencement of commercial operations. ITNL has presence in various surface transportation sub-sectors, such as urban transportation, railways, border check posts and parking complexes.



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| Total Expenditure | 4,807 | 4,697 | 4,362 | 5,497 | 6,177 | 6,847 |
| Cost of Materials Consumed | 156 | 227 | 242 | 282 | 300 | 332 |
| Construction Contract Cost | 3,423 | 2,984 | 2,599 | 3,501 | 3,932 | 4,287 |
| Employee benefits Expense | 382 | 414 | 459 | 510 | 581 | 661 |
| Other Expenses | 846 | 1,072 | 1,063 | 1,203 | 1,364 | 1,568 |
| EBITDA | 1,838 | 1,890 | 1,941 | 2,451 | 2,769 | 3,169 |
| % Chg | | 2.8 | 2.7 | 26.2 | 13.0 | 14.5 |
| EBIDTA % | 27.7 | 28.7 | 30.8 | 30.8 | 31.0 | 31.6 |
| Depreciation | 94 | 151 | 152 | 275 | 343 | 413 |
| EBIT | 1,743 | 1,739 | 1,789 | 2,175 | 2,426 | 2,757 |
| % Chg | | (0.3) | 2.9 | 21.6 | 11.5 | 13.6 |
| Interest and Financial Charges | 1,119 | 1,471 | 1,833 | 2,531 | 2,796 | 2,859 |
| Other Income | 144 | 215 | 525 | 785 | 824 | 659 |
| PBT | 768 | 483 | 481 | 429 | 454 | 556 |
| Тах | 227 | 27 | 80 | 160 | 159 | 195 |
| % of PBT | 29.6 | 5.5 | 16.7 | 37.3 | 35.0 | 35.0 |
| PAT before Extraordinary item | 541 | 457 | 400 | 269 | 295 | 362 |
| Extraordinary item | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| PAT before Minority Interest | 541 | 457 | 400 | 269 | 295 | 362 |
| MI & Share of Profit/(Loss) of Asso. | (21) | 6 | (44) | 37 | 30 | 63 |
| PAT after MI, profit sh. from Asso. | 520 | 463 | 444 | 232 | 266 | 299 |
| % Chg | | (11.0) | (4.2) | (47.7) | 14.5 | 12.6 |
| PAT % | 7.8 | 7.0 | 7.0 | 2.9 | 3.0 | 3.0 |
| Diluted EPS | 29 | 19 | 14 | 7 | 8 | 9 |
| % Chg | | (36.5) | (23.2) | (50.8) | 14.5 | 12.6 |



| Y/E March (₹ cr) | FY13 | FY14 | FY15 | FY16 | FY17E | FY18E |
|--------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Sources of Funds | | | | | | |
| Equity Capital | 194 | 571 | 623 | 705 | 705 | 705 |
| Reserves Total | 3,446 | 4,433 | 5,096 | 5,988 | 6,528 | 6,480 |
| Networth | 3,640 | 5,004 | 5,719 | 6,693 | 7,234 | 7,185 |
| Minority Interest | 358 | 459 | 291 | 474 | 521 | 588 |
| Total Debt | 14,359 | 18,817 | 23,513 | 27,643 | 30,223 | 31,423 |
| Deferred Tax Liability | 243 | 199 | 125 | 102 | 102 | 102 |
| Total Liabilities | 18,599 | 24,478 | 29,648 | 34,912 | 38,080 | 39,298 |
| Application of Funds | | | | | | |
| Gross Block | 10,190 | 14,282 | 17,393 | 21,593 | 24,503 | 25,793 |
| Accumulated Depreciation | 580 | 795 | 827 | 1,140 | 1,483 | 1,896 |
| Net Block | 9,610 | 13,487 | 16,566 | 20,453 | 23,020 | 23,897 |
| Capital WIP | 48 | 50 | 19 | 66 | 56 | 56 |
| Investments | 687 | 469 | 663 | 681 | 786 | 891 |
| Goodwill | 523 | 575 | 582 | 598 | 598 | 598 |
| Current Assets | | | | | | |
| Inventories | 17 | 17 | 14 | 87 | 51 | 47 |
| Sundry Debtors | 752 | 988 | 1,046 | 1,298 | 1,446 | 1,564 |
| Cash and Bank Balance | 420 | 671 | 939 | 875 | 461 | 370 |
| Loans & Advances | 1,417 | 2,076 | 2,579 | 2,461 | 2,747 | 2,796 |
| Other Current Asset | 7,105 | 8,782 | 9,472 | 11,302 | 12,173 | 12,522 |
| Current Liabilities | 1,991 | 2,655 | 2,246 | 2,933 | 3,284 | 3,469 |
| Net Current Assets | 7,720 | 9,879 | 11,803 | 13,090 | 13,594 | 13,830 |
| Deferred Tax Asset | 11 | 18 | 16 | 23 | 25 | 25 |
| Total Assets | 18,599 | 24,478 | 29,648 | 34,912 | 38,080 | 39,298 |

Balance Sheet (Consolidated)



Cash Flow Statement (Consolidated)

| Y/E March (₹ cr) | FY13 | FY14 | FY15 | FY16 | FY17E | FY18E |
|---|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Profit before tax | 768 | 483 | 481 | 429 | 454 | 556 |
| Dep. & Amortization Exp. | 109 | 161 | 162 | 293 | 343 | 413 |
| Other non-Cash Expenses | (91) | (119) | 1,358 | 1,883 | 2,050 | 2,350 |
| Change in WC & Oth. Adj. | 1,320 | 1,522 | (754) | 440 | (1,651) | (1,553) |
| Cash Generated from Opera. | 2,106 | 2,048 | 1,246 | 3,045 | 1,196 | 1,766 |
| Direct taxes paid | (158) | (251) | (178) | (261) | (285) | (225) |
| Net Cash Flow from Operations | 1,947 | 1,797 | 1,068 | 2,784 | 911 | 1,541 |
| (Inc)/ Dec in Fixed Assets | (3,057) | (3,196) | (2,848) | (3,970) | (2,900) | (1,290) |
| (Inc)/ Dec in Investments | (234) | (60) | (43) | (3) | (105) | (105) |
| (Inc)/ Dec in Other Investing Cash Flows | (1,806) | (868) | (723) | (725) | (811) | (878) |
| Cash Flow from Investing | (5,097) | (4,123) | (3,613) | (4,698) | (3,816) | (2,273) |
| Issue/ (Buy Back) of Equity | 0 | 746 | 520 | 734 | 0 | 0 |
| Inc./ (Dec.) in Loans | 2,813 | 1,509 | 4,730 | 4,481 | 2,580 | 1,200 |
| Dividend Paid (Incl. Tax) | (91) | (94) | (160) | (220) | (255) | (275) |
| Other Financing Cash Flows | 507 | 276 | (2,450) | (3,190) | 150 | (244) |
| Cash Flow from Financing | 3,230 | 2,437 | 2,639 | 1,805 | 2,475 | 681 |
| Inc./(Dec.) in Cash | 80 | 111 | 94 | (109) | (430) | (51) |
| Opening Cash balance & Oth. Adj. | 278 | 500 | 596 | 700 | 591 | 161 |
| Closing Cash balances | 358 | 611 | 690 | 591 | 161 | 110 |



Key Ratios (Consolidated)

| Y/E March | FY13 | FY14 | FY15 | FY16 | FY17E | FY18E |
|-------------------------------------|------|------|------|------|-------|-------|
| Valuation Ratio (x) | | | | | | |
| P/E (on FDEPS) | 2.7 | 4.2 | 5.5 | 11.2 | 9.8 | 8.7 |
| P/CEPS | 2.4 | 3.2 | 3.5 | 4.8 | 4.1 | 3.4 |
| Dividend yield (%) | 2.1 | 2.7 | 2.4 | 2.1 | 2.5 | 2.5 |
| EV/Sales | 2.3 | 3.1 | 3.9 | 3.7 | 3.6 | 3.4 |
| EV/EBITDA | 8.4 | 10.6 | 12.6 | 12.0 | 11.7 | 10.6 |
| EV / Total Assets | 0.8 | 0.8 | 0.8 | 0.8 | 0.8 | 0.9 |
| Per Share Data (₹) | | | | | | |
| EPS (fully diluted) | 29.4 | 18.7 | 14.3 | 7.1 | 8.1 | 9.1 |
| Cash EPS | 32.7 | 24.6 | 22.4 | 16.6 | 19.4 | 23.5 |
| DPS | 4.0 | 5.1 | 4.0 | 3.5 | 4.0 | 4.0 |
| Book Value | 187 | 203 | 232 | 203 | 220 | 218 |
| Returns (%) | | | | | | |
| RoCE (Pre-tax) | 9.7 | 8.3 | 6.7 | 6.8 | 6.8 | 7.2 |
| Angel RoIC (Pre-tax) | 9.7 | 7.3 | 6.1 | 6.3 | 6.5 | 7.1 |
| RoE | 14.9 | 10.6 | 7.5 | 4.3 | 4.2 | 5.0 |
| Turnover ratios (x) | | | | | | |
| Asset Turnover (Gross Block) (X) | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 |
| Inventory / Sales (days) | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 2 |
| Receivables (days) | 41 | 48 | 59 | 54 | 56 | 55 |
| Payables (days) | 84 | 119 | 91 | 92 | 93 | 91 |
| Leverage Ratios (x) | | | | | | |
| D/E ratio (x) | 3.9 | 3.8 | 4.1 | 4.1 | 4.2 | 4.4 |
| Interest Coverage Ratio (x) | 1.6 | 1.2 | 1.0 | 0.9 | 0.9 | 1.0 |



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