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#### CEAT

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# Driving into Off-highway: CEAT acquires CAMSO; strengthens OHT

In a deal valued at ~USD 225mn, CEAT has completed its acquisition of the CAMSO brand's off-highway construction equipment-bias tyre and tracks business from Michelin. This opens the door for CEAT to a global customer base (40 OEMs and premium OHT distributors). Further, this now also complements CEAT's existing portfolio to include tracks and construction-bias tires. In the transition phase, over the next 4–6 quarters, turnover/margin for CAMSO shall be lower, and turn EBITDA accretive post this period (high-teen margins expected). While medium-term prospects for CAMSO remain healthy, we remain vigilant towards potential near-term growth/margin vulnerabilities stemming from US-tariff. Retain **HOLD**; TP revised to INR 3,500 (vs. INR 3,750), based on 17x FY27E EPS.

# Medium-term focus on expanding OHT/growing CAMSO

CEAT currently has 930+ SKUs for OHT tyres with a stronger presence in agri, mining and construction tyres. The acquisition of CAMSO's assets plug the white spaces in its product portfolio by adding compact construction tyres and tracks. It also boosts CEAT's capacity by 15% (CAMSO capacity: 250 tonnes/day), and provides access to 40 global OHT OEMs and 200+ distributors across US and EU. Near-term focus is on retaining and adding new customers in CAMSO, making it price competitive and driving cost synergies. Over the medium-term, i.e. post availability of CAMSO brand exclusively for CEAT, it plans to expand the product portfolio under this brand. The company expects CAMSO to be margin accretive over medium-term. US-tariff related uncertainty remains a monitorable, with ~55% share of revenue from US in CAMSO portfolio. As tariff on Sri Lanka is at 20%, it stays relatively competitive to other exporting countries. While the company is absorbing some tariff impact currently, it eventually plans to pass this impact completely.

#### Other highlights

Domestic NR prices have seen some correction over last few weeks (~INR 190/kg now vs. ~INR 205/kg a month ago) (although CEAT does not see any significant benefit from this in Q2), and the gap between domestic NR prices and international rubber prices has declined. RM sensitivity for the OHT business is expected to be lower than that for truck/PCR/2W segments. Also, reduction in GST rates from 28% to 18% for truck/PCR/2W and to 5% for farm tracks and tyres is expected to support growth for the tyre industry.

## **Financial Summary**

Y/E March (INR mn)	FY24A	FY25A	FY26E	FY27E
Net Revenue	1,19,435	1,32,179	1,49,777	1,67,649
EBITDA	16,522	14,741	18,861	22,363
EBITDA %	13.8	11.2	12.6	13.3
Net Profit	7,008	5,023	6,516	8,357
EPS (INR)	173.3	124.2	161.1	206.6
EPS % Chg YoY	219.1	(28.3)	29.7	28.2
P/E (x)	19.2	26.9	20.7	16.1
EV/EBITDA (x)	9.2	10.6	8.9	7.1
RoCE (%)	15.1	11.1	11.8	12.8
RoE (%)	18.7	11.9	14.1	16.1

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#### **Market Data**

Market Cap (INR)	135bn
Market Cap (USD)	1,530mn
Bloomberg Code	CEAT IN
Reuters Code	CEAT.BO
52-week Range (INR)	4,049 /2,322
Free Float (%)	52.0
ADTV-3M (mn) (USD)	6.6

Price Performance (%)	3m	6m	12m
Absolute	(7.9)	39.0	15.1
Relative to Sensex	(7.6)	28.4	17.1

ESG Score	2023	2024	Change
ESG score	68.4	69.4	1.0
Environment	52.5	58.7	6.2
Social	66.4	76.8	10.4
Governance	79.2	74.1	(5.1)

**Note** - Score ranges from 0 - 100 with a higher score indicating higher ESG disclosures.

Source: SES ESG, I-sec research

Earnings Revisions (%)	FY26E	FY27E
Revenue	0	0
EBITDA	(3)	(4)
EPS	(4)	(6)

#### **Previous Reports**

21-07-2025: <u>Q1FY26 results review</u> 01-05-2025: <u>Q4FY25 results review</u>



**Exhibit 1: Revision in estimates** 

		FY26E			FY27E	
	Old	Revised	% Change	Old	Revised	% Change
Revenue (INR mn)	1,49,777	1,49,777	0%	1,67,649	1,67,649	0%
EBITDA (INR mn)	19,443	18,861	-3%	23,267	22,363	-4%
EBITDA margin (%)	13.0%	12.6%	-40bps	13.9%	13.3%	-60bps
PAT (INR mn)	6,812	6,516	-4%	8,898	8,357	-6%
EPS (INR)	168	161	-4%	220	207	-6%

Source: Company data, I-Sec research

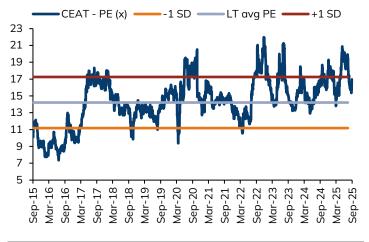
# **Upside risks**

- Strong growth in the underlying segments
- Improvement in EBITDA margin led by declining RM prices

## **Downside risks**

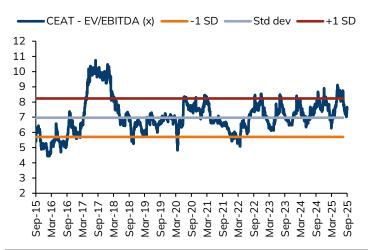
- Lower scale than market leaders
- Input cost volatility

**Exhibit 2: One-year forward PE** 



Source: Company data, I-Sec research

Exhibit 3: One-year forward EV/EBITDA



Source: Company data, I-Sec research

**Exhibit 4: Shareholding pattern** 

%	Dec'24	Mar'25	Jun'25
Promoters	47.0	47.2	47.2
Institutional investors	35.0	36.4	37.5
MFs and others	12.0	17.6	17.5
Fls/Banks	0.0	0.0	0.0
Insurance	4.0	3.7	2.3
FIIs	19.0	15.5	17.7
Others	18.0	16.0	15.3

Source: Bloomberg, I-Sec research

**Exhibit 5: Price chart** 



Source: Bloomberg, I-Sec research



# **Financial Summary**

## **Exhibit 6: Profit & Loss**

(INR mn, year ending March)

	FY24A	FY25A	FY26E	FY27E
Net Sales	1,19,435	1,32,179	1,49,777	1,67,649
Operating Expenses	25,212	26,554	30,558	34,778
EBITDA	16,522	14,741	18,861	22,363
EBITDA Margin (%)	13.8	11.2	12.6	13.3
Depreciation & Amortization	5,088	5,627	7,190	8,425
EBIT	11,434	9,115	11,671	13,938
Interest expenditure	2,691	2,778	3,246	3,077
Other Non-operating Income	197	176	290	381
Recurring PBT	8,941	6,512	8,715	11,241
Profit / Loss from Associates	-	-	-	-
Less: Taxes	2,214	1,720	2,349	3,034
PAT	6,727	4,792	6,366	8,207
Less: Minority Interest	(282)	(231)	(150)	(150)
Extraordinaries (Net)	(582)	(296)	-	-
Net Income (Reported)	6,427	4,726	6,516	8,357
Net Income (Adjusted)	7,008	5,023	6,516	8,357

Source Company data, I-Sec research

#### **Exhibit 7: Balance sheet**

(INR mn, year ending March)

	FY24A	FY25A	FY26E	FY27E
Total Current Assets	27,468	34,408	33,095	35,413
of which cash & cash eqv.	591	532	1,407	1,309
Total Current Liabilities &	35,157	39,682	42,547	46,247
Provisions	35,157	39,062	42,347	40,247
Net Current Assets	(7,689)	(5,274)	(9,452)	(10,834)
Investments	1,821	1,898	1,898	1,898
Net Fixed Assets	62,480	69,612	91,301	91,451
ROU Assets	-	-	-	-
Capital Work-in-Progress	6,835	5,375	5,375	5,375
Total Intangible Assets	231	231	231	231
Other assets	1,110	599	599	599
Deferred Tax assets	(4,509)	(5,004)	(5,004)	(5,004)
Total Assets	60,279	67,438	84,949	83,717
Liabilities				
Borrowings	17,915	21,364	33,664	25,664
Deferred Tax Liability	-	-	-	-
Provisions	1,840	2,312	2,539	2,685
Other Liabilities	-	-	-	-
Equity Share Capital	405	405	405	405
Reserves & Surplus	40,022	43,281	48,264	54,886
Total Net Worth	40,426	43,685	48,669	55,290
Minority Interest	97	77	77	77
Total Liabilities	60,279	67,438	84,949	83,717

Source Company data, I-Sec research

## **Exhibit 8: Quarterly trend**

(INR mn, year ending March)

	Sep-24	Dec-24	Mar-25	Jun-25
Net Sales	33,045	32,999	34,206	35,294
% growth (YOY)	8.2	11.4	14.3	10.5
EBITDA	3,623	3,409	3,881	3,877
Margin %	11.0	10.3	11.3	11.0
Other Income	35	34	45	47
Extraordinaries	(O)	-	(370)	(33)
Adjusted Net Profit	1,219	971	1,365	1,157

Source Company data, I-Sec research

## **Exhibit 9: Cashflow statement**

(INR mn, year ending March)

	FY24A	FY25A	FY26E	FY27E
Operating Cashflow	15,727	10,638	22,005	21,143
<b>Working Capital Changes</b>	1,598	(2,473)	5,053	1,284
Capital Commitments	(7,713)	(11,299)	(28,878)	(8,575)
Free Cashflow	8,014	(661)	(6,873)	12,568
Other investing cashflow	(2,816)	(2,855)	(3,246)	(3,077)
Cashflow from Investing Activities	(10,528)	(14,155)	(32,124)	(11,652)
Issue of Share Capital	-	-	-	-
Interest Cost	1,376	712	110	29
Inc (Dec) in Borrowings	(5,040)	3,449	12,300	(8,000)
Dividend paid	(1,214)	(1,214)	(1,416)	(1,618)
Others	-	-	-	-
Cash flow from Financing Activities	(4,877)	2,948	10,994	(9,589)
Chg. in Cash & Bank balance	321	(569)	875	(98)
Closing cash & balance	1,040	22	1,407	1,309

Source Company data, I-Sec research

## **Exhibit 10: Key ratios**

(Year ending March)

	FY24A	FY25A	FY26E	FY27E
Per Share Data (INR)				
Reported EPS	173.3	124.2	161.1	206.6
Adjusted EPS (Diluted)	173.3	124.2	161.1	206.6
Cash EPS	299.0	263.3	338.8	414.9
Dividend per share (DPS)	30.0	30.0	35.0	40.0
Book Value per share (BV)	999.4	1,080.0	1,203.2	1,366.9
Dividend Payout (%)	17.3	24.2	21.7	19.4
Growth (%)				
Net Sales	5.6	10.7	13.3	11.9
EBITDA	69.7	(10.8)	27.9	18.6
EPS (INR)	219.1	(28.3)	29.7	28.2
Valuation Ratios (x)				
P/E	19.2	26.9	20.7	16.1
P/CEPS	11.2	12.7	9.8	8.0
P/BV	3.3	3.1	2.8	2.4
EV / EBITDA	9.2	10.6	8.9	7.1
EV / Sales	1.3	1.2	1.1	0.9
Profitability Ratios				
Gross Profit Margins (%)	34.9	31.2	33.0	34.1
EBITDA Margins (%)	13.8	11.2	12.6	13.3
EBIT Margins (%)	9.6	6.9	7.8	8.3
Net Profit Margins (%)	5.9	3.8	4.4	5.0
RoCE (%)	15.1	11.1	11.8	12.8
RoE (%)	18.7	11.9	14.1	16.1
Dividend Yield (%)	0.9	0.9	1.0	1.2
Operating Ratios				
Fixed Asset Turnover (x)	1.7	1.8	1.5	1.7
Inventory Turnover Days	35	39	34	32
Receivables Days	39	46	38	37
Payables Days	83	85	81	79
Effective Tax Rate (%)	24.8	26.4	26.9	27.0
Net Debt / Equity (x)	0.4	0.5	0.7	0.4
Net Debt / EBITDA (x)	1.0	1.4	1.7	1.1

Source Company data, I-Sec research



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