

NCC (NCC) – BUY

Q2FY26 Result Update

Current Market Price (CMP) Rs. 195	Fair Value (FV) Rs. 240
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Rationale:

- NCC reported subdued performance in Q2FY26, impacted by an extended monsoon season and elongated payment cycles, particularly in the water segment.
- Standalone revenue net revenue/EBITDA/PAT declined 16.2/30.8%/37.1% yoy.
- Management decided to withdraw FY26 revenue (10% growth earlier) & margin guidance (9-9.25%), citing uncertainty in project execution timelines & payment issues.
- We cut FY26-27E EPS by 10-15%; H2FY26 is expected to be better than H1.
- Available at attractive valuation; Maintain BUY with SoTP based FV of Rs240 (Vs Rs265).

Positives:

- Consolidated inflows for FY26 so far stood at Rs17,420 cr (79% of earlier guidance).
- Consolidated order backlog to Rs71,957cr (~3.3x FY25 revenue) (standalone OB Rs64,326cr) at the end of Q2FY26.
- Management clarified that the entire order book is executable.

Negatives:

- Standalone revenue in Q2FY26, down 7.1% yoy (~16% below our estimates).
- EBITDA margin at 7.4% (-160bps yoy/qoq) (Vs our estimates of 9%) on weak execution resulting negative operating leverage.
- NCC’s near-term outlook remains cautious due to weather disruptions and delayed government payments.

(EPS-Earnings Per Share; EBITDA- Earnings Before Interest, Taxes, Depreciation, and Amortization, PAT: profit After Tax, SoTP: Sum of the parts)



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Holding Period: 12 months

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