



## PPC – Possible Heidelberg Bid

**Key message:** We value PPC at R10 as a deal price should Heidelberg make an eventual offer.

- Heidelberg Materials has been reported as considering a bid for PPC. Heidelberg has assets in West Africa and has long been a potential suitor for PPC.
- There is no offer on the table as Heidelberg is only at the stage of appointing advisors for a potential deal. To consider what price they may have to pay for PPC we look at a number of valuation metrics to determine a suitable price for PPC.
- On a traditional EV/tonne basis, PPC currently trades at US\$87 (using an efficient capacity for PPC of 6.8mt including RK3). Cement companies around the world trade on very different EV/tonne values due to various factors – integrated or not, energy costs, limestone supply, closed/open market, regional supply/demand etc. Heidelberg trades at US\$195.
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- Recent M&A prices in Africa range from US70-110/tonne, but these reflect ageing assets and distressed markets and are not relevant for PPC.
- We therefore believe that an EV/tonne valuation for PPC should be approx. US\$130/tonne, implying an offer price of approx. R10/share.
- We maintain our fundamental valuation of R7.10 until further details of a potential deal are made clear.

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Price (05/05/2026): R6.50  
Target Price: R7.10  
Dividend yield: 4.4%  
Total return: 14%

Market cap R9.4bn  
Shares in issue 1500m

### Financial summary

| ZARmn (year to March)  | FY24A | FY25A | 1H FY26 | 2H FY26 | FY26E | FY27E | FY28E |
|------------------------|-------|-------|---------|---------|-------|-------|-------|
| Revenue                | 10457 | 10209 | 5646    | 4953    | 10599 | 11055 | 11804 |
| EBITDA                 | 1242  | 1593  | 983     | 894     | 1877  | 1990  | 2528  |
| Net income             | 290   | 466   | 368     | 351     | 719   | 845   | 1093  |
| Headline EPS (diluted) | 19    | 40    | 25      | 24      | 49    | 57    | 74    |
| PE Ratio               | 23.7  | 14.5  |         |         | 13.3  | 11.3  | 8.8   |
| Dividend               | 14    | 50    | 0       | 28      | 28    | 28    | 32    |
| Dividend yield (%)     | 0.0%  | 0.0%  |         |         | 4.4%  | 4.4%  | 4.9%  |

Source: Factset, Company data, Chronux Research estimates

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Figure 1 Financial summary

| Financial year to March               | FY24A         | FY25A          | 1H FY26       | 2H FY26        | FY26E          | FY27E          | FY28E          |
|---------------------------------------|---------------|----------------|---------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| ZAR/USD exchange rate                 | 18.68         | 18.28          | 17.64         | 16.81          | 17.22          | 16.65          | 16.85          |
| <b>Per share data</b>                 |               |                |               |                |                |                |                |
| Earnings (diluted)                    | 27            | 32             | 25            | 24             | 49             | 57             | 74             |
| <b>Headline earnings (diluted)</b>    | <b>19</b>     | <b>40</b>      | <b>25</b>     | <b>24</b>      | <b>49</b>      | <b>57</b>      | <b>74</b>      |
| <i>HEPS growth</i>                    |               | <b>105.0%</b>  | <b>14.9%</b>  | <b>32.7%</b>   | <b>23.0%</b>   | <b>17.6%</b>   | <b>29.4%</b>   |
| NAV                                   | 3.98          | 3.93           |               |                | 4.00           | 4.46           | 4.88           |
| Dividend                              | 14            | 50             | 0             | 28             | 28             | 28             | 32             |
| <b>Valuation ratios</b>               |               |                |               |                |                |                |                |
| P/E ratio                             | 23.7          | 14.5           |               |                | 13.3           | 11.3           | 8.8            |
| EV/EBITDA                             | 3.9           | 4.2            |               |                | 4.6            | 4.4            | 3.4            |
| P/B                                   | 0.83          | 1.17           |               |                | 1.63           | 1.46           | 1.33           |
| Dividend yield                        |               | 0.0%           |               |                | 4.4%           | 4.4%           | 4.9%           |
| ROE                                   | 9.3%          | 10.2%          |               |                | 12.2%          | 12.9%          | 15.2%          |
| ROCE                                  | 9.6%          | 15.5%          |               |                | 19.4%          | 17.8%          | 21.1%          |
| <b>Income Statement (ZARmn)</b>       |               |                |               |                |                |                |                |
| Sales                                 | 10,457        | 10,209         | 5,646         | 4,953          | 10,599         | 11,055         | 11,804         |
| <i>Sales growth</i>                   |               | <b>-2.4%</b>   | <b>7.6%</b>   | <b>-0.2%</b>   | <b>3.8%</b>    | <b>4.3%</b>    | <b>6.8%</b>    |
| Cost of Goods Sold (COGS)             | (8,409)       | (7,922)        | (4,279)       | (3,920)        | (8,199)        | (8,551)        | (9,131)        |
| <b>Gross Income</b>                   | <b>1,649</b>  | <b>1,949</b>   | <b>1,023</b>  | <b>1,027</b>   | <b>2,050</b>   | <b>2,138</b>   | <b>2,283</b>   |
| <i>Gross margin</i>                   | <b>15.8%</b>  | <b>19.1%</b>   | <b>18.1%</b>  | <b>20.7%</b>   | <b>19.3%</b>   | <b>19.3%</b>   | <b>19.3%</b>   |
| SG&A Expense                          | 1,035         | 950            | 433           | 346            | 779            | 762            | 518            |
| Other Operating Income/Expense        | (292)         | (182)          | (107)         | (18)           | (125)          | 0              | 0              |
| <b>EBITDA</b>                         | <b>1,242</b>  | <b>1,593</b>   | <b>983</b>    | <b>894</b>     | <b>1,877</b>   | <b>1,990</b>   | <b>2,528</b>   |
| <i>EBITDA margin</i>                  | <b>11.9%</b>  | <b>15.6%</b>   | <b>17.4%</b>  | <b>18.0%</b>   | <b>17.7%</b>   | <b>18.0%</b>   | <b>21.4%</b>   |
| Depreciation & Amortisation           | 587           | 574            | 295           | 311            | 606            | 614            | 764            |
| <b>EBIT (Operating Income)</b>        | <b>358</b>    | <b>817</b>     | <b>563</b>    | <b>582</b>     | <b>1,145</b>   | <b>1,376</b>   | <b>1,765</b>   |
| <i>EBIT margin</i>                    | <b>3.4%</b>   | <b>8.0%</b>    | <b>10.0%</b>  | <b>11.8%</b>   | <b>10.8%</b>   | <b>12.4%</b>   | <b>15.0%</b>   |
| Nonoperating Income - Net             | 42            | 63             | 22            | 22             | 44             | 50             | 32             |
| Net Interest Expense                  | (131)         | (106)          | (37)          | (63)           | (100)          | (150)          | (150)          |
| Equity in Earnings of Affiliates      | 0             | 0              | 0             | 0              | 0              | 0              | 0              |
| <b>PBT</b>                            | <b>269</b>    | <b>774</b>     | <b>548</b>    | <b>541</b>     | <b>1,089</b>   | <b>1,276</b>   | <b>1,647</b>   |
| Income Taxes                          | 145           | 308            | 180           | 190            | 370            | 431            | 554            |
| <i>Tax rate</i>                       | <b>-53.9%</b> | <b>-39.8%</b>  | <b>-32.8%</b> | <b>-35.1%</b>  | <b>-33.9%</b>  | <b>-33.8%</b>  | <b>-33.6%</b>  |
| Consolidated Net Income               | 290           | 466            | 368           | 351            | 719            | 845            | 1,093          |
| Minority Interest                     | 0             | 0              | 0             | 0              | 0              | 0              | 0              |
| <b>Net Income</b>                     | <b>290</b>    | <b>466</b>     | <b>368</b>    | <b>351</b>     | <b>719</b>     | <b>845</b>     | <b>1,093</b>   |
| <b>Cash flow statement (ZARmn)</b>    |               |                |               |                |                |                |                |
| Changes in working capital            | (283)         | 407            | (209)         | 475            | 266            | (15)           | (40)           |
| <b>Cash from operating activities</b> | <b>806</b>    | <b>1,410</b>   | <b>581</b>    | <b>1,135</b>   | <b>1,716</b>   | <b>1,443</b>   | <b>1,817</b>   |
| Capital expenditure                   | (376)         | (361)          | (220)         | (1,065)        | (1,285)        | (1,828)        | (1,317)        |
| Other                                 | 619           | 0              | (17)          | 17             | 0              | 0              | 0              |
| <b>Investing cash flow</b>            | <b>243</b>    | <b>(361)</b>   | <b>(237)</b>  | <b>(1,048)</b> | <b>(1,285)</b> | <b>(1,828)</b> | <b>(1,317)</b> |
| Changes in borrowings                 | (150)         | (275)          | 0             | (2)            | (2)            | 500            | 0              |
| Dividend paid                         | 0             | (705)          | (262)         | 24             | (238)          | (419)          | (418)          |
| Other                                 | (454)         | (45)           | (110)         | 70             | (40)           | (39)           | (39)           |
| <b>Financing cash flow</b>            | <b>(604)</b>  | <b>(1,025)</b> | <b>(372)</b>  | <b>92</b>      | <b>(280)</b>   | <b>42</b>      | <b>(457)</b>   |
| Change in cash                        | 445           | 24             | (28)          | 179            | 151            | (343)          | 43             |
| <b>Balance sheet (ZARmn)</b>          |               |                |               |                |                |                |                |
| <b>Total assets</b>                   | <b>9,555</b>  | <b>9,016</b>   | <b>9,044</b>  | <b>9,450</b>   | <b>9,450</b>   | <b>10,193</b>  | <b>11,350</b>  |
| Cash and equivalents                  | 857           | 872            | 812           | 991            | 991            | 649            | 692            |
| Other current assets                  | 2,336         | 2,118          | 2,344         | 2,004          | 2,004          | 2,087          | 2,198          |
| Non-current assets                    | 6,362         | 6,026          | 5,888         | 6,454          | 6,454          | 7,457          | 8,460          |
| <b>Total liabilities</b>              | <b>3,658</b>  | <b>3,328</b>   | <b>3,448</b>  | <b>3,560</b>   | <b>3,560</b>   | <b>3,621</b>   | <b>4,162</b>   |
| Long-term liabilities                 | 1,637         | 1,656          | 1,631         | 1,566          | 1,566          | 1,560          | 2,030          |
| Current liabilities                   | 2,021         | 1,672          | 1,817         | 1,993          | 1,993          | 2,061          | 2,132          |
| <b>Total shareholders' funds</b>      | <b>5,897</b>  | <b>5,688</b>   | <b>5,596</b>  | <b>5,890</b>   | <b>5,890</b>   | <b>6,572</b>   | <b>7,188</b>   |
| Net debt/(cash) - excl ROU assets     | (78)          | (370)          | (310)         | (491)          | (491)          | 351            | 308            |

Source: Factset, Company data, Chronux Research estimates

## Valuation

- We use FY28 as the base year for our sum-of-the-parts valuation as RK3 will be operational.

**Figure 2 Sum-of-the-Parts Valuation (FY28 Base)**

| Rm                         | Methodology/Comment                 | FY28E<br>EBITDA<br>(Rm) | Multiple<br>applied<br>(x) | Value<br>(\$m) | Value<br>(Rm) |
|----------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------------|----------------|---------------|
| Cement - Southern Africa   | EV/EBITDA                           | 1478                    | 5.0                        |                | 7392          |
| Aggregates&Readymix        | EV/EBITDA                           | 91                      | 4.0                        |                | 366           |
|                            |                                     | <b>1570</b>             | <b>4.9</b>                 |                | <b>7757</b>   |
| Cement - Zimbabwe          | Dividend discount on US\$12m/yr @8% |                         |                            |                | 2625          |
| <b>Enterprise value</b>    |                                     |                         |                            |                | <b>10382</b>  |
| (Net debt)/cash            |                                     |                         |                            |                | 491           |
| <b>Equity value</b>        |                                     |                         |                            |                | <b>10874</b>  |
| <b>Shares in issue (m)</b> |                                     |                         |                            |                | <b>1470</b>   |
| <b>Valuation (R/share)</b> |                                     |                         |                            |                | <b>7.13</b>   |

*Source: Company data, Chronux Research estimates*

- We consider a 4-5 times EBITDA multiple suitable for a manufacturing business and 3-4 for the materials business. We maintain the Cement Southern Africa multiple at 5 times and increase the Materials multiple from 3 to 4 times with the recovery seen in the construction materials market.
- We use a dividend discount model to value the Zimbabwean business with USD10-12m being extracted from Zimbabwe per year as a dividend. We use an 8% discount rate on the current dividend to get a value of R2.625bn for Zimbabwe.
- The cement market remains very competitive. Sensitivity to volumes and prices increases is high but we expect continued price increases and a moderate recovery in cement demand. Cement imports remain high with cement from Mozambique coming into the Limpopo and N KZN markets adding to existing imports (mainly from Vietnam). Government support of the local cement industry remains almost non-existent. The cement industry is now focussing on quality standards to try and even the playing fields against some unscrupulous blenders and importers.
- The new management team is making significant changes to the organisational and operational structures. This is focussed on a simplified organisational structure, reduction in costs, internalised supply chain management, operational efficiencies, improved data collection to manage key variables and ensuring the right people are in place. The improved group EBITDA margin is starting to show the benefits of the cost discipline.
- Our valuation on a PE basis is shown in the following table.

**Figure 3 PE Valuation**

|                     | <u>2025A</u> | <u>2026E</u> | <u>2027E</u> | <u>2028E</u> |
|---------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| <b>Diluted HEPS</b> | 40           | 49           | 57           | 74           |
| <b>PPC PE</b>       | 16.4         | 13.3         | 11.3         | 8.8          |
| <b>TP exit PE</b>   | 17.8         | 14.5         | 12.3         | 9.5          |

*Source: Company data, Chronux Research estimates*

- We believe that PPC should trade at an 8-10x PE multiple as the construction sector starts to recover, supported by a high dividend payout regime (possible now that the African businesses have been sold and debt levels are declining). Cement demand has been declining for a number of years, but we believe the bottom has passed and volumes will increase going forward based on higher economic growth in the region and increased infrastructure spend.

## Valuation of a potential offer from Heidelberg Materials

- The valuation of cement companies in emerging markets varies significantly depending on the age of the assets, geographic location (specifically energy costs and limestone availability), and the level of vertical integration.

### General Emerging Market Benchmarks (EV/Tonne)

- Historically, the "replacement cost" for a modern, integrated cement plant is approximately \$150 to \$200 per tonne.
- Transactional values, however, often trade at a discount or premium to this:
  - **Integrated Modern Assets: \$120 – \$160/tonne.**
    - These are plants with their own clinker production and long-term limestone reserves.
  - **Grinding Stations / Older Assets: \$60 – \$90/tonne.**
    - These assets are cheaper because they often rely on imported clinker and face higher operational costs.
  - **Distressed / High-Risk Markets: \$40 – \$60/tonne.**
    - Markets with high currency volatility or overcapacity issues (e.g., parts of East Africa or Southeast Asia) often see deals at these lower levels.
- Comparison Table: Enterprise Value (EV) per Tonne

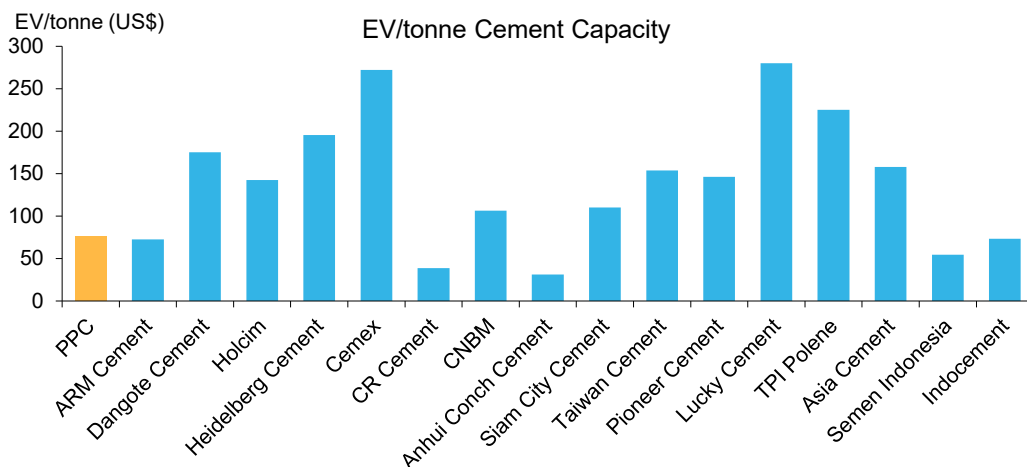
**Figure 4 Cement Plant Valuation**

| Region / Deal Type             | EV/Tonne (USD) | Primary Drivers                                    |
|--------------------------------|----------------|--|
| New Greenfield (Africa/Global) | \$180 – \$220  | High construction and equipment costs.             |
| Recent M&A (Developing Africa) | \$70 – \$110   | Reflects aged assets but high urbanisation demand. |
| India Expansions               | \$100          | High efficiency and massive scale.                 |

*Source: Company data, Chronux Research estimates*

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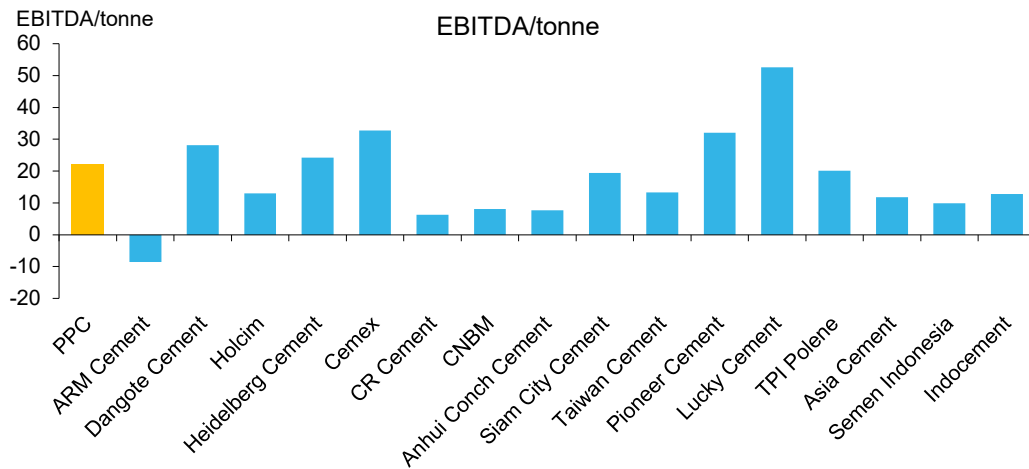
**Figure 5 Cement Plant Valuation - EV/tonne**



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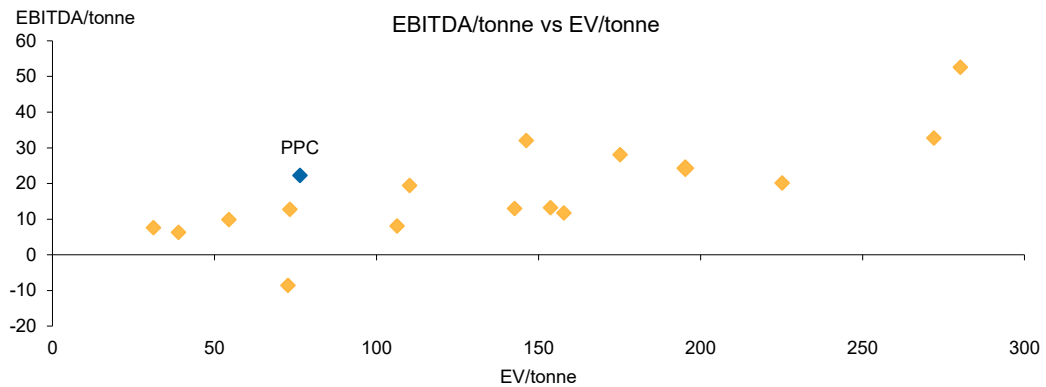
**Figure 6 Cement Plant Valuation - EBITDA/tonne**



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**Figure 7 EBITDA/tonne vs EV/tonne**



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**Figure 8 African Cement Plant Costs**

| <u>Plant</u>               | <u>Country</u>    | <u>Owner</u>       | <u>Capacity</u> | <u>Cost (US\$m)</u> | <u>Cost/ton (US\$/t)</u> |
|----------------------------|-------------------|--------------------|-----------------|---------------------|--------------------------|
| PPC Songololo Cement Plant | DRC               | PPC (67%)          | 1.25            | 280                 | 224                      |
| Nyumba Ya Akiba Cement     | DRC               | Lucky Cement (50%) | 1.18            | 270                 | 229                      |
| Dangote Mfila              | Republic of Congo | Dangote            | 1.5             | 292                 | 195                      |
| Dangote Ndola              | Zambia            | Dangote            | 1.5             | 400                 | 267                      |
| Sephaku                    | South Africa      | Dangote            | 2.5             | 400                 | 160                      |
| Dangote Mtwara             | Tanzania          | Dangote            | 3               | 600                 | 200                      |
|                            |                   |                    |                 | <b>Average</b>      | <b>212</b>               |
| <b>Kiln</b>                |                   |                    |                 |                     |                          |
| PPC Slurry Kiln 9          | South Africa      | PPC                | 1.2             | 131                 | 109                      |
| PPC Riebeeck 3             | South Africa      | PPC                | 1.5             | 185                 | 123                      |

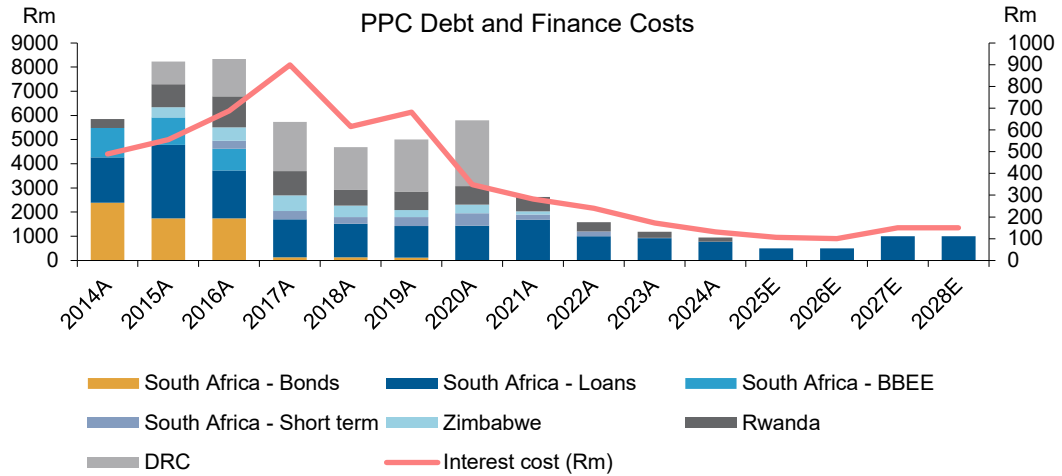
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### Debt

- Debt levels are shown in the following chart. Debt has declined significantly as the African projects have been exited (DRC, Ethiopia, Rwanda) and cash generation has been strong.
- The new plant will be funded through debt (approx. R1.5bn) and cash flows. The net debt:EBITDA covenant will be increased to 2.5 times over the peak funding period of FY27 – but we do not expect PPC to exceed the 2 times level.

**Figure 9 Debt and Interest Cost**

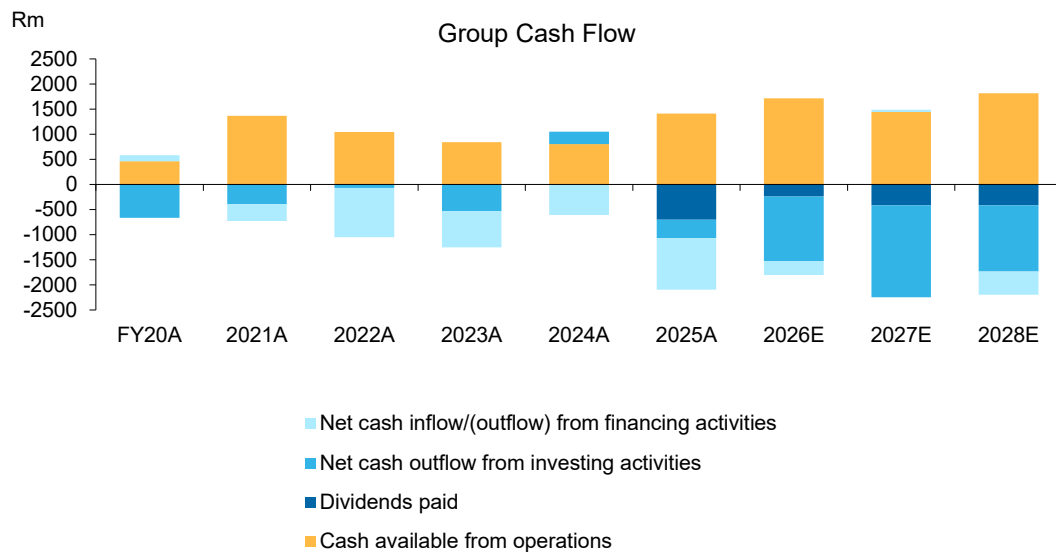


Source: Company data, Chronux Research estimates

### Dividends

- PPC has a dividend policy to allow payments linked to two factors:
  - a distribution in an amount that would result in the target leverage range for the SA and Botswana group being net debt at or below 1,3x – 1,5x the SA and Botswana EBITDA, before dividends from Zimbabwe; plus
  - a distribution of an amount up to the gross dividend received by PPC from Zimbabwe.

**Figure 10 Group Cash Flow**

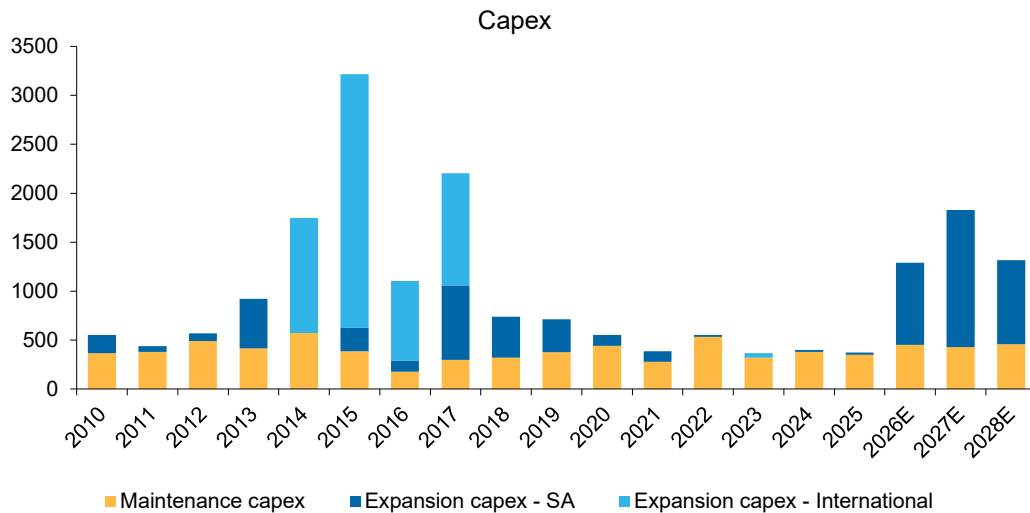


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## Capex

- Maintenance capex is running at approx. 4% of revenue.
- The capital cost of the new plant will be US\$134m (approx. R3.1bn). The bulk of the capex will be incurred in FY27. Interest costs associated with the new build will be capitalised until completion.

**Figure 11 Group Capex**



Source: Company data, Chronux Research estimates

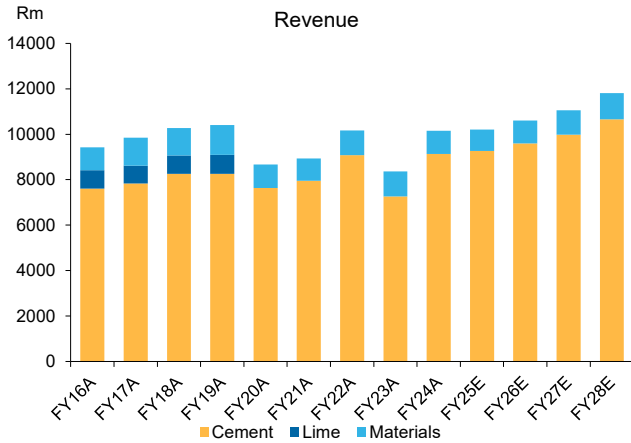
## Divisional Forecast

**Figure 12 Divisional Forecasts**

| ZARm             | FY16A | FY17A   | FY18A  | FY19A | FY20A | FY21A | FY22A | FY23A | FY24A | FY25E | FY26E | FY27E | FY28E |
|------------------|-------|---------|--------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| <b>PPC</b>       |       |         |        |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
| Revenue          | 9187  | 9845    | 10271  | 10409 | 8671  | 8938  | 10170 | 8359  | 10457 | 10209 | 10599 | 11055 | 11804 |
| EBITDA           | 2385  | 2065    | 1881   | 1946  | 1381  | 1598  | 1492  | 896   | 1242  | 1593  | 1877  | 1990  | 2528  |
| EBITDA margin    | 26.0% | 21.0%   | 18.3%  | 18.7% | 15.9% | 17.9% | 14.7% | 10.7% | 11.9% | 15.6% | 17.7% | 18.0% | 21.4% |
| <b>Cement</b>    |       |         |        |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
| Revenue          | 7605  | 7830    | 8261   | 8257  | 7640  | 7947  | 9084  | 7262  | 9128  | 9260  | 9602  | 9987  | 10660 |
| Southern Africa  | 5659  | 5712    | 5499   | 5431  | 4843  | 5196  | 5703  | 5509  | 5782  | 6138  | 5954  | 6282  | 6720  |
| Zimbabwe         | 1773  | 1352    | 1813   | 1447  | 1861  | 1623  | 2172  | 1753  | 3346  | 3122  | 3649  | 3704  | 3941  |
| Rwanda           | 173   | 733     | 804    | 885   | 936   | 1128  | 1209  |       |       |       |       |       |       |
| DRC              | 0     | 24      | 144    | 494   |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
| Other            | 3     | 6       | -1     | 0     |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
| EBITDA           | 2064  | 1880    | 1937   | 1767  | 1536  | 1669  | 1559  | 1039  | 1359  | 1686  | 1942  | 2031  | 2542  |
| Southern Africa  | 1524  | 1235    | 1200   | 957   | 613   | 866   | 825   | 674   | 684   | 837   | 1030  | 1068  | 1478  |
| Zimbabwe         | 540   | 438     | 573    | 461   | 707   | 481   | 393   | 365   | 675   | 849   | 912   | 963   | 1064  |
| Rwanda           | 0     | 250     | 270    | 246   | 226   | 342   | 341   |       |       |       |       |       |       |
| DRC              | 0     | -39     | -105   | 108   | 0     | 0     |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
| Other            | 0     | -4      | -1     | -5    | -7    | -20   |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
| EBITDA Margin    | 26.9% | 21.6%   | 21.8%  | 17.6% | 12.7% | 16.7% | 14.5% | 12.2% | 11.8% | 13.6% | 17.3% | 17.0% | 22.0% |
| Southern Africa  | 26.9% | 21.6%   | 21.8%  | 17.6% | 12.7% | 16.7% | 14.5% | 12.2% | 11.8% | 13.6% | 17.3% | 17.0% | 22.0% |
| Zimbabwe         | 30.5% | 32.4%   | 31.6%  | 31.9% | 38.0% | 29.6% | 18.1% | 20.8% | 20.2% | 27.2% | 25.0% | 26.0% | 27.0% |
| Rwanda           | -0.3% | 34.1%   | 33.6%  | 27.8% | 24.1% | 30.3% | 28.2% |       |       |       |       |       |       |
| DRC              |       | -162.5% | -72.9% | 21.9% |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
| <b>Lime</b>      |       |         |        |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
| Revenue          | 817   | 786     | 801    | 834   |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
| EBITDA           | 196   | 165     | 135    | 123   |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
| EBITDA Margin    | 24.0% | 21.0%   | 16.9%  | 14.7% | 0.0%  | 0.0%  | 0.0%  | 0.0%  | 0.0%  | 0.0%  | 0.0%  | 0.0%  | 0.0%  |
| <b>Materials</b> |       |         |        |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
| Revenue          | 1002  | 1229    | 1209   | 1318  | 1031  | 991   | 1086  | 1097  | 1031  | 949   | 997   | 1068  | 1144  |
| EBITDA           | 187   | 151     | 57     | 17    | 4     | -8    | 41    | -65   | 43    | 24    | 40    | 64    | 91    |
| EBITDA Margin    | 18.7% | 12.3%   | 4.7%   | 1.3%  | 0.4%  | -0.8% | 3.8%  | -5.9% | 4.2%  | 2.5%  | 4.0%  | 6.0%  | 8.0%  |

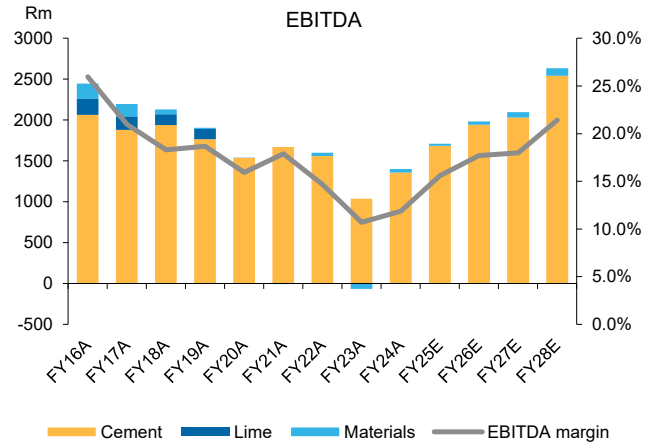
Source: Company data, Chronux Research estimates

**Figure 13 PPC Revenue**



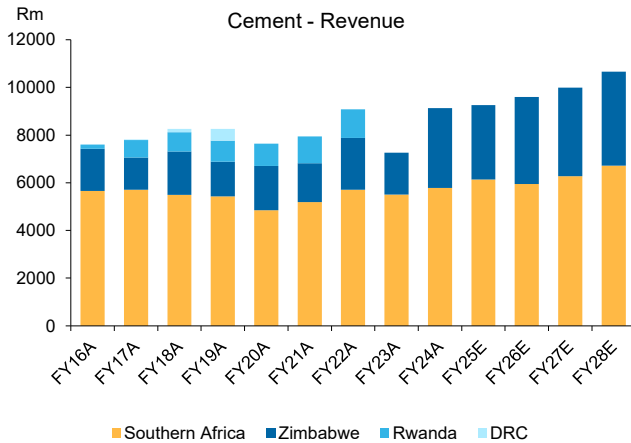
Source: Chronux Research

**Figure 14 PPC EBITDA**



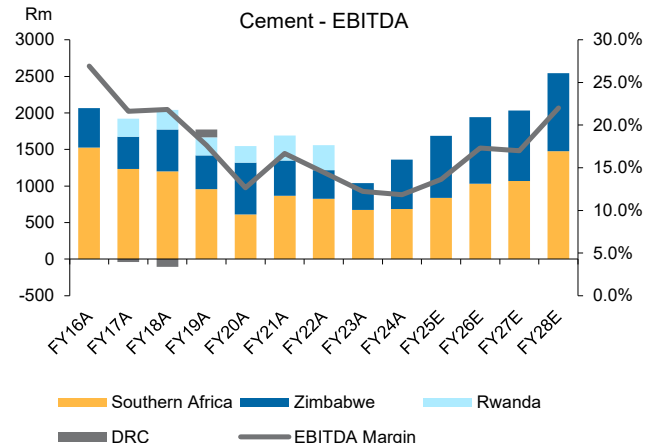
Source: Chronux Research

**Figure 15 Cement Revenue**



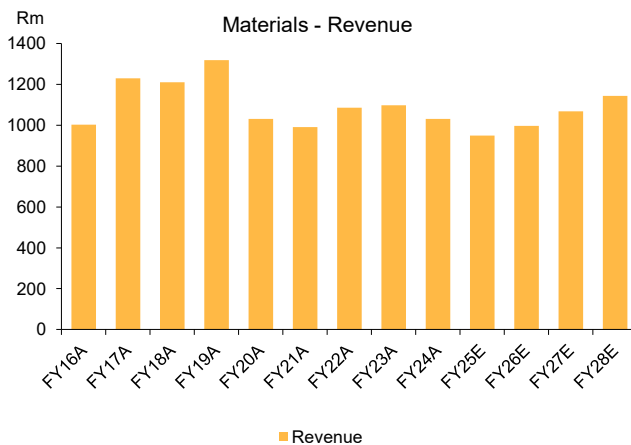
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**Figure 16 Cement EBITDA**



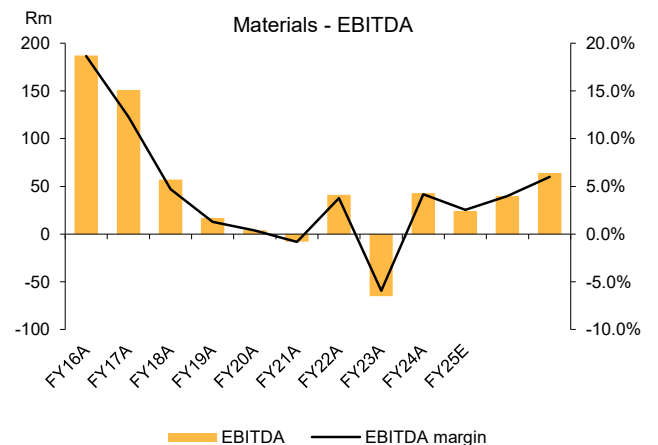
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**Figure 17 Aggregates & Readymix Revenue**



Source: Chronux Research

**Figure 18 Aggregates & Readymix EBITDA**



Source: Chronux Research

## Figure 19 Income Statement - Forecast

| PPC Limited                         | 03/2016     | 03/2017     | 03/2018      | 03/2019      | 03/2020      | 03/2021     | 03/2022     | 03/2023     | 03/2024      | 03/2025     | 03/2026      | 03/2027      | 03/2028      |
|-------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| <b>Sales</b>                        | <b>9002</b> | <b>9641</b> | <b>10271</b> | <b>10409</b> | <b>10241</b> | <b>8938</b> | <b>9882</b> | <b>9902</b> | <b>10058</b> | <b>9871</b> | <b>10249</b> | <b>10689</b> | <b>11413</b> |
| Cost of Goods Sold (COGS) incl. D&A | 6596        | 7498        | 8045         | 8520         | 8365         | 6970        | 8665        | 8433        | 8484         | 7968        | 8199         | 8551         | 9131         |
| <b>Gross Income</b>                 | <b>2406</b> | <b>2143</b> | <b>2226</b>  | <b>1889</b>  | <b>1876</b>  | <b>1968</b> | <b>1217</b> | <b>1469</b> | <b>1574</b>  | <b>1903</b> | <b>2050</b>  | <b>2138</b>  | <b>2283</b>  |
| SG&A Expense                        | 914         | 1097        | 1108         | 981          | 1143         | 887         | 687         | 994         | 0            | 929         | 1386         | 1375         | 1282         |
| Other Operating Expense             | 0           | 0           | 0            | 0            | 0            | 0           | 0           | 0           | 0            | 0           | 0            | 0            | 0            |
| <b>EBIT (Operating Income)</b>      | <b>1492</b> | <b>1046</b> | <b>1118</b>  | <b>908</b>   | <b>733</b>   | <b>1081</b> | <b>530</b>  | <b>475</b>  | <b>653</b>   | <b>974</b>  | <b>664</b>   | <b>762</b>   | <b>1001</b>  |
| Nonoperating Income - Net           | 120         | -144        | -119         | 46           | 788          | -577        | -116        | -54         | -18          | 101         | -81          | 50           | 32           |
| Interest Expense                    | 596         | 695         | 593          | 614          | 632          | 271         | 224         | 162         | 125          | 99          | 100          | 150          | 150          |
| Unusual Expense - Net               | 2           | 28          | 104          | 123          | 3181         | -1530       | 4           | 189         | 277          | 202         | 0            | 0            | 0            |
| Income Taxes                        | 312         | 153         | 205          | 6            | 97           | 742         | 207         | 242         | 145          | 308         | 370          | 431          | 554          |
| Equity in Earnings of Affiliates    | 0           | 1           | -60          | -67          | 1            | 2           | 0           | 23          | 0            | 0           | 0            | 0            | 0            |
| <b>Consolidated Net Income</b>      | <b>702</b>  | <b>27</b>   | <b>37</b>    | <b>144</b>   | <b>-2388</b> | <b>1023</b> | <b>-21</b>  | <b>-149</b> | <b>88</b>    | <b>466</b>  | <b>113</b>   | <b>231</b>   | <b>330</b>   |
| Minority Interest                   | -36         | -66         | -112         | -91          | -516         | 40          | 50          | 101         | 0            | 0           | 0            | 0            | 0            |
| <b>Net Income</b>                   | <b>738</b>  | <b>93</b>   | <b>149</b>   | <b>235</b>   | <b>-1872</b> | <b>983</b>  | <b>-71</b>  | <b>-250</b> | <b>88</b>    | <b>466</b>  | <b>113</b>   | <b>231</b>   | <b>330</b>   |
| Discontinued Operations             | 0           | 0           | 0            | 0            | 0            | -794        | -16         | 12          | 121          | 0           | 0            | 0            | 0            |
| Net Income available to Common      | 738         | 93          | 149          | 235          | -1872        | 189         | -87         | -238        | 209          | 466         | 113          | 231          | 330          |
| <b>Per Share</b>                    |             |             |              |              |              |             |             |             |              |             |              |              |              |
| EPS (recurring)                     | 0.92        | 0.10        | 0.14         | 0.21         | 0.24         | -0.58       | -0.05       | -0.07       | 0.27         | 0.41        | 0.49         | 0.57         | 0.74         |
| EPS (diluted)                       | 0.92        | 0.08        | 0.10         | 0.15         | -1.24        | 0.12        | -0.06       | -0.16       | 0.14         | 0.32        | 0.49         | 0.57         | 0.74         |
| Earnings Persistence                | -           | 85.33       | 86.70        | 85.27        | 84.86        | 78.38       | 82.71       | 85.07       | 79.74        | 84.53       |              |              |              |
| Dividends per Share                 | 0.00        | 0.00        | 0.00         | 0.00         | 0.00         | 0.00        | 0.00        | 0.00        | 0.14         | 0.00        | 0.28         | 0.28         | 0.32         |
| <b>EBITDA</b>                       |             |             |              |              |              |             |             |             |              |             |              |              |              |
| EBITDA                              | 2278        | 1878        | 1994         | 1926         | 1750         | 1628        | 1501        | 1378        | 1276         | 1548        | 1877         | 1990         | 2528         |

All figures in millions of South African Rand except per share items.

| PPC Limited                               | 03/2016 | 03/2017 | 03/2018 | 03/2019 | 03/2020 | 03/2021 | 03/2022 | 03/2023 | 03/2024 | 03/2025 | 03/2026 | 03/2027 | 03/2028 |
|---|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Rental Expense                            | 13      | 27      | 37      | 39      | 12      | 8       | 3       | 13      | 1       | 0       |         |         |         |
| Stock Option Comp Exp (Net of Tax)        | 13      | 148     | 35      | 32      | 12      | 0       | -       | -       | -       | -       |         |         |         |
| Foreign Currency Translation Gains/Losses | -       | -       | -100    | 32      | 190     | -376    | 2       | 69      | -       | -       |         |         |         |
| Tax Rate                                  | 30.8    | 85.5    | 67.9    | 2.8     | -       | 42.1    | 111.3   | 345.7   | 62.2    | 39.8    | 33.9    | 33.8    | 33.6    |
| Headline EPS                              | 0.35    | 0.07    | 0.15    | 0.20    | 0.27    | -0.15   | -0.13   | -0.09   | 0.27    | 0.40    | 0.49    | 0.57    | 0.74    |
| Headline EPS (diluted)                    | 0.35    | 0.07    | 0.15    | 0.20    | 0.27    | -0.15   | -0.13   | -0.09   | 0.27    | 0.40    | 0.49    | 0.57    | 0.74    |

All figures in millions of South African Rand except per share items.

| PPC Limited                             | 03/2016 | 03/2017 | 03/2018 | 03/2019 | 03/2020 | 03/2021 | 03/2022 | 03/2023 | 03/2024 | 03/2025 | 03/2026 | 03/2027 | 03/2028 |
|---|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Price / Sales                           | 0.7     | 0.8     | 1.2     | 0.7     | 0.3     | 0.4     | 0.7     | 0.4     | 0.5     | 0.7     | 0.9     | 0.8     | 0.8     |
| Price / Earnings                        | 8.7     | 81.4    | 78.5    | 30.2    | -1.4    | 19.2    | -75.4   | -18.7   | 23.7    | 14.5    | 13.3    | 11.3    | 8.8     |
| Price / Book Value                      | 2.1     | 1.2     | 1.5     | 0.8     | 0.3     | 0.5     | 0.9     | 0.8     | 0.8     | 1.2     | 1.6     | 1.5     | 1.3     |
| Price / Tangible Book Value             | 3.2     | 1.4     | 1.7     | 0.8     | 0.4     | 0.5     | 1.0     | 0.8     | 0.8     | 1.2     | 1.6     | 1.5     | 1.3     |
| Price / Cash Flow                       | 19.5    | 8.8     | 8.4     | 5.7     | 5.5     | 2.7     | 6.3     | 5.3     | 6.1     | 4.8     |         |         |         |
| Price / Free Cash Flow                  | -       | -       | 23.6    | 14.9    | -       | 3.7     | 13.3    | 10.4    | 12.2    | 6.5     |         |         |         |
| Dividend Yield (%)                      | 0.0     | 0.0     | 0.0     | 0.0     | 0.0     | 0.0     | 0.0     | 0.0     | 4.2     | 0.0     | 4.4     | 4.4     | 4.9     |
| Enterprise Value / EBIT                 | 10.5    | 14.3    | 14.2    | 12.9    | 10.7    | 5.3     | 14.1    | 12.4    | 7.6     | 6.6     | 13.1    | 11.4    | 8.7     |
| Enterprise Value / EBITDA               | 6.9     | 7.9     | 7.9     | 6.1     | 4.5     | 3.5     | 5.0     | 4.3     | 3.9     | 4.2     | 4.6     | 4.4     | 3.4     |
| Enterprise Value / Sales                | 1.7     | 1.5     | 1.5     | 1.1     | 0.8     | 0.6     | 0.8     | 0.6     | 0.5     | 0.7     | 0.8     | 0.8     | 0.8     |
| EBIT / Interest Expense (Int. Coverage) | 1.8     | 1.1     | 1.8     | 1.5     | 1.2     | 4.0     | 2.4     | 2.9     | 5.2     | 9.8     | 6.6     | 5.1     | 6.7     |

Source: Factset, Company data, Chronux Research estimates

Figure 20 Balance Sheet and Cash Flow - Forecast

|  | 03/2016      | 03/2017      | 03/2018      | 03/2019      | 03/2020      | 03/2021      | 03/2022      | 03/2023      | 03/2024     | 03/2025      | 03/2026      | 03/2027      | 03/2028      |
|--|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| <b>Assets</b>                                    |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |             |              |              |              |              |
| Cash & Short-Term Investments                    | 460          | 990          | 836          | 452          | 398          | 457          | 577          | 424          | 857         | 872          | 991          | 649          | 692          |
| Short-Term Receivables                           | 1092         | 1547         | 1129         | 1194         | 1082         | 942          | 891          | 918          | 857         | 706          | 926          | 966          | 1031         |
| Inventories                                      | 1121         | 1163         | 1182         | 1276         | 1596         | 1111         | 1085         | 1287         | 1355        | 1219         | 1071         | 1114         | 1159         |
| Other Current Assets                             | 95           | 105          | 115          | 149          | 313          | 166          | 158          | 130          | 127         | 194          | 0            | 0            | 0            |
| <b>Total Current Assets</b>                      | <b>2768</b>  | <b>3805</b>  | <b>3262</b>  | <b>3071</b>  | <b>3389</b>  | <b>2676</b>  | <b>2711</b>  | <b>2759</b>  | <b>3196</b> | <b>2991</b>  | <b>2988</b>  | <b>2729</b>  | <b>2882</b>  |
| Net Property, Plant & Equipment                  | 11716        | 12569        | 11393        | 12587        | 12389        | 9645         | 9324         | 7399         | 6038        | 5705         | 6000         | 7000         | 8000         |
| Total Investments and Advances                   | 329          | 357          | 322          | 872          | 371          | 246          | 198          | 185          | 208         | 223          | 247          | 248          | 249          |
| Long-Term Note Receivable                        | 319          | 210          | 59           | 91           | 105          | 0            | -            | 24           | 3           | 16           | 0            | 0            | 0            |
| Intangible Assets                                | 1021         | 914          | 787          | 794          | 506          | 232          | 150          | 85           | 68          | 61           | 62           | 64           | 67           |
| Deferred Tax Assets                              | 52           | 142          | 245          | 220          | 26           | 24           | 26           | 27           | 42          | 20           | 4            | 4            | 4            |
| Other Assets                                     | 184          | 38           | 138          | 193          | 307          | 2984         | 2458         | 8            | 0           | 0            | 0            | 0            | 0            |
| <b>Total Assets</b>                              | <b>16389</b> | <b>18035</b> | <b>16206</b> | <b>17828</b> | <b>17093</b> | <b>15807</b> | <b>14867</b> | <b>10487</b> | <b>9555</b> | <b>9016</b>  | <b>9302</b>  | <b>10045</b> | <b>11202</b> |
| <b>Liabilities &amp; Shareholders' Equity</b>    |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |             |              |              |              |              |
| ST Debt & Curr. Portion LT Debt                  | 4557         | 2183         | 604          | 938          | 5074         | 1673         | 452          | 365          | 591         | 42           | 0            | 0            | 0            |
| Accounts Payable                                 | 994          | 944          | 991          | 1368         | 1103         | 707          | 855          | 946          | 887         | 955          | 1673         | 1740         | 1811         |
| Income Tax Payable                               | 18           | 152          | 71           | 3            | 65           | 30           | 61           | 57           | 95          | 103          | 250          | 250          | 250          |
| Other Current Liabilities                        | 528          | 745          | 743          | 551          | 691          | 513          | 413          | 357          | 448         | 572          | 0            | 0            | 0            |
| <b>Total Current Liabilities</b>                 | <b>6097</b>  | <b>4024</b>  | <b>2409</b>  | <b>2860</b>  | <b>6933</b>  | <b>2923</b>  | <b>1781</b>  | <b>1725</b>  | <b>2021</b> | <b>1672</b>  | <b>1923</b>  | <b>1991</b>  | <b>2061</b>  |
| Long-Term Debt                                   | 4614         | 3558         | 4084         | 4066         | 856          | 1015         | 1188         | 894          | 342         | 601          | 500          | 1000         | 1000         |
| Provision for Risks & Charges                    | 408          | 545          | 526          | 427          | 450          | 219          | 211          | 187          | 164         | 138          | 175          | 193          | 213          |
| Deferred Tax Liabilities                         | 1178         | 1073         | 1042         | 844          | 1255         | 1621         | 1654         | 1338         | 1131        | 917          | 885          | 921          | 958          |
| Other Liabilities                                | 529          | 450          | 257          | 291          | 46           | 3299         | 3122         | 1            | 0           | 0            | -88          | -649         | -236         |
| <b>Total Liabilities</b>                         | <b>12826</b> | <b>9650</b>  | <b>8318</b>  | <b>8488</b>  | <b>9540</b>  | <b>9077</b>  | <b>7956</b>  | <b>4145</b>  | <b>3658</b> | <b>3328</b>  | <b>3396</b>  | <b>3456</b>  | <b>3997</b>  |
| Common Equity                                    | 3028         | 8051         | 7768         | 9225         | 7780         | 6883         | 7032         | 5725         | 5970        | 5763         | 5967         | 6649         | 7265         |
| Total Shareholders' Equity                       | 3028         | 8051         | 7768         | 9225         | 7780         | 6883         | 7032         | 5725         | 5970        | 5763         | 5967         | 6649         | 7265         |
| Accumulated Minority Interest                    | 535          | 334          | 120          | 115          | -227         | -153         | -121         | 617          | -73         | -75          | -77          | -77          | -77          |
| Total Equity                                     | 3563         | 8385         | 7888         | 9340         | 7553         | 6730         | 6911         | 6342         | 5897        | 5688         | 5890         | 6572         | 7188         |
| <b>Total Liabilities &amp; Shareholders' Equ</b> | <b>16389</b> | <b>18035</b> | <b>16206</b> | <b>17828</b> | <b>17093</b> | <b>15807</b> | <b>14867</b> | <b>10487</b> | <b>9555</b> | <b>9016</b>  | <b>9286</b>  | <b>10029</b> | <b>11185</b> |
| <b>Per Share</b>                                 |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |             |              |              |              |              |
| Book Value per Share                             | 3.81         | 5.33         | 5.13         | 6.13         | 5.16         | 4.56         | 4.57         | 3.76         | 3.98        | 3.93         | 4.00         | 4.46         | 4.88         |
| Tangible Book Value per Share                    | 2.53         | 4.73         | 4.61         | 5.60         | 4.83         | 4.41         | 4.47         | 3.70         | 3.94        | 3.88         | 3.96         | 4.42         | 4.83         |
| <b>Operating Activities</b>                      |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |             |              |              |              |              |
| Net Income / Starting Line                       | 507          | 180          | 242          | 150          | -2291        | 1765         | 186          | 93           | 233         | 774          | 844          | 845          | 1093         |
| Depreciation, Depletion & Amortization           | 393          | 832          | 876          | 1019         | 1016         | 547          | 971          | 903          | 623         | 574          | 606          | 614          | 764          |
| Other Funds                                      | -242         | 903          | -99          | 25           | 2186         | -764         | -50          | 119          | 233         | -269         | 0            | 0            | 0            |
| <b>Funds from Operations</b>                     | <b>658</b>   | <b>1083</b>  | <b>1019</b>  | <b>1194</b>  | <b>911</b>   | <b>1548</b>  | <b>1107</b>  | <b>1115</b>  | <b>1089</b> | <b>1079</b>  | <b>1451</b>  | <b>1459</b>  | <b>1857</b>  |
| Changes in Working Capital                       | -324         | -230         | 411          | 63           | -448         | -184         | -62          | -274         | -283        | 331          | 266          | -15          | -40          |
| <b>Net Operating Cash Flow</b>                   | <b>334</b>   | <b>853</b>   | <b>1430</b>  | <b>1257</b>  | <b>463</b>   | <b>1364</b>  | <b>1045</b>  | <b>841</b>   | <b>806</b>  | <b>1410</b>  | <b>1716</b>  | <b>1443</b>  | <b>1817</b>  |
| <b>Investing Activities</b>                      |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |             |              |              |              |              |
| Capital Expenditures                             | -1188        | -2077        | -927         | -797         | -670         | -383         | -571         | -433         | -408        | -377         | -1290        | -1828        | -1317        |
| Net Assets from Acquisitions                     | 0            | 0            | 0            | 0            | 0            | 0            | 0            | 0            | 0           | 0            | 0            | 0            | 0            |
| Sale of Fixed Assets & Businesses                | 4            | 4            | 29           | 9            | 8            | 10           | 27           | 5            | 680         | 12           | 5            | 0            | 0            |
| Purchase/Sale of Investments                     | 78           | -18          | -42          | -324         | 0            | 0            | 0            | 15           | 0           | 2            | 0            | 0            | 0            |
| Other Funds                                      | -177         | 0            | 28           | 12           | 0            | -19          | 472          | -121         | -29         | 2            | 0            | 0            | 0            |
| <b>Net Investing Cash Flow</b>                   | <b>-1283</b> | <b>-2091</b> | <b>-912</b>  | <b>-1100</b> | <b>-662</b>  | <b>-392</b>  | <b>-72</b>   | <b>-534</b>  | <b>243</b>  | <b>-361</b>  | <b>-1285</b> | <b>-1828</b> | <b>-1317</b> |
| <b>Financing Activities</b>                      |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |             |              |              |              |              |
| Cash Dividends Paid                              | -185         | -8           | 0            | -4           | 0            | 0            | 0            | 0            | 0           | -703         | -238         | -419         | -418         |
| Change in Capital Stock                          | 0            | 4689         | 20           | -41          | 0            | 0            | 60           | -36          | -223        | -5           | -39          | -39          | -39          |
| Issuance/Reduction of Debt, Net                  | 849          | -2984        | -597         | -310         | 152          | -288         | -970         | -443         | -150        | -275         | -3           | 500          | 0            |
| Other Funds                                      | 0            | 137          | 0            | 0            | 0            | -10          | -39          | -210         | -197        | -3           | 0            | 0            | 0            |
| <b>Net Financing Cash Flow</b>                   | <b>664</b>   | <b>1834</b>  | <b>-577</b>  | <b>-355</b>  | <b>119</b>   | <b>-337</b>  | <b>-979</b>  | <b>-718</b>  | <b>-604</b> | <b>-1025</b> | <b>-280</b>  | <b>42</b>    | <b>-457</b>  |
| Exchange Rate Effect                             | 27           | -70          | -95          | -186         | 26           | -163         | -100         | 71           | -12         | -9           | -32          | 0            | 0            |
| <b>Net Change in Cash</b>                        | <b>-258</b>  | <b>526</b>   | <b>-154</b>  | <b>-384</b>  | <b>-54</b>   | <b>472</b>   | <b>-106</b>  | <b>-340</b>  | <b>433</b>  | <b>15</b>    | <b>119</b>   | <b>-343</b>  | <b>43</b>    |
| <b>Free Cash Flow</b>                            |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |             |              |              |              |              |
| Free Cash Flow per Share                         | -1.05        | -1.05        | 0.33         | 0.32         | -0.12        | 0.66         | 0.32         | 0.28         | 0.27        | 0.71         | 1.03         | 1.15         | 1.05         |
| Free Cash Flow Yield (%)                         | -12.9        | -16.1        | 4.2          | 6.7          | -7.3         | 27.4         | 7.5          | 9.6          | 8.2         | 15.3         | 15.9         | 17.7         | 16.2         |

Source: Factset, Company data, Chronux Research estimates

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