| The Listing Department, | The Manager | The Manager, |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| The Calcutta Stock Exchange | The Department of Corporate | The Listing Department, |
| Ltd. | Services, | National Stock Exchange of India |
| 7, Lyons Range, | BSE Limited, P. J. Towers, | Limited, Exchange Plaza, |
| Kolkata - 700001 | Dalal Street, | Bandra Kurla Complex, |
|  | Mumbai -400001 | Bandra (East), Mumbai -400051 |

Dear Sir,

## Re: Earning Presentation

Please find enclosed herewith the Earning Presentation for the quarter ended $30^{\text {th }}$ June, 2022.

Thanking You
Yours faithfully
For LINC LIMITED
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N. K. DUJARI

Director Finance \&
Compliance Officer

## Q1 FY23 August 2022

## EARNINGS

PRESENTATION.

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Executive Summary



- Linc Ltd. is one of India's largest writing instrument companies with $7.8 \%$ market share in the pen segment as of 2020
- National and international presence in over 50 countries
- Strong and extensive network in Southeast Asia, Middle East, USA, UK, Europe, South America, Africa, Russia and CIS countries
- India's exclusive importer and distributor of Asia's largest stationery giant; Deli and worldfamous pen brand Uniball; Mitsubishi Pencil Co., Japan


## Management Commentary

"With Covid induced restrictions behind us, our revenue has been displaying strong growth. Operating Income stood at ₹ 9,794 lacs, a growth of $77.7 \%$ over the previous year. However, first quarter being traditionally a weaker quarter for the industry, revenue fell by $11.4 \%$ QoQ. With Pentonic sales going strong, and with plans of introducing new products in the coming quarters, we expect strong top line growth in the coming quarters as well.

We are very happy to state that we were able to pass on the raw material price escalations, as we increased selling prices of our finished products in April, 2022. This resulted in improved gross margin, which increased from $22.9 \%$ in Q4 FY22 to $25.4 \%$ in Q1 FY23. Operating EBIDTA margin also improved to $8.2 \%$ and was up 569 basis points YOY and 288 basis point QoQ.

Input costs have started to come off; and prices of key inputs are expected to remain benign in the coming quarters as the focus of central banks have shifted to containing inflation. This along with our continued focus on higher margin products should help us in improving our margins and profitability going forward.

It is also very heartening to note that our touch points continue to increase with another 12,103 added in this quarter."

## Deepak Jalan

Managing Director, Linc Limited

## Key Highlights

Operating Income up 77.7\% YoY, down 11.4\% QoQ at ₹ 9,794 lacs.

Operating EBITDA up 486.6\% YoY at ₹ 799 lacs and Margin stood at 8.2\%. Operating EBITDA Margin increased 569 basis points YoY

Net Debt reduced by ₹ 776 lacs from 31 ${ }^{\text {st }}$ March 2022 and stood at (₹ 486) lacs

Gross Profit up 100.7\% YoY at ₹2,487 lacs and Margin stood at 25.4\%
'Pentonic' Sales continued to grow and was over $29 \%$ of total revenue for Q1 FY 23 and its GPM stood ~ 40\%

Net Debt/Equity stood at (0.03) against 0.02 in FY 22 and Net Debt/Operating EBITDA stood at (0.15) against 0.13 in FY22


## Quarterly Highlights

|  | Operating Income | Gross Profft | Operating EBITDA | PBT | PAT | Cash Profit ${ }^{1}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 9,794 | 2,487 | 799 | 593 | 438 | 766 |
| Growth (YOY) | 77.7\% | 100.7\% | 486.6\% | $N A^{3}$ | $N A^{3}$ | 311.7\% |
| Growth (QOQ) | (11.4\%) | (1.9\%) | 36.8\% | 49.0\% | 46.5\% | 22.3\% |
| Margin ${ }^{2}$ (\%) |  | 25.4\% | 8.2\% $\uparrow$ | 6.1\% $\uparrow$ | 4.5\% $\uparrow$ |  |
| Margin -YoY Expansion/(Contraction) |  | 292 bps | 569 bps | 899 bps | 669 bps |  |
| EPS/CEPS |  |  |  |  | 2.95 | 5.15 |

## Note:

1. Cash Profit = PAT add Depreciation
2. Margins calculated on Operating Income
3. NA - Negative number historically

## Quarterly Highlights (Cont.)

|  |  |  | ₹ Lacs |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Particulars | 30-Jun-22 | 31-Mar-22 | 30-Jun-21 |
| Net Worth | $\mathbf{1 4 , 7 2 4}$ | $\mathbf{1 4 , 2 8 5}$ | $\mathbf{1 3 , 3 0 6}$ |
| Short Term Borrowing | - | 299 | 1,818 |
| Long Term Borrowing | - | - |  |
| Gross Debt | - | 299 | 1,818 |
| Cash \& Cash equivalent | 486 | 9 | 26 |
| Net Debt | $\mathbf{4 8 6}$ | $\mathbf{2 9 0}$ | $\mathbf{1 , 7 9 3}$ |
| Net Current Assets ${ }^{1}$ | 6,238 | 6,072 | $\mathbf{7 , 1 7 0}$ |
| Total Assets | $\mathbf{2 0 , 3 6 8}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 , 1 6 2}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 , 1 6 2}$ |
| Total Asset Turnover | 1.93 | 1.77 | 1.10 |
| Cash Conversion Cycle | 76 | 74 | 129 |



Note:

1. Net current assets excludes cash \& cash equivalents
2. Profit figures are YTD annualized

## Quarterly Highlights (Cont..)

₹ Lacs

| Revenue | Writing Instruments |  |  | Other Products |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Own Brands |  | Licensed Brands | Own Brands |  | Licensed Brands |
|  | Pentonic | Linc \& Others | (Uni-Ball) | Pentonic | Linc \& Others | (Deli) |
| Q1 FY23 | 2,855 | 4,345 | 1,465 | 16 | 128 | 498 |
| Sales Contribution (\%) | 30.7\% | 46.7\% | 15.7\% | 0.2\% | 1.4\% | 5.4\% |
| Q4 FY22 | 3,202 | 5,347 | 1,367 | 1 | 79 | 336 |
| Sales Contribution (\%) | 31.0\% | 51.8\% | 13.2\% | 0.0\% | 0.8\% | 3.3\% |
| Q1 FY22 | 1,483 | 2,804 | 809 | 1 | 131 | 116 |
| Sales Contribution (\%) | 27.8\% | 52.5\% | 15.1\% | 0.0\% | 2.4\% | 2.2\% |
| Growth YoY | 92.5\% | 55.0\% | 81.1\% | 1209.2\% | (1.9\%) | 328.4\% |
| Growth QoQ | (10.8\%) | (18.7\%) | 7.2\% | 2374.8\% | 62.4\% | 48.3\% |

## Quarterly Highlights (Cont..)

| Revenue | Trade Channel |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | General Trade | Modern Trade | E-Commerce | Corporate | Exports |
| Q1 FY23 | 6,646 | 624 | 191 | 358 | 1,489 |
| Sales Contribution (\%) | 71.4\% | 6.7\% | 2.1\% | 3.8\% | 16.0\% |
| Q4 FY22 | 6,536 | 443 | 144 | 299 | 2,909 |
| Sales Contribution (\%) | 63.3\% | 4.3\% | 1.4\% | 2.9\% | 28.2\% |
| Q1 FY22 | 2,411 | 139 | 274 | 1,121 | 1,398 |
| Sales Contribution (\%) | 45.1\% | 2.6\% | 5.1\% | 21.0\% | 26.2\% |
| Growth YoY | 175.6\% | 349.3\% | (30.2\%) | (68.1\%) | 6.5\% |
| Growth QoQ | 1.7\% | 40.7\% | 33.2\% | 19.4\% | (48.8\%) |

## Operational Highlights

## Increasing touch points



FY 18 FY 19 FY 20 Dec 20 Mar 21 Jun 21 Sep 21 Dec 21 Mar 22 Jun 22 ——otal Touch Points Kiranas, Medical Stores, Pan Stores etc.

- Broken tradition by expanding to neighbourhood grocery stores (Kirana, Medical stores, Pan stores, etc.)
- Strong increase in touch points $-85,424$ added over the last 12 months


## Focus on brand building



- $\quad$ Spent over ₹ 7,800 lacs on brands over last 12 years
- $2 \%$ of revenue spent on brands over last 12 years
- Reduced spent during covid period to conserve cash
- Step up brand spend going forward ~ 3\% of revenue


## Operational Highlights (Cont..)

Growth in average realization of Pens


Focus on higher margin products


- Consistent increase in average selling price
- Average realization increase possible due to focus on higher priced products
- 'Pentonic' brand introduced in FY19 as a minimalistic yet contemporary pen, known for its aesthetics as well as writing smoothness
- Positioned at ₹ $10+$ segment, 'Pentonic's' GPM is $\sim 40 \%$
- Significant increase in revenue share of 'Pentonic' over the last 4 years
- Hence, overall GPM of the Company has increased by ~ 350 basis point

