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Trading Symbol: KUANTUM

Reg: Earnings Presentation – Disclosure under Regulation 30 of Securities and Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015

Dear Sir/Madam,

Pursuant to Regulation 30 of Securities and Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015, we hereby attach a copy of earnings presentation for the quarter and half year ended 30 September, 2023 for your information and record purposes.

The said presentation will be uploaded on the Company's website at www.kuantumpapers.com, thereafter.

Kindly take the same on record.

For Kuantum Papers Ltd

(Vivek Trehan) Company Secretary

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EARNINGS PRESENTATION

Q2/H1-FY24

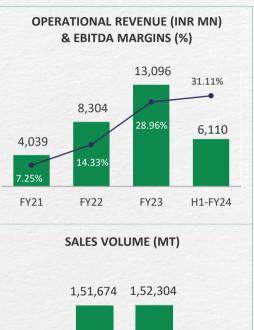


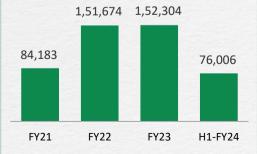


### ABOUT KUANTUM PAPERS



- Kuantum Papers Ltd, a leading agro and wood based paper manufacturers started its commercial operations in 1980 in an economically backward village of Hoshiarpur, Punjab.
- They started their production with 30 TPD and are currently operating at 450 TPD. After completion of their backward integration project in March'21, the total production capacity stands at 450 TPD.
- Due to its location in the foothills of the Shivalik range, Kuantum Papers has been strategically utilizing agro residues like wheat straw, sarkanda and bagasse along with wood chips, veneer waste & bamboo to make high quality paper.
- The company's fully integrated manufacturing facility spread across 259 acres helps it gain advantage in terms of better operational efficiency and higher product offering.
- It's extensive portfolio of writing and printing paper finds application in books, notebooks, annual reports, directories, account books, envelopes, diaries, calendars, computer & office stationery.
- Kuantum's product offerings include maplitho, creamwove and value added specialty products like thermal paper, bond paper, parchment paper, azurelaid paper, catridge paper, coloured paper, ledger paper, stiffner paper, cupstock paper, carry bag paper and base straw paper with a GSM range of 40 200.
- The company manufactures its products on an order-based system from its 100+ dealer network spread across India, many of whom have been associated with it since three generations.
- The company has increased its export footprint in the last few years and is now exporting to 30+ countries.
- Its Marquee clients includes Wal-Mart, McGraw Hill, Kokuyo (Mumbai), Thomson, Lotus, Global, Navneet Publications, Oxford University Press, Macmillan amongst others.
- The company's social farm forestry program includes wood plantations of around 6,470 acres and it envisions to reach 1 crore saplings per annum in the next 2-3 years.







### **KEY STRENGTHS**



Pan India presence with an extensive network of 100+ dealers



Cost savings through executed backward integration project has led to improved EBITDA margins



Strategic location in Punjab with abundant availability of raw materials such as Wheat Straw, Sarkanda & Bagasse, allows us to get steady supplies at stable prices



The Paper Makers

Superior product quality and market focus allow us to charge premium price of 5-7% higher than competitors



Largest product portfolio in the Paper Industry covering Maplitho, Copier, Specialty and Creamwove papers



Improved infrastructure of paper machines in order to be more cost effective.



Raw Materials are perfect substitutes of each other, so we are not dependent on any single one throughout the year



Established distinguished range of branded products



Long standing relationship with dealers, many associated with the company for over 3 decades



Located near densely populated Northern Region including NCR, a higher paper consumption market



Future source of wood raw material: Social farm forestry programme with vision to reach 1 crore clonal saplings per annum in the next 2 – 3 years



Prioritizing market-driven sales over government orders, and we are a preferred choice due to consistent and timely product deliveries

### **CURRENT MANUFACTURING FACILITIES**



#### **Pulping Facilities Paper Machines** Chemical Recovery Plant Co-Gen Power Plant Segment **Turbines: Total 38 MW Total Capacity: 450 TPD Total Capacity: 700 Solids TPD Total Capacity: 380 TPD** Capacity New: 20 MW & 8 MW Machine 1 - 25 TPD New CRP: 500 Solids TPD Agro based pulp: 200 TPD • Existing Turbines: 10 MW Machine 2 - 50 TPD • Existing CRP: 200 Solids TPD • Wood pulp: 180 TPD Boilers: Total 190 TPH Machine 3 - 115 TPD

### **Description**

Kuantum combines its own agro and wood along with imported pulp in order to produce better quality fibre for paper production.

The different configurations of the four paper machines allow Kuantum to manufacture a wide variety of surface-sized, non surface-sized and value-added specialty products.

Machine 4 - 260 TPD

The new Chemical Recovery Plant of 500 TPD from Andritz for the treatment of Black Liquor process has boosted the overall capacity to 700 solids TPD.

Operating at high efficiency, the plant recovers over 95% of Caustic, enabling cost reduction, margin improvements, and reusing for subsequent production runs.

The two new turbines of 20 MW and 8 MW from Siemens, have taken the total Co - Gen power capacity to 38 MW.

• New: 130 TPH

• Existing: 60 TPH

A new Boiler of 130 TPH from ISGEC has been installed making the total capacity 190 TPH.

Efficiency in power operations

Efficiency in power operations has helped in cost optimization.

### **FUTURE GROWTH STRATEGY**





Debottlenecking and upgrading plant operations to increase production capacity by ~ 25% and further optimize cost



Leveraging single use plastic ban by developing a portfolio of specialty products for a sustainable future



Setting up Specialty paper machine to diversify product portfolio



Harnessing the power of Industry 4.0 including IoT, AI and cloud computing for operational efficiency and optimal resource utilization





FINANCIAL & OPERATIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

Q2/H1-FY24



# Q2/H1-FY24 FINANCIAL & OPERATIONAL HIGHLIGHTS



Q2-FY24 Financial Highlights			
INR 2,982 Mn	INR 806 Mn	27.03%	
Income from Operations	EBITDA	EBIDTA Margins	
INR 427 Mn	<b>14.32%</b>	INR 4.89/Share	
Net Profit	PAT Margin	Diluted EPS	

H1-FY24 Financial Highlights		
INR 6,110 Mn Income from Operations	INR 1,901 Mn EBITDA	<b>31.11%</b> EBIDTA Margins
INR 1,078 Mn Net Profit	<b>17.64%</b> PAT Margin	INR 12.35/Share Diluted EPS

#### **Q2-FY24 Operational Highlights**

- PM 2 has been successfully upgraded from 30 to 50 TPD capacity to meet the increasing demand for specialty paper products.
- New products developed on PM 2:
  - Kosmo Litho K2 made with 100% wood pulp for high end diaries & books publishing.
  - Kosmo Ivory successfully launched in 40 67 GSM range for use as base paper for thermal coating.
- Highest ever quarterly finished production of 40,649 MT due to upgradation of PM 2 and increased speed of PM 3 & PM 4.
- In line with our vision 'Kuantum for Earth,' we planted clonal saplings on an additional 820 acres of farmers' land uptil September, 2023.



# QUARTERLY FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE



PARTICULARS (INR MN)	Q2-FY24	Q2-FY23	Y-o-Y	Q1-FY24	Q-o-Q
Operational Income	2,982	3,410	(12.6)%	3,128	(4.7)%
Total Expenses	2,176	2,416	(9.9)%	2,033	7.0%
EBITDA	806	994	(18.9)%	1,095	(26.4)%
EBITDA Margins (%)	27.03%	29.15%	(212) Bps	35.01%	(798) Bps
Other Income	10	10	0.0%	8	25.0%
Depreciation	119	113	5.3%	117	1.7%
Finance Cost	123	196	(37.2)%	113	8.8%
PBT	574	695	(17.4)%	873	(34.2)%
Tax	147	168	(12.5)%	222	(33.8)%
Profit After Tax	427	527	(19.0)%	651	(34.4)%
PAT Margins (%)	14.32%	15.45%	(113) Bps	20.81%	(649) Bps
Diluted EPS (INR)	4.89	6.04	(19.0)%	7.46	(34.5)%



# HALF YEARLY FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE



PARTICULARS (INR MN)	H1-FY24	H1-FY23	Y-o-Y
Operational Income	6,110	6,152	(0.7)%
Total Expenses	4,209	4,551	(7.5)%
EBITDA	1,901	1,601	18.7%
EBITDA Margins (%)	31.11%	26.03%	508 Bps
Other Income	18	23	(21.7)%
Depreciation	236	225	4.9%
Finance Cost	236	376	(37.2)%
Exceptional Items		634	NA
РВТ	1,447	389	NA
Tax	369	251	47.0%
Profit After Tax	1,078	138	NA
PAT Margins (%)	17.64%	2.24%	NA
Diluted EPS (INR)	12.35	1.58	NA



# HISTORICAL INCOME STATEMENT



PARTICULARS (INR MN)	FY21	FY22	FY23	H1-FY24
Operational Income	4,039	8,304	13,096	6,110
Total Expenses	3,746	7,114	9,304	4,209
EBITDA	293	1,190	3,792	1,901
EBITDA Margins (%)	7.25%	14.33%	28.96%	31.11%
Other Income	100	38	36	18
Depreciation	348	462	454	236
Finance Cost	277	689	710	236
Exceptional Items	86		(634)	<u>-</u>
РВТ	(318)	77	2,030	1,447
Tax	(191)	(57)	668	369
Profit After Tax	(127)	134	1,362	1,078
PAT Margins (%)	NA	1.61%	10.40%	17.64%
Other Comprehensive Income	4	(2)	(5)	· ·
Total Comprehensive Income	(123)	132	1,357	1,078
Diluted EPS (INR)	(1.46)	1.54	15.60	12.35



# **BALANCE SHEET**

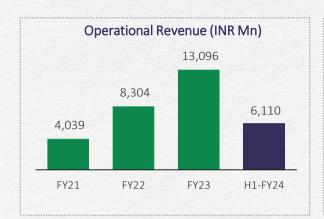


ASSETS (INR MN)	FY22	FY23	H1-FY24
Non-Current Assets			
Property, plant and equipment	14,006	14,068	14,350
Capital work-in-progress	289	306	374
Investment property	76	75	74
Other intangible assets		-	4
Financial assets			
Other financial assets	86	39	41
Income tax assets (net)	3	16	18
Other Non-current assets	148	259	332
Total Non-Current Assets	14,608	14,763	15,193
Current Assets			
Inventories	869	901	1,074
Financial assets			
Trade receivable	606	287	276
Cash and Cash equivalents	36	15	5
Other bank balances	130	157	169
Others financial assets	27	16	20
Other current assets	485	756	696
Total Current Assets	2,153	2,132	2,240
Total Assets	16,761	16,895	17,433

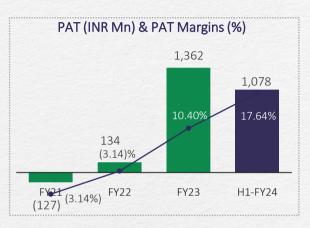
EQUITY & LIABILITIES (INR MN)	FY22	FY23	H1-FY24
Equity			
Equity share capital	87	87	87
Other equity	8,218	9,581	10,397
Total Equity	8,305	9,668	10,484
Liabilities			
Non-Current Liabilities			
Financial liabilities			
Borrowings	6,448	3,678	3,260
Other financial liabilities	181	228	240
Provisions	12	13	15
Deferred tax liabilities (net)	13	1,172	1,228
Deferred income	55	49	47
Total Non-Current Liabilities	6,709	5,140	4,790
Current Liabilities			
Financial Liabilities			
Borrowings	1,176	1,450	1,425
Trade payables	357	258	399
Other financial liabilities	143	198	214
Other current liabilities	60	84	62
Provisions	2	3	9
Deferred income	5	3	3
Current tax liabilities (net)	5	91	47
Total Current Liabilities	1,748	2,087	2,159
Total Liabilities	8,456	7,227	6,949
Total Equity and Liabilities	16,761	16,895	17,433

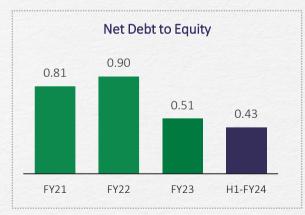
## FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

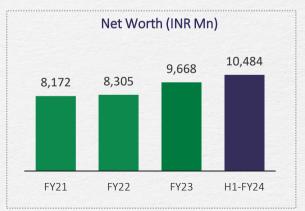


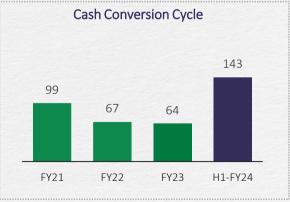












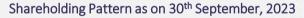
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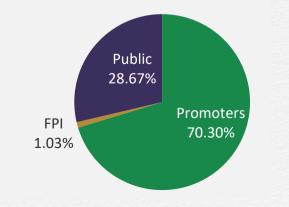


#### Share Price Movement (Up to 30<sup>th</sup> September, 2023)



Price Data (30 <sup>th</sup> September, 2023)	INR
Face Value	1.0
Market Price	176.7
52 Week H/L	225.5 / 112.0
Market Cap (Mn)	15,419.5
Equity Shares Outstanding (Mn)	87.3
1 Year Avg Trading Volume ('000)	286.1









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