

Vodafone Idea

Neutral

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CMP: INR7

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Bloomberg	IDEA IN
Equity Shares (m)	69700
M.Cap.(INRb)/(USDb)	511.6 / 6.1
52-Week Range (INR)	19 / 7
1, 6, 12 Rel. Per (%)	-13/-51/-68
12M Avg Val (INR M)	10514

Financials & Valuations (INR b)

INR b	FY24	FY25E	FY26E
Net Sales	427	443	481
EBITDA	171	185	206
Adj. PAT	-320	-279	-260
EBITDA Margin (%)	40.2	41.8	42.7
Adj. EPS (INR)	-11.1	-9.7	-9.1
EPS Gr. (%)	9.3	-12.7	-6.8
BV/Sh. (INR)	-32.4	-34.0	-38.4
Ratios			
Net D:E	-2.4	-2.1	-2.0
RoE (%)	NM	NM	NM
RoCE (%)	-3.6	-2.0	-0.5
Payout (%)	0.0	0.0	0.0
Valuations			
EV/EBITDA (x)	16.8	14.5	13.7
P/E (x)	-0.7	-0.8	-0.8
P/B (x)	-0.2	-0.2	-0.2
Div. Yield (%)	0.0	0.0	0.0

Shareholding Pattern (%)

As On	Sep-24	Jun-24	Sep-23
Promoter	37.3	38.2	50.4
DII	28.0	31.3	35.0
FII	12.7	12.7	2.5
Others	22.0	17.9	12.2

FII includes depository receipts

Inline 2Q; subscriber base stabilization remains key

TP: INR8 (+9%)

Vodafone Idea (Vi) reported a broadly in-line set with revenue/EBITDA growing 4%/8% QoQ, driven by the partial benefit of tariff hike flowthrough and a part offset by a continued decline in the subscriber base.

- Vi's net debt increased ~INR92b on repayment of vendor/banking dues and spectrum purchases, while capex inched up to INR14b (from INR8b QoQ). Management has guided for a capex of INR80b in 2H.
- Vi continued to lose market share to peers in 2Q with losses in data subs and weaker customer engagement metrics. Bharti was the biggest gainer in 2Q, gaining ~90bp QoQ market share on RMS and ~40bp QoQ on SMS.
- Vi's network investments are contingent on debt raise, which in turn is dependent on securing bank guarantee waivers and continued support from GoI (INR440b+ annual repayments to GoI from 1HFY26).
- We believe gaining back subscribers would be a tall ask for Vi, given its peers' superior free cash generation and deeper pockets.
- Our earnings estimates are broadly unchanged as the lower subscriber base is offset by higher ARPU. Stabilization of Vi's subscriber base remains the key monitorable. We retain our Neutral rating on Vi with a revised TP of INR8, based on DCF implied ~14x Dec'26 EV/EBITDA.

Broadly in line; subscriber trend post-network rollout a key monitorable

- Vi's overall revenue at INR109b (+4% QoQ, +2% YoY) was largely in line as the tariff hike boost was partly offset by continued subscriber declines.
- Wireless ARPU was up 7% QoQ to INR156 (+10% YoY, vs. +7%/+10% QoQ for RJio and Bharti) and was in line.
- Vi's overall subscriber base at ~205m declined by further 5.1m QoQ (vs.
 2.5m decline in 1QFY25, and higher than our estimate of -4m).
- Reported EBITDA at INR45.b (+8% QoQ/+6% YoY, vs. +8%/+13% QoQ for RJio and Bharti-India wireless) was ~3% above, led by lower network opex (-2% QoQ, ~6% below) and lower SG&A costs (-1% QoQ, 7% below).
- Reported EBITDA margin inched up ~160bp QoQ to 41.6% (+165bp YoY, +50/+145bp QoQ for RJio and Bharti-India wireless).
- Pre Ind-AS 116 EBITDA at INR23.2b, improved ~11% QoQ (+13% YoY), and was ~1% ahead. Pre Ind-AS 116 EBITDA margin expanded ~125bp QoQ to 21.2% (+200bp YoY and was ~40bp higher vs. our estimate).
- Vi's reported losses stood at INR72b (from INR64b QoQ, and our estimate of INR70b), largely driven by higher net finance costs (3% above, +20% QoQ) and higher D&A (+1% QoQ, 2% above).
- Vi's reported net debt (excluding leases but including interest accrued and not due) increased INR93b QoQ to INR2.12t on dues repayment to vendors/banks and also spectrum acquisition.
- Vi owes ~INR2.23t to GoI for deferred spectrum (~INR1.52t) and AGR dues (INR703b). Bank debt declined to modest ~INR33b (vs. INR46b QoQ, INR79b YoY).
- Vi's capex increased to INR14b (from INR7.6b in 1Q). Management has guided for INR80b capex for 2HFY25.

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Highlights from the management commentary

- Tariff hike flow through: Blended tariff hike was ~16-17%; however, segments such as Enterprise and M2M saw no increase in tariffs. Management indicated that some impact has been observed from customers sticking with earlier price points and not upgrading their recharge plans to earlier data consumption levels, which could impact the flow-through of tariff hikes by 2-3%.
- **Network rollout:** Vi rolled out 42k 4G sites during 2Q, which led to an increase in 4G population coverage by 22m to 1.05b by Sep'24. Management expects to reach 4G population coverage of 1.1b by Mar'25 and 1.2b by Sep'25. Further, it aims to start rolling out 5G services from 4QFY25.
- **Debt raise:** Management reiterated that the AGR waiver was not part of the business plan submitted to the lenders. However, post the AGR verdict, lenders are in the wait-and-watch mode. Further, Vi's debt raise has also been delayed as lenders are seeking more clarity on the Bank Guarantee (BG) waivers. Vi remains engaged with GoI for the waiver of ~INR250b BGs pertaining to spectrum auctions before the Sep'21 reforms package.
- **AGR:** As per Vi's management, the curative petition was rejected on technical grounds rather than the merits of the case. Further, Vi is engaged with GoI for support and highlighted that GoI remains supportive of three strong private players in the Indian telecom industry.

Valuation and view

- Vi continues to lose market share to peers on account of lower ARPU translation, given its inferior subscriber mix and continued subscriber declines.
- Vi plans to embark on a significant capex cycle (INR500-550b over the next 2-3 years) to bridge the network gap with peers.
- However, we believe Vi's network investments are contingent on debt raise, which in turn is dependent on securing bank guarantee waivers and continued support from GoI (INR440b+ annual repayments to GoI from 1HFY26).
- Further, we believe gaining back subscribers would be a tall ask for Vi, given its peers' superior free cash generation and deeper pockets.
- Our earnings estimates are broadly unchanged as the lower subscriber base is offset by higher ARPU. Stabilization of Vi's subscriber base remains the key monitorable.
- We retain our Neutral rating on Vi with a revised TP of INR8, based on DCF implied ~14x Dec'26 EV/EBITDA.

Y/E March		FY24				FY25E				FY25E	FY25E	Est Var
•	1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q	1Q	2QE	3QE	4QE	=		2QE	(%)
Revenue	107	107	107	106	105	109	115	114	427	443	110	
YoY Change (%)	2.4	1.0	0.5	0.7	-1.4	2.0	7.3	7.6	1.1	3.9	-73.8	
Total Expenditure	65	64	63	63	63	64	66	65	255	258	66	-2.8
EBITDA	42	43	44	43	42	45	49	49	171	185	44	2.7
YoY Change (%)	-4.0	4.5	4.1	3.0	1.1	6.2	12.7	12.6	1.8	8.3	-73.8	
Depreciation	56	57	56	58	54	54	54	54	226	215	53	1.6
Net Finance Costs	64	65	65	62	53	63	63	62	257	240	61	3.3
PBT before EO expense	-78	-79	-77	-77	-64	-72	-67	-67	-312	-270	-70	-2.4
Extra-Ord expense	0	0	-8	0	0	0	0	0	-8	0	0	
PBT	-78	-79	-70	-77	-64	-72	-67	-67	-304	-270	-70	-2.4
Tax	0.0	8.2	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	8.3	0.1	0.0	
Rate (%)	0.0	-10.3	0.0	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	0.0	0.0	-2.7	0.0	0.0	
Reported PAT	-78	-87	-70	-77	-64	-72	-67	-67	-312	-270	-70	-2.5
Adj PAT	-78	-87	-77	-77	-64	-72	-67	-67	-320	-270	-70	-2.5
YoY Change (%)	7.4	15.0	-3.1	20.0	-18.0	-17.9	-13.1	-12.9	9.3	-15.6	-2.5	

E: MOFSL Estimates

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Exhibit 1: Valuation based on Dec'26E EV/EBITDA

	Methodology	Driver	Multiple	Fair Value (INRb)	Value/sh (INR)
Consol EBITDA	EV/EBITDA	232	13.7 (DCF based)	3,181	46
Less Net debt				2,623	38
Total Value				558	8
Shares o/s (b)				69.6	
CMP (INR)					7.4
Upside (%)					9

Source: MOFSL, Company

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Exhibit 2: Summary of our estimate revisions

	FY25E	FY26E	FY27E
Revenue (INRb)			
Old	446	489	
Actual/New	443	481	536
Change (%)	-0.6	-1.6	
EBITDA (INRb)			
Old	185	213	
Actual/New	185	206	241
Change (%)	0.0	-3.6	
EBITDA margin (%)			
Old	41.6	43.6	
Actual/New	41.8	42.7	45.0
Change (bp)	24bps	-89bps	
Net Profit (INRb)			
Old	-274	-266	
Actual/New	-270	-260	-235
Change (%)	1.3	2.2	
Adj. EPS (INR)			
Old	-3.9	-3.3	
Actual/New	-3.9	-3.2	-2.4
Change (%)	1.3	3.4	

Source: Company, MOFSL



Detailed takeaways from the earnings call

Key takeaways:

- Tariff hike flow through: Blended tariff hike was ~16-17%%; however, segments such as Enterprise and M2M saw no increase in tariffs. Management indicated that there has been some impact from customers sticking with earlier price points and not upgrading their recharge plan to earlier data consumption levels, which could impact the flow-through of tariff hikes.
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- **Subscriber churn:** Management noted that there is always an industry-wide churn post tariff hikes. Further, the impact was higher this time as few subscribers shifted to BSNL, which recently launched 4G and had not implemented any tariff hike. However, management indicated that the subscriber trends have started normalizing in the past few months.
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- support and highlighted that GoI remains supportive of three strong private players in the Indian telecom industry.
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- Converged offering: Vi has launched a converged offering (Mobility + Broadband + OTT) in three circles (Maharashtra, Mumbai, and Gujarat) and has recently tied up with Asianet to offer a converged offering in Kerala.

2Q review: Broadly in line; subscriber trend post-network rollout a key monitorable

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- Vi's capex increased to INR14b (from INR7.6b in 1Q). Management has guided for INR80b capex for 2HFY25.
- Vi has written to the DoT to waive off the BG requirement worth ~INR247b (to be submitted from Sep'24 to Feb'25) to securitize spectrum installments. We believe Vi's debt raise is also contingent on securing BG waivers.

Tariff hike boost partly offset by a continued decline in subscriber base

- Wireless ARPU rose 7% QoQ to INR156 (+10% YoY, vs. +7%/+10% QoQ for RJio and Bharti) and was in line with our estimate on account of partial benefits of tariff hikes.
- Vi indicated that customer ARPU (excluding M2M) was up ~8% QoQ to INR166 (vs. INR233 for Bharti).
- Vi's overall subscriber base at ~205m declined by a further 5.1m QoQ (vs. 2.5m decline in 1QFY25, and higher than our expectation of 4m QoQ decline) due to an elevated churn post the tariff hikes.

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- Similar to peers, Vi's monthly churn also increased QoQ to 4.5% (vs. 4% QoQ, an increase of 110bp QoQ to 2.8% for RJio and 40bp QoQ to 3.2% for Bharti) and remains a key monitorable.
- Vi's postpaid subscriber base (including M2M) further improved QoQ (rising by ~0.4m QoQ) to 24.5m, while the 4G/5G subscriber base declined 0.8m QoQ (and data subs declined ~2m QoQ).
- Wireless revenue at INR97.1b (+3% YoY, in line) was up 5% sequentially (vs. 7%/10% QoQ increase for RJio/Bharti) as tariff hike benefits were partly offset by continued subscriber declines.

Other highlights: Consumer engagement remains well below peers

- Enterprise revenue at INR12b (-2% QoQ, -9% YoY) was ~3% below our estimate.
- Vi's data volume declined ~2% QoQ (vs. +1% QoQ in 1QFY25, significantly weaker vs. +2-3% QoQ for Bharti and RJio, including FTTH).
- Data usage per data subscriber declined to 14.7GB/month (from 14.9GB QoQ) and remained significantly below peers [RJio (31GB including FTTH contribution), Bharti 23.9GB].
- Voice usage on the Vi network declined ~5% QoQ (vs. -4% QoQ in 1QFY25, weaker than flat QoQ for Bharti and RJio).
- Implied minutes of usage per subscriber declined further to 587min/month (vs. 607min QoQ), but remained significantly below 1133mins/ 977mins for Bharti/RJio.
- Vi's trade payables declined further by ~INR7b QoQ to INR123b (vs. INR131b QoQ and INR138b at FY24-end). This primarily comprises dues to tower and network vendors such as Indus Towers.

Progress on network rollout

- Vi added ~1k towers and 22k net broadband sites in 2Q (42k 4G sites added, ~20k 3G sites shut down).
- As a result, its 4G population coverage increased ~22m to reach 1.05b by Sep'24.
- Management indicated that 4G population coverage would be further ramped up to 1.1b by Mar'25 and 1.2b by Sep'25
- Vi is likely to start the 5G rollout in 4QFY25.

Bharti was once again the biggest gainer

- On our estimates, Bharti continued to be the biggest gainer in the Revenue Market Share (RMS) in 2QFY25, gaining 89bp QoQ (+174bp YoY) as RJio lost 44bp QoQ (-14 bp YoY) and Vi lost a further 46bp QoQ (and -160bp YoY) market share among three private telcos.
- Further, with the clean-up of the inactive subscriber base for RJio, Bharti gained 41bp QoQ (+61bp YoY) in Subscriber Market Share (SMS) while RJio lost 32bp QoQ (still up ~100bp YoY). Vi lost a further 9bp QoQ (and -164bp YoY).

Exhibit 3: Vi's 2Q results summary

Vi (INR m)	2QFY24	1QFY25	2QFY25	YoY	QoQ	2QFY25E	vs. est
Revenue	1,07,163	1,05,083	1,09,322	2.0	4.0	1,09,975	(0.6)
Interconnection costs	(10,644)	(10,852)	(11,353)	6.7	4.6	(10,952)	3.7
License fee and spectrum charges	(9,269)	(8,924)	(9,312)	0.5	4.3	(9,293)	0.2
Network operating costs	(25,065)	(23,935)	(23,566)	(6.0)	(1.5)	(24,983)	(5.7)
Employee costs	(5,348)	(5,467)	(5,854)	9.5	7.1	(5,722)	2.3
SG&A expenses	(14,009)	(13,858)	(13,739)	(1.9)	(0.9)	(14,709)	(6.6)
Total costs	(64,335)	(63,036)	(63,824)	(0.8)	1.3	(65,660)	(2.8)
EBITDA	42,828	42,047	45,498	6.2	8.2	44,315	2.7
EBITDA margin (%)	40.0	40.0	41.6	165	161	40.3	132
Ind-AS adjusted EBITDA	20,628	21,000	23,200	12.5	10.5	22,915	1.2
Ind-AS adjusted EBITDA margin (%)	19.2	20.0	21.2	197	124	20.8	39
D&A	(56,673)	(53,691)	(54,040)	(4.6)	0.7	(53,200)	1.6
EBIT	(13,845)	(11,644)	(8,542)	38.3	26.6	(8,885)	3.9
Net interest income/(expense)	(65,345)	(52,623)	(63,136)	(3.4)	20.0	(61,094)	3.3
PBT	(79,190)	(64,267)	(71,678)	9.5	(11.5)	(69,979)	(2.4)
Taxes	(8,177)	(55)	(78)			_	
MI and share of associates	(12)	1	(3)			_	
PAT	(87,379)	(64,321)	(71,759)	17.9	(11.6)	(69,979)	(2.5)
Key performance indicators							
Subscriber base (EoP) (m)	219.8	210.1	205.0	(6.7)	(2.4)	206.1	(0.5)
Net adds/(declines) (m)	(1.6)	(2.5)	(5.1)			(4.0)	
Data subscribers(EoP) (m)	137.2	136.9	134.9	(1.7)	(1.5)	137.0	(1.5)
Reported ARPU (INR/month)	142	146	156	9.9	6.8	156	(0.0)
Total minutes of use (b)	406	385	365	(10.1)	(5.2)	381	(4.2)
Average MoU (min/month)	613	607	587	(4.2)	(3.3)	611	(3.9)
Data volume (Petabyte)	6,119	6,111	5,992	(2.1)	(1.9)	6,172	(2.9)
Implied data usage (GB/month)	14.9	14.9	14.7	(1.6)	(1.1)	15.0	(2.2)
Wireless revenue	93,976	92,571	97,133	3.4	4.9	97,404	(0.3)
Enterprise revenue	13,170	12,298	12,048	(8.5)	(2.0)	12,421	(3.0)
Other operating revenue	17	214	141	729.4	(34.1)	150	(6.0)

Source: Company, MOFSL estimates

Exhibit 4: Vi: Key performance indicator metrics

	2QFY23	3QFY23	4QFY23	1QFY24	2QFY24	3QFY24	4QFY24	1QFY25	2QFY25
Subscriber base (EoP) (m)	234.4	228.6	225.9	221.4	219.8	215.2	212.6	210.1	205.0
VLR subscribers (EoP) (m)	212.2	209.6	207.9	202.7	199.8	196.7	193.3	188.3	179.5
Net VLR subscriber addition (m)	(6.5)	(2.6)	(1.7)	(5.1)	(3.0)	(3.1)	(3.4)	(5.0)	(7.3)
Pre-paid subscribers (% of EoP subscribers)	91.1	90.4	90.1	89.7	89.5	89.0	88.8	88.5	88.0
Blended ARPU (INR/month)	131.0	135.0	135.0	139.0	142.0	145.0	146.0	146.0	156.0
Average MoU (min)	601	611	623	626	613	615	626	607	586
Blended churn (%)	4.3	4.4	3.8	3.9	4.1	4.3	3.9	4.0	4.5
2G Coverage - No. of census towns (#)	7,986	7,986	7,986	7,986	7,986	7,986	7,986	7,986	7,986
2G Coverage - No. of villages (#)	4,79,187	4,79,187	4,79,187	4,79,187	4,79,187	4,79,187	4,79,187	4,79,187	4,79,187
Broadband coverage - No. of census towns (#)	7,580	7,580	7,580	7,580	7,580	7,580	7,580	7,580	7,580
Broadband coverage - No. of villages (#)	3,31,585	3,32,157	3,33,481	3,33,735	3,34,066	3,34,634	3,35,280	3,38,104	3,49,290
Total unique towers (EoP) (#)	1,84,756	1,84,403	1,84,382	1,83,638	1,83,565	1,83,358	1,83,758	1,83,323	1,84,245
Total unique broadband towers (EoP) (#)	1,69,771	1,69,805	1,70,359	1,70,411	1,70,423	1,70,351	1,70,530	1,70,813	1,72,103
Total broadband sites (3G+4G) (#)	4,44,228	4,43,450	4,43,537	4,42,062	4,40,467	4,38,901	4,30,705	4,17,245	4,39,599
Total minutes of Use (m)	4,28,000	4,24,000	4,25,000	4,20,000	4,06,000	4,01,000	4,02,000	3,85,000	3,65,000
Total data volume (2G+3G+4G) (b MB)	5,718	5,762	5,802	6,002	6,119	6,004	6,049	6,111	5,992
Total data subscribers (2G+3G+4G) (m)	135.2	135.3	136.2	135.9	137.2	137.4	137.3	136.9	134.9
Data usage by data subscribers (2G+3G+4G) (MB/month)	14,072	14,201	14,247	14,705	14,937	14,576	14,680	14,858	14,697

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Exhibit 5: Vi's net debt inched up ~INR92b QoQ while capex increased modestly

	Sep-19	Mar-20	Sep-20	Mar-21	Sep-21	Mar-22	Sep-22	Mar-23	Sep-23	Mar-24	Jun-24	Sep-24
Debt and capex trends (INR b)												
Gross debt	1,173	1,150	1,159	1,803	1,948	1,979	2,203	2,093	2,128	2,156	2,210	2,257
External debt	281	273	236	231	228	181	151	114	79	40	46	33
OCD issuance to ATC								16	16	2	2	-
Gol debt	892	876	923	1,572	1,720	1,798	2,052	1,963	2,033	2,114	2,162	2,225
Deferred spectrum liabilities	892	876	923	963	1,086	1,139	1,367	1,307	1,351	1,411	1,458	1,522
AGR dues	-	-	-	610	634	660	686	656	682	703	703	703
Cash and equivalents	153.9	24.8	14.3	3.5	2.5	14.6	1.9	2.3	1.2	1.7	181.5	136.2
Net debt	1,019	1,125	1,145	1,800	1,945	1,964	2,201	2,090	2,127	2,155	2,028	2,121
Net debt (ex-leases) to annualized pre	<u> </u>											
Ind-AS EBITDA	24	16	18	26	34	25	26	25	26	25	24	23
Сарех	21.4	18.2	10.4	15.4	13.0	12.1	12.1	5.6	5.2	5.5	7.6	13.6
as % of revenue	19.7	15.5	9.6	16.1	13.8	11.8	11.4	5.3	4.9	5.2	7.2	12.4

Exhibit 6: Vi's debt build-up as of 2QFY25

Vi debt build-up (INR b)	
External debt (a)	33
OCD issuance to ATC (b)	0
Government debt (c)	2,225
Deferred spectrum liabilities	1,522
AGR dues	703
Gross debt (a) + (b) + (c)	2,257
Cash and equivalents (d)	136
Net debt (a) + (b) + (c) - (d)	2,121

Exhibit 7: Vi has large debt repayments from FY26 and beyond

	FY25E	FY26E	FY27E	FY28E	FY29E
Vi debt repayments (INR b)					
External loans	8	19	5	_	_
NCDs / OCDs	0	_	_	_	_
Government dues	2	312	446	446	446
Total debt repayment	10	330	441	446	446

Exhibit 8: Vi likely to face ~INR200b+ annual cash-shortfall over FY27-31E

(INR b)	FY23	FY24	FY25E	FY26E	FY27E	FY25-27E	FY28-32E
Wireless subs (m)	226	213	202	199	200		
Wireless ARPU (INR/month)	132	143	158	178	201		
Cash inflows	83	95	293	425	140	858	1,139
Cash EBITDA	83	84	97	111	140	347	1,139
Other non-operational cashflows	_	11		64		64	
Equity fund raise			197			197	
Likely debt fund raise				250		250	
Cash outflows	117	121	208	421	439	1,068	1,956
External dues repayments	67	74	19	19	5	43	-
GoI debt repayments	17	19	22	312	446	779	2,049
Probable GoI equity conversion				(122)	(174)	(296)	(786)
Vendor past dues repayments	(20)	(2)	50	30		80	_
Capex	34	19	97	151	133	380	550
Likely interest on external dues	20	11	21	31	29	81	144
Gross cash surplus / (shortfall)	(34)	(25)	85	4	(299)	(210)	(817)
Change in cash and equivalents	(12)	(1)					
Net cash surplus / (shortfall)	(22)	(25)	85	4	(299)	(210)	(817)

Exhibit 9: Key assumptions for Vi's wireless business

	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25E	FY26E	FY27E
Key assumptions								
Paying subscriber base (EoP) (m)	291	268	244	226	213	202	199	200
Paying net adds (m)	(43.0)	(23.3)	(24.0)	(17.9)	(13.3)	(10.6)	(3.0)	1.0
VLR subscribers (EoP) (m)	293.7	255.7	226.1	207.9	193.3	176.8	172.6	171.7
Net VLR subscriber addition (m)	(74.6)	(38.0)	(29.6)	(18.2)	(14.6)	(16.5)	(4.2)	(0.8)
Pre-paid subscribers (% of EoP subscribers)	92.1	92.2	91.8	90.1	88.8	87.6	86.9	86.5
Total data subscribers (2G+3G+4G) (m)	140	140	136	136	137	137	140	145
4G subscribers (m)	105.6	113.9	118.1	122.6	126.3	128.9	132.9	138.9
Blended ARPU (INR/month)	111	114	112	132	143	158	178	201
Total data volume (2G+3G+4G) (b MB)	14,594	18,208	21,493	22,707	24,174	24,358	25,759	27,645
Data usage by data subscribers (2G+3G+4G) (MB/month)	8,511	10,861	12,998	13,919	14,731	14,779	15,471	16,167
Voice traffic (b min)	2,547	2,210	1,901	1,727	1,629	1,487	1,519	1,573
Average MoU (min/subscriber/month)	679	659	619	613	619	598	632	657
Total unique towers (EoP)	1,85,544	1,80,484	1,84,794	1,84,382	1,83,758	1,91,245	2,07,245	2,17,245
Total unique broadband towers (EoP)	1,62,380	1,65,409	1,69,016	1,70,359	1,70,530	1,84,551	2,05,173	2,17,245
Total broadband sites (3G+4G)	4,36,006	4,52,650	4,55,264	4,43,537	4,43,537	4,30,705	4,85,370	5,39,604

Exhibit 10: Sensitivity of Vi's consol EBITDA to wireless ARPU and end-period subscriber base

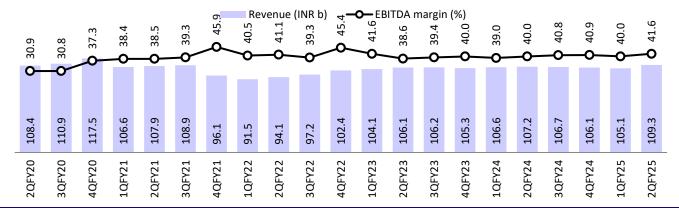
		FY26E Wireless ARPU (INR)						
		158	168	178	188	198		
	179	162	177	192	207	221		
EVACE Device sub-	189	168	183	199	214	229		
FY26E Paying subs (m)	199	174	190	206	221	237		
(111)	209	180	196	213	229	245		
	219	187	203	219	236	252		

Exhibit 11: Sensitivity of Vi's Ind-AS 116 adjusted EBITDA to ARPU and subscriber base

	FY26E Wireless ARPU (INR)						
		158	168	178	188	198	
	179	67	82	97	112	127	
EV2CE Daving subs	189	73	89	104	119	134	
FY26E Paying subs	199	79	95	111	126	142	
(m)	209	86	102	118	134	150	
	219	92	108	125	141	157	

Story in charts

Exhibit 12: Revenue increased 4% QoQ as the partial benefit of tariff hike was partly offset by a continued subscriber decline

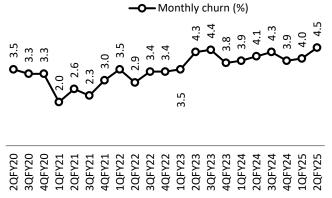


Source: MOFSL, Company

Exhibit 13: ARPU rose on tariff-hike flow through; subscriber decline accelerated

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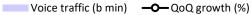
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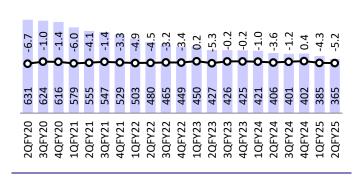


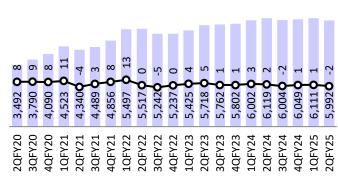
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Exhibit 15: Voice traffic further declined QoQ







Source: Company, MOFSL

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Y/E March	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25E	FY26E	FY27E
Total Income from Operations	450	420	385	422	427	443	481	536
Change (%)	21.2	-6.7	-8.2	9.5	1.1	3.9	8.5	11.4
Total Expenditure	300	250	225	254	255	258	275	295
% of Sales	66.8	59.6	58.4	60.1	59.8	58.2	57.3	55.0
EBITDA	149	169	160	168	171	185	206	241
Margin (%)	33.2	40.4	41.6	39.9	40.2	41.8	42.7	45.0
Depreciation	244	236	236	230	226	215	213	216
EBIT	-94	-67	-75	-62	-55	-30	-8	25
Int. and Finance Charges	144	178	209	230	257	240	253	259
PBT bef. EO Exp.	-238	-245	-284	-293	-312	-270	-260	-235
Share of profits of associates	4	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
EO Items	384	200	-2	0	-8	0	0	0
PBT after EO Exp.	-618	-443	-282	-293	-304	-270	-260	-235
Total Tax	121	0	0	0	8	0	0	0
Tax Rate (%)	-19.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	-2.7	0.0	0.0	0.0
Minority Interest	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Reported PAT	-739	-442	-282	-293	-312	-270	-260	-235
Adjusted PAT	-217	-243	-284	-293	-320	-279	-260	-235
Change (%)	34.5	11.7	17.1	3.1	9.3	-12.7	-6.8	-9.9
Margin (%)	-48.3	-57.8	-73.8	-69.4	-75.0	-63.0	-54.2	-43.8
Consolidated - Balance Sheet Y/E March	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25E	FY26E	(INR b) FY27E
Equity Share Capital	287	287	321	487	501	696	819	993
Total Reserves	-228	-670	-941	-1,230	-1,543	-1,790	-2,050	-2,285
Net Worth	60	-382	-620	-744	-1,042	-1,093	-1,232	-1,292
Total Loans	1,106	1,660	2,138	2,444	2,511	2,596	2,489	2,505
Deferred Tax Liabilities	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Capital Employed	1,166	1,277	1,518	1,701	1,469	1,503	1,257	1,212
Gross Block	2,471	2,524	2,653	2,878	2,943	3,039	3,190	3,323
Less: Accum. Deprn.	612	849	1,085	1,315	1,541	1,756	1,970	2,186
Net Fixed Assets	1,858	1,675	1,568	1,563	1,401	1,283	1,220	1,137
Goodwill on Consolidation	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Capital WIP	11	6	4	179	182	182	182	182
Total Investments	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Curr. Assets, Loans&Adv.	380	354	368	331	267	553	348	380
Inventory	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Account Receivables	31	25	24	22	22	24	25	27
Cash and Bank Balance	27	22	35	9	5	274	49	55
Loans and Advances	322	307	309	301	239	256	274	298
Curr. Liability & Prov.	1,103	757	422	372	381	516	493	487
Account Payables	1,100	757	422	372	380	510	488	481
Provisions	4	1	1	0	0	6	6	6
Net Current Assets	-724	-404	-54	-41	-114	38	-145	-107
Appl. of Funds	1,166	1,277	1,518	1,701	1,469	1,503	1,257	1,212

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Total Balance

Ratios V/E March	FY20	FY21	FY22	EV22	FY24	FY25E	FY26EE	EV27E
Y/E March	FYZU	FYZI	FYZZ	FY23	FYZ4	FYZ5E	FYZOEE	FY27E
Basic (INR)				40.0	44.4			
EPS	-7.6	-8.4	-9.9	-10.2	-11.1	-9.7	-9.1	-8.2
Cash EPS	0.9	-0.2	-1.7	-2.2	-3.3	-2.2	-1.6	-0.6
BV/Share	2.1	-13.3	-19.3	-23.2	-32.4	-34.0	-38.4	-40.2
DPS	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Payout (%)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Valuation (x)								
P/E	-2.0	-1.8	-1.6	-1.5	-1.4	-0.8	-0.8	-0.9
Cash P/E	16.9	-71.0	-9.2	-7.1	-4.7	-3.3	-4.5	-11.5
P/BV	7.4	-1.2	-0.8	-0.7	-0.5	-0.2	-0.2	-0.2
EV/Sales	3.4	5.0	6.7	7.6	7.7	6.1	5.8	5.3
EV/EBITDA	10.1	12.3	16.2	19.0	19.2	14.5	13.7	11.7
Dividend Yield (%)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Return Ratios (%)								
RoE	-66.2	NM	NM	NM	NM	NM	NM	NM
RoCE	-7.9	-5.5	-5.4	-3.9	-3.6	-2.0	-0.5	2.0
RoIC	-8.9	-5.7	-5.5	-4.2	-4.0	-2.6	-0.7	2.5
Working Capital Ratios								
Fixed Asset Turnover (x)	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1	NA	NA	NA
Asset Turnover (x)	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.4
Inventory (Days)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Debtor (Days)	25	22	23	19	19	20	19	18
Leverage Ratio (x)								
Current Ratio	0.3	0.5	0.9	0.9	0.7	1.1	0.7	0.8
Interest Cover Ratio	-0.7	-0.4	-0.4	-0.3	-0.2	-0.1	0.0	0.1
Net Debt/Equity	17.7	-4.3	-3.4	-3.3	-2.4	-2.1	-2.0	-1.9
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Y/E March	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25E	FY26E	FY27E
OP/(Loss) before Tax	-618	-443	-282	-293	-304	-270	-260	-235
Depreciation	244	236	236	230	226	215	213	216
Interest & Finance Charges	144	178	209	234	258	240	253	259
Direct Taxes Paid	24	8	15	-13	0	0	0	0
(Inc)/Dec in WC	-92	-14	-3	6	6	-27	-10	26
CF from Operations	- 299	-34	174	189	186	159	196	267
Others	372	191	0	0	0	-88	-73	-105
CF from Operating incl EO	73	156	174	189	186	71	122	162
(Inc)/Dec in FA	-78	-45	-57	-55	-20	-97	-151	-133
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Free Cash Flow		111	117	133	167	-26	-28	29
(Pur)/Sale of Investments	65	42	0	0	0	0	0	0
Others	-15	14	0	1	0	307	195	279
CF from Investments	-28	11	-57	-54	-19	210	45	146
Issue of Shares	249	0	45	4	0	0	0	0
Inc/(Dec) in Debt	-81	-44	-53	-51	-74	228	-139	-42
Interest Paid	-153	-28	-28	-21	-29	-240	-253	-259
Others	-65	-96	-69	-79	-87	0	0	0
CF from Fin. Activity	-49	-167	-106	-147	-190	-12	-392	-302
Inc/Dec of Cash	-4	0	11	-12	-23	269	-225	6
Opening Balance	8	4	4	15	2	2	270	45
Closing Balance	4	4	15	2	-20	270	45	52
Other Balances	23	19	20	6	26	4	4	4
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