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SUB: INVESTOR UPDATE FOR THE QUARTER/HALF YEAR ENDED 30.09.2018.

Dear Sir/ Madam,

Please find enclosed herewith Investor update of Orient Bell Ltd. highlighting the performance of the Company during the quarter/half year ended on 30th September, 2018.

Kindly take the same on record.

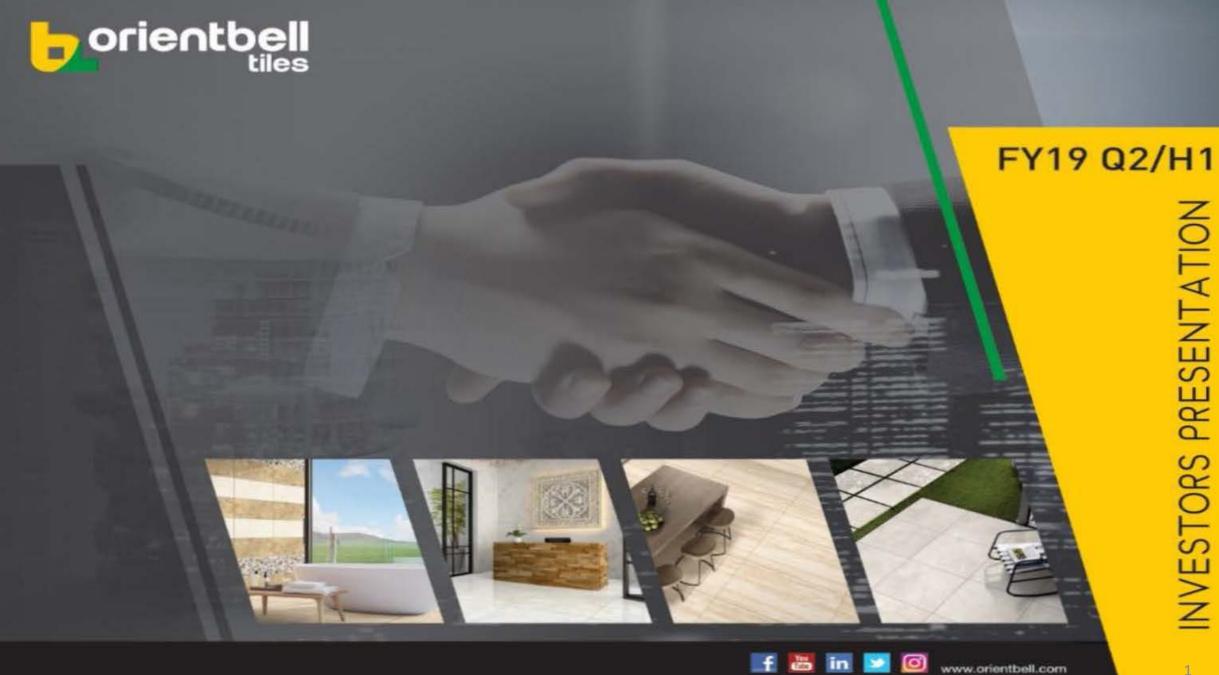
Yours faithfully,

for Orient Bell Limited

Yogesh Mendiratta

Company Secretary & Head - Legal

Encl: as above















Key Message

The Industry Environment

The medium to Long Term prospects for the Tile Industry are good given the rapid rate of urbanization and shortage of Housing Units. As the Economy continues to grow at 7%, commercial and residential construction activity is bound to increase. Tile Industry fortunes move in tandem with the real estate sector as bulk of the consumption is in new projects with replacement and renovation market coming to a poor second.

The construction sector is yet to recover from the impact of RERA & Demonetization. Real estate Investments are subdued due to defaults and poor price appreciation, and an election season. This has come at a point when Morbi has been adding capacity year on year, and this has nudged the Industry into a price war putting pressure on profitability.

FY19 Q2 has seen a sharp increase in all raw material prices, gas price being the most visible and heaviest burden. Through FY19 Q2 the industry absorbed the cost inflation impacting profitability. We see early trends of price increasing in FY19 Q3.

OBL (Orient Bell Limited)Focus Areas

OBL believes that the headwinds are temporary and medium to long term prospects of the Industry are bright. Our Focus is on putting in place building blocks for future. During FY19 H1, the Company prioritized efforts in the following areas:

- --Building Organization Capability –We have split sales and marketing function so as to simultaneously progress towards our short term and long term objectives.
- ---Portfolio Preiumization through higher value products. New range of designs and sizes have been launched in Q2 and ourt GVT production line has been commissioned ahead of schedule in September.
- ---Re examining every cost line leading to sharp reduction in overheads. This has helped the Company to mitigate fuel price increase.

The early signs are encouraging. OBL has bucked the Industry Trend by increasing EBITDA margin in FY19 Q2 by 12.1% over EBITDA of FY18 Q2. This gives us the head room to invest in Brand Building Initiatives and our focus in FY19 H2 would be on launching our multi media brand campaign along with an aggressive distribution enhancement.



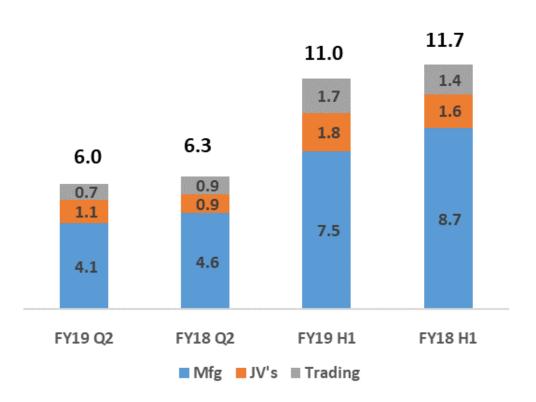
	FY19 Q2	FY18 Q2	FY19 Q2 vs FY18 Q2	FY19 H1	FY18 H1	FY19 H1 vs FY18 H1
Sales	1474	1504	-2.0%	2675	2768	-3.3%
EBITDA	129	115	12.1%	197	217	-8.9%
EBITDA Margin on Net sales	8.8%	7.7%		7.4%	7.8%	
PBT before Exceptional Items	68	59	15.7%	79	104	-23.5%
Exceptional Item		3			203	
Profit after Tax (without OCI)	43	37	15.9%	51	275	-81.6%
PAT Margin on Sales	2.9%	2.5%		1.9%	9.9%	
Profit after Tax (without OCI) without Exception	43	34	26.8%	51	72	-30.0%
PAT Margin on Sales	2.9%	2.3%		1.9%	2.6%	
OCI net of Tax	2	-2	-207.2%	4	-4	-198.3%
PAT after OCI	45	32	41.1%	55	68	-19.4%

Post applicability of Goods and Service Tax (GST) w.e.f. July 01, 2017, Revenue from Operations are required to be disclosed net of GST in accordance with the requirement of Ind AS. Accordingly, the Revenue from Operations for the half ended September 30, 2018 are not comparable with the preceding previous half year ended Sept 30, 2017 and corresponding previous periods presented in the financial results which are reported inclusive of Excise Duty, hence the sales are reported in the above table after such adjustments.

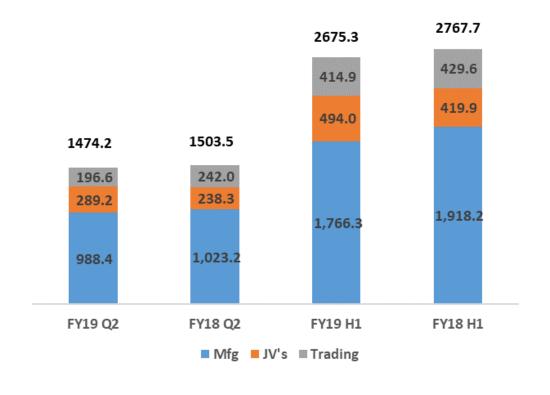


Sales in Quantity and Value –FY19 Q2/H1 vs FY18 Q2/H1

Sales Quantity in Mn m2

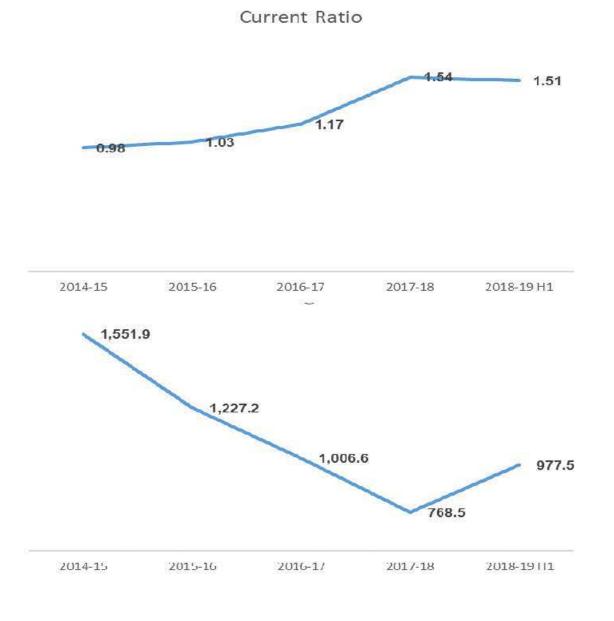


Sales value in Mn ₹





Ratios



EPS without Exception Income

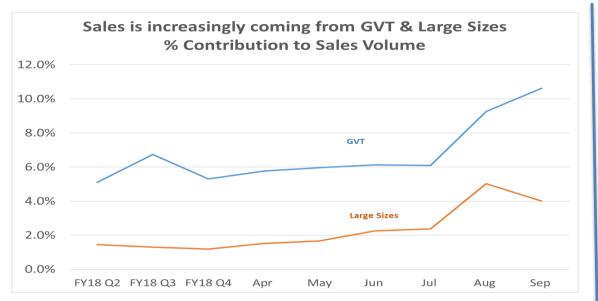




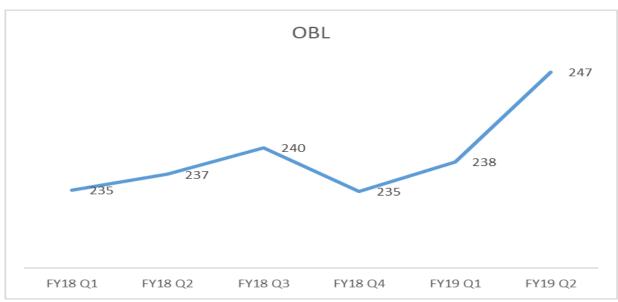
Improve revenue with a disproportionate focus on High value products **Process Simplification & automation OBL Improve Profitability & Working Capital Build Organizational Capability** Management. **Build a performance oriented organization Build Brand Salience**



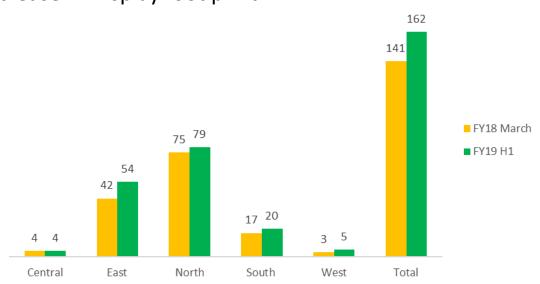
Focus on High Value Products

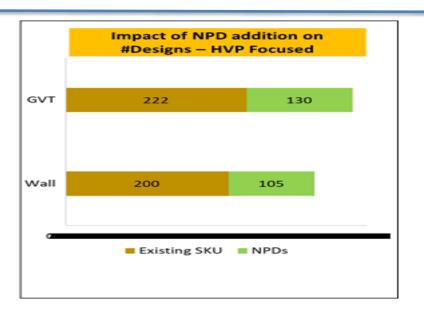


Increase in ASP



Increase in Display foot print





400+ Designs launched during the quarter

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Focus on High Value Products ...contd Launch of new range of GVT and Large size Slabs.



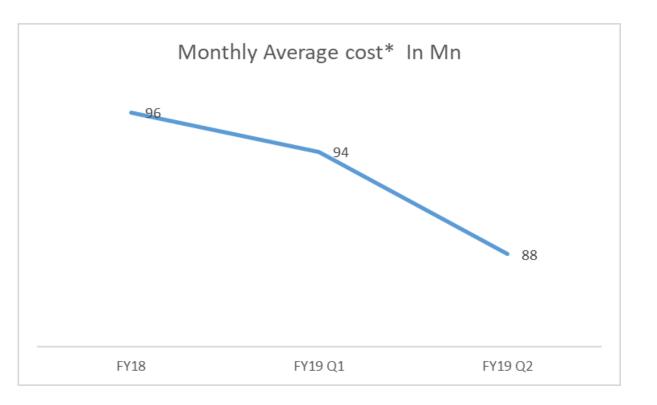
GVT line commissioned ahead of Schedule at Sikandrabad factory.

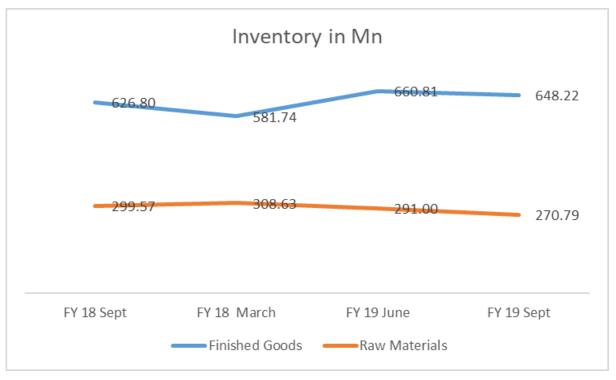


In FY19 H1 we have invested ₹50 crores towards doubling GVT capacity in Sikandrabad plant ,the project started commercial production in Sept 18.



Profitability and Working Capital Management







^{*} Cost being tracked are Plant Fixed Cost ,Employee Cost and Administrative cost (not market facing costs) which led to saving of 9.1% in monthly costs.



- Industry interaction with Chief Sales Officer/Chief Marketing Officer & Events sponsored by OBL
- OBL stall which allowed key architects to experience our products





Building Organisation Capability



Aditya Gupta joined as Chief Executive Officer reporting into the MD. He is an Engineer MBA from IIT Bombay and IIM Bangalore with 27 years of multi- functional experience in industry leading companies.

Throughout his career, he has been recognized & awarded for delivering consistent revenue growth and boosting margins through strong leadership, customer obsession and executional excellence. He is a business leader with strong operational experience in Sales and Marketing, having built powerful brands and developed strong Sales structures and operations all over the country.

He has worked in Shaw Wallace, Bharti Airtel, Tata Teleservices and Tata Power



Alok Agarwal joined as Chief Marketing officer reporting into the CEO, with over 20 years experience of building brands in India and Abroad. He has experience leading new product development, creating influencer marketing programs, driving digital marketing and created shopper marketing solutions for retail outlets.

He is an alumnsu of IIT Bombay and IIM Bangalore with experience in Cadburys, Hindustan Lever, GSK Consumer Healthcare, E Bay.

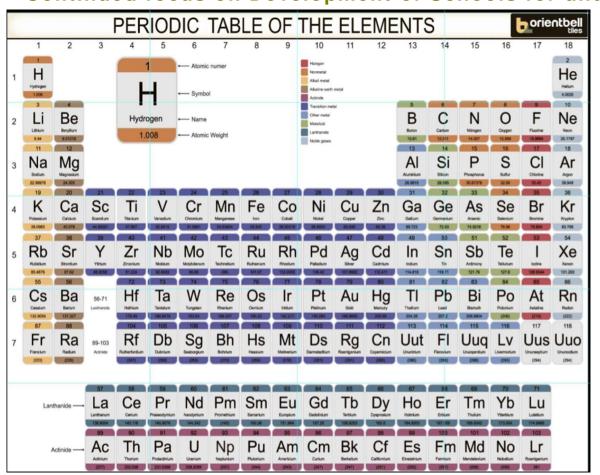
He was recognized as the digital marketer of the year in 2017 by Internet and Mobile Association of India.

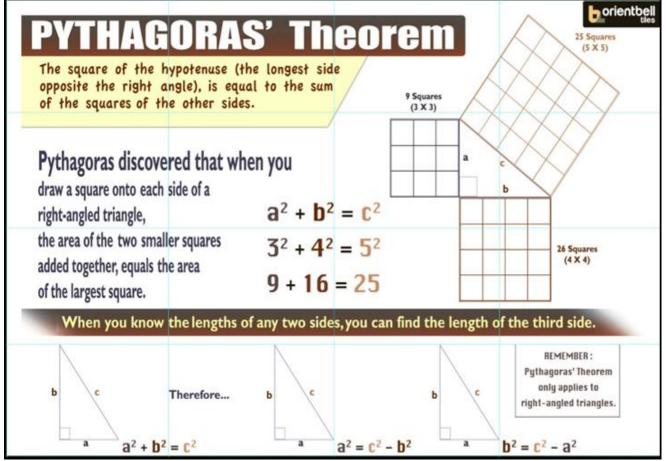


Pinaki Nandi joined as the Chief Sales Officer reporting into the CEO with 23 years of work experience in Telecom,FMCG and Building Material .Has led Regional and Business P&L Roles across regions and SBU's.He brings strong retail channel and B2B experience both in leadership and challenger markets. He has worked in Cadburys, Vodaphone and Akzo Nobel.



Continued focus on Development of Schools for underprivileged children. -- Jaipur





In our continued Focus on development of under privileged children we are using our tiles to redevelop schools with our Education based tiles --- Jaipur is the fourth venture in this journey.

	Mar-16	Mar-17	Mar-18	Jun-18
Equity Share Capital	140	142	142	142
Reserves and Surplus	1549	1670	2076	2116
Net Worth	1689	1812	2218	2259
Borrowings	1227	1007	769	978
Other Liabilities	364	387	384	392
Subtotal	3280	3206	3370	3628
Property Plant and Equipment	2085	2017	1975	2380
Investments	233	233	57	57
Net Current Assets without Current Borrowing	853	907	1272	1150
Others Assets	108	48	66	42
Total	3280	3206	3370	3628



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