

# Cochin Shipyard

Monopoly in Ship repair in India  
Longtime & Credible Ship builder

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# Background

- A pioneer in defence shipbuilding and ship repair. A well known player in the global shipbuilding front.
- Incorporated in 1972 and fully owned by the GoI.
- Now a publicly listed company with the majority owner being the govt(~72%). Listed in Aug'17. It has the 'Miniratna' status.
- Has built and repaired some of the largest ships in India.
- Second largest ship repair capacity in India.



# Niche - Moat

1. The only yard in India to have undertaken the repairs of Aircraft carriers, CSL has proven track record in ship building and ship repair.
2. The only commercial shipyard in the country that has the ability to repair defence ships and its facilities are routinely used to carry out repairs and maintenance work of various defence ships.
3. Technology ( autonomous - ASKO won)
4. Capacity and Infrastructure.
5. While many of its competitors are struggling to stay afloat or in bankruptcy, the company continues to post good results consistently.
6. 20-30% of the revenue is from commercial shipbuilding, which is highly cyclical, which is counterbalanced by steady defence work revenue.

# IAC - Indian Aircraft Carrier

1. In a first, the Government of India (GoI) in May 1999 approved the construction of a first indigenous aircraft carrier of around 40,000 tonnes displacement at Cochin Shipyard (CSL), Kochi.
  - a. After several delays in decision making and material procurements, the project finally took off in April 2005.
  - b. In June 2015, the giant ship was finally undocked marking the end of Phase - I of the project. The ship will now undergo a series of fitment and trial processes before it is ready for induction into the Navy.
2. It is planned that the INS Vikrant would be floating out in 2017/18, with sea trials in 2018-19 and commissioning in late 2019/early 2020.

3. Expected to be inducted into the navy by end of 2021.
4. Currently doing Basin trials as it in Phase 3. Phase 2 delivery has concluded.

*IAC - Phase 2 and the phase 3 was a slightly different thing because that is one single project even though technically we are calling it phase 1, phase 2, phase 3.*

*Essentially, we know very clearly that the project is an old project and it is only for the comfort and practical reasons that the fixed prices is being divided into 3 and the Cost Plus go seamless. Phase 3 - The phase III contract includes operational and harbour acceptance trials of various equipment and systems installed and also the Sea Trials of the Carrier.*

# Revenue recognition of IAC

IAC has two components to it:

**Fixed** - This component relates to executing internally - labor overhead and profit#  
- this provides higher margin yields.

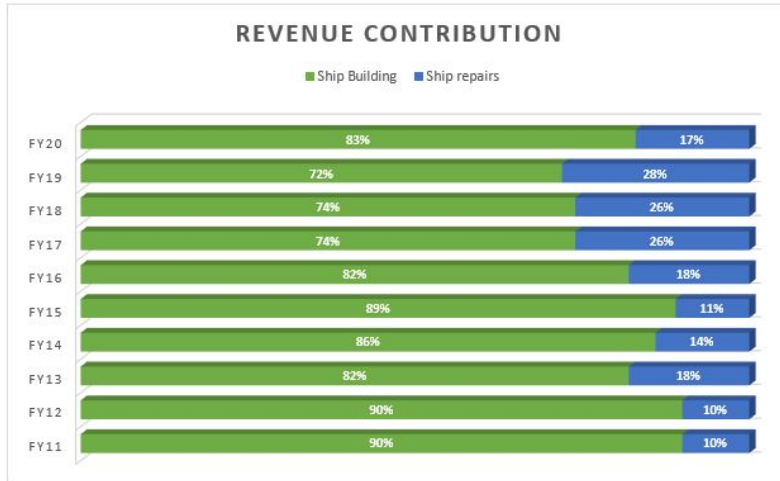
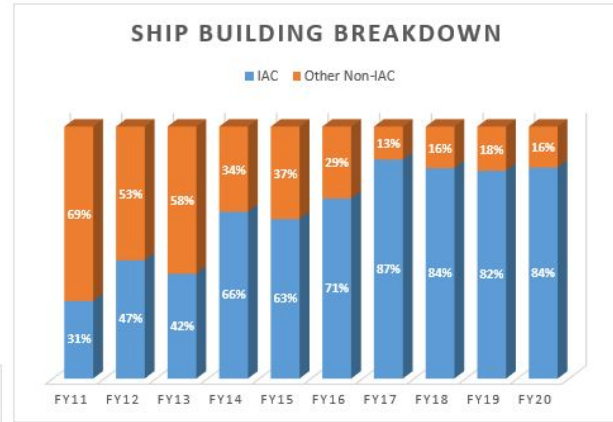
**Cost Plus** - all the materials required for the IAC project are included in this component. If there is any escalation of price to any of the raw materials needed (Raw materials consumed are: Steel, Pipe, paint and Bought out components), it will be covered and be 'paid up' accordingly. Margin here is around 12.5%

As of Aug 17, 2020 - Remaining to be delivered - Cost plus is 3,800 crore and fixed price is around 2,470. So total unexecuted = 6,270 crores.

# Revenue Breakdown

| Revenue Sources | FY11  | FY12  | FY13  | FY14  | FY15  | FY16  | FY17  | FY18  | FY19  | FY20  |
|-----------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| IAC             | 401   | 597   | 529   | 933   | 1039  | 1159  | 1315  | 1443  | 1757  | 2378  |
| Other Non-IAC   | 902   | 674   | 742   | 476   | 603   | 462   | 199   | 284   | 373   | 462   |
| IAC             | 31%   | 47%   | 42%   | 66%   | 63%   | 71%   | 87%   | 84%   | 82%   | 84%   |
| Other Non-IAC   | 69%   | 53%   | 58%   | 34%   | 37%   | 29%   | 13%   | 16%   | 18%   | 16%   |
| Ship Building   | 1303  | 1271  | 1271  | 1409  | 1642  | 1621  | 1514  | 1727  | 2130  | 2840  |
| Ship repairs    | 142   | 145   | 287   | 228   | 196   | 367   | 543   | 623   | 834   | 570   |
| Total           | 1,445 | 1,416 | 1,558 | 1,637 | 1,838 | 1,988 | 2,057 | 2,355 | 2,966 | 3,422 |

| Segments      | FY11 | FY12 | FY13 | FY14 | FY15 | FY16 | FY17 | FY18 | FY19 | FY20 |
|---------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Ship Building | 90%  | 90%  | 82%  | 86%  | 89%  | 82%  | 74%  | 74%  | 72%  | 83%  |
| Ship repairs  | 10%  | 10%  | 18%  | 14%  | 11%  | 18%  | 26%  | 26%  | 28%  | 17%  |



# Employee cost

CSL can execute projects efficiently due to its system of subcontracting, whereby majority of the workforce are daily subcontract workers, which allows it to maintain flexible workforce. CSL has a very efficient employee cost structure where employee cost accounted for only 9% of its FY20 sales which is very low compared to other public sector yards.

# Cash Mgmt

CSL will have cash on its balance sheet due to capital advance from major defence contracts, which is typical for defence shipbuilding due to the high working capital requirement of the industry. While valuing and analyzing this company, it would be prudent to exclude the Other income component and perform our due diligence.

# One of the lowest sales to employee cost

|                      | Mar 2018 | Mar 2019 | Mar 2020 | TTM   |
|----------------------|----------|----------|----------|-------|
| Sales +              | 2,355    | 2,966    | 3,422    | 2,703 |
| Expenses -           | 1,891    | 2,394    | 2,711    | 2,201 |
| Material Cost %      | 51%      | 51%      | 52%      |       |
| Manufacturing Cost % | 13%      | 15%      | 13%      |       |
| Employee Cost %      | 12%      | 9%       | 9%       |       |
| Other Cost %         | 5%       | 5%       | 5%       |       |
| Operating Profit     | 464      | 571      | 711      | 502   |
| OPM %                | 20%      | 19%      | 21%      | 19%   |
| Other Income         | 189      | 226      | 245      | 207   |

## Weaknesses:

- Virtually non-existent indigenous ancillary industries and consequently non-availability of major equipment/raw materials in India;
- Infrastructure constraints due to non-availability of large sized dock to build and repair ships beyond 1,10,000 DWT and 1,25,000 DWT respectively. (This will be overcome with the proposed new dry-dock);
- Difficulty to arrange long term project finance to ship owners which is offered by other overseas shipbuilding countries; and
- Comparatively higher social and employee overheads and certain restrictive labour practices especially for contracting labour.



# Order book visibility

Current Orderbook is 14,400 Crores - visibility for next 2-3 years

| Vessels | Total in hand | FY21  | Fy22 | FY23 | FY24 |
|---------|---------------|-------|------|------|------|
| IAC     | 6,500         | ~2500 | 2000 | 1200 | 800  |
| ASW     | 6,500         | 150   | 2000 | 2000 | 2000 |

Potential projects tendered: 13,000 Crores

# Capacity expansion

Q4 FY20 - "CSL is probably the key ship repair player in India and we are doing vast majority of the ship repairs that are happening in India, but again currently where we are, we are actually unable to squeeze in anymore. We are actually doing much more than we can actually chew even now. So that is precisely why we are going in for these CAPEX projects, the ISRF which is the International Ship Repair Facility and the new Dry Dock. And once these two are in place, we get more infrastructure available so we can take more ship. "

With a single dry dock - unable to cater to other opportunities. INS Vikramaditya docked, lost opportunities#.

## ISRF: International ship repair facility

- Can help cater to ~180 from current 80-100 ships.
- Can help add another 300 crores to the top line with in a couple of year.

**Dry Dock:** increases ship building and repair capacity essentially required to tap the market potential of building specialized and technologically advanced vessels such as LNG Carriers, Aircraft Carriers of higher capacity, jack up rigs, drill ships, large dredgers and repairing of offshore platforms and larger vessels.

|              |                           |
|--------------|---------------------------|
| Hooghly-HCSL | Ship building, east coast |
| TSL          | Fishing vessels           |
| Mumbai RU    | Ship repair Units (RU)    |
| Kolkata RU   | Ship repair Units (RU)    |
| A&N RU       | Ship repair Units (RU)    |

# Tailwinds & Optionality

- Indian Navy (@137) & Indian coastal guard (@120) plans to increase its fleet from to 200 each by 2027
  - They get advance payments - have cash in hand!
- Inland waterways demand for National Waterways - IWAI - Hooghly - HCSL
- Commercial Shipbuilding & Ship repair (capacity constraints) - 15% market share as of this year for SR.
- Govt. Incentives:
  - Financial assistance scheme
  - Infrastructure status - meaning cheaper long term financing
  - Permitting 100% FDI
  - Right of 1st refusal to indian shipyards for govt. Procurement.
- 101 items banned by govt. from import - Make in India - AtmaNirbhar
- Fishing vessels - low value high volume - *(Separate unit acquired from NCLT - Temba Shipping Ltd.)*

# Tailwinds & Optionality - Contd.

- Ship repair is a recurring revenue stream. Once a ship is built, maintenance, refit, etc are part and parcel of the ships lifecycle.
  - For example for IAC within%:
    - 1.5 years - short servicing, 50 cr
    - 3<sup>rd</sup> year - 100 cr
    - 5<sup>th</sup> year - normal servicing, 250 crores
    - 7<sup>th</sup> year - medium term servicing, 500 crores
  - Add to this the capacities being added with Mumbai and Kolkata facilities coming to play.
- IMO - Global fuel - Sulphur Cap enforce a new 0.5% global sulphur cap on fuel content from January 01, 2020, lowering from the old 3.5% limit.
- \*\*Talks about building the IAC 2, which CSL would stand to gain in my opinion

# Competitor(s)

The only listed player to whom we can compare and play this is Garden Reach Shipbuilders Engg.(GRSE). Look at the margins, Return metrics, i would personally prefer to play CSL for the long term.

| COCHIN SHIPYARD LTD                   | Mar-17 | Mar-18 | Mar-19  | Mar-20  | GARDEN REACH SHIPBUILDERS & ENGINEER  | Mar-11  | Mar-18  | Mar-19 | Mar-20 |
|---------------------------------------|--------|--------|---------|---------|---------------------------------------|---------|---------|--------|--------|
| Gross Margin =Gross Profit/Sales      | 51.01% | 50.51% | 49.28%  | 47.52%  | Gross Margin =Gross Profit/Sales      | #DIV/0! | 80.86%  | 44.29% | 47.96% |
| EBIT/Sales                            | 24.56% | 26.19% | 25.86%  | 26.68%  | EBIT/Sales                            | #DIV/0! | 10.06%  | 13.28% | 15.71% |
| EBITDA/Sales                          | 26.43% | 27.78% | 27.01%  | 28.10%  | EBITDA/Sales                          | #DIV/0! | 12.21%  | 15.23% | 17.81% |
| Op Profit (Ex Other Income)/Sales     | 18.72% | 19.75% | 19.34%  | 20.87%  | Op Profit (Ex Other Income)/Sales     | #DIV/0! | -1.10%  | 2.92%  | 2.58%  |
| Net Margin =PAT/Sales                 | 15.62% | 16.85% | 16.23%  | 18.63%  | Net Margin =PAT/Sales                 | #DIV/0! | 6.86%   | 7.93%  | 11.41% |
| Op Cash Flow/Sales                    | 10.31% | 26.84% | -15.12% | 7.38%   | Op Cash Flow/Sales                    | #DIV/0! | -5.50%  | -8.05% | 43.80% |
| Free Cash Flow/Sales                  | 6.98%  | 23.58% | -24.77% | -17.67% | Free Cash Flow/Sales                  | #DIV/0! | -37.73% | -5.05% | 40.39% |
| EPA/Sales                             | 3.46%  | 0.04%  | 2.82%   | 6.42%   | EPA/Sales                             | #DIV/0! | -1.83%  | -0.81% | 3.22%  |
| Sales/Invested Capital =Capital Turns | 0.96   | 0.70   | 0.87    | 0.90    | Sales/Invested Capital =Capital Turns | #DIV/0! | 1.32    | 1.34   | 1.45   |
| Sales/Fixed Assets= Fixed Asset Turns | 5.56   | 6.75   | 7.92    | 4.53    | Sales/Fixed Assets= Fixed Asset Turns | #DIV/0! | 3.46    | 4.59   | 4.72   |
| Sales/Total Assets= Asset Turns       | 0.62   | 0.43   | 0.57    | 0.53    | Sales/Total Assets= Asset Turns       | #DIV/0! | 0.31    | 0.33   | 0.27   |
| Net Margin*Asset Turns= RoA           | 9.68%  | 7.24%  | 9.17%   | 9.95%   | Net Margin*Asset Turns= RoA           | #DIV/0! | 2.14%   | 2.62%  | 3.03%  |
| Margin*Asset Turn*Fin Leverage= RoE   | 15.85% | 12.19% | 14.44%  | 17.09%  | Margin*Asset Turn*Fin Leverage= RoE   | #DIV/0! | 9.05%   | 10.59% | 15.72% |
| RoCE                                  | 23.50% | 18.25% | 22.19%  | 23.68%  | RoCE                                  | #DIV/0! | 13.26%  | 17.73% | 21.65% |
| Margin*Cap Turns*(1-Tax rate)= RoIC   | 15.31% | 12.03% | 14.47%  | 17.79%  | Margin*Cap Turns*(1-Tax rate)= RoIC   | #DIV/0! | 9.59%   | 10.91% | 16.68% |

# Risks

1. Govt. changes and new rules are passed - hampering growth.
2. Revenues not converted to Cash due to delay in payments by govt. dept.
3. Beyond the big ticket item (IAC) - revenue growth? - Uncertainty!
4. Oil prices if trends lower sustainably - might impact new ship requests.
5. Competition from private sector driving margins down.
6. Defence budget for the future if reduced, might impact growth rate for CSL.

# Valuation

1. Current PE of ~9.5 (with current depressed earnings due to COVID)
2. Dividend Yield of ~5%
3. ROIC of ~ 22.5
4. ROE of ~ 18

Heads you win, tails you don't lose much - based on your appetite and opportunity cost hurdle, this could be play on rerating with margin expansion.

Worst case, say for 3 years you don't get too much in return terms, at least you walk away with close to FD type of returns from dividends.

# Appendix



INS Viraat - Post Repair



Oil Rigs, Jack Rigs



Oil Tankers



Bulk Carrier



Floating Border  
Outpost Vessels



RoRo Ships



## ISRF

### Expected FY 21-22 completion - 750 Crores

The International Ship Repair Facility (ISRF) will modernise and expand the existing ship repair facility in CSL. The ISRF includes 6000T shiplift for ships upto 130 x 25 m with six work stations and allied facilities. Total outfitting berth of 1500 meters approx.



## Dry Dock

### Expected FY 21-22 completion - 1600 Crores





Opportunities lost with IAC docked and being built.

*INS Viraat @  
Ship Repair*

*INS Vikrant*



ASWC - Anti-Submarine Warfare  
Corvettes