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Supply Network Limited

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Supply Network Ltd (SNL) provided a trading update and guidance for its FY23 result. Sales are expected to increase c. 26% in FY23 to \$250m. Underlying NPAT is expected to increase 33% to \$26.5m. Its financial performance was well above our forecast. As such we upgrade our earnings by c. 14% for the next two years. We upgrade to Buy from Accumulate, with a price target of \$15.40.

FY23 guidance is well above our expectations

Supply Network provided a positive trading update, with an exceptionally strong 2H23 financial performance expected. SNL expects to achieve FY23 sales of \$250m, up 26% on the pcp and 7% above our \$234.1m forecast. The company expects to report an FY23 NPAT of \$26.5m, up 33% on the pcp and 11% ahead of our \$23.9m forecast. Sales have accelerated in 2H23, with 2H23 sales up 28.1%, versus 23.6% in 1H23. SNL's earnings guidance implies a 2H23 operating margin of 15.8%, only 10 basis points lower than the record 15.9% achieved in 1H23.

Near term outlook remains positive

In terms of outlook, strong demand from commercial vehicle customers for parts continues to be driven by industry tailwinds such as an ageing vehicle fleet, increasing freight task and the increasing complexity of vehicles. Management expects growth "will remain above the long-term trend for at least the next year". As such, SNL is bringing forward capacity-related investments, which include the doubling of capacity at its new Victorian Distribution Centre and branch at Truganina in Victoria. SNL also plans the opening of a new branch in Yatala, Southeast Queensland. While both projects have experienced delays, it has had little effect on performance.

Investment view

The outlook for SNL remains positive with market demand robust, supported by strong activity in all regions. SNL's future earnings growth will continue to be driven by a combination of robust underlying industry growth supported by further investment into the company's branch network. We upgrade to Buy, from Accumulate, with a 12-month target of \$15.40, up from \$12.90 previously.

Year-end June (\$)	FY21A	FY22A	FY23E	FY24E	FY25E
Revenue (\$m)	162.6	198.5	250.0	293.5	325.7
EBITDA (\$m)	27.4	36.6	46.5	52.1	56.3
EBIT (\$m)	21.5	29.9	39.5	44.9	48.9
Reported NPAT (\$m)	13.9	20.0	26.5	28.9	31.7
Reported EPS (c)	34.1	48.4	64.2	70.2	76.9
Normalised NPAT (\$m)	13.9	20.0	26.5	28.9	31.7
Normalised EPS (c)	34.1	48.4	64.2	70.2	76.9
EPS Growth (%)	45.9	41.9	32.5	9.3	9.5
Dividend (c)	20.0	32.0	45.0	47.0	52.0
Net Yield (%)	1.5	2.4	3.4	3.5	3.9
Franking (%)	100	100	100	100	100
EV/EBITDA (X)	20.9	16.1	12.6	11.3	10.4
Normalised P/E (x)	38.9	27.4	20.7	18.9	17.3
Normalised ROE (%)	30.4	36.8	39.9	37.0	35.7

Source: OML, Iress, Supply Network Limited

Last Price

A\$13.29

Target Price

A\$15.40 (Previously A\$12.90)

Recommendation

Buy (Previously Accumulate)

Risk

Higher

Auto Parts and Equipment	
ASX Code	SNL
52 Week Range (\$)	8.73 - 13.29
Market Cap (\$m)	548.6
Shares Outstanding (m)	41.3
Av Daily Turnover (\$m)	0.1
3 Month Total Return (%)	6.3
12 Month Total Return (%)	47.3
Benchmark 12 Month Return (%)	-6.2
NTA FY23E (¢ per share)	179.7
Net Debt FY23E (\$m)	40.8

Relative Price Performance 150 140 130 120 110 100 90 May-22 Aug-22 Noy-22 Feb-23 May-23

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Source: FactSet

Consensus Earnings		
	FY23E	FY24E
NPAT (C) (\$m)	-	-
NPAT (OM) (\$m)	26.5	28.9
EPS (C) (c)	-	-
EPS (OM) (c)	64.2	70.2

Source: OML, Iress, Supply Network Limited

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Strong FY23 result expected.

Above-average growth continues

- Supply Network provided a strong trading update, with an exceptionally strong 2H23 financial performance expected. The company anticipates FY23 sales of \$250 million, a 26% increase over the pcp and 7% more than our forecast of \$234.1 million.
- Additionally, the company anticipates reporting an FY23 NPAT of \$26.5 million, 11% more than our \$23.9 million forecast and up 33% on the pcp.
- Based on the guidance, sales increased faster in the second half of the year than in the first, by 28.1% against 23.6%. According to SNL's profit projection, the operating margin for 2H23 would be 15.8%, which is just 10 basis points less than the record 15.9% realised in 1H23.
- Demand for commercial vehicle parts and accessories remains robust driven by industry tailwinds including increased vehicle complexity, an ageing truck fleet, an increase in the number of registered commercial vehicles in Australia and increasing demand for road freight transport.

Figure 1: Supply Network: FY23 result guidance

Profit and Loss (A\$m)	1H22	2H22	FY22	1H23	2H23	FY23	Change 1H	Change 2H	Change FY23
Revenue									
Total Revenue	96.4	102.1	198.5	119.2	130.8	250.0	23.6%	28.1%	25.9%
EBITDA	17.4	19.2	36.6	22.4	24.1	46.5	29.1%	25.7%	27.3%
Depreciation and Amortisation	3.2	3.5	6.7	3.5	3.5	7.0	9.6%	1.2%	5.2%
EBIT	14.2	15.7	29.9	18.9	20.6	39.5	33.5%	31.2%	32.3%
Net Interest Expense	0.7	0.7	1.5	0.8	0.9	1.7	11.9%	25.6%	18.7%
Profit Before Tax	13.5	15.0	28.4	18.1	19.7	37.8	34.7%	31.4%	33.0%
Tax	4.0	4.4	8.4	5.4	5.9	11.3	34.4%	34.2%	34.3%
Adjusted NPAT	9.4	10.6	20.0	12.7	13.8	26.5	34.8%	30.2%	32.4%
Earnings per share (cps)	22.8	25.6	48.4	30.8	33.4	64.2	35.0%	30.4%	32.5%
Dividend (cps)	12.0	20.0	32.0	20.0	25.0	45.0	66.7%	25.0%	40.6%
Key Margins									
EBITDA Margin (%)	18.0%	18.8%	18.4%	18.8%	18.4%	18.6%			•
EBIT Margin (%)	14.7%	15.4%	15.1%	15.9%	15.8%	15.8%			

Source: Company reports, Ord Minnett Limited estimates

Earnings changes and outlook

 The outlook for SNL remains positive with market demand robust, supported by strong activity in all regions. We upgrade our earnings by 11% in FY23, 13% in FY24 and 15% in FY25.

Figure 2: Earnings changes

	FY23 Old	FY23 New	% Change	FY24 Old	FY24 New	% Change	FY25 Old	FY25 New	% Change
Sales	234	250	6.8%	263	293	11.4%	287	326	13.5%
EBIT	35.9	39.5	10.0%	40.0	44.9	12.2%	43.1	48.9	13.5%
NPAT	23.9	26.5	10.5%	25.5	28.9	13.3%	27.7	31.7	14.6%
EPS	58.1	64.2	10.5%	62.0	70.2	13.3%	67.1	76.9	14.6%
Dividend	40.5	45.0	11.1%	41.5	47.0	13.3%	44.5	52.0	16.9%

Source: Ord Minnett Limited estimates

Investment thesis, valuation, and risks

Investment thesis

Supply Network Ltd (SNL) has a solid track record of earnings growth coupled with high returns on invested capital. The commercial vehicle automotive aftermarket industry is fragmented, and we believe there is scope for further market share gains and consolidation. Market demand is robust, supported by strong economic activity in key regions, and with a current network of 20 branches in Australia and five in New Zealand, we see a meaningful opportunity for expansion in SNL's operations. We expect sales to continue to grow at above-average levels, driven by: 1) continued growth in demand for bus and truck parts in the commercial automotive aftermarket; 2) further expansion of the SNL branch network in Australia and New Zealand; and 3) market share gains in a fragmented market.

Valuation

- In terms of single-period valuation measures, SNL is currently trading on an FY25 PER multiple of 17x (OMLe), and based on FY25 EV/EBIT multiples, SNL is currently trading on a multiple of 12.0x (OMLe).
- Our 12-month price target of \$15.40 implies an FY25 PER of 20.0x, in line with its longer-term averages. Our \$15.40 price target implies an FY25 EV/EBIT multiple of 13.7x.

Key investment risks

- Increased competition: The Australian automotive aftermarket parts distribution industry may face increased competition from existing competitors through further consolidation of existing players, or from new entrants into the market. Increased competition could have an adverse effect on the financial performance of the company, growth prospects and industry returns.
- Pricing pressure: SNL relies on access to a wide range of automotive parts, most of which are foreign-sourced. An increase in pricing pressure from suppliers may force the company to either absorb the price increases or pass on price increases to its customers. Higher prices may result in a decreased demand for products or lead to a decrease in profitability.
- Unable to find sites for new branches: A key part of SNL's growth strategy is
 to expand its branch network in appropriate locations. If suitable sites are not
 able to be identified, this may limit future expansion and revenue growth
 opportunities.
- Unfavourable vehicle trends: Demand for automotive parts can be negatively
 affected by unfavourable vehicle trends. A rise in the number of registered
 heavy vehicles or decline in freight activity could impact the demand for
 automotive aftermarket parts.
- Increased competition from online competitors: While SNL has invested in technology for its customer base, there is potential for the emergence of new players using online capabilities to meet existing requirements.

Supply Network	Limited
PROFIT & LOSS (A\$m)	2021

PROFIT & LOSS (A\$m)	2021A	2022A	2023E	2024E	2025E
Revenue	162.6	198.5	250.0	293.5	325.7
Operating costs	(135.3)	(162.0)	(203.5)	(241.6)	(270.0)
Operating EBITDA	27.4	36.6	46.5	52.1	56.3
D&A	(5.9)	(6.7)	(7.0)	(7.2)	(7.4)
EBIT	21.5	29.9	39.5	44.9	48.9
Net interest	(1.5)	(1.5)	(1.7)	(3.6)	(3.6)
Pre-tax profit	20.0	28.4	37.8	41.3	45.3
Net tax (expense) / benefit	(6.0)	(8.4)	(11.3)	(12.4)	(13.6)
Normalised NPAT	13.9	20.0	26.5	28.9	31.7
Reported NPAT	13.9	20.0	26.5	28.9	31.7
Normalised dil. EPS (cps)	34.1	48.4	64.2	70.2	76.9
Reported EPS (cps)	34.1	48.4	64.2	70.2	76.9
Effective tax rate (%)	29.9	29.7	30.0	30.0	30.0
DPS (cps)	20.0	32.0	45.0	47.0	52.0
Dividend yield (%)	1.5	2.4	3.4	3.5	3.9
Payout ratio (%)	58.6	66.1	70.1	66.9	67.6
Franking (%)	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Diluted # of shares (m)	40.8	41.3	41.2	41.2	41.2

CASH FLOW (A\$m)	2021A	2022A	2023E	2024E	2025E
EBITDA incl. adjustments	27.4	36.6	46.5	52.1	56.3
Change in working capital	(4.3)	(8.5)	(16.3)	(13.4)	(9.3)
Net Interest (paid)/received	0.3	0.3	1.1	3.6	3.6
Income tax paid	(5.1)	(8.5)	(9.2)	(9.3)	(10.6)
Other operating items	(1.7)	(1.8)	(2.8)	(7.1)	(7.1)
Operating Cash Flow	16.6	18.1	19.3	25.8	32.8
Capex	(1.4)	(3.0)	(3.5)	(7.2)	(5.5)
Acquisitions	-	-	-	-	-
Other investing items	0.0	0.0	-	-	-
Investing Cash Flow	(1.4)	(3.0)	(3.5)	(7.2)	(5.5)
Inc/(Dec) in equity	-	-	-	-	-
Inc/(Dec) in borrowings	0.5	0.4	(0.6)	9.0	1.5
Dividends paid	(6.9)	(9.8)	(13.1)	(19.4)	(20.4)
Other financing items	(3.8)	(4.3)	(4.1)	(4.5)	(6.9)
Financing Cash Flow	(10.2)	(13.7)	(17.8)	(14.9)	(25.8)
FX adjustment	(0.0)	(0.0)	-	-	-
Net Inc/(Dec) in Cash	5.0	1.4	0.0	8.0	7.0

BALANCE SHEET (A\$m)	2021A	2022A	2023E	2024E	2025E
Cash	5.6	6.9	7.0	15.0	22.0
Receivables	17.6	21.4	26.9	31.6	35.0
Inventory	-	63.3	79.7	93.6	103.9
Other current assets	0.4	0.3	0.5	0.5	0.6
PP & E	36.7	43.6	44.6	44.6	42.7
Investments	-	-	-	-	-
Financial Assets	-	-	-	-	-
Intangibles	-	-	-	-	-
Other non-current assets	2.9	3.1	3.1	3.0	3.0
Total Assets	63.1	138.5	161.7	188.3	207.2
Short term debt	0.5	5.2	5.8	7.8	8.0
Payables	25.0	29.5	35.1	40.3	44.7
Other current liabilities	6.7	3.1	4.2	4.7	5.3
Long term debt	35.2	41.1	42.0	49.0	50.3
Other non-current liabilities	0.4	0.3	0.5	0.5	0.6
Total Liabilities	67.8	79.2	87.7	102.3	108.9
Total Equity	49.3	59.3	73.5	83.0	94.3
Net debt (cash)	30.1	39.3	40.8	41.8	36.3

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DIVISIONS	2021A	2022A	2023E	2024E	2025E
Revenue (A\$m)					
Supply Network Ltd EBITDA (A\$m)	162.6	198.5	250.0	293.5	325.7
Supply Network Ltd	21.5	29.9	39.5	44.9	48.9
KEY METRICS (%)	2021A	2022A	2023E	2024E	2025E
Revenue growth	18.8	22.1	25.9	17.4	11.0
EBITDA growth	30.6	33.3	27.3	11.9	8.0
EBIT growth	40.5	39.1	32.3	13.5	8.8
Normalised EPS growth	45.9	41.9	32.5	9.3	9.5
EBITDA margin	16.9	18.4	18.6	17.8	17.3
OCF /EBITDA	84.4	76.9	64.9	74.2	83.4
EBIT margin	13.2	15.1	15.8	15.3	15.0
Return on assets	17.8	20.9	18.4	18.0	17.3
Return on equity	30.4	36.8	39.9	37.0	35.7
VALUATION RATIOS (x)	2021A	2022A	2023E	2024E	2025E
Reported P/E	38.9	27.4	20.7	18.9	17.3
Normalised P/E	38.9	27.4	20.7	18.9	17.3
Price To Free Cash Flow	25.4	18.5	14.8	12.6	12.3
Price To NTA	-	9.3	7.4	6.4	5.6
EV / EBITDA	20.9	16.1	12.6	11.3	10.4
EV / EBIT	26.6	19.7	14.9	13.1	12.0
LEVERAGE	2021A	2022A	2023E	2024E	2025E
ND / (ND + Equity) (%)	37.9	39.9	35.7	33.5	27.8
Net Debt / EBITDA (%)	109.9	107.7	87.7	80.2	64.6
EBIT Interest Cover (x)	14.2	20.5	22.9	12.6	13.7
EBITDA Interest Cover (x)	18.1	25.1	26.9	14.7	15.7

EDITOR Interest Cover (x)	10.1	20.1	20.5	17.7	10.0
SUBSTANTIAL HOLDERS				m	%
Harry Forsyth				12.6	30.4%
Peter McKenzie				4.5	10.8%
J. E. Davies				3.8	9.2%
VALUATION					
Multiples valuation method					FY25 PE
Multiples					20.0
Multiples valuation					15 40

Multiples valuation method	FY25 EV/EBIT
Multiples	13.7
Multiples valuation	15.40
Target Price Method	FY24 PE & EV/EBITDA
Target Price (\$)	15.40
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