HCL Technologies Limited

Quarterly Results Update

Quarter ended March 31, 2004





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Q3 FY2004 – Key Highlights

Financial Highlights

- Revenue at Rs 6.47bn up by 8.9% in US dollar terms
- EBITDA up by 18% QoQ (in INR)
- EBITDA margin up 270bps, driven primarily by forex
- Consolidated net income at Rs 1.26bn, up by 42.9% sequentially
- BPO EBITDA margins have doubled over the previous quarter
- BPO business turns PAT positive
- Days of sales outstanding at the end of the quarter is 67 days, as compared to 60 days in the last quarter
- 3rd quarterly dividend at 100% declared

Business Highlights

- Total clients at 454, including 61 Fortune 500 clients. 26 new clients
- Clients having a run rate of more than \$1mn stood at 104
- Net addition of 1,718 employees of which 682 were added in the software services business and 922 in BPO.



Performance Review

Continued growth
in software
services business
and overall
revenues

Revenues from software business showed good traction with a growth of 6% in US\$ terms (1.3% in INR). Overall HCLT revenues in the quarter grew by 8.9% in US\$ terms (4% in INR).

Rs. Mn	Q1FY04	Q2FY04	Q3FY04
Software Services business	4699.2	5154.1	5220.6
△ QoQ	20.4%	9.7%	1.3%
HCLT revenues	5607.8	6223.2	6472.4
△ QoQ	19.1%	11.0%	4.0%

Continued improvement in operating margins

The company's operating margins have shown some improvement continuing with the trend established in the previous two quarters. EBITDA margins (without the effect of forex gains) have improved by 40bps. EBITDA margin for the quarter (including the impact of forex gains) stood at 22.5%.

	Q1FY04	Q2FY04	Q3FY04
EBITDA margin	18.5%	19.8%	22.5%

Continued ramp-up on manpower, adding scale

Manpower addition continued to remain strong with the recruitment of 2,247 employees during the quarter with a net addition of 1,718 people. This includes 682 people in software services business and 922 in BPO.

Nos	Q1FY04	Q2FY04	Q3FY04
Manpower strength	12,003	13,065	14,783
Net addition	1,962	1,062	1.718

Top clients maintain good growth rates

The current top 5, top 10 and top 20 clients of the company have grown by 12%, 10% and 11% respectively on a sequential basis. The revenue contribution from top clients is given below:

% Revenue	Q1FY04	Q2FY04	Q3FY04
Top 5	31.0	33.0	31.1
Top 10	43.1	42.8	41.9
Top 20	54.1	54.2	52.7

Highly liquid balance sheet

Cash and treasury assets currently make up around 59% of HCLT's balance sheet. The DSO at the end of the quarter stands at 67 days as compared to 60 at the end of the previous quarter.

Interim dividend declared

The company has declared an interim dividend of Rs.2.0 per share for the quarter ended March 31, 2004. This in line with the company's policy of considering quarterly dividends, subject to adequacy of profits and compliance with all applicable legal requirements.



Update on business categories

Software Services	The revenues from software services grew 1.3% sequentially in INR (6% in US\$). EBITDA from the business increased by 10.3% driven primarily by increased forex gains. This business saw a net addition of 682 people during the quarter, taking the total headcount to 10,528. While 414 people were added to the organic software business, 268 people were added in the non-organic software entities.
BPO Services	HCLT's BPO revenues had a QoQ growth of 27.3% in INR (33.3% in US\$). With the healthy scale-up in business, the EBITDA margins in the business have doubled. The business has also turned PAT positive in the current quarter. Total manpower witnessed a growth of 922 taking the permanent employees in this business to 3,197.
Infrastructure Services	The infrastructure services business of the company had a QoQ growth of 5.4% in revenues in INR (10.3% in US\$). The business has also seen a continued improvement in profitability metrics over the last two quarters. Efforts to tap into the global remote infrastructure management business are showing encouraging results. The business saw a net addition of 105 people during the quarter.
Government Practice	This business has seen a sequential decline of 12.8% in INR (16.7% in US\$) in revenues. However, with intensive efforts to control costs in this business, the profitability metrics have improved.



Other business details

New clients and projects

During the quarter, HCLT added 26 new clients, taking its total tally of active clients to 454. The distribution of revenues across the company's clients has been indicated in the table.

Revenue contribution for the quarter

From	%
Top 5	31.1
Top 10	41.9
Top 20	52.7

The details of some of the significant new engagements are:

HCLT won a large outsourcing contract for application development and maintenance from a leading multinational publishing and information services company with operations in 25 countries. The company's core markets are spread across the health, tax, accounting, corporate/financial, legal/regulatory and education sectors. A new ODC has been set up for the client.

HCLT has established an onsite relationship for support of application development for a leading international provider of port terminal and logistics solutions, a subsidiary of a Fortune 500 Logistics & Transportation company.

A new ODC has also been set up for a global provider of secure electronic transaction solutions: from smart-cards and point-of-service payment terminals to network carriage and payment engines. HCLT is working on the enhancement, maintenance and support of the Internet Payment Gateway system.

A leading business management products and services provider has tasked HCLT to develop an automation framework for CRM that validates data and automatically creates a browser based intranet application to view reports.

A leading innovator in the international semiconductor industry that designs, develops, manufactures and markets a broad range of semiconductors and complete system solutions is using HCLT to reengineer and develop some of its applications.

HCLT has also won an order to develop firmware for a semiconductor company developing IP cores and highly integrated ASIC solutions for storage applications.

In another new engagement for a company that designs and manufactures electronic and electromechanical products for demanding aerospace and defense applications, HCLT will undertake PLD verification to stringent DO 254 standards.



For a new customer in automated defect inspection systems, HCLT will develop a reusable Wafer Map control Object, a prototype cluster controller and a scheduler interface.

HCLT will soon be assisting a leading provider of broadband wireless access systems in the development of their next generation access device based on the IEEE802.16a and Wi-Max specifications. HCLT's involvement will be in BSP and Diagnostics, IXP2400 Micro-code Development and Embedded NMS.

For a provider of airborne satellite communications and navigation systems HCLT has won the mandate for software verification and requirement based testing of the secure communication control system for the Chinook Helicopter.

HCLT is offering CAD/CAE conversion expertise from STEP to CATIA V5 to a leading European services company in the fields of mining, industry systems, building safety, civil engineering, exploration and geo surveys.

For a leading Australian bank, HCLT is providing test automation services for one of its banking products using the IBM-Rational tool called XDE tester.

Apart from the above, the quarter witnessed the significant ramping up of existing engagements with clients choosing to consolidate their relationships with HCLT. Key among these is a relationship with a leading provider of information to legal, corporate, government and academic markets. The last quarter witnessed the team being doubled to more than 150 consultants.

HCLT has also taken up an assignment to design and develop a Regulatory Solution for an existing banking client in the UK. The project would support the Bank to comply with the revised requirements of IAS 39 - "Financial Instruments: Recognition and Measurement". The Solution would be implemented for retail banking and covers the Bank's mortgages and personal loans. Development of an Effective Yield Curve Engine and enabling generation of IAS Compliance Financial Statements are the highlights of this engagement, which is to be executed onsite and offshore.

HCLT has also commenced a project in the area of credit risk management for its existing Banking client in UK. The project involves development of a Credit Risk Engine and requisite data feeds. Once implemented, this Solution will enable the Bank to meet the emerging regulations under Basel II (Credit Risk).

During the quarter HCLT also completed the development of its Application Portfolio for Outsourcing targeted at large opportunities where customers have never outsourced before. The APO methodology is now an HCLT Intellectual Property.



HCLT has also successfully deployed its project management tool 'HCL PMO' across its 16 Offshore Development Centers and Centers of Excellence. This web-based platform will allow HCLT to collaborate effectively with customers and stake holders to ensure timely and quality deliveries. It will automate and execute best practice methodologies, enabling HCLT to compete effectively for outsourcing opportunities.

Partnership with IBM Rational

HCLT has entered into a strategic partnership with IBM Rational Software, the leading software development platform, to further enhance its software development capabilities. IBM Rational tools will help in standardization and automation enabling HCLT's project management teams to optimize on the software development time.

HCLT has invested in purchasing a large number of floating Rational Licenses. These licenses will be deployed over the central server that will be accessible to the entire organization for use.

Human Resource Initiatives

HCLT saw a strong growth in its headcount. During the quarter, the company added 2,477 people (on a gross basis). The net employee addition during the quarter was 1,718 of which 682 were added in the software services business and 922 were added in the BPO business. The headcount of the company (including subsidiaries) at the end of the quarter stood at 14,783 up from 13,065 at the end of the previous quarter. The current annualized attrition rate is 14.6%.

Infrastructure

During the current quarter, the company spent an amount of Rs.575.5mn on capital expenditure. The total seat capacity (for organic software business) at the end of the quarter stood at 8,635. The last quarter saw the commissioning of a new Software Development Center at Gurgaon, near New Delhi. The center has a planned capacity of 600 seats. Video-conferencing, Inter building connectivity between the Gurgaon centers and VOIP facilities have been commissioned.



KEY OPERATIONAL METRICS

ORGANIC SOFTWARE REVENUE BREAKUP (\$'000) Offshore Centric 62,551 Onsite 33,034 BILLING RATES METRICS Efforts billed (manmonths) Offshore Centric 14,348 Onsite 3,391 Subcontracted Efforts 298 Capacity Utilisation (%) Offshore Centric 75.3% Onsite 93.4% Bill Rates (\$'000/Manmonth) Offshore Centric 4.36 9.74 Onsite CONSOLIDATED REVENUE BREAK UP (%) Location Offshore Centric 80 Onsite 20 Geography US 58.7 23.0 Europe Asia Pacific 18.3 Service Offerings **Technology Development Services** 24.5 Software Product Engg Services 15.7 **Applications Services** 38.6 Infrastructure Services 10.2 **BPO Services** 11.0 Repeat Business (%) 81 CLIENT CONCENTRATION No. of Million \$ Clients 104 No. of 5 Million \$ Clients 21 No. of Fortune 500 clients 61 % Contribution from: Top 5 clients 31.1 Top 10 clients 41.9 Top 20 clients 52.7

MANPOWER DETAILS

CONSOLIDATED	As on		
	Mar 31 '04	Dec 31 '03	
TOTAL	14,783	13,065	
Software Services	10,528	9,846	
Organic	8,512	8,098	
Technical	7,648	7,263	
Offshore	6,477	6,226	
Onsite	1,171	1,037	
Support	864	835	
Sales and Marketing	110	114	
Others	754	721	
Offshore	663	633	
Onsite	201	202	
Non-organic	2,016	1,748	
Technical	1,859	1,598	
Support	157	150	
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infrastructure services	924 924	819 819	
Organic Technical	924 605	523	
Support	319	296	
ВРО	3,197	2,275	
Organic	2,878	2,027	
Non-organic	319	248	
Government	134	125	
Non-organic	134	125	
Technical	110	93	
Support	24	32	
Annualised Attrition	14.57%	10.50%	
(>1 yr.)			



Financials

(Third Quarter analysis based on the unaudited US GAAP financial results for Q3FY 2003-04)

Consolidated Income Statement (as per US GAAP)

in Rs.mn

	Qua	arterly det	ails	Growth	
	JFM' 03	OND'03	JFM' 04	∆QoQ	∆YoY
Gross Revenues	4658.1	6223.2	6472.4	4%	39%
Direct Costs	2775.2	3959.8	4197.9		
Gross Profits	1882.9	2263.4	2274.5	0%	21%
SG & A	921.0	1042.0	981.5		
Foreign Exchange Gains/ (Loss)	10.6	12.9	163.3		
EBIDTA	972.5	1234.3	1456.3	18%	50 %
Depreciation & Amortisation	226.1	270.0	267.8		
EBIT	746.3	964.2	1188.5	23%	59%
Other Income, net	150.7	158.5	266.7		
EBT	897.0	1122.7	1455.2	30%	62%
Provision for Tax	63.1	128.8	76.9		
EAT	833.9	994.0	1378.3	39%	65%
Share from equity investments	45.4	64.7	(6.8)		
Share of (income) / loss of minority shareholders	(80.8)	(148.2)	(148.5)		
Net Income	798.5	910.5	1222.9	34%	53%
Stock-based sales incentive (Non Cash)	(4.4)	(30.3)	35.2		
Net Income after stock-based sales incentive	794.1	880.2	1258.1	43%	58%
Extraordinary charge for reduction in value of investments	(190.6)	-			
Gain on divestment of stake in HPS	-	2633.2	0.0		
Consolidated Net Income	603.5	3513.4	1258.1	-64%	108%

Key ratios

	Qu	Quarterly details			
	JFM' 03	OND'03	JFM' 04		
Gross Margin	40.4%	36.4%	35.1%		
Opex/Gross revenue	19.8%	16.7%	15.2%		
EBIDTA Margin	20.9%	19.8%	22.5%		
Consolidated Net income/Gross revenue	13.0%	56.5%	19.4%		



Consolidated Balance Sheet (as per US GAAP)

in Rs.mn

		As On			
	31st Mar'03	31st Dec'03	31st Mar'04		
ASSETS					
a. Cash and cash equivalents	968.0	5808.8	1335.1		
b. Accounts receivable, net	3610.2	4063.3	4719.0		
c. Treasury Investments	13490.4	15539.7	19880.7		
d. Other current assets	2313.4	2681.8	2670.1		
A. Total current assets (a+b+c+d)	20381.9	28093.6	28604.9		
B. Property and equipment, net	2617.4	3219.0	3632.8		
C. Intangible assets, net	2138.0	2167.3	2173.4		
D. Investments in Venture Funds / Equity investees	2445.1	883.4	887.3		
E. Other Assets	467.0	431.3	416.9		
Total assets (A+B+C+D+E)	28049.4	34794.6	35715.4		
LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY					
e. Total current liabilities	3430.9	5062.5	5245.3		
f. Long -term debt	-	1367.7	1306.5		
g. Other liabilities	147.3	194.3	204.7		
E. Total liabilities (e+f+g)	3578.3	6624.5	6756.5		
F. Minority Interest	525.0	911.6	996.9		
G. Total Stockholders equity	23946.2	27258.5	27962.0		
Total liabilities and Stockholders equity (E+F+G)	28049.4	34794.6	35715.4		

Note: Unrealised gains on Treasury Investments as of March 31, 2004 stood at Rs450.3mn.



Revenue breakup between various business categories in Rs.mn

	Software Services			E	3PO Services	3
	OND'03	JFM'04	QoQ	OND'03	JFM'04	QoQ
Gross Revenues	5154.1	5220.6	1%	556.7	708.7	27%
Direct Costs	3195.3	3341.4		441.0	509.7	
Gross Profits	1958.7	1879.2	-4%	115.7	199.0	<i>7</i> 2%
SG & A	824.9	750.5		73.9	106.3	
Foreign Exchange Gains/ (Loss)	7.1	129.7		3.4	25.7	
EBIDTA	1140.8	1258.4	10%	45.2	118.4	162%
Depreciation & Amortisation	165.0	162.7		69.6	76.2	
EBIT	975.8	1095.7	12%	(24.4)	42.2	
Interest & Other Income, net	154.7	276.6		(4.4)	(5.5)	
ЕВТ	1130.4	1372.3	21%	(28.8)	36.7	
Provision for Tax	123.4	65.1		2.9	6.0	
EAT	1007.1	1307.2	<i>30</i> %	(31.6)	30.7	

	Infrastructure Services			Govt. Practice		
	OND'03	JFM'04	QoQ	OND'03	JFM'04	QoQ
Gross Revenues	629.4	663.1	5%	104.0	86.6	-17%
Direct Costs	455.4	488.9		88.9	64.4	
Gross Profits	174.0	174.2	0%	15.0	22.2	48%
SG & A	115.9	116.0		27.3	8.7	
Foreign Exchange Gains/ (Loss)	2.6	8.3		(0.2)	(0.5)	
EBIDTA	60.7	66.5	10%	(12.5)	13.0	
Depreciation & Amortisation	29.1	23.9		6.3	4.9	
EBIT	31.6	42.6	<i>35</i> %	(18.8)	8.1	
Interest & Other Income, net	8.2	(4.5)		0.0	0.0	
ЕВТ	39.8	38.1	-4%	(18.7)	8.1	
Provision for Tax	2.3	5.8		0.2	0.0	
EAT	37.5	32.3	-14%	(19.0)	8.1	

Inter Co Adjustment					
OND'03	JFM'04				
(220.9)	(206.6)				
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Key ratios

	Software Services		BPO Services		Infrastructure Services	
	OND'03	JFM'04	OND'03	JFM'04	OND'03	JFM'04
Gross Margin	38.0%	36.0%	20.8%	28.1%	27.6%	26.3%
Opex/Gross revenue	16.0%	14.4%	13.3%	15.0%	18.4%	17.5%
EBIDTA Margin	22.1%	24.1%	8.1%	16.7%	9.6%	10.0%
Net income/Gross revenue	19.5%	25.0%	-5.7%	4.3%	6.0%	4.9%

	Govt. Pr	Govt. Practice			
	OND'03	JFM'04			
Gross Margin	14.5%	25.6%			
Opex/Gross revenue	26.2%	10.1%			
EBIDTA Margin	-12.1%	15.1%			
Net income/Gross revenue	-18.4%	9.4%			

Q3 FY2004 results



\$ Assumptions

The financials are based on a convenience translation using the closing US\$ rates for the last day of the quarter:

US\$1 = Rs.43.55 for JFM'04 US\$1 = Rs.45.59 for OND'03 US\$1 = Rs.47.65 for JFM'03



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