

# Reporting Aspects Discounted Cash Flow (DCF) Valuation

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## The Chartered Accountant Act says,

 □ Clause (3) Part I – Second Schedule of The Chartered Accountant Act, 1949 states –

Practising member prohibited from permitting his name or the name of his firm to be used in connection with an estimate of earnings contingent upon future transactions in a manner which may lead to the belief that he vouches for the accuracy of the forecast

## Value, Valuation and Valuer

The use of professional judgment is an essential component of estimating value

An estimation of something's worth, esp.
 one carried out by a professional appraiser

Follow business valuation practice standards

Accepting engagement following client acceptance procedures

Understanding and documenting engagement terms

- Obtain sufficient and relevant data
  - □ From client
  - From public domain

#### **Valuation Process**

Follow business valuation practice standards

- Select a valuation method
- Evaluate and process data to arrive at value / value range
- Validate the findings by alternative methods
- Issue valuation report

## **Business Valuation: approaches**

- Asset Based
  - Used in liquidation
  - generally indicative of lowest value

- Income Based (Future cash flows)
  - for a going concern ownership

- Market Based
  - Comparison with peers

#### Income Based: Discounted Cash-flow Method

- Premise is that
  - Value is 'present value of future cash flows'
- Method therefore entails
  - Evaluation of projections: revenues, expenses, investments and repayments
- Involves number of assumptions
  - Reasonableness of future cash flows
  - Industry and Economic Scenario
  - Discount rate



#### DCF Method: Contents of Report

- Introduction
- Sources of information
- Analysis of information
- Approaches and methods considered and used

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- Valuation adjustments
- Conclusion of value / value range
- Appendices and exhibits
  - Assumptions, Limiting Conditions
  - Disclaimers
  - Supplementary information

- Client, Valuer and Subject interest
- Description of the subject interest
- Purpose / intended use of the valuation
- Intended users of the valuation
- Ownership control characteristics

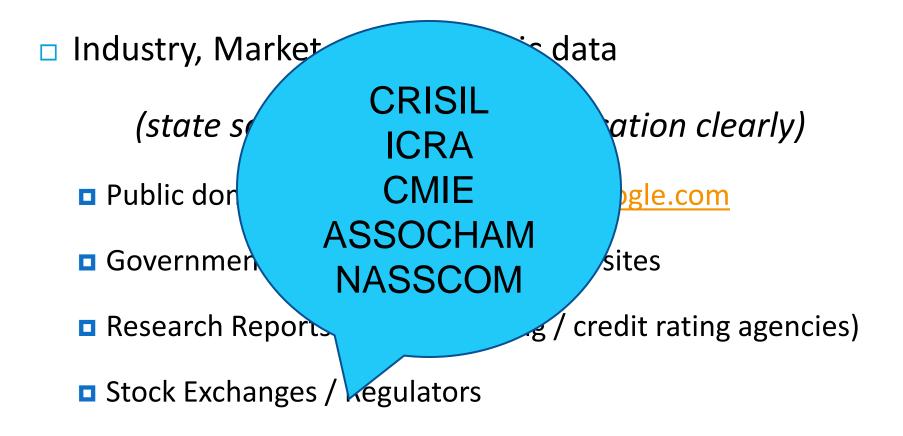
- Applicable premise of value
- Valuation date and Report date
- Type of report issued
  - Detailed report
  - Summary Report
  - Calculation Report
- Use of the work of specialist or expert

- Comment on subsequent events, if any
- Reference to law under which valuation is done (if applicable)
  - RBI Guidelines
  - SEBI Guidelines
- Jurisdictional exception from Valuation Standard arising out of above

#### Source of information: Management

- Financial and non-financial information obtained from the management
  - Note on business plans
  - Projections of profitability, cash flows
  - Important agreements / arrangements
  - Capital Structure
  - Answers to specific questions and issues raised from time to time
  - Report of other valuer relied upon, if any

#### Source of information: Public Domain



#### Analysis of the information

- Identify 'derived' information specifically
- Normalization of financial information and rationale behind it
- Historical and projected financial informationComparison with economic and industry trends / scenario
- Visit to subject entity's facility, etc.

#### Approaches and methods considered and used

- Discuss minimum methods
- Discuss the background and objective of valuation
- Follow elimination process if possible
- □ Rationale for selection of most appropriate method/s (in this case DCF method)
  - It may be a regulatory requirement

#### DCF Valuation: FCFE / FCFF

- Future cash flows for foreseeable future normalised (say a period of 5 to 10 years)
- Tax Rate assumption based on current tax regime
- Growth during forecast period
- Growth in perpetuity
- Capex and permanent working capital deducted

- Risk free rate of return (G Sec return for comparable period)
- Market Beta β
- Expected rate of return for the industry / segment
- Debt Equity Ratio
- Discount Rate / Weighted Average Cost of Capital

#### DCF Valuation: FCFE / FCFF

- Company / Entity Specific Risk Premium
- Discount Rate applied
- Present Value of cash flows in forecast period
- Present Terminal Value at the end of forecast period

#### Valuation Adjustments

- Non-operating assets / excess operating assets
- Repayment of debt, non-trade investments, cash
- Discount for lack of marketability / illiquidity
- Describe adjusted vs. pre-adjusted value
- Identify per share value

#### Conclusion of Value

- Rationale behind conclusion of value
- Specific mention of estimate of value / value range
- Reference to scope, assumptions and limitations
- Valuation date
- No obligation to update report for subsequent events

#### **Appendices, Exhibits and Representations**

- Representations of the Valuer
  - Assumptions, Limiting Conditions, Disclaimers
- Reproduce information used to the extent considered relevant in the form of appendices and exhibits

#### **Way Forward**

- □ Companies Bill, 2012
- Section 247 : 'Registered Valuer'
- Valuer to have such qualifications as may be prescribed
- Valuer to exercise due care and comply rules (ambp)
- Contravention is punishable with imprisonment

## Views are Welcome!



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