

## Solara announces Q4'22 and FY22 Earnings

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- **Reported EBITDA at 4.8% while the adjusted operating EBITDA at 19.7%, demonstrating a return towards the historical run rate for the base business**
- **Board decides not to go ahead with the proposed merger with Aurore, to enable the company's focus on its core competency and organic growth**
- **Jitesh Devendra, Former CEO and Managing Director (MD) of the Company returns to Solara as MD, to steer the reset strategy of the Company**

**Bengaluru, India – April 29, 2022:** Solara Active Pharma Sciences Ltd (Solara) (NSE: SOLARA; BSE: 541540), a leading Active Pharmaceutical Ingredient / CRAMS company today announced the financial results for the fourth quarter (Q4'22) and full-year ended March 31, 2022 (FY22)

### Financial Performance for Q4'22 and FY22

Particulars(INR m)	Q4'22	Q3'22	QoQ	Q4'21	YoY	FY22	FY21	YoY
Revenue	3,669	1,051	249%	4,540	-19%	12,884	16,457	-22%
Operating EBITDA	724	-808	190%	1,093	-34%	1,912	4,486	-57%
Operating EBITDA Margins	19.7%	-76.9%		24.1%	-437 bps	14.8%	27.3%	-1,240 bps
Adjusted EBITDA	500	-1,094	146%	940	-47%	814	3,940	-79%
Adjusted EBITDA margins	13.6%	-104.1%		20.7%		6.3%	23.9%	
Reported EBITDA	176	-940	119%	1,051	-83%	922	4,004	-77%
Reported EBITDA Margins	4.8%	-89.5%		23.2%	-1,836 bps	7.2%	24.3%	-1,720 bps
PAT	18	-1,399	101%	566	-97%	-583	2,213	-126%
Basic EPS (Rs. Per share)	0.53	-38.93		15.57		-16.18	69.00	-123%

\*Q3'22, Q4'21 and FY21 data were re-casted to reflect the impact of changes in inventory and Vizag Under recovery

Commenting on the financial performance, **Jitesh Devendra**, the newly appointed MD of the Company, remarked "Coming from a challenging quarter, our Q4'22 performance has been on the expected lines. We reported ₹3,669m of revenues in the quarter, reflecting >90% of our historical revenues. While our reported EBITDA margins were at 4.8%, adjusting for the inventory changes and Vizag under recovery, our Operating EBITDA now tracks at 19.7%, demonstrating a return to normalcy for the Company. We have also seen positive trends across our businesses viz. Ibuprofens, Non-Ibuprofen Base business and CRAMS. While there was a situational impact on Ibuprofen revenues, the order book trends for the business remained healthy. Our actions in strategic areas of developing the non-Ibuprofen product portfolio, CRAMS business, and new customer addition have yielded favorable results. From an operational standpoint, we continue to focus on developing new products and market extension filings, which can be serviced from the currently under-utilized multi-product facility at Vizag. We are also making good headway in implementing Continuous Improvement Programs, leading to better utilization and cost savings. As we navigate through the short-term challenges of our business, we are optimistic about accelerating all the levers of our strategy. We are confident to deliver long-term value to our stakeholders."

**More details are included in the attached investor presentation.**

### Merger Updates

#### Background

- In April 2021, Solara announced a significant corporate action to merge with Aurore Life Sciences (Aurore) and build Solara into India's second-largest pure-play API Company.
- The merger was designed to further accelerate Solara's Global reach by combining the two companies.

#### Headwinds in the interim

- When the transaction was announced, Solara and Aurore delivered their highest ever EBITDA performance, and the momentum was expected to continue.

- Aurore has not achieved its financial goals set for FY22 mainly due to weak demand for covid products and other tactical opportunities.
- Consequently, the assumptions considered in the valuation for the merger scheme have undergone significant changes.
- Further, there are uncertainties in the merger scheme process due to disputes raised by one of the minority shareholders at a step-down subsidiary of Aurore.

#### Board's Direction

- Basis the above, the Board of Solara is of the opinion that this is not the opportune time for a merger with Aurore. The Board believes that Solara should reflect on the course-correction strategy and deliver targeted outcomes with organic growth.
- The Company believes that the reset strategy focused on strengthening Core Business, new R&D Programs, Continuous Improvement Programs, and effective utilization of capacities will result in long-term benefits.
- The Board of the two companies thereby agrees to withdraw the merger scheme and has further agreed that the opportunities to collaborate between Solara and Aurore will be pursued at arm's length.

#### Changes in the Board of Directors

- Given the decision on the proposed merger, **Rajender Rao Juvvadi**, the incumbent Managing Director & Chief Executive Officer of Solara and co-founder of Aurore, has decided to resign from the Board of Solara.
- **Jitesh Devendra**, the Former CEO and MD of Solara, has been re-appointed as the company's Managing Director.
- Jitesh, along with **S. Hariharan (ED and CFO)**, will significantly focus on driving the growth and profitability at Solara.

#### EBITDA Reconciliation

Particulars(INRm)	Q4'22	Q3'22	Q4'21	FY22	FY21
Profit/(loss) before exceptional items and tax	-297	-1384	566	-876	2,215
Add : Finance costs	215	178	248	753	845
Add: Depreciation and amortisation expense	278	284	274	1,123	1,087
Less: Interest income	-20	-18	-37	-78	-143
<b>Consolidated Reported EBITDA as per press release</b>	<b>176</b>	<b>-940</b>	<b>1,051</b>	<b>922</b>	<b>4,004</b>

#### Earnings Conference Call

The Company will conduct earnings call at **3.30 PM IST on April 29, 2022**, where the Management will discuss the Company's performance and answer questions from participants. To participate in this conference call, please dial the numbers provided below ten minutes ahead of the scheduled start time. The dial-in numbers for this call are **+91 22 6280 1346 or +91 22 7115 8247**. Please note that the conference call transcript will be uploaded on the Company website in due course.

#### About Solara

Solara Active Pharma Sciences Ltd (BSE-541540, NSE-SOLARA), headquartered in Bengaluru, India, offers a basket of diversified, high-value Commercial APIs and Contract manufacturing services in over 75 countries. It has a manufacturing base comprising five globally compliant API facilities, with approvals including the USFDA, EU GMP, and PMDA in Japan.

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# **SOLARA ANNOUNCES Q4'22 AND FY22 EARNINGS; COMPANY DECIDES TO CALL OFF MERGER WITH AURORE AND FOCUS ON ORGANIC GROWTH AND RESET**

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Solara Active Pharma Sciences | Q4'22 Earnings Presentation

April 29, 2022





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**The Board is delighted to welcome Jitesh Devendra as its new Managing Director, with S. Hariharan as the ED & CFO to drive the reset of the Company. Both Jitesh and Hari have held similar positions at Solara from its inception until 2020**

### Change in leadership

- ▶ Given the decision on the proposed merger, Rajender Rao Juvvadi, the incumbent Managing Director & Chief Executive Officer of Solara and co-founder of Aurore, has decided to resign from the Board of Solara.
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### Brief Profile



**Jitesh Devendra**, *Managing Director*

*Jitesh is the former CEO and MD of Solara. With over 21 years of experience, Jitesh led the North America API business and managed the Formulation P&L business of Shasun, which later merged with Strides. His efforts have led the Division into new markets, forging business relationships and introducing new products for out-licensing and partnership. Post-merger, he was responsible for the P&L business for North America and Europe Finished Dosage Form (Regulated Markets-Region 1) and the overall API business P&L.*



**S. Hariharan**, *Executive Director and CFO*

*Hari is a Cost Accountant with rich and varied experience of over 30 years in the field of Corporate Finance, Accounts, and Strategic Planning. He played a vital role in the merger process of Shasun with Strides. He has rich experience in the fields of Finance, Accounts, Secretarial, Taxation, Legal, and Information Technology functions. He has extensive experience in mergers and acquisitions.*

***Resetting Solara for a  
stronger bounce back***





P&L	Core Business	R&D Led Growth Business	Enhance capacity use at Vizag
Underlying Value Drivers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▶ <b>Base Ibuprofen and Ibuprofen derivative</b> business with 30+ years legacy and dual manufacturing site with backward integration</li><li>▶ <b>Non-Ibuprofen business</b> comprising of high-value products differentiated by scale or integration</li><li>▶ <b>Fast Growing CRAMS business</b> with a wide gamut of service offerings</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▶ <b>High R&amp;D velocity</b> to deliver new products every year</li><li>▶ <b>Product selection strategy</b> on new molecules, quick to launch approaches, and market extensions</li><li>▶ Focus on the <b>selection of higher margin molecules</b> with emphasis on leveraging <b>strong chemistry capabilities</b></li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▶ Phase 1 of the <b>Vizag facility</b> was commissioned in Q2'21 in order to expand capacities for Ibuprofen and other multiple products</li><li>▶ <b>Capacity designed to support backward integration</b> and enable new API launches with supply chain security</li><li>▶ Multipurpose Plant to support new product validation for <b>future growth</b></li><li>▶ The <b>capacity has significant under-recovery</b> due to a lack of regulatory approvals (Covid related delays)</li></ul>
Value Enablers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▶ Diversification of <b>customer base on large volume products</b></li><li>▶ Continued focus on <b>CIPs and backward integration</b></li><li>▶ <b>Focus on new markets</b> for existing products</li><li>▶ Building levers for higher <b>regulated market sales</b></li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▶ Build on the <b>good market presence</b> in many of the settled business products</li><li>▶ <b>High GTM focus</b> to seed customers for new products</li><li>▶ <b>Leverage relationships with innovators</b> and partner on newer offerings</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▶ Get Vizag triggered for inspection</li><li>▶ Focus to get new <b>business through new launches or leverage facility</b> for multiple products</li><li>▶ Implement a <b>CIP program</b> through Vizag for better margins on existing products</li></ul>



Q4'22  
Performance

Particulars	Core Business (Ex-Vizag)	R&D Led Growth Business	Vizag Led Business	Total
Revenue	3,669	-	-	3,669
EBITDA	404	(119)	(109)	176
EBITDA %	11%			5%
Profit Before Tax	2	(148)	(164)	(310)
Profit After Tax	330	(148)	(164)	18

FY22  
Performance

Particulars	Core Business (Ex-Vizag)	R&D Led Growth Business	Vizag Led Business	Total
Revenue	12,884	-	-	12,884
EBITDA	2,045	(538)	(585)	922
EBITDA %	16%			7%
Profit Before Tax	586	(656)	(841)	(911)
Profit After Tax	914	(656)	(841)	(583)

- ➔ **Core Business:** EBITDA at ₹ 2,045 million with 16% margins resulting in Profit Before Tax of ₹ 586 million
- ➔ **R&D Led Growth Business:** R&D cost at ₹ 538 million
- ➔ **Vizag Led Business:** Under recoveries of ₹ 585 million



***Q4'22 and FY22  
Financial Results***





**Jitesh Devendra**  
Managing Director

### Business Performance

- ▶ Q4'22 performance has been on the expected lines as revenues stood at ₹3,669m, a 249% growth over Q3'22 and a 19% decline versus Q4'21.
- ▶ Reported EBITDA at ₹176m for Q4'22, with margins at 4.8%. Adjusting for the inventory changes and Vizag under recovery, our Operating EBITDA now tracks at 19.7%, demonstrating a return towards the historical run rate for the base business (Ex-Vizag and R&D investments)
- ▶ Under-recovery continues at Vizag site

### Business Update

- ▶ Positive trends across our businesses viz. Ibuprofens, Non-Ibuprofen Base business and CRAMS.
- ▶ While there was a situational impact on Ibuprofen revenues, the order book trends for the business remained upward.
- ▶ Our actions in strategic areas of developing the Non-Ibuprofen product portfolio, CRAMS business and new customer addition have started to yield favorable results.

### Operational Update

- ▶ Continued focus on developing new products and market extensions filings
- ▶ The new business can be serviced from the currently under-utilized multi-product facility at Vizag.
- ▶ New programs were introduced for cost improvement, better site utilization, and operating cost savings.
- ▶ As the Regulatory inspection resumes, resolution of OAI at Cuddalore and triggering inspection of Vizag facility for regulated markets targeted in FY23

### Future Focus

- ▶ Navigating through the short-term challenges of our overall business, however, the base business (ex-Vizag and R&D) is returning to normalcy, and we expect the business to bounce back in H2 of FY23
- ▶ Solara remains optimistic about accelerating all the levers of our strategy and we are confident in delivering long-term value to our stakeholders.



QoQ Performance (₹ In Million)

Particulars	Q4'22	Q3'22	Change
<b>Revenue</b>	<b>3,669</b>	<b>1,051</b>	<b>249%</b>
<b>Gross margins - Normalised</b>	<b>1,619</b>	<b>327</b>	<b>395%</b>
Gross margins %	44.1%	31.1%	1300 bps
<b>Operating EBITDA</b>	<b>724</b>	<b>-808</b>	<b>190%</b>
Operating EBITDA Margins	19.7%	-76.9%	
R&D Cost	-119	-135	
Under recovery - Vizag	-109	-163	
Forex gain/(Loss)	4	12	
<b>Adjusted EBITDA</b>	<b>500</b>	<b>-1,094</b>	
Adjusted EBITDA Margins	13.6%	-104.1%	
Increase / (decrease) in Stock	-323	154	
<b>EBITDA</b>	<b>176</b>	<b>-940</b>	<b>119%</b>
EBITDA Margins	4.8%	-89.5%	
<b>PAT</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>-1,399</b>	<b>101%</b>
<b>Basic EPS (₹/Share)</b>	<b>0.53</b>	<b>-38.93</b>	

YoY Performance (₹ In Million)

Particulars	Q4'22	Q4'21	Change
<b>Revenue</b>	<b>3,669</b>	<b>4,535</b>	<b>-19%</b>
<b>Gross margins - Normalised</b>	<b>1,619</b>	<b>2,260</b>	<b>-28%</b>
Gross margins %	44.1%	49.8%	-570 bps
<b>Operating EBITDA</b>	<b>724</b>	<b>1,093</b>	<b>-34%</b>
Operating EBITDA Margins	19.7%	24.1%	-437 bps
R&D Cost	-119	-140	
Under recovery - Vizag	-109	-	
Forex gain/(Loss)	4	-13	
<b>Adjusted EBITDA</b>	<b>500</b>	<b>940</b>	
Adjusted EBITDA Margins	13.6%	20.7%	
Increase / (decrease) in Stock	-323	110	
<b>EBITDA</b>	<b>176</b>	<b>1,051</b>	<b>-83%</b>
EBITDA Margins	4.8%	23.2%	-1836 bps
<b>PAT</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>566</b>	<b>-97%</b>
<b>Basic EPS (₹/Share)</b>	<b>0.53</b>	<b>15.57</b>	

Business and Operations Update

- ➔ Positive Signs of demand recovery in **Ibuprofen business especially in the Regulated markets.**
- ➔ **Demand recovery in the other molecules** business is seen in the Regulated markets.
- ➔ **Strong performance in new products:** 11% of quarterly sales in Q4'22 vs. 5% in Q4'21
- ➔ **CRAMS continued to deliver strong growth.** CRAMS revenue at 7% of Q4'22 revenues and current business visibility indicates similar growth momentum for FY23.
- ➔ Regulated markets revenues at 63% of Q4'22 revenues (vs. 57% in Q4'21)
- ➔ **R&D:** 4 regulated market filings this quarter. 5 market extensions were done for 4 products in this quarter
- ➔ **Operations:** Manufacturing performance on cost reductions continues to be solid
- ➔ **Profitability:** Drop in Profitability in Q4 on account of Under-recoveries, Input cost pressures and volatility coupled with logistics cost increases further added to margin pressure
- ➔ **Regulatory approval delays** leading to under-recoveries in Vizag

Q3'22 and Q4'21 data were re-casted to reflect the impact of changes in inventory and Vizag Under recovery  
 The gross margins reported in Q3'22 were ₹ 481 million and in Q4'21 were ₹ 2,374 million  
 The gross margins % reported in Q3'22 were 45.8% and in Q4'21 were 52.3%  
 Operating EBITDA reported in Q3'22 were ₹ -817 million and in Q4'21 were ₹ 1,203 million  
 Operating EBITDA % reported in Q3'22 were -77.8% and in Q4'21 were 26.5%



YoY Performance (₹ In Million)

Particulars	FY22	FY21	Change
<b>Revenue</b>	<b>12,884</b>	<b>16,457</b>	<b>-21%</b>
<b>Gross margins</b>	<b>6,129</b>	<b>9,006</b>	<b>-32%</b>
Gross margins %	47.6%	54.7%	-710 bps
<b>Operating EBITDA</b>	<b>1,912</b>	<b>4,486</b>	<b>-57%</b>
Operating EBITDA Margins	14.8%	27.3%	-1250 bps
R&D Cost	-538	-529	
Under recovery – Vizag	-585	-	
Increase / (decrease) in Stock	108	64	
Forex gain/(Loss)	25	-17	
<b>EBITDA</b>	<b>922</b>	<b>4,004</b>	<b>-77%</b>
EBITDA Margins	7.2%	24.3%	-1710 bps
<b>PAT</b>	<b>-583</b>	<b>2,213</b>	<b>-127%</b>
<b>Basic EPS (₹/Share)</b>	<b>-16.18</b>	<b>69.00</b>	

FY21 data re-casted to reflect the impact of changes in inventory and Vizag Under recovery  
Gross margins reported in FY21 were ₹ 9,070 million; Gross margins % reported in FY21 were 55.1%  
Operating EBITDA reported in FY21 were ₹ 4,550 million; Operating EBITDA % reported in FY21 were 27.7%

Business and Operations Update

- ➔ **Commercial strategy reset** in the Less regulated market in Q3'22 impacted FY22 performance
- ➔ New products contributed **5% of FY22** vs. 9% in FY21
- ➔ **CRAMS continued to deliver strong growth**
  - ➔ CRAMS revenues at 8% of FY22 revenues
  - ➔ Eight new customers added in FY22
  - ➔ Significant increase in the opportunity pipeline and increasing trend in ticket size of wins
- ➔ **R&D performance continues to gain momentum**
  - ➔ Ten regulated market filings during the year. 12 market extensions were filed during the year for 17 products.
- ➔ **Operations:** Manufacturing excellence programs are well anchored and good progress on operational performance
- ➔ **Regulated markets** revenues at 58% of FY22 revenues (vs. 71% last year)
- ➔ **Regulatory approval** delays due to COVID restrictions led to muted sales and under-recoveries from Vizag site
- ➔ **Input cost pressures and volatility impacted the overall margins.**
- ➔ **Increasing logistics costs** is further adding to the margin pressures



We expect the Net Debt to EBITDA to be at the historical levels by the end of FY23

### Sources of funds (₹ In Million)

Particulars	Mar'20	Mar'21	Dec'21	Mar'22
Shareholders' funds	10,860	15,885	15,291	15,272
Less: Goodwill	-3,651	-3,651	-3,651	-3,651
<b>Net worth</b>	<b>7,209</b>	<b>12,234</b>	<b>11,640</b>	<b>11,621</b>
Term Loan	3,530	2,460	4,432	4,147
Working capital Loan	3,538	3,609	6,228	6,099
<b>Gross Debt</b>	<b>7,068</b>	<b>6,069</b>	<b>10,660</b>	<b>10,246</b>
Less: Cash including ICD	-1,068	-1,985	-1,748	-973
<b>Net Debt</b>	<b>6,000</b>	<b>4,084</b>	<b>8,912</b>	<b>9,273</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>13,209</b>	<b>16,318</b>	<b>20,552</b>	<b>20,894</b>

### Use of funds (₹ In Million)

Particulars	Mar'20	Mar'21	Dec'21	Mar'22
Net Tangible Fixed Assets	9,932	10,359	11,383	11,620
Net Non-current Assets	183	735	1,011	1,147
Net Working Capital	3,094	5,224	8,158	8,126
<b>Total</b>	<b>13,209</b>	<b>16,318</b>	<b>20,552</b>	<b>20,894</b>

### Net Debt movement (₹ In Million)

Particulars	Term Loan	Working Capital	Cash incl. ICD	Net Debt
<b>Opening as on 1.4.2021</b>	<b>2,460</b>	<b>3,609</b>	<b>(1,985)</b>	<b>4,084</b>
Add: Fresh Term loan	2,624	-	-	2,624
Less: Term loan repaid	(937)	-	-	(937)
Increase in Working capital	-	2,490	-	2,490
Support Working capital / Capex	-	-	1,012	1,012
<b>Closing as on 31.3.2022</b>	<b>4,147</b>	<b>6,099</b>	<b>(973)</b>	<b>9,273</b>

- ➔ Net Debt to EBITDA is ~10x in FY22 and expected to reduce with combination of Debt Reduction and Improved Business Performance in FY23
- ➔ Focus on improving Net Debt to Equity which is at ~0.8x and Fixed Assets Turnover ratio at 1.4 x in FY22
- ➔ Net debt has increased from ₹ 4,084 million to ₹ 9,273 million in this Financial Year, driven by the following reasons:
  - ➔ Fresh Term loan to support Capex across the locations
  - ➔ Increased inventory build-up planned for COVID related business
  - ➔ Increase in KSMs and raw material inventories to offset the current market volatility
- ➔ Actions to structurally optimize inventory and right-size the working capital underway



Solara Leadership Participants



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