

ii U Sical's business proposition is largely founded on two key trends:

India's economy and exim trade are among the world's fastest growing, with large investments being made in logistics-related infrastructure such as ports, highways, terminals, and railroads.

Globally, as energy demand continues to outstrip supply, oil and gas exploration is headed deep offshore.

As India's leading provider of integrated solutions for offshore logistics and multi-modal logistics for bulk and containerized cargo, Sical's mission is to be the single window for businesses that wish to seamlessly enable their supply chains across road, rail, port, and sea.

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The cover of this report features the Sical Torino, our major acquisition of 2006-07. The 73.4 m long, 3570 tonne, DP2 and FiFi capable, latest generation MK2 class platform supply vessel services deepwater offshore rigs in the North Sea for global oil companies. In deepwater capability, class, and sophistication, the Sical Torino has few rivals across the world; it has no rivals among Indian-owned vessels.

The Torino symbolizes the new Sical: proud, bold, focused, and best-in-class.

The year 2006-07 was a watershed. It was the year when we took the big critical steps of the multi-dimensional change strategy that we had outlined in 2005-06.

We confirmed our focus on our core business of logistics by some non-core exits.

We convinced international strategic funds to invest in our vision.

We have in place professional managers of outstanding caliber to take our vision forward.

We structured our board, organization, and operations to ensure a governance model where ownership and management worked together, free of conflict but mindful of the best interests of all stakeholders.

All change, more so if it happens across several dimensions, involves sacrifice and pain. So it has been with Sical: our strategy of focusing exclusively on the core business of integrated multi-modal logistics, while being growth-oriented, has created some earnings-related turbulence. We expect the growth pangs to continue into the next few quarters.

I am grateful to all members of the Sical family—shareholders, employees, customers, partners—for their trust, patience, and encouragement. In the coming years, our mission is to not only consolidate our leadership position in Indian multi-modal logistics, but also seize the opportunities in global offshore logistics and value-added third party (3PL) and fourth party (4PL) logistics. Together we will build the Sical of tomorrow.

Ashvin C Muthiah

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Business highlights

Our strategy of making logistics as our core focus gained rapid ground with the successful divestment of many non-core businesses, such as the refractories division, sold for Rs 407.9 million; the oil palm division, sold for Rs 293.7 million; and the agri-bioproducts division, sold for Rs 68 million.

We raised USD 75 million (Rs 3.30 billion) in foreign currency convertible bonds (FCCB); the FCCBs are listed on the Singapore Exchange.

IDFC Private Equity, the largest private equity investor in India's infrastructure and logistics sectors, invested USD 26 million (Rs 1.16 billion) for 14.82% stake in Sical via a preferential allotment of equity shares at Rs 222 per share. The investment will be used to retire high cost borrowings and meet working capital requirements.

We allotted 2.05 million equity shares on a preferential basis each to Credit Suisse Singapore and Macquarie Bank at Rs 250 per share. This investment will fund Sical's equity participation in infrastructure projects such as the Ennore iron ore terminal and the rail and road terminals at Nagpur.

We acquired Singapore-based Bergen Offshore Logistics Pte Ltd, a provider of specialized logistics for offshore oil and gas exploration.

Bergen Offshore took delivery of the *Sical Torino*, a latest generation specialty 470 MK2 class platform supply vessel (PSV), for USD 31.3 million; the Torino currently services deepwater oil rigs in the North Sea. We recruited personnel at various levels, including the following key managers:

K Sridhar, CEO–Bulk Logistics; his earlier experience includes FedEx, DHL, and ITW Signode.

S Bhaskar, CFO, joined us from Hindustan Lever; earlier experience included Marico and Shaw Wallace.

LR Sridhar, CEO–Container Logistics; Mr Sridhar has earlier worked with TNT, Skypak, and Overnite Express.

PG Thyagarajan, MD–Sical Multimodal and Rail Transport Ltd; Mr Thyagarajan, who has spent 18 years in Indian Railways, joined us from Container Corporation of India, where he was director of international operations.

We reconstituted the Sical Board with Ashwin C Muthiah as Chairman; Luis Miranda, President and CEO of IDFC Private Equity, as IDFC Private Equity's nominee director; and Karthik Menon as the promoters' nominee director.

To segregate the services-oriented and the infrastructure-oriented businesses, we created a wholly owned subsidiary with a dedicated team, Sical Infra Assets Ltd, to house Sical's ownership in infrastructure-oriented and asset-intensive businesses.

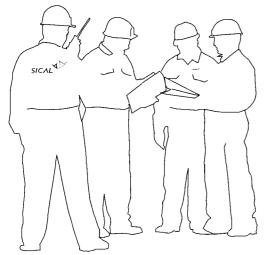
For the rail terminal Project at MIHAN, a special purpose vehicle, Nagpur Sical Gupta Logistics Ltd, a special purpose vehicle, was formed with Sical as the lead consortium partner with 51 % stake.

For the road terminal at MIHAN, a special purpose vehicle, Nagpur Sical Gupta Road Terminal Ltd, was formed with Sical as the lead consortium partner with 51% stake; the state-run MADC owns 26% of equity for contributing land towards the project.

Key financials

	(consolidated, in Rs million)		
	2007		
Revenues	10580.00	9929.76	
EBITDA	888.92	1304.19	
Interest	211.08	280.22	
Depreciation	235.34	185.26	
Provision for tax	101.18	151.14	
Profit after tax before exceptional items	341.32	687.57	
Exceptional items	108.99	-	
Profit after tax after	450.30	687.57	
exceptional items			
Prior period adjustments	0.07	(114.0 <mark>9</mark>)	
Net profit	450.38	573.47	

Equity share capital	301.90	301.90
Reserves and surplus	3219.64	3052.19
Net worth	3473.70	3260.89
Gross fixed assets	4619.35	3500.99
Net fixed assets	4157.09	3015.02





Quick information

Primary business

Integrated solutions for offshore logistics and multi-modal logistics for bulk and containerized cargo.

Incorporation May 1955

Initial public offering March 1981

Total revenue (consolidated) Rs 10.58 billion

Net profit (consolidated) Rs 450.30 million

Shares issued* 30.2 million

Listing Bombay Stock Exchange National Stock Exchange of India

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Board

Ashwin C Muthiah	Chairman
Karthik Menon	Nominee director
Luis Miranda	Nominee director-IDFC PE
M Ajaykumar	Independent director
Dhananjay N Mungale	Independent director
HR Srinivasan	Independent director
Mano Vikrant Singh	Independent director



Business snapshot

Sical is India's leading provider of integrated solutions for offshore logistics and multi-modal logistics for bulk and containerized cargo. Our services consist of:

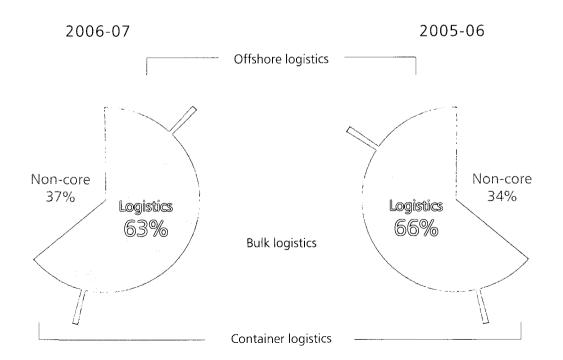
Bulk logistics

to manage the movement, at port and in land, of dry and liquid bulk cargo such as coal, coke, iron ore, cereals, petroleum, chemicals, and edible oil. Port services include stevedoring, shipping agency and custom house agency at the major Indian ports, namely, Tuticorin, Visakhapatnam, Goa, Mangalore, Kandla. Inland operations include 3000 trucks and a network of 100-plus covered warehouses across India.

Container logistics

to manage shipping containers as they are moved in and between container terminals, container freight stations and inland container depots.

Our JV with Port Authority of Singapore, PSA Sical, manages the container terminal at Tuticorin; Sical Distriparks Ltd, a subsidiary, owns and operates a 55 acre container freight station at Tuticorin. Other CFSs/ICDs are at Chennai, Visakhapatnam, Tuticorin and Ennore.



Revenue mix

Offshore logistics

to service the offshore drills and rigs of oil and energy exploration companies.

Sical operates and maintains 17 "Samudrika" offshore supply vessels for ONGC, India's leading oil exploration company, off the Mumbai coast.

Our latest generation MK2 class PSV, Sical Torino, services deepwater rigs in the North Sea.

Non-core businesses

Building Materials: Marketing of standard steel tubes, precision tubes and closed tubes, and other building materials such as PVC pipes, household cables, floor tiles.

Manufacturing: Drums | Coffee plantation Specialty chemicals

Services: Cars and commercial vehicles dealership | Property development | Travel agency | Hydraulic control systems and components | Harbor craft maintenance Windmill generation

Products we move

Ores

Iron ore and pellets Manganese Chrome

Steel

HR coils CR coils Slabs Billets Plates

Metals

Copper anode Aluminium ingots

Containers

20'-40' open top ISO tanks

Packaged goods

Fertilizer Cement Sugar Food FMCG Consumer electronics Computers Tubes

Dry bulk

Coal Coke Limestone Sulfur/rock phosphate Urea DAP MOP Liquid bulk Diesel Petrol LAB Benzene Ethanol Furnace oil Ammonia

Over-dimensional cargo

Plant and machinery Heavy duty handling equipment Project cargo Transformers Generators

Gases

LPG Chlorine Oxygen

Delivery infrastructure

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Container logistics

CONTAINER TERMINALS

at Tuticorin and Chennai* in JV with PSA Corporation, Singapore. 1800 ground slots, 6,500 TEU-capacity, 84 reefer points at Tuticorin container terminal.

Pan-India CONTAINER TRAIN OPERATIONS* on strategic corridors for exim and domestic cargo.

Offshore logistics

Sical Torino, our 73.4 m long, 3570 ton latest-generation 470 MK2 class PLATFORM SUPPLY VESSEL services deepwater offshore oil rigs in the North Sea; DP2 and FiFi capable.

Management of 17 of ONGC's OSVs that carry logistics supplies for offshore oil exploration rigs and platforms.

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