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**ZUE**

## ANALYTICAL REPORT - SUMMARY

With revenues still declining and the portfolio low, there have been some positive factors at ZUE in recent weeks. The Q2'25 results were a pleasant surprise, and the company indicated that it was seeing improved profitability on ongoing contracts, which could bode well for future periods. At the beginning of July, ZUE submitted the lowest price bid in the PLN 2.6bn Gdynia-Lębork tender for PKP PLK, which does not seem overly "aggressive" (3% below the 2nd bid, 14% below budget, with averages for the rail market this year at 4%/17%). Its potential acquisition could stabilise the company's portfolio for a few years and give room for balanced bidding in the years to come (PKP PLK's plans remain ambitious). The company is signalling a revival in tram tenders, where it has had a strong position for years. The company is also building exposure to foreign markets (currently mainly in Romania, the company is clearly identifying Germany as a potential development direction). The key to value creation, however, is first and foremost to build a sustainably profitable rail portfolio (after a final exit from weak contracts in the previous fiscal perspective). In our assessment, the market is not yet fully factoring in the acquisition of the Gdynia - Lębork contract. We are adjusting our forecasts (downwards revenue in 2025-26, upwards revenue in subsequent years, upwards profitability). We are now setting ZUE's price target at PLN 10.9, implying an upgrade to accumulate (previously: hold, PLN 8.7). The valuation does not take into account possible claims and valorisation from PKP PLK (filed lawsuits worth ca. PLN 5.5/share).

### Recent period results

In Q1'25, the Company posted revenue of PLN 403m (-35% y/y) and net profit of PLN 5.6m (-21% y/y). Q2'25 itself was a positive surprise, but it had a radically different picture (10% gross margin on sales, PLN 10m net profit) than Q1'25 (3% gross margin and PLN -5m net loss). On the one hand, the Company obtained surcharges on some of the completed contracts, and on the other hand, it also improved margins on contracts in progress (favorable cost environment). At the end of Q2'25, net debt amounted to PLN 83m (q/q increase, mainly due to material purchases).

### Backlog

The portfolio after Q2'25 amounts to PLN 1.19bn (-19% y/y, the largest share is held by railway contracts in PL: ca. PLN 0.8bn). The company secured orders for PLN 0.15bn in Q3'25. It has submitted the lowest bid of ca. PLN 2.6bn in the Gdynia Chylonia - Lębork railway tender (P&B contract, completion date close to 5 years, we expect the best bid to be selected in Q3'25). In the coming months, PKP PLK's schedule envisages bidding in four large tenders for ca. PLN 5bn, with another PLN 8bn in short-term plans. We draw attention to the revival in the tram market. In recent months, two large proceedings have been announced in Gdańsk (totalling > PLN 1bn) and two smaller ones in the Zagłębie region.

### Segmental positioning

The company has exposure to the rail market (Poland, Romania + potentially other countries) and tram market and to a small extent also to local roads (Energopol). There have also been plans to enter the PSE market in the past. In recent years, the company has had an approx. 5% share of PKP PLK's annual construction expenditure. Other customers (owners of sidings, cities, foreign markets - an average of PLN 0.4bn/year over the last few years, with high volatility) are also included.

### Performance forecasts, ratios

We currently estimate that in 2025 the company will have PLN 0.85bn in revenue and PLN 11.3m in net profit. Our forecasts for subsequent years are based on the assumption that the company will sign a contract for the Gdynia Chylonia - Lębork contract in 2026. Its failure to do so would likely force the company to bid aggressively in subsequent tenders, which would affect the margin outlook in our model. In 2026/27, we assume revenue of PLN 0.96bn / 1.36bn and net profit of PLN 10.7m / 27.6m, respectively. The company is trading at EV/EBITDA=6.8x for 2025, 5.7x for 2026 and 3.5x for 2027 under our assumptions.

	2022	2023	2024	2025F	2026F	2027
Sales [PLN m]	921,4	1 484,1	1 219,4	847,8	957,7	1 358,3
EBITDA [PLN m]	31,9	45,2	34,7	34,6	32,5	52,5
EBIT [PLN m]	18,1	30,4	19,1	17,7	15,2	35,3
Profit before tax [PLN m]	22,1	28,9	12,1	13,4	12,4	34,0
Net profit [PLN m]	16,4	21,0	10,7	11,3	10,0	27,6
Net debt (cash) [PLN m]	-14,6	-134,2	26,3	3,7	-47,1	-48,1
P/BV	1,3	1,2	1,1	1,1	1,0	1,0
P/E	14,1	11,0	21,6	20,4	23,1	8,4
EV/EBITDA	6,8	2,2	7,4	6,8	5,7	3,5
EV/EBIT	12,0	3,2	13,5	13,3	12,1	5,2
DPS [PLN/sh.]	0,15	0,07	0,21	0,00	0,25	0,22

# ACCUMULATE

(PREVIOUS: HOLD)

**TARGET PRICE 10,9 PLN**

22<sup>nd</sup> AUGUST 2025, 13:00 CEST

DCF valuation [PLN]	10,8
Peer valuation [PLN]	11,1
Target price [PLN]	<b>10,9</b>
Price upside/downside	<b>8,0%</b>
Cost of capital	14,9%

Price [PLN]	10,05
Market cap [PLNm]	231,5
No. of shares [mn]	23,0

Max. price 6M [PLN]	11,20
Min. price 6m [PLN]	8,50

Rate of return 3M	13,4%
Rate of return 6M	-6,9%
Rate of return 9M	40,4%

Shareholders	
Nowak Wiesław	62,5%
Bankowy OFE	8,6%
Generali OFE	6,3%
ZUE	1,1%
Others	21,4%

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## Valuation summary

	Share	Valuation
DCF valuation	80%	10,8
Peer valuation:	20%	11,1
<b>Target price [PLN]</b>		<b>10,9</b>

Source: Dom Maklerski BDM S.A.

## DCF valuation

	2025F	2026F	2027F	2028F	2029F	2030F	2031F	2032F	2033F	2034F
Revenues [PLN m]	847,8	957,7	1 358,3	1 558,8	1 589,4	1 620,6	1 636,8	1 653,2	1 669,7	1 686,4
EBIT [PLN m]	17,7	15,2	35,3	43,2	44,6	46,1	51,7	52,5	53,3	54,2
Tax rate	15,3%	19,0%	19,0%	19,0%	19,0%	19,0%	19,0%	19,0%	19,0%	19,0%
Tax on EBIT [PLN m]	2,7	2,9	6,7	8,2	8,5	8,8	9,8	10,0	10,1	10,3
NOPLAT [PLN m]	15,0	12,3	28,6	35,0	36,2	37,3	41,8	42,5	43,2	43,9
Amortization [PLN m]	16,8	17,3	17,2	17,3	17,3	17,3	17,3	17,3	17,3	17,4
CAPEX [PLN m]	-14,5	-16,9	-17,3	-17,3	-17,3	-17,3	-17,4	-17,4	-17,4	-17,4
Working capital movement [PLN m]	12,5	45,0	-25,4	-12,7	-2,2	-2,2	-1,1	-1,1	-1,1	-1,1
FCF [PLN m]	29,9	57,7	3,1	22,2	33,9	35,1	40,6	41,3	42,0	42,7
DFCF [PLN m]	28,5	48,2	2,3	14,2	18,9	17,0	17,2	15,2	13,5	11,9
Total DFCF [PLN m]	186,8									
Terminal value [PLN m]	310,5									
Discounted terminal value [PLN m]	86,6									
Enterprise value [PLN m]	273,5									
Net debt 2024 [PLN m]	26,3									
Own shares [PLN m]	2,7									
Minority interests [PLN m]	1,5									
Dividend [PLN m]	0,0									
<b>Equity value [PLN m]</b>	<b>248,4</b>									
Number of shares [m]	23,0									
<b>Value per share [PLN]</b>	<b>10,8</b>									

Terminal growth rate: +1,0%

## WACC calculation

	2025F	2026F	2027F	2028F	2029F	2030F	2031F	2032F	2033F	2034F
Risk-free rate	5,40%	5,40%	5,40%	5,40%	5,40%	5,40%	5,40%	5,40%	5,40%	5,40%
Risk premium	9,50%	9,50%	9,50%	9,50%	9,50%	9,50%	9,50%	9,50%	9,50%	9,50%
Beta	1,0	1,0	1,0	1,0	1,0	1,0	1,0	1,0	1,0	1,0
Credit premium	1,50%	1,50%	1,50%	1,50%	1,50%	1,50%	1,50%	1,50%	1,50%	1,50%
Cost of equity	14,9%	14,9%	14,9%	14,9%	14,9%	14,9%	14,9%	14,9%	14,9%	14,9%
Contribution of equity	89,6%	91,9%	94,6%	96,2%	96,8%	97,6%	98,3%	99,1%	99,8%	100,0%
Cost of debt after tax	5,8%	5,6%	5,6%	5,6%	5,6%	5,6%	5,6%	5,6%	5,6%	5,6%
Contribution of debt	10,4%	8,1%	5,4%	3,8%	3,2%	2,4%	1,7%	0,9%	0,2%	0,0%
<b>WACC</b>	<b>14,0%</b>	<b>14,1%</b>	<b>14,4%</b>	<b>14,5%</b>	<b>14,6%</b>	<b>14,7%</b>	<b>14,7%</b>	<b>14,8%</b>	<b>14,9%</b>	<b>14,9%</b>

Source: Dom Maklerski BDM S.A.

## DCF - sensitivity analysis

	Terminal growth rate				Terminal growth rate				Beta			
	0,00%	1,00%	2,00%		0,00%	1,00%	2,00%		0,9	1,0	1,1	
	0,9	11,3	11,6	12,1	Risk	8,5%	11,3	11,7	12,1	8,5%	12,6	11,7
	1,0	10,5	10,8	11,1	premium	9,5%	10,5	10,8	11,1	9,5%	11,6	10,8
	1,1	9,8	10,0	10,3		10,5%	9,8	10,0	10,3	10,5%	10,8	10,0
												9,3

Source: Dom Maklerski BDM S.A.

## Peer valuation

	P/E			EV/EBITDA		
	2025F	2026F	2027F	2025F	2026F	2027F
Budimex	22,0	21,5	18,9	12,5	11,3	9,9
Mirbud	12,4	9,9	9,5	6,8	5,6	5,9
Torpol	14,5	12,4	11,8	6,3	5,0	4,7
Trakcja	18,1	15,0	12,9	7,6	6,7	5,9
<b>Median</b>	<b>16,3</b>	<b>13,7</b>	<b>12,3</b>	<b>7,2</b>	<b>6,2</b>	<b>5,9</b>
ZUE	20,4	21,7	8,4	6,4	5,7	3,5
Premium/discount	25%	58%	-32%	-11%	-8%	-41%
<b>Valuation [PLN/share]</b>	<b>8,0</b>	<b>6,4</b>	<b>14,8</b>	<b>11,3</b>	<b>10,8</b>	<b>15,6</b>
Year's contribution	33%	33%	33%	33%	33%	33%
<b>Average valuation [PLN/share]</b>	<b>9,7</b>			<b>12,5</b>		
Multiple's contribution		50%		50%		
<b>Value per share [PLN]</b>	<b>11,1</b>					

Source: Dom Maklerski BDM S.A. BDM forecasts

## Main risks:

- Dependence on main customers (PKP PLK)
- Failure to win new contracts (especially the Gdynia Chylonia - Lebork contract)
- Level of investment in transport infrastructure in the CEE region.
- Risks related to the co-financing of project implementation from EU funds.
- Risks related to entering new markets (currently Romania).
- Risks related to the specific nature of the projects implemented.
- Relatively low barriers to entry, increase in competition
- Seasonality of results and weather factor
- Litigation

	2022	2023	2024	2025F	2026F	2027F
EPS, Adj+	0,71	0,91	0,47	0,49	0,44	1,20
Revenue [PLN m]	921,4	1 484,1	1 219,4	847,8	957,7	1 358,3
Gross Margin %	4,6%	3,8%	4,1%	6,3%	5,7%	5,7%
EBIT [PLN m]	18,1	30,4	19,1	17,7	15,2	35,3
EBITDA [PLN m]	31,9	45,2	34,7	34,6	32,5	52,5
Net Income Adj+ [PLN m]	16,4	21,0	10,7	11,3	10,0	27,6
Net Debt [PLN m]	-14,6	-134,2	26,3	3,7	-47,1	-48,1
BPS	7,79	8,63	8,90	9,39	9,58	10,56
DPS	0,15	0,07	0,21	0,00	0,25	0,22
Return on Equity %	9,1%	10,6%	5,2%	5,2%	4,5%	11,3%
Return on Assets %	2,4%	2,3%	1,5%	1,7%	1,4%	3,3%
Depreciation [PLN m]	9,9	10,2	9,3	11,7	12,1	12,1
Amortization [PLN m]	0,6	0,6	0,6	0,1	0,1	0,1
Free Cash Flow [PLN m]	-54,1	142,6	-118,1	22,5	56,5	6,1
CAPEX [PLN m]	4,8	8,2	5,5	14,5	16,9	17,3

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Hold	8,70	Hold	11,0	19.05.2025*	07:30 CEST	8,90	103 150
Hold	11,0	Hold	11,0	19.02.2025*	08:48 CEST	11,20	94 651
Hold	11,0	Hold	11,1	22.08.2024*	11:55 CEST	10,60	84 528
Hold	11,1	Accumulate	8,43	22.04.2024*	14:28 CEST	11,10	84 109
Accumulate	8,43	Buy	7,76	04.01.2024*	09:55 CEST	7,86	77 054
Buy	7,76	relaunch	---	12.09.2023*	13:45 CEST	5,62	66 241
Buy	11,8	---	---	17.02.2017	14:39 CEST	9,94	58 348

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 WACC - weighted average cost of capital  
 CAGR - cumulative average annual growth  
 EPS - earnings per share  
 DPS - dividend per share  
 CEPS - net profit plus depreciation per share  
 EV – market capitalization plus interest bearing debt minus cash and equivalents  
 EV/S – market capitalization / sales  
 EV/EBITDA – EV / sales  
 P/EBIT – market capitalization / EBIT  
 MC/S – market capitalization / sales  
 P/E – market capitalization / net profit  
 P/BV – market capitalization / book value  
 P/CE - market capitalization / net profit plus depreciation  
 ROE – net profit / equity  
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 EBITDA margin – EBITDA / sales  
 EBIT margin – EBIT / sales  
 Net margin – net profit / sales

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Accumulate	3	60%	0	0%
Hold	0	0%	0	0%
Reduce	1	20%	0	0%
Sell	0	0%	0	0%

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