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#### **VALUATION AND RISKS**

We value Nalco at 6x Mar19E EV/EBITDA (in-line with global peers) and arrive at a target price of Rs88. We also adjust for the capex pertaining to the alumina expansion, wind power and coal blocks.

Key downside risks that could cause the stock to trade below our target price include: lower-than-expected aluminium/alumina prices, rupee appreciation, lower volumes than we expect, and higher coal costs.

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Our TP for SAIL is Rs83 based on EV/EBITDA valuation. We prefer EV/EBITDA as a valuation metric for Indian steel companies given their high debt/equity levels. We value SAIL on 5.5x Sep-19E EV/EBITDA, which is at a premium to global peers currently trading at ~5x. We think a premium to global peers is warranted as SAIL stands to benefit from India's superior growth potential relative to other markets. Our multiple is at a discount to TSL's target multiple of 6x as we believe TSL should benefit from company-specific upsides such as its JV with Thyssen.

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Key upside risks that could sustain the shares above our target price include: (1) higher volumes, (2) higher steel prices, (3) lower coal/wage costs than we expect, and (4) rupee depreciation. Key downside risks that could drive the shares below our target price include: (1) lower volumes, (2) lower steel prices, (3) higher coal/wage costs than we expect, and (4) rupee appreciation.

We value HZL at 8x Sep'19 EV/EBITDA, at a premium to peers such as Boliden, Korea Zinc, Nyrstar (~4.5-6.5x). We think a premium is warranted on ore integration, stable fundamentals, visibility on the use of cash.

Key downside risks that could cause HZL shares to trade below our target price include: (1) Lower-than-expected zinc, lead and silver prices, (2) Higher-than-expected rupee appreciation, (3) Lower volumes than we expect, (4) Higher royalties. Key upside risks include: (1) Continued rally in Zinc, lead and better than expected silver prices. (2) Faster than expected ramp up of mines. (3) Rupee depreciation.

We use a combination of DCF and PE vs. DCF to better capture current earnings potential in addition to asset valuation. For DCF, we have modeled cash flows out to FY47 based on NMDC's existing reserves and resources (proven, probable, and resources) of ~1.7bn tonnes (est). We do not account for any terminal value due to lack of visibility on future reserves to arrive at our DCF-based fair value of Rs96 (use a WACC of 12%). For PE, we ascribe a 9.5x multiple (NMDC's historical mean ~10x) on Sep'19E EPS and attain a fair value of Rs123. Equally weighting the two methodologies we get a target price of Rs110.

Based on our sensitivity analysis, every 1% change in prices we estimate would impact EPS by ~1%; every 1% change in volumes impacts EPS by ~1%. Upside risks that could result in the NMDC stock continuing to trade above our target price include: (1) divestment of steel plant, (2) higher volumes, (3) higher prices, (4) additional reserves, and (5) lower costs.

We use SOTP to arrive at our target price of Rs750. We value TSL at 6x Sep'19 EV/EBITDA (6.5x Mar'19 earlier) – in line with its mean based on consensus forecasts since 2011 and at a premium to global players (~5x) – strong India EBITDA, restructuring upsides at Europe (TSL and Thyssen have indicated proposed synergies from the JV at between €400-600m pa over 2-3 years which we do not incorporate in estimates). We lower target multiple as global multiples have corrected. We incorporate impact of the BSL acquisition in our estimates (based on information available so far). We add the value of investments (Rs24/sh, factoring a holdco discount).

Downside risks that could impede the stock from reaching our target price include: 1) weaker steel prices, 2) higher raw material prices, 3) FX trends, 4) lower volumes than we expect, 5) unsuccessful discussions on the Pension Scheme.

Our target price of Rs360 is based on SOTP of individual business. Our SOTP derived value is based on 1) Cairn at NAV (DCF over the life of its oilfields), 2) HZL at Cit's TP with a 10% hold co discount, 3) 0.5x P/B for the equity invested in Talwandi Sabo, 4) 6x Mar'19 EV/EBITDA-based fair values for others.

Key downside risks that could cause Vedanta shares to trade below our target price include: lower commodity prices, rupee appreciation, and lower volumes.

We arrive at our TP of Rs19,600 based on 16x Sep'19 EV/EBITDA (multiple in line with UltraTech as Shree's cost/volume advantage has narrowed). We use EV/EBITDA as our primary valuation tool (vs. EV/t) as it better captures the leverage to cement prices. At our TP, Shree would trade at an EV/t of \$260 on its expanded capacity of ~39mtpa (replacement cost is \$105-110). Note the EBITDA includes subsidies which inflate the TP by ~Rs1,000/sh.

Based on our sensitivity analysis, every 1% change in price would affect EBITDA by ~3%, and a 1% change in volumes by ~1%. Downside risks that could impede the stock from reaching our target price include: 1) lower pricing, 2) lower volumes, 3) higher costs, 4) CCI penalty.

EV/EBITDA is our preferred valuation metric for JSTL due to its high debt/equity levels. JSTL's standalone and coated business account for majority of its consolidated EBITDA. We value the combined entity at 6x Mar'19 EV/EBITDA – in line with global peers and at a discount to Tata Steel's target of 6.5x to arrive at our target price of Rs295. We use a lower multiple vs. Tata Steel: 1) historical trends; 2) TSL could benefit from JV synergies (not accounted for in estimates).

Key upside risks that could cause the shares to trade above our target price include: 1) attractive M&A, 2) lower raw material costs if captive mines start, 3) higher steel prices than forecast. Downside risks include: 1) lack of captive ore (preference for high grade ore by Chinese should keep grade premiums elevated), 2) weaker than expected steel prices on weak demand.

We value Dalmia at 14.5x Sep'19E EV/EBITDA. Our target multiple is at a discount to our target multiple for ULTC (16x) as ~50% of Dalmia's capacity is in the South (low capacity utilization). We adjust for a minority stake (33%) in Calcom. The implied EV/t at our TP is \$210. We arrive at a per share value of Dalmia Bharat shares using 1) post-merger share count and 2) multiplying by the swap ratio – existing DBL shareholders would receive two shares of the new entity for each share in DBL.

Based on our sensitivity analysis, 1% change in cement realizations impacts EBITDA by ~3.5%; 1% change in volumes would impact by ~1.5%. Downside risks that could impede the stock from reaching our target price include: 1) lower pricing, 2) lower volumes, 3) higher costs, 4) CCI penalty.

We arrive at our TP of Rs5,130 based on 16x Sep'19E EV/EBITDA. The target multiple is in line with the 5-yr average. We continue to use EV/EBITDA as our primary valuation tool (vs. EV/t) as it better captures the leverage to cement prices, and use EV/t as a reality check. At our TP, ULTC would trade at \$240 EV/t (96.5mtpa); replacement cost is \$110/t.

Based on our sensitivity analysis, every 1% change in price would affect EBITDA by ~3.5% and a 1% change in volume by 1%. Downside risks that could impede the stock from reaching our target price for ULTC include lower prices, weaker demand, higher costs vs. expectations, and a weak economy.

Our Rs2,000 TP on ACC is based on a target multiple of 13x Sep'19E EV/EBITDA, which is at a discount to Ambuja's mean multiple since 2012 of 14.5x, this is because of the delay in the merger of ACC and Ambuja which lowers ACC's growth visibility. At our target price, ACC would trade at EV/t of ~\$155 vs replacement cost of \$110-120 (more recent capex announcements at \$90-100).

Based on our sensitivity analysis, 1% change in cement realizations impacts EBITDA by ~5%; 1% change in volumes would impact by ~1.6%. Downside risks that could impede the stock from reaching our target price include: 1) lower pricing, 2) lower volumes, 3) higher costs, and 4) CCI penalty.

We value Hindalco using SOTP and arrive at a TP of Rs325. We use EV/EBITDA as our preferred valuation tool given Hindalco's high debt levels. Continue to value Hindalco's commodity business at 6x EV/EBITDA (global peers are at 5.5x); roll from Mar to Sep'19. Value Novelis at 6.5x (premium due to stable nature of business) and add the value of investments (factoring a holdco discount. Our issuer weighting for Novelis is Marketweight. In applying our High Yield rating methodology (as described in our Disclosures) for the issuer and particular financial instruments, we examined the relevant sectors and markets and considered the following factors, among others: increasing mix towards value-add products, large global scale, significant market position, relatively elevated leverage metrics, free cash flow generation ability, aluminum industry headwinds, pass-through cost provisions which limit earnings volatility, and implicit parent support.

Key downside factors that could result in the Hindalco stock continuing to trade below our target price include: lower LME, higher-than-expected rupee appreciation, higher coal costs, lower EBITDA/t and volumes for Novelis. 1% chg in LME impacts consolidated EBITDA by 1%. Key risks to our ratings include: declining beverage can market, softening end-market demand, especially for autos, ability to refinance debt, local premiums more volatile than anticipated. If the impact on the issuer from any of these factors proves to be greater/less than we anticipate, the issuer/issues performance could deviate from our weightings and ratings.

We value Ambuja at 14.5x Sep'19 EV/EBITDA. Our target multiple for Ambuja is in line with the mean since 2012 and ~10% discount to our multiple for ULTC (largest player, more growth visibility). We value its 50% holding in ACC at our TP of Rs2,000 for ACC (we incorporate a ~20% hold co discount given postponement of the merger with ACC). At our TP of Rs300, Ambuja would trade at \$175 EV/t vs. replacement cost of \$110-120 (more recent capex announcements at \$90-100).

Based on our sensitivity analysis, every 1% change in price would affect EBITDA by ~5% and a 1% change in volume by ~1.7%. Downside risks that could cause the shares to trade below our target price include lower prices, weaker demand, higher costs vs. expectations, and a weak economy.

We arrive at our target price of Rs350 for CIL by using an average of: (1) DCF + a 30% premium for probable reserves and (2) 12x Sep19E PE, set at a ~10% premium to the high-end of global peers' trading range of 7-11x P/E; we value at a premium given the resource base and limited exposure to global volatility. Our TP calculation incorporates both CIL's asset valuation and also its earnings potential. Our DCF assumptions include a WACC of 11.7% which is calculated based on a beta of 1.0 (relative to Sensex), a risk free rate of 7.8% and an ERP of 6%, cost of debt of 6.8% (post tax), and a target debt-to-total-capital ratio of 30%. We apply a 30% premium to our DCF fair value to account for probable reserves (8.3bn tonnes - an additional 78% over the proven reserves), which we have not incorporated in our valuation. We have not taken a terminal value and thus also use a PE-based valuation as it assumes new reserves replace the exhausted ones.

Key downside risks that could push the stock below our target price include: lower volumes on weaker power demand / coal evacuation bottlenecks, lower prices, lower e-auction volumes/prices, and un-related investments.

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