Day Break

Tuesday, 18 October 2016



Company Update

Maple Leaf Cement Factory Limited			_
Cement			
Recommendation		BUY	
Target Price			113.0
Last Closing			94.2
Upside			20%
Market Data			
Bloomberg Tkr.	N	/ILCF PA	
Shares (mn)			527.7
Market Cap (PKRbn US	(Dmn	49.7	474.6
Exchange		•	KSE 100
Price Info.	90D	180D	365D
Abs. Return	(17.1)	(1.2)	33.5
Low	94.2	92.0	64.7

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Key Company Financials

Period End: Jun

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PKRbn	FY16A	FY17F	FY18F	FY19F
Total Revenue	23.4	25.1	26.4	27.5
Net Income	4.9	5.3	5.8	6.3
EPS (PKR)	9.3	10.0	11.1	12.0
DPS (PKR)	4.0	4.0	6.0	8.0
Total Assets	32.0	35.3	38.7	41.4
Total Equity	21.3	24.2	27.5	30.1
Key Financial Ratios				
ROE (%)	23%	22%	21%	21%
P/E (x)	10.2	9.4	8.5	7.9
P/B (x)	2.3	2.0	1.8	1.7
DY (%)	4.2	4.2	6.4	8.5

Relative Price Performance & Shareholding



About the Company

The Company was incorporated on April 13, 1960 as a pblic company limited. It is engaged in production and sale of ordinary and white cement. The Company is a subsidiary of Kohinoor Textile Mills Limited.

Source: Bloomberg, KSE 100 & IGI Research

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Maple Leaf Cement Company

Expansion and Coal Power Plant to bring Core Growth Going Forward

- We have rolled forward our target price for Maple Leaf Cement Factory (MLCF) to Jun-17 at PKR 113/share from PKR 104/share for Dec-16. Company is trading at FY17E PE and dividend yield of 9.4x and 4.2%, respectively. With +20% capital upside, we maintain our 'BUY' call on the scrip.
- MLCF plans to expand its cement capacity by 2.4mn tons, which would take company's total capacity to 5.96mn tons. The project is estimated to cost PKR 20bn (USD 79/ton) and financed through a combination of debt and equity. As per management estimations, it would take ~26 months (2.2 years) to bring plant to operation after opening LC with the supplier.
- MLCF has incorporated Maple Leaf Power Limited (MLPL), as its wholly owned subsidiary for incorporating 40MW coal power plant, probable to be operational by 1HFY19. The project is estimated to cost PKR 5.5bn where MLCF is likely to contribute equity investment of PKR 3.3bn.

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Profitability up by +41%YoYto PKR 9.26/share in FY16

MLCF showed an outstanding growth of +41%YoY to PKR 4.9bn (EPS PKR 9.26) in FY16. We attribute this stellar performance to a) +18%YoY rise in cement despatches to 3.34mn tons, resulting in capacity utilization of 95% as compared to 81% in same period last year, b) 14%YoY decline in cost to PKR 4,015/ton largely on the back of 20%YoY drop in power and fuel cost to PKR 2,000/ton, c) +659bps increase in gross margin to 43%, and d) 60% fall in finance cost as company reduced its debt from PKR 7.3bn in FY15 to PKR 3bn in FY16. However, company's other expenses have shown a sizeable growth of +2.5x in FY16 due to higher WPPF and WWF. The company has fully absorbed available tax losses by the end of 2QFY16, due to which company's tax regime has shifted to statutory tax rate, resulting in higher effective tax rate of 31% in FY16.





Exhibit: Financial Highlights						
PKR mn	4QFY16	4QFY15	YoY	FY16	FY15	YoY
Revenue	6,497	5,656	15%	23,433	20,720	13%
Gross Profit	3,009	2,083	44%	10,022	7,496	34%
Selling and Admin	496	462	7%	1,846	1,695	9%
Other Expense	302	74	306%	660	263	151%
Finance Cost	16	203	-92%	436	1,083	-60%
PBT	2,218	1,352	64%	7,118	4,501	58%
Tax	839	242	246%	2,233	1,047	113%
Net profit	1,379	1,109	24%	4,885	3,454	41%
EPS	2.61	2.10		9.26	6.55	
DPS	2.50	1.00		4.00	2.00	
Key Ratios						
Gross Margin	46%	37%		43%	36%	
Net Margin	21%	20%		21%	17%	
Effective Tax Rate	38%	18%		31%	23%	

Source: IGI Research, Company Financials

Expansion – The only way Forward

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Company is currently operating its plant at 95%, implying limited room to capitalize on the growing cement demand expected in the next decade. We believe expansion is the only way forward for the company to maintain its market share in the industry.

40 MW Coal Power Plant-moving towards further cost efficiency

MLCF has incorporated Maple Leaf Power Limited (MLPL), as its wholly owned subsidiary setting up a 40MW coal power plant, expected to be operational by 1HFY19. The project is estimated to cost PKR 5.5bn where MLCF is likely to contribute equity investment of PKR 3.3bn. As per FY16 detailed financials, company has already invested 660mn in MLPL.

With coal power plant coming online along with cement plant expansion, company's power dependence on national grid would reduce to 10-15% of total power requirement as compared to ~25-30% at current capacity utilization, resulting in fuel efficiency and savings. (We haven't yet incorporated this into our model.)

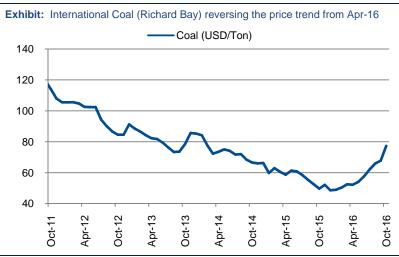
Coal Prices Rebound – Unpredictable Move

International coal prices have increased exorbitantly from USD 49/ton in Jan-16 to USD 86/ton in Oct-16, resulting in steep +76% jump. Multiple reasons account for recent price hike, including a) production cuts and reduction of working days



on coal mines in China, b) firmer land transportation rules in China jacking up the freight cost, and c) higher coal demand in some regions ahead of winters. However, it is yet to be seen if the recent price convergence towards north is a short term phenomenon or theming a long term price direction, considering coal demand expected to decline from India as the country moves towards higher domestic production and increase production from China coal miners, incase price stays at current level for a considerable period of time.

We have revised our coal assumptions from USD 64/USD69/ton to USD 72/USD81/ton for FY17E/FY18F, and assumed manufacturers to gradually increase cement price in domestic market. However, if the company chooses not to pass-on the impact, earnings would decline by 5%/10% from our estimates in FY17E/FY16F for MLCF.



Source: IGI Research, Bloomberg



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