# Flash Note

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### Engineering

# **International Steels Limited (ISL)**

## Depressed margins slash 3QFY19 earnings by 42%YoY to PKR 1.41/share

- International Steels Limited (ISL) announced its 3QFY19 financial results with earnings clocking in at PKR 611mn (EPS: PKR 1.41) down by 42%YoY as compared to PKR 1.05bn (EPS: PKR 2.42) in the same period last year. On a cumulative basis, this brings 9MFY19 earnings to PKR 2.36bn (EPS: PKR 5.42) down by 27%YoY as against PKR 3.23bn (EPS: PKR 7.43) in the corresponding period last year.
- Net Sales of the Company during the quarter increased by +25%YoY, largely owing to deeper penetration in the domestic market in the back of enhanced capacity.
- Gross margins of the Company reduced drastically to less than 10% as against 16% reported in the similar period of the preceding year, largely owing to curtailed CRC-HRC margins, greater discounts offered by the Company and enhanced cost structure of the Company owing to PKR devaluation and notional cost of depreciation.
- Finance cost of the Company leaped up by 3.3x, largely representing unwinding of interest costs to the income statement post capitalization of new Cold Rolling Mill (CRM) plant.
- The effective tax rate of the Company fell by 500bps to 24% likely on account of application of tax credits available on recently inaugurated CRM facility of the Company.

#### Exhibit:

#### **ISL Result Highlights**

Period end (JUN) - PKRmn	3QFY19	3QFY18	YoY	9MFY19	9MFY18	YoY
Net Sales	15,742	12,628	25%	40,522	34,818	16%
Gross Profit	1,553	2,015	-23%	4,620	5,814	-21%
Sell. / Dist. & Admin	290	162	80%	668	485	38%
Non-Operating Income	41	31	33%	125	63	98%
EBIT	332	193	72%	793	548	45%
Financial Charges	418	126	3.3x	1,010	358	182%
Pre-tax Profits	802	1,479	-46%	2,818	4,519	-38%
Taxation	191	426	-55%	458	1,285	-64%
Post-tax Profits	611	1,053	-42%	2,360	3,234	-27%
EPS	1.41	2.42	-42%	5.42	7.43	
Key Ratios						
Gross Margin (%)	9.9	16.0		11.4	16.7	
Net Margin (%)	3.9	8.3		5.8	9.3	
Effective Tax Rate (%)	23.8	28.8		16.3	28.4	

Source: Company Accounts, IGI Research

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