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Maple Leaf Cement Factory Limited (MLCF)

Earnings: Maple Leaf Cement Factory Limited (MLCF) announced its 2QFY25 result. The Company reported unconsolidated earnings for 2QFY25 of PKR 3.2bn (PKR 3.08/share), up by +76% y/y, compared to earnings of PKR 1.8bn (PKR 1.75/share) in the same period last year. On 1HFY25 basis, the Company reported earnings of PKR 4.3bn (EPS PKR 4.08/share), compared to PKR 3.2bn (EPS PKR 3.02/share) during the same period last year.

Dividend/Payout: The Company did not announce any cash dividend.

Operating Performance: During 2QFY25, the company's net sales increased by +5%y/y to PKR 19.0bn, likely owing to better dispatches. Administrative, selling and distribution costs jumped by +17% y/y to PKR 0.7bn, compared to PKR 0.5bn in the same period last year. Finance cost increased by 56%y/y to PKR 1.6bn during 2QFY25 due to higher short-term borrowings. Other income increased by 17xy/y and this is attributable to a significant increase in short-term investments. The effective tax rate during 2QFY25 stood at 28% compared to 39% during the same period last year.

Exhibit: Maple Leaf Cement Factory Limited (MLCF) Financial highlights								
For period ending: 2q/25								
PKRbn	1HFY25	2q/25	1q/25	1HFY24	2q/24	1q/24	ΔYoY	ΔQoQ
Net Sales	34.7	19.0	15.7	34.7	18.1	16.7	5%	21%
Gross Profits	11.8	7.1	4.7	11.0	6.0	5.0	19%	53%
Admin	1.2	0.7	0.5	1.0	0.6	0.4	17%	30%
EBIT	8.8	6.1	2.6	6.7	3.5	3.2	75%	135%
Finance cost	2.5	1.6	0.9	2.1	1.0	1.1	56%	77%
Profit before tax	6.2	4.5	1.7	4.6	2.5	2.1	83%	165%
Taxation	1.9	1.3	0.7	1.4	0.6	0.8	102%	94%
Profit after Tax	4.3	3.2	1.0	3.2	1.8	1.3	76%	210%
EPS*	4.08	3.08	0.99	3.02	1.75	1.27	75.9%	210%
DPS	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	-	-
Gross Margins	34%	38%	30%	32%	33%	30%	4%	8%
EBIT Margins	25%	32%	17%	19%	19%	19%	13%	16%
Effective tax	31%	28%	39%	31%	26%	37%	3%	-10%
Net Margins	12%	17%	7%	9%	10%	8%	7%	10%

Source: Company Accounts, IGI Research, *Number of Shares (mn): 1,047.6

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