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JSW Steel HOLD

Rising costs hit margins

Summary

JSW Steel's Q1FY23 EBITDA was 23% below of our forecast. EBITDA fell 53% QoQ led by sharp rise in coking coal (\$410/tonne) and prices of other raw materials. Adjusted net profit stood at Rs8 bn (down 86% YoY and 80% QoQ). Net debt increased by 105 bn QoQ to Rs672 bn on account of inventory accretion. We now lower our FY23 EBITDA estimates by 24% to factor weaker than expected Q1FY23 profitability and steep decline in steel prices. Also, we cut our FY24 EBITDA estimate by 10% as we expect steel prices to remain weak over FY23-24. We value the stock at an EV/EBTIDA multiple of 6x FY24 EBITDA to derive a target price of Rs564. Given the industry headwinds of export duty, we maintain HOLD rating on the stock.

Key Highlights and Investment Rationale

- Export duty hits export sales: During Q1FY23, export sales fell by 27% YoY and 35% QoQ led by imposition of export duty. Overall, sales volumes fell 21% QoQ to 4.03 mn tonnes due to lower export volumes.
- **Project updates:** JSW's brownfield expansion of coke oven plant (1.5 mtpa) at Vijaynagar plant is expected to be commissioned by Q2FY23 while whole project will be completed by FY24. The expansion at BPSL to 3.5mtpa will also be completed by Q2FY23 and its second phase (from 3.5 mtpa to 5 mtpa) will be completed by FY24.
- Outlook: The government imposition of hefty export duties on steel will lead to decline in realizations for steel companies which have been resorting to exports in the last few years. Also, weak domestic demand in the near term will further lead to fall in steel prices in the domestic markets. In FY21-22, JSW derived 28% of its sales volumes from exports. Hence, we expect fall in profitability for JSW in FY23.

| TP | Rs564 |
|---------------------------|-------|
| CMP | Rs582 |
| Potential upside/downside | -3% |
| Previous Rating | HOLD |

| Price Performance (%) | | | | | | |
|-----------------------|-------|--------|--------|--|--|--|
| | -3m | -12m | | | | |
| Absolute | 5.8 | (19.5) | (18.7) | | | |
| Rel to Sensex | (2.4) | (17.6) | (24.9) | | | |

| V/s Consensus | | |
|----------------|--------|--------|
| EBITDA (Rs bn) | FY23E | FY24E |
| IDBI Capital | 251 | 287 |
| Consensus | 280 | 331 |
| % difference | (10.4) | (13.3) |

| Key Stock Data | | |
|------------------------|-----------|---------|
| Bloomberg / Reuters | JSTL IN / | JSTL.BC |
| Sector | Metal & | Mining |
| Shares o/s (mn) | | 2,417 |
| Market cap. (Rs mn) | 1, | 407,668 |
| 3-m daily average valu | e (Rs mn) | 261.2 |

52-week high / low

Sensex / Nifty

| Shareholding Pattern (%) | |
|--------------------------|------|
| Promoters | 45.0 |
| FII | 10.6 |
| DII | 9.1 |
| Public | 35.3 |

Financial snapshot

(Rs mn)

Rs790 / 520

56,072 / 16,719

| Year | FY20 | FY21 | FY22 | FY23E | FY24E |
|--------------------|---------|---------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Revenue | 733,260 | 798,390 | 1,463,710 | 1,297,162 | 1,462,946 |
| Change (yoy, %) | (13) | 9 | 83 | (11) | 13 |
| EBITDA | 118,730 | 201,410 | 390,070 | 251,522 | 287,144 |
| Change (yoy, %) | (37) | 70 | 94 | (36) | 14 |
| EBITDA Margin(%) | 16.2 | 25.2 | 26.6 | 19.4 | 19.6 |
| Adj.PAT | 36,970 | 84,910 | 187,830 | 96,220 | 112,519 |
| EPS (Rs) | 15.3 | 35.2 | 77.9 | 39.9 | 46.7 |
| Change (yoy, %) | (49) | 129 | 12 | (9) | 17 |
| PE(x) | 36.7 | 16.0 | 7.2 | 14.1 | 12.0 |
| Dividend Yield (%) | 0.9 | 1.2 | 1.2 | 1.4 | 1.8 |
| EV/EBITDA (x) | 15.5 | 8.7 | 4.8 | 7.5 | 6.6 |
| RoE (%) | 10.4 | 20.4 | 32.9 | 13.4 | 13.8 |
| RoCE (%) | 7.9 | 14.6 | 25.6 | 12.3 | 14.2 |

Source: IDBI Capital Research

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Exhibit 1: Quarterly Snapshot (Consolidated)

(Rs mn)

| Year-end: March | Q1FY23 | Q4FY22 | QoQ (%) | Q1FY22 | YoY (%) |
|-----------------------|---------|---------|----------|---------|-----------|
| Net sales | 380,860 | 468,950 | (18.8) | 289,020 | 31.8 |
| Expenditure | 337,770 | 377,110 | (10.4) | 186,280 | 81.3 |
| EBITDA | 43,090 | 91,840 | (53.1) | 102,740 | (58.1) |
| EBITDA margin (%) | 11.3 | 19.6 | (827bps) | 35.5 | (2423bps) |
| EBITDA per ton | 10,692 | 17,973 | (40.5) | 28,460 | (62.4) |
| Interest | 14,220 | 17,560 | (19.0) | 9,930 | 43.2 |
| Depreciation | 17,780 | 18,150 | (2.0) | 11,830 | 50.3 |
| PBT | 12,980 | 58,460 | (77.8) | 82,960 | (84.4) |
| Tax | 4,420 | 17,310 | (74.5) | 27,190 | (83.7) |
| Net profit | 8,390 | 33,430 | (74.9) | 59,000 | (85.8) |
| Adjusted Net profit | 8,390 | 40,840 | (79.5) | 59,000 | (85.8) |
| Adj. diluted EPS (Rs) | 3.5 | 16.9 | (79.5) | 24.4 | (85.8) |

Source: Company; IDBI Capital Research

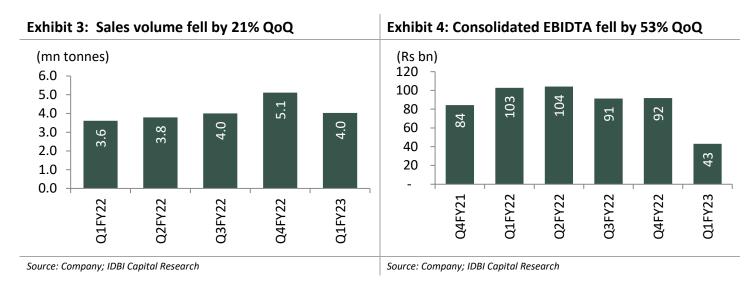
Exhibit 2: Actual vs. Estimates

(Rs mn)

| | Q1FY23E | Q1FY23A | Variance (%) |
|-----------------------|---------|---------|--------------|
| Net sales | 382,361 | 380,860 | (0.4) |
| EBTIDA | 55,565 | 43,090 | (22.5) |
| Margin (%) | 14.5 | 11.3 | (322bps) |
| EBITDA/tonne | 17,973 | 10,692 | (40.5) |
| Adj. PAT | 16,298 | 8,390 | (48.5) |
| Adj. diluted EPS (Rs) | 6.7 | 3.5 | (48.5) |

Source: Company; IDBI Capital Research





Con-call highlights

- Saleable steel fell by by 21% QoQ to 4.03 mn tonnes on account of decline in export volumes due to imposition of export duty and lower procurement by customers with an anticipation of further fall in steel prices.
- The company pre-poned certain shutdowns which lowered capacity utilization to 93% from 98% in Q4FY22.
- During the quarter, the coking coal cost incurred at an average of \$420/tonne while company expects the cost to reduce by 50\$-60\$/tonne in Q2FY23.
- The EBITDA fell by 58.1% YoY and 53.1% QoQ to Rs 43 bn due to lower sales sales volume, forex losses and NRV provisions.
- Exports fell 27% YoY and 35% QoQ to on imposition of export duty in May 2022. However, company expects the export volumes to be better in H2FY23.
- The company incurred capex of Rs37 bn in Q1FY23. JSW steel revised its capex target from Rs200 bn to Rs 150 bn in FY23.



- Net debt increased by Rs105 bn QoQ to Rs672 bn on account of inventory accretion for working capital.
- JSW steel aims to increase its Dolvi plant capacity to 23 mn tonnes by FY24.
- Out of 5 mn tonnes of expansion plan for BSPL, the 3.5 mn tonnes of expansion will be completed by Q2FY23. The Phase-II expansion is expected to be completed by FY24.
- The 5mtpa brownfield expansion at Vijayanagar plant is in process. The project is expected to get completed by FY24. However, company completed commissioning downstream projects (Continuous Galvanized lines and Colour coated Line (CCL) at Vijayanagar plant. The remaining downstream projects at Vasind and Tarapur expected to be completed by Q2FY23.
- Despite macro-headwinds, company remains confident towards achieving steel production of 25 mn tonnes and sales volume of 24 mn tonnes in FY23.

Exhibit 5: Change in estimates

| | | FY23E | | | FY24E | | | |
|--------------------|-----------|-----------|---------|-----------|-----------|----------|--|--|
| | Old | New | (%) Chg | Old | New | (%) Chg | | |
| Revenue (Rs mn) | 16,51,214 | 12,97,162 | (21.4) | 15,13,720 | 14,62,946 | (3.4) | | |
| EBITDA (Rs mn) | 3,29,633 | 2,51,522 | (23.7) | 3,17,662 | 2,87,144 | (9.6) | | |
| EBITDA margin (%) | 20.0 | 19.4 | (57bps) | 21.0 | 19.6 | (136bps) | | |
| Net profit (Rs mn) | 1,61,706 | 96,220 | (40.5) | 1,43,370 | 1,12,519 | (21.5) | | |
| EPS (Rs) | 67.1 | 39.9 | (40.5) | 59.5 | 46.7 | (21.5) | | |

Source: Company; IDBI Capital Research



Financial Summary

Profit & Loss Account (Rs mn)

| Year-end: March | FY19 | FY20 | FY21 | FY22 | FY23E | FY24E |
|------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Net sales | 847,570 | 733,260 | 798,390 | 1,463,710 | 1,297,162 | 1,462,946 |
| Change (yoy, %) | 18 | (13) | 9 | 83 | (11) | 13 |
| Operating expenses | (658,050) | (614,530) | (596,980) | (1,073,640) | (1,045,640) | (1,175,802) |
| EBITDA | 189,520 | 118,730 | 201,410 | 390,070 | 251,522 | 287,144 |
| Change (yoy, %) | 28 | (37) | 70 | 94 | (36) | 14 |
| Margin (%) | 22.4 | 16.2 | 25.2 | 26.6 | 19.4 | 19.6 |
| Depreciation | (40,410) | (42,460) | (46,790) | (60,010) | (64,811) | (69,996) |
| EBIT | 149,110 | 76,270 | 154,620 | 330,060 | 186,711 | 217,148 |
| Interest paid | (39,170) | (42,650) | (39,570) | (49,680) | (55,145) | (61,211) |
| Other income | 2,040 | 5,460 | 5,920 | 15,310 | 16,535 | 17,858 |
| Pre-tax profit | 111,680 | 38,180 | 120,980 | 304,860 | 148,101 | 173,795 |
| Tax | (36,440) | 9,060 | (41,420) | (88,070) | (37,025) | (43,449) |
| Effective tax rate (%) | 33 | (24) | 34 | 29 | 25 | 25 |
| Minority Interest | (2,820) | (3,120) | 6,190 | (12,380) | (14,856) | (17,827) |
| Net profit | 72,420 | 44,120 | 85,750 | 204,410 | 96,220 | 112,519 |
| Exceptional items | (300) | 7,150 | 840 | 16,580 | - | - |
| Adjusted net profit | 72,720 | 36,970 | 84,910 | 187,830 | 96,220 | 112,519 |
| Change (yoy, %) | 24.0 | (49.2) | 129.7 | 121.2 | (48.8) | 16.9 |
| EPS | 30.2 | 15.3 | 35.2 | 77.9 | 39.9 | 46.7 |
| Dividend per share | 3.9 | 5.0 | 6.5 | 7.0 | 8.0 | 10.0 |
| Dividend Payout % | 12.8 | 32.3 | 18.5 | 9.0 | 20.1 | 21.5 |



| Balance S | heet | | (Rs mn |
|-----------|------|--|--------|
| | | | |

| Year-end: March | FY19 | FY20 | FY21 | FY22 | FY23E | FY24E |
|----------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Shareholders' funds | 347,950 | 365,990 | 467,630 | 672,970 | 764,708 | 870,882 |
| Share capital | 3,010 | 3,010 | 3,010 | 3,010 | 3,010 | 3,010 |
| Reserves & surplus | 344,940 | 362,980 | 464,620 | 669,960 | 761,698 | 867,872 |
| Total Debt | 449,260 | 610,540 | 517,300 | 699,750 | 629,750 | 559,750 |
| Other liabilities | 89,050 | 74,350 | 91,420 | 124,700 | 124,700 | 124,700 |
| Curr Liab & prov | 267,380 | 273,070 | 413,000 | 455,050 | 400,996 | 440,187 |
| Current liabilities | 266,040 | 271,460 | 410,260 | 452,490 | 398,436 | 437,627 |
| Provisions | 1,340 | 1,610 | 2,740 | 2,560 | 2,560 | 2,560 |
| Total liabilities | 805,690 | 957,960 | 1,021,720 | 1,279,500 | 1,155,446 | 1,124,637 |
| Total equity & liabilities | 1,149,140 | 1,318,200 | 1,483,160 | 1,964,850 | 1,917,678 | 1,975,216 |
| | | | | | | |
| Net fixed assets | 745,330 | 891,850 | 972,240 | 1,166,050 | 1,301,239 | 1,381,244 |
| Investments | 18,940 | 12,590 | 88,320 | 49,320 | 49,320 | 49,320 |
| Other non-curr assets | 50,140 | 48,090 | 64,160 | 95,740 | 95,740 | 95,740 |
| Current assets | 334,730 | 365,670 | 358,440 | 653,740 | 471,379 | 448,913 |
| Inventories | 145,480 | 138,640 | 142,490 | 337,870 | 231,507 | 261,094 |
| Sundry Debtors | 71,600 | 45,050 | 44,860 | 74,570 | 72,885 | 82,200 |
| Cash and Bank | 61,870 | 120,030 | 128,130 | 173,830 | 94,727 | 28,184 |
| Loans and advances | 5,610 | 7,420 | 6,220 | 7,590 | 7,590 | 7,590 |
| Other current assets | 50,170 | 54,530 | 36,740 | 59,880 | 64,670 | 69,844 |
| Total assets | 1,149,140 | 1,318,200 | 1,483,160 | 1,964,850 | 1,917,678 | 1,975,216 |



| | | | | | (Rs mn) |
|-----------|---|---|---|---|--|
| FY19 | FY20 | FY21 | FY22 | FY23E | FY24E |
| 111,680 | 38,180 | 120,980 | 304,860 | 148,101 | 173,795 |
| (40,410) | (42,460) | (46,790) | (60,010) | (64,811) | (69,996) |
| (23,540) | (13,110) | (23,100) | (46,950) | (37,025) | (43,449) |
| 41,470 | 37,270 | 137,470 | (184,410) | 53,995 | 288 |
| 24,360 | (8,970) | 40,134 | (693) | (479) | - |
| 193,600 | 87,810 | 322,274 | 132,817 | 229,402 | 200,630 |
| | | | | | |
| (146,980) | (180,960) | (127,180) | (253,820) | (200,000) | (150,000) |
| (4,250) | 6,350 | (75,730) | 39,000 | - | - |
| - | - | - | - | - | - |
| (151,230) | (174,610) | (202,910) | (214,820) | (200,000) | (150,000) |
| (10) | _ | _ | _ | _ | _ |
| 20,890 | 161,280 | (93,240) | 182,450 | (70,000) | (70,000) |
| (9,330) | (11,950) | (15,712) | (16,920) | (19,338) | (24,172) |
| (2,680) | (4,370) | 5,750 | 6,190 | (29,712) | (35,654) |
| - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 8,870 | 144,960 | (103,202) | 171,720 | (119,050) | (129,826) |
| 51,240 | 58,160 | 16,162 | 89,717 | (89,647) | (79,196) |
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Financial Ratios

| Year-end: March | FY19 | FY20 | FY21 | FY22 | FY23E | FY24E |
|-----------------------------------|------|--------|-------|-------|--------|-------|
| Book Value (Rs) | 144 | 152 | 194 | 279 | 317 | 361 |
| Adj EPS (Rs) | 30.2 | 15.3 | 35.2 | 77.9 | 39.9 | 46.7 |
| Adj EPS growth (%) | 24.0 | (49.2) | 129.7 | 121.2 | (48.8) | 16.9 |
| EBITDA margin (%) | 22.4 | 16.2 | 25.2 | 26.6 | 19.4 | 19.6 |
| Pre-tax margin (%) | 13.2 | 5.2 | 15.2 | 20.8 | 11.4 | 11.9 |
| Net Debt/Equity (x) | 1.1 | 1.3 | 0.8 | 0.8 | 0.7 | 0.6 |
| ROCE (%) | 18.4 | 7.9 | 14.6 | 25.6 | 12.3 | 14.2 |
| ROE (%) | 23.2 | 10.4 | 20.4 | 32.9 | 13.4 | 13.8 |
| DuPont Analysis | | | | | | |
| Asset turnover (x) | 0.8 | 0.6 | 0.6 | 0.8 | 0.7 | 0.8 |
| Leverage factor (x) | 3.3 | 3.5 | 3.4 | 3.0 | 2.7 | 2.4 |
| Net margin (%) | 8.6 | 5.0 | 10.6 | 12.8 | 7.4 | 7.7 |
| Working Capital & Liquidity ratio | | | | | | |
| Inventory days | 63 | 69 | 65 | 84 | 65 | 65 |
| Receivable days | 31 | 22 | 21 | 19 | 21 | 21 |
| Payable days | 40 | 59 | 93 | 105 | 86 | 87 |

Valuations

| Year-end: March | FY19 | FY20 | FY21 | FY22 | FY23E | FY24E |
|----------------------|------|------|------|------|-------|-------|
| PER (x) | 18.6 | 36.7 | 16.0 | 7.2 | 14.1 | 12.0 |
| Price/Book value (x) | 3.9 | 3.7 | 2.9 | 2.0 | 1.8 | 1.6 |
| EV/Net sales (x) | 2.1 | 2.5 | 2.2 | 1.3 | 1.5 | 1.3 |
| EV/EBITDA (x) | 9.2 | 15.5 | 8.7 | 4.8 | 7.5 | 6.6 |
| Dividend Yield (%) | 0.7 | 0.9 | 1.2 | 1.2 | 1.4 | 1.8 |

Source: Company; IDBI Capital Research





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