SAIL's Q4FY10 bottomline was above our estimates, driven by lower than expected interests and depreciation. Strong steel prices and lower input costs led to a stunning growth in the earnings during the quarter.

Higher realisation offset fall in volumes: For Q4FY10, SAIL posted a flattish 1.5\% YoY growth in its topline to Rs119.6bn (Rs117.7bn). Despite the volume de-growth of $5.2 \%$ YoY at 3.4 mn tonnes ( 3.6 mn tonnes), topline was supported by strong realisation, which grew by $7.2 \%$ YoY during the quarter. In FY10, topline de-grew $6.1 \%$ to Rs405.5bn (Rs431.9bn) due to $12.2 \%$ lower realisations. However, volumes grew by $7 \%$ in FY10 at 12.1 mn tonnes ( 11.3 mnn tonnes), which arrested fall in the topline.

EBITDA improves on higher prices and lower costs: During Q4FY10, SAIL's EBITDA grew 48.8\% YoY compared to flattish topline growth. The EBITDA margins expanded by 750bps at 23.6\% (16.1\%), on account of lower net raw material costs, which was down by $19.4 \%$ YoY, driven by lower contracted coking coal price. In FY10, EBITDA Margin was up by 300bps at $22.7 \%$ (19.7\%), despite lower realisations YoY, due to lower employee cost as company net off the excess provisions in FY10.

Net profit ahead of estimates: During Q4FY10, strong steel prices and lower raw material costs led to net profit surging by $40.4 \% \mathrm{YoY}$ at Rs20.9bn (IRs14.9bn). However, higher interest cost (due to additional borrowings), which was up by hefty $215 \%$ YoY at Rs $1,347 \mathrm{mn}$ (Rs427mn) resisted the growth in the net profit. For FY10, the company posted $9.7 \%$ growth in net profit at Rs67.5bn (Rs61.5bn), due to lower employee costs.

## VALUATIONS AND RECOMMENDATION

At CMP of Rs206, the stock is trading at FY11E and FY12E P/E of 9.8 and $8.9 x$ and EV/EBITDA of $6.6 x$ and $6.0 x$ respectively. Though we have an overall positive outlook for the company, we believe that the current valuation does not provide enough room for appreciation. We value SAIL at FY12E EV/EBITDA of $6.5 x$ to arrive at a fair value of Rs222. Hence, we maintain our 'HOLD' recommendation on the stock with a target price of Rs222.

| KEY FINANCIALS |  |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Rs mn | FY08 | FY09 | FY10P | FY11E | FY12E |
| Net Sales | 400,010 | 431,880 | 405,514 | 517,596 | 578,614 |
| YoY Gr.(\%) | 17.9 | 8.0 | $(6.1)$ | 27.6 | 11.8 |
| Op. Profit | 110,635 | 84,947 | 91,894 | 130,514 | 150,405 |
| Op. Marg.(\%) | 27.7 | 19.7 | 22.7 | 25.2 | 26.0 |
| Adj. Net Profit | 75,368 | 61,704 | 67,544 | 86,305 | 95,716 |
| YoY Gr.(\%) | 21.5 | $(18.1)$ | 9.5 | 27.8 | 10.9 |
| KEYRATIO |  |  |  |  |  |
| Dil. EPS (Rs) | 18.2 | 14.9 | 16.4 | 20.9 | 23.2 |
| ROCE (\%) | 23.3 | 12.8 | 10.3 | 11.9 | 12.0 |
| RoE (\%) | 32.7 | 22.0 | 20.4 | 21.7 | 20.3 |
| PER (x) | 11.3 | 13.8 | 12.6 | 9.8 | 8.9 |
| EV/ Net Sales (x) | 1.9 | 1.7 | 1.9 | 1.7 | 1.6 |
| EV /EBIDTA (x) | 6.7 | 8.7 | 8.5 | 6.6 | 6.0 |

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| QUARTERLY SNAPSHOT | (Rs mn) |  |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Quarter Ended |  |  |  |
|  | Sep-09 | Dec-09 | Mar-10 |
| Net sales | 99,439 | 96,971 | 119,552 |
| YoY Gr.(\%) | $(16.8)$ | 11.2 | 1.5 |
| Op.Profit | 22,932 | 23,969 | 28,225 |
| OPM(\%) | 23.1 | 24.7 | 23.6 |
| Adj.Net Profit | 16,635 | 16,756 | 20,849 |
| YoY Gr. (\%) | $(17.2)$ | 98.7 | 40.4 |

STOCK DATA

| Market cap | Rs848.8bn |
| :--- | ---: |
| Book Value per share | Rs68 |
| Shares O/S (F.V. Rs10) | $4,130 \mathrm{mn}$ |
| Free Float | $14.2 \%$ |
| Avg Trade Value (6 months) | Rs1,579mn |
| 52 week High/Low | Rs259/139 |
| Bloomberg Code | SAIL IN |
| Reuters Code | SAIL.BO |
|  |  |
|  |  |
| PERFORMANCE (\%) |  |
|  |  |
| Absolute | 1M |
| Relative | (5.3) |
| (2.3) | $(5.8)$ |
|  | $(8.4)$ |

RELATIVE PERFORMANCE



Source: Company, PINC Research

## Expansions well on track

To leverage the strong domestic story, SAIL is almost doubling its saleable steel capacity from 12.5 mtpa (FY09) to 23.1 mtpa by 2014 . The capacity expansion is advancing in phases; in phase I, the company will expand its capacity to 20.2 mtpa by 2012 . We believe that the expansion along with the modernisation programme would help SAIL reduce its fixed cost/tonne over the long term.

Exhibit 2 - Capacity expansion plans

| Mn tonnes | Existing Capacity Post Expansion by 2012 | Post Expansion by |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| $\mathbf{2 0 1 4}$ |  |  |  |
| Hot Metal | 14.4 | 23.5 | 26.2 |
| Crude Steel | 13.4 | 21.4 | 24.6 |
| Saleable steel | 12.5 | 20.2 | 23.1 |
| Captive Power (MW) | 872 | 1,922 | 1,922 |

Source: Company, PINC Research

## Huge capex in place

For its expansion programme, SAIL has planned a capex of Rs598bn, of which ~Rs175bn has already been utilised in FY08, FY09 and FY10. Of the total capex planned, Rs70bn would be spent for value addition/product mix, Rs35bn for modernization and technology up-gradation, and Rs123bn for sustenance including de-bottlenecking, AMR and the environment.

## Exhibit 3 - Capex Break up

Purpose
Capex (Rs mn)
Expansion to 20.2 370

Additional Capex
Value addition/product mix improvement 70

Technological Upgradation/ Moderanisation 35
Sustenance including debottlenecking, AMR and Environment 123
Total 598
Source: Company, PINC Research

| Exhibit 4 - Q4FY10 Quarterly Snapshot |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Rs mn | Q4FY10 | Q4FY09 | YoY (\%) | Q3FY10 | QoQ (\%) | FY10 | FY09 | YoY (\%) |
| Net Sales | 119,552 | 117,740 | 1.5 | 96,971 | 23.3 | 405,514 | 431,880 | (6.1) |
| Net Raw Material | 51,574 | 63,949 | (19.4) | 36,127 | 42.8 | 171,984 | 169,320 | 1.6 |
| (\% of Net Sales) | 43.1 | 54.3 |  | 37.3 |  | 42.4 | 39.2 |  |
| Employee Costs | 16,381 | 13,519 | 21.2 | 15,712 | 4.3 | 54,168 | 84,615 | (36.0) |
| (\% of Net Sales) | 13.7 | 11.5 |  | 16.2 |  | 13.4 | 19.6 |  |
| Power \& Fuel | 9,494 | 8,170 | 16.2 | 7,180 | 32.2 | 33,643 | 31,832 | 5.7 |
| (\% of Net Sales) | 7.9 | 6.9 |  | 7.4 |  | 8.3 | 7.4 |  |
| Other expenses | 13,878 | 13,129 | 5.7 | 13,983 | (0.7) | 53,825 | 61,168 | (12.0) |
| (\% of Net Sales) | 11.6 | 11.2 |  | 14.4 |  | 13.3 | 14.2 |  |
| Total Expenditure | 91,327 | 98,767 | (7.5) | 73,002 | 25.1 | 313,620 | 346,934 | (9.6) |
| Operating Profits | 28,225 | 18,972 | 48.8 | 23,969 | 17.8 | 91,894 | 84,947 | 8.2 |
| EBITDA Margins (\%) | 23.6 | 16.1 |  | 24.7 |  | 22.7 | 19.7 |  |
| Interest | 1,347 | 427 | 215.4 | 1,101 | 22.3 | 4,020 | 2,594 | 55.0 |
| Depreciation | 3,384 | 3,305 | 2.4 | 3,390 | (0.2) | 13,372 | 12,878 | 3.8 |
| Other Income | 7,175 | 7,454 | (3.7) | 5,883 | 22.0 | 26,819 | 24,354 | 10.1 |
| Extraordinary items | - | 160 |  | - |  | - | 160 |  |
| Profit before Tax | 30,668 | 22,854 | 34.2 | 25,361 | 20.9 | 101,320 | 93,989 | 7.8 |
| (\% of Net Sales) | 25.7 | 19.4 |  | 26.2 |  | 25.0 | 21.8 |  |
| Total Tax | 9,819 | 8,002 | 22.7 | 8,605 | 14.1 | 33,777 | 32,285 | 4.6 |
| (\% of PBT) | 32.0 | 35.0 |  | 33.9 |  | 33.3 | 34.3 |  |
| Profit after Tax | 20,849 | 14,852 | 40.4 | 16,756 | 24.4 | 67,544 | 61,544 | 9.7 |
| (\% of Net Sales) | 17.4 | 12.6 |  | 17.3 |  | 16.7 | 14.3 |  |

Source: Company, PINC Research

Figures in Rs mn

| Income Statement | FY08 | FY09 | FY10P | FY11E | FY12E |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Net sales | 400,010 | 431,880 | 405,514 | 517,596 | 578,614 |
| Growth (\%) | 17.9 | 8.0 | (6.1) | 27.6 | 11.8 |
| Operating Profit | 110,635 | 84,947 | 91,894 | 130,514 | 150,405 |
| Other operating income |  |  |  |  |  |
| EBITDA | 110,635 | 84,947 | 91,894 | 130,514 | 150,405 |
| Growth (\%) | 23.4 | (23.2) | 8.2 | 42.0 | 15.2 |
| Depreciation | 12,355 | 12,878 | 13,372 | 17,580 | 21,055 |
| Other Income | 18,917 | 24,354 | 26,819 | 25,895 | 30,951 |
| EBIT | 117,197 | 96,423 | 105,340 | 138,829 | 160,301 |
| Interest Paid | 2,509 | 2,594 | 4,020 | 8,063 | 15,277 |
| PBT (before E/o items) | 114,687 | 93,829 | 101,320 | 130,766 | 145,024 |
| Tax Provision | 39,320 | 32,285 | 33,777 | 44,460 | 49,308 |
| E/o loss/(income) |  | 160 |  |  |  |
| Net Profit | 75,368 | 61,544 | 67,544 | 86,305 | 95,716 |
| Adjusted Net Profit | 75,368 | 61,704 | 67,544 | 86,305 | 95,716 |
| Growth (\%) | 21.5 | (18.1) | 9.5 | 27.8 | 10.9 |
| Diluted EPS (Rs) | 18.2 | 14.9 | 16.4 | 20.9 | 23.2 |
| Diluted EPS Growth (\%) | 21.5 | (18.1) | 9.5 | 27.8 | 10.9 |
| Balance Sheet | FY08 | FY09 | FY10P | FY11E | FY12E |
| Equity Share Capital | 41,304 | 41,304 | 41,304 | 41,304 | 41,304 |
| Reserves \& surplus | 189,332 | 238,537 | 290,231 | 356,341 | 429,660 |
| Shareholders' funds | 230,636 | 279,841 | 331,535 | 397,645 | 470,964 |
| Minorities interests |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total Debt | 30,452 | 75,388 | 164,388 | 214,388 | 224,388 |
| Capital Employed | 261,088 | 355,229 | 495,923 | 612,033 | 695,351 |
| Net fixed assets | 139,609 | 188,131 | 280,818 | 413,238 | 517,183 |
| Cash \& Cash Eq. | 137,594 | 182,285 | 235,952 | 200,526 | 168,806 |
| Net Other current assets | $(6,406)$ | $(8,393)$ | $(14,052)$ | 5,064 | 16,157 |
| Investments | 5,382 | 6,527 | 6,527 | 6,527 | 6,527 |
| Net Deferred tax Assets | $(15,091)$ | $(13,322)$ | $(13,322)$ | $(13,322)$ | $(13,322)$ |
| Total Assets | 261,088 | 355,229 | 495,923 | 612,033 | 695,351 |

## 1 Year forward P/E Band



| Cash Flow Statement | FY08 | FY09 | FY10P | FY11E | FY12E |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Pre-tax profit | 114,687 | 94,035 | 101,320 | 130,766 | 145,024 |
| Depreciation | 12,343 | 12,873 | 13,372 | 17,580 | 21,055 |
| Total Tax Paid | $(37,826)$ | $(31,393)$ | $(33,777)$ | $(44,460)$ | $(49,308)$ |
| Chg in working capital | $(7,434)$ | $(24,176)$ | 5,660 | $(19,116)$ | $(11,093)$ |
| Other operating acivities | 2,011 | 9,903 | $(15,706)$ | $(12,086)$ | $(9,448)$ |
| Cash flow from oper (a) | 83,782 | 61,243 | 70,870 | 72,683 | 96,230 |
| Capital Expenditure | $(21,988)$ | $(54,025)$ | $(106,060)$ | $(150,000)$ | $(125,000)$ |
| Chg in investments | $(244)$ | $(1,141)$ | $(0)$ | - | - |
| Other investing activities | 10,833 | 11,101 | 19,682 | 20,150 | 24,725 |
| Cash flow from inv.(b) | $(11,399)$ | $(44,065)$ | $(86,378)$ | $(129,850)$ | $(100,275)$ |
| Free cash flow (a+b) | 72,383 | 17,178 | $(15,508)$ | $(57,167)$ | $(4,045)$ |
| Equity raised/(repaid) | 8 | 9 | - | - | - |
| Debt raised/(repaid) | $(11,124)$ | 45,197 | 89,000 | 50,000 | 10,000 |
| Change in minority interest | -- | - | - | - | - |
| Dividend (incl. Tax) | $(16,430)$ | $(14,960)$ | $(15,805)$ | $(20,195)$ | $(22,398)$ |
| Other financing activities | $(3,341)$ | $(2,733)$ | $(4,020)$ | $(8,063)$ | $(15,277)$ |
| Cash flow from fin © | $(30,887)$ | 27,513 | 69,175 | 21,741 | $(27,675)$ |
| Net chg in cash (a+b+c) | 41,496 | 44,691 | 53,667 | $(35,426)$ | $(31,720)$ |


| Key Ratios | FY08 | FY09 | FY10P | FY11: | FY12: |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| OPM (\%) | 27.7 | 19.7 | 22.7 | 25.2 | 26.0 |
| Net Margin (\%) | 18.8 | 14.3 | 16.7 | 16.7 | 16.5 |
| Yield (\%) | 2.1 | 1.5 | 1.9 | 2.4 | 2.6 |
| Net debt/Equity (x) | $(0.5)$ | $(0.4)$ | $(0.2)$ | 0.0 | 0.1 |
| Working Capital Days | 130 | 152 | 139 | 129 | 129 |
| RoCE (\%) | 23.3 | 12.8 | 10.3 | 11.9 | 12.0 |
| RoE (\%) | 32.7 | 22.0 | 20.4 | 21.7 | 20.3 |
| EV/Net Sales (x) | 1.9 | 1.7 | 1.9 | 1.7 | 1.6 |
| EV/EBITDA (x) | 6.7 | 8.7 | 8.5 | 6.6 | 6.0 |
| PER (x) | 11.3 | 13.8 | 12.6 | 9.8 | 8.9 |
| PCE (x) | 9.7 | 11.4 | 10.5 | 8.2 | 7.3 |
| Price/BV (x) | 3.7 | 3.0 | 2.6 | 2.1 | 1.8 |

## 1 Year forward EV/EBIDTA



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