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Stock Rating
Overweight
Industry View
Attractive

### Sesa Goa

# Solid 1QF09 Results: We Remain Overweight

**Quick Comment:** We maintain our Overweight rating on the stock due to our constructive stance on iron ore pricing and our confidence in Sesa's ability to deliver robust volume growth over the next two years.

**Sesa Goa has announced strong 1QF09 PAT** of Rs6.36 bn, up 436% YoY. EBITDA was Rs8 bn, 39% ahead of our estimates, on a combination of higher volumes and better realizations.

#### Highlights of the results:

- 1) Iron ore sales volume was strong at 3.2 mt, up 48% YoY against our expectation of an 18% increase. We believe this should put Sesa on track to achieve its annual target of 25-30% annual growth.
- 2) Iron ore realization was also ahead of our estimate at Rs3,400/t, a rise of 11% QoQ and 92% YoY. This was mainly due to continued strength in spot prices, favorable movement in INR and the 65% YoY increase in contract settlement price. We believe that for the rest of F09, Sesa should realize the benefit of 81-97% increase in contract prices settlement in iron ore, which was concluded this quarter between the Australian miners and Chinese steel mills.
- 3) Sesa's coke realizations were also strong at Rs21,000/ton, up 42% QoQ, driving the 8% QoQ growth in coke EBIT.
- 4) EBITDA margin was a healthy 62% for Sesa in the quarter. Though this is 2,550 bps higher YoY, it is down 850 bps sequentially mainly due to higher transportation costs, which in our view, would be because of (a) higher proportion of sales from Orissa and Karnataka; and (b) increased trucking and rail charges.

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#### **Key Ratios and Statistics**

Reuters: SESA.BO Bloomberg: SESA IN India Nonferrous Metals & Mining

| Price target                    | Rs5,016.00          |
|---------------------------------|---------------------|
| Upside to price target (%)      | 74                  |
| Shr price, close (Jul 22, 2008) | Rs2,878.35          |
| 52-Week Range                   | Rs4,390.00-1,686.10 |
| Sh out, dil, curr (mn)          | 39                  |
| Mkt cap, curr (mn)              | Rs113,407           |
| EV, curr (mn)                   | Rs93,451            |
| Avg daily trading volume (mn)   | Rs298               |

| Fiscal Year ending        | 03/08  | 03/09e | 03/10e | 03/11e |
|---------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| ModelWare EPS (Rs)        | 392.11 | 519.38 | 540.24 | 617.24 |
| Prior ModelWare EPS (Rs)  | -      | -      | -      | -      |
| Consensus EPS (Rs)§       | 388.37 | 545.64 | 620.83 | 711.79 |
| Revenue, net (Rs mn)      | 36,633 | 55,035 | 60,538 | 74,918 |
| EBITDA (Rs mn)            | 23,035 | 32,745 | 33,609 | 37,526 |
| ModelWare net inc (Rs mn) | 15,449 | 22,297 | 23,192 | 26,498 |
| P/E                       | 8.0    | 5.5    | 5.3    | 4.7    |
| P/BV                      | 4.1    | 2.5    | 1.8    | 1.4    |
| RNOA (%)                  | 197.0  | 214.5  | 156.8  | 131.2  |
| ROE (%)                   | 93.5   | 74.4   | 46.9   | 38.3   |
| EV/EBITDA                 | 4.5    | 2.4    | 1.9    | 1.1    |
| Div yld (%)               | 1.4    | 2.0    | 2.4    | 3.1    |
| FCF yld ratio (%)         | 10.6   | 14.8   | 15.0   | 20.1   |
| Leverage (EOP) (%)        | (67.4) | (71.6) | (73.0) | (77.7) |

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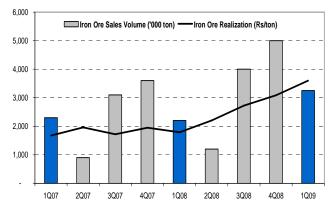
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A change in the duty structure from specific to advalorem effective from June 15, resulted in per ton export duty of Rs172, up 34% from average F08 levels. As the full effect of the export duty change sets in, we believe the export duty per ton should increase to an average of Rs450/t.

PAT margin increased 198bps to 50%, also aided by a lower tax rate of 26% compared to the previous quarter's 34%.

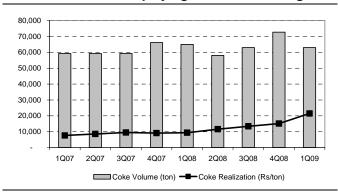
Exhibit 1
Iron Ore: 1QF09 Volumes Robust with 48% YoY Growth;
Realizations: Rise of 11%
QoQ



Source: Company data, Morgan Stanley Research

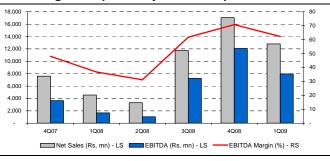
Exhibit 2

Coke Realizations displaying Continued Strength



Source: Company data, Morgan Stanley Research

Exhibit 3
Healthy EBITDA margin though lower sequentially due to higher export duty and transportation costs



Source: Company data, Morgan Stanley Research

Exhibit 4

Quarterly Performance

| Rs Millions                  | 1Q08  | 4Q08   | 1Q09   | YoY (%)  | QoQ (%)  |
|------------------------------|-------|--------|--------|----------|----------|
| Net Sales                    | 4,542 | 17,051 | 12,800 | 181.8    | -25      |
| (Inc)/Dec in stocks          | (389) | 45     | (882)  |          | -75      |
| Consumption of Raw Materials | 532   | 670    | 476    | -10.5    | -29      |
| Staff Cost                   | 173   | 171    | 286    | 65.2     | 67       |
| Consumption of Stores        | 327   | 358    | 395    | 20.9     | 11       |
| Inland Transportation        | 844   | 1,576  | 2,136  | 153.2    | 36       |
| Other Services               | 268   | 641    | 764    | 185.2    | 19       |
| Purchase of Ore              | 408   | 637    | 745    | 82.7     | 17       |
| Other Expenditure            | 195   | 400    | 354    | 81.7     | -12      |
| Export Duty                  | 515   | 486    | 560    | 8.7      | 15       |
| EBITDA                       | 1,669 | 12,066 | 7,966  | 377.2    | 67       |
| EBITDA margin (%)            | 36.8  | 70.8   | 62.2   | 2548 bps | -853 bps |
| Other Income                 | 101   | 273    | 611    | 505.1    | 124      |
| Interest                     | 0     | -      | 0      |          |          |
| Depreciation                 | 91    | 158    | 116    | 27.9     | -27      |
| Cost / Expenses Recovered    | 83    | 113    | 85     | 1.8      | -25      |
| PBT                          | 1,763 | 12,293 | 8,545  | 384.8    | -30      |
| Taxes                        | 575   | 4,159  | 2,185  | 280.0    | -47      |
| Tax Rate (%)                 | 32.6  | 33.8   | 25.6   | -705 bps | -826 bps |
| PAT                          | 1,188 | 8,134  | 6,360  | 435.6    | -22      |

Source: Company data, Morgan Stanley Research

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### **Company Description**

Sesa Goa is India's largest private-sector player in the iron ore segment, contributing about 14% to India's exports. Mitsui of Japan has a 51% stake in the company. It has operations in the three states of Goa, Orissa and Karnataka. The company largely exports its output, with China, Japan and Europe the major destinations. It sells a large part of its output on the basis of long-term contracts. Sesa Goa manufactures coke and produces pig iron too and is active in ship building and repair.

#### **India Nonferrous Metals & Mining**

**Industry View: Attractive** 

#### **MSCI Country: India**

Asia Strategist's Recommended Weight: 3.0% MSCI Asia/Pac All Country Ex Jp Weight: 6.9%

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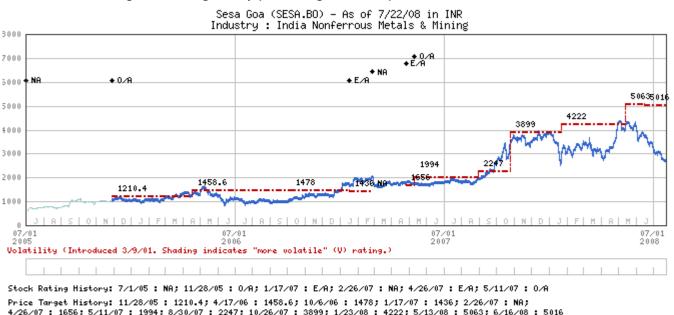
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