# Morgan Stanley

September 1, 2009

Stock Rating
Overweight
Industry View
In-Line

# Sterlite Industries (India) Limited

# Quick Comment: Asarco Decision Good for the Stock: Stay OW

The decision reduces confusion, brings focus back to Sterlite's main businesses: We believe the bankruptcy court's decision in the Asarco ownership case favoring Grupo Mexico is positive for Sterlite stock as: 1) This removes the confusion surrounding Asarco, 2) With this, the optimism regarding possible gains for Sterlite from the "Fraudulent Asset Transfer Case" may be put to rest; and 3) Based on our current assumptions, an acquisition would have been value dilutive by ~ 1.5% to 3.5% for Sterlite. Further, we believe that a possible case against Sterlite to hold it liable for its original bid of US\$2.6b may be weakened now as the winning bid is just US\$100m short of the amount. Note that our base case estimates for Sterlite do not include Asarco. In our view, Sterlite should be better off without the Asarco assets than having bought them at a price higher than US\$2.2bn (last bid by Sterlite). We remain Overweight on Sterlite due to its strong volume growth prospects, high chances to purchase the remaining stakes in HZL and Balco, and likelihood of higher valuations as we come close to commissioning of its power plant.

The stock may trade down on knee-jerk, offering good buying opportunity: In our view, there is a possibility that the stock may react negatively near term due to the recent media reports portraying a higher probability for Sterlite to win Asarco.

What's New; The bankruptcy court has ruled in favor of Grupo Mexico as it believes the terms offered by the latter (US\$2.2 billion in cash plus a US\$280 million note) are superior. US Bankruptcy Judge today sent his recommendation to a district court judge who will make the final decision on Asarco, possibly in the next 2-3 months.

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# Reuters: STRL.BO Bloomberg: STLT IN India Nonferrous Metals & Mining

Price target	Rs714.00
Upside to price target (%)	6
Shr price, close (Aug 31, 2009)	Rs675.30
52-Week Range	Rs738.90-164.50
Sh out, dil, curr (mn)	709
Mkt cap, curr (mn)	Rs478,882
EV, curr (mn)	Rs365,249
Avg daily trading value (mn)	Rs437

Fiscal Year ending	03/08	03/09e	03/10e	03/11e
ModelWare EPS (Rs)	63.54	52.11	46.51	78.50
P/E	11.2	6.8	14.5	8.6

Unless otherwise noted, all metrics are based on Morgan Stanley ModelWare framework (please see explanation later in this note).

e = Morgan Stanley Research estimates

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	Coverage Universe		Investment	Banking Clie	ents (IBC)
_		% of		% of %	% of Rating
Stock Rating Category	Count	Total	Count	Total IBC	Category
Overweight/Buy	783	34%	238	37%	30%
Equal-weight/Hold	1062	46%	316	49%	30%
Not-Rated/Hold	26	1%	3	0%	12%
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Stock Rating History: 9/1/06 : NA/A; 8/10/07 : O/A; 11/6/08 : E/I; 7/2/09 : O/I Price Target History: 8/10/07 : 742; 10/26/07 : 1078; 5/5/08 : 1006; 9/23/08 : 561; 9/25/08 : 647; 11/6/08 : 309; 1/21/09 : 275; 4/1/09 : 321; 5/22/09 : 599; 7/2/09 : 714

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National Aluminium (NALU.BO)	U (05/22/2009)	Rs346.2
Sesa Goa (SESA.BO)	O (08/13/2009)	Rs212.55
Sterlite Industries (India) Limited (STRL.BO)	O (07/02/2009)	Rs675.3

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