

JSW Steel Ltd

Relative to sector: Neutral

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Relative Performance



Source: Bloomberg, ENAM Research

Stock data

No. of shares (fully diluted): 172mn								
Market cap	:	Rs.100bn						
52 week high/low	:	Rs 606/ Rs 205						
Avg. daily vol. (6mth)	:	707,200 shares						
Bloomberg code	:	JSTL IN						
Reuters code	:	JSTL.BO						

Shareholding (%) Mar-07 QoQ chg

Promoters	:	46.5	1.6
FIIs	:	18.7	(0.0)
MFs / UTI	:	6.5	1.5
Banks / FIs	:	4.5	(0.5)
Others	:	23.7	(2.6)

ROBUST VOLUME GROWTH AHEAD

JSW Steel's (JSW) Q4FY07 revenues increased 58% YoY and 9% QoQ backed by higher volumes and realizations. Q4FY07 EBITDA increased sharply by 96% YoY to Rs 8.2bn. EBITDA margin improved YoY to 32.8% in Q4FY07 from 26.3% in Q4FY06 (34.6% in Q3FY07) due to higher realizations, operating leverage benefits and savings in power & coke costs (with higher proportion of captive power & captive coke). Despite higher depreciation and interest costs (due to the expansion project), adjusted PAT before non-recurring items jumped 907.7% YoY from Rs 0.37bn to Rs 3.7bn in Q4FY07.

Q4FY07 Highlights

- Total saleable steel volume increased ~33% YoY to 0.74mn tonnes. Q4FY07 HR coil sales volume was higher by 50% YoY at 0.47mn tonnes.
- Blended saleable steel realizations improved ~13% YoY but declined marginally by 2.5% sequentially.
- JSW has restarted the corex furnace that had been shut down for repairs due to an accidental fire. The company has received an insurance claim of Rs 96mn towards cost of repairs and has also accounted for Rs 563mn as income towards claim for loss of profits.
- As planned, JSW expects to complete 6.8mtpa capacity expansion by March 2009.

Steel outlook

We believe that steel pricing in the short to medium term would be supported by industry consolidation and cost pressures on account of rising cost of metallics and higher freight costs.

Maintain Neutral Rating

<u>Going forward we expect steel volumes to grow by ~25% & ~18% in</u> <u>FY08 & FY09 respectively with the full effect of the expanded</u> <u>capacities.</u> We retain our FY08 and FY09 earnings forecast at Rs 85.7 and Rs 109.1 respectively. At CMP Rs 583, the stock trades at 6.8x FY08E earnings. We maintain our sector **Neutral** rating on the stock with an unchanged price target of Rs 600. (7XFY08E earnings)

Financial summary

Y/E Mar	Sales (Rs mn)	Adj.PAT (Rs mn)	Consensus EPS* (Rs.)	EPS (Rs.)	Change YoY (%)	P/E (x)	RoE (%)	RoCE (%)	EV/EBITDA (x)	DPS (Rs.)
2006	61,801	4,923	-	28.6	(39)	10.6	16	17.8	5.4	8.3
2007	86,312	11,957	-	69.5	143	7.1	27	25.1	4.6	13.6
2008E	98,474	14,738	85.9	85.7	23	6.8	26	23.7	4.7	14.3
2009E	113,107	18,760	99.0	109.1	27	5.3	26	24.9	3.9	14.3

Source: *Consensus broker estimates, Company, ENAM estimates on fully diluted equity

Target Price: Rs 600

Potential Upside: 3%

		Quarter ended				12 months ended		
(Rs. mn)	Mar-07	Mar-06	% Chg	Dec-06	% Chg	Mar-08E	Mar-07	% Chg
Net Sales	24,985	15,832	57.8	23,015	8.6	98,474	86,312	14.1
EBITDA	8,187	4,168	96.4	7,967	2.8	32,126	28,535	12.6
Other income	366	-	-	64	476.5	222	-	-
PBIDT	8,553	4,168	105.2	8,031	6.5	32,348	28,535	13.4
Depreciation	1,498	1,015	47.6	1,295	15.7	6,975	6,073	14.9
Interest^	1,016	816	24.6	1,107	(8.2)	4,014	4,274	(6.1)
РВТ	6,038	2,337	158.4	5,630	7.3	21,359	18,188	17.4
Tax	2,077	1,815	14.4	1,738	19.5	6,621	6,232	6.3
Other provisions	270	156	73.6	270	0.1	-	-	-
Adjusted PAT	3,691	366	907.7	3,622	1.9	14,738	11,957	23.3
Extra ordinary income#/ (exp.)	441	3,741	(88.2)	-	-	-	684	-
Reported PAT	4,133	4,107	0.6	3,622	14.1	14,738	12,641	16.6
No. of shares (mn)*	172	172	-	172	-	172	172	-
EBITDA margins (%)	32.8	26.3	-	34.6	-	32.6	33.1	-
PBIDT margins (%)	34.2	26.3	-	34.9	-	32.8	33.1	-
EPS - annualized (Rs.)	85.9	8.5	-	84.2	-	85.7	69.5	-

Results update

Source: Company, ENAM Research Note *fully diluted equity shares, ^Interest for FY07 & FY08E includes dividend on preference shares of Rs 279 mn; #Extraordinary income in FY07 includes post tax insurance claim of Rs 659 mn and for Mar 06 quarter includes profit on sale of investments.

Other Highlights

Expansion to 10mtpa: JSW expects to complete 6.8mtpa capacity expansion by March 09. The company now further plans to increase the steel capacity to 10mtpa by CY10 at a total cost of Rs 70bn. The project is to be financed by way of internal cash accruals of Rs 20bn and the balance through a mix of Foreign Currency Convertible Bonds, external commercial borrowings, structured finance products and rupee loans.

Acquisition of Service Centre in the UK

JSW Steel Ltd, through its wholly owned subsidiary JSW Steel (UK) Ltd has acquired 100% stake in Argent Independent Steel Ltd. This is a steelprocessing center strategically located at Newport, South Wales, UK about 2kms away from the seaport. The annual steel processing capacity of the company is 0.15mtpa.

Acquisition of Cold Rolling Complex: The Board of Directors is planning to acquire Jindal Steel & Alloys Ltd. (JSAL), which owns a 230,000-tonne Cold Rolling facility at Vasind, adjacent to the company's facility. The total consideration for the facility is Rs 633.4mn, which will be discharged by taking over liabilities of Rs 619.8mn. The balance of Rs.13.6 mn is to be paid in cash subject to certain approvals received from JSAL.

Coking Coal block: JSW has been jointly allotted (69% entitlement) the Rohne coal block in the State of Jharkhand with ~250mn tonnes of mineable reserves of medium to high grade coking coal. The company is eligible to transfer a part of the coking coal to the steel plant at Vijaynagar, although the cost of transportation would be high. We believe that the mines would be part

of the company's plans for the Jharkhand steel plant. Actual mining is expected to commence only after two years.

Mozambique coalmines: The Company has received an encouraging due diligence report on the coal blocks proposed to be acquired. It has signed further MOU's to take over two more licenses for coal mines in Africa for which further due diligence would be undertaken.

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