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Result ahead of expectation on topline surprise

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Mundra Port & SEZ 2QFY12 results were better than estimates led by strong topline growth (44% y-y and 13% q-q).

EBITDA margins, however, were slightly lower at 64.4% (down 340 bps q-q and 130 bps y-y) primarily due to an adverse mix of cargo handled.

Importantly, traffic from Tata Power's UMPP and for HPCL refinery has now started at the port, lifting concerns of delay for both these projects.

Overall EBITDA at INR3.78bn is 6.8% higher than our estimates while in-line with street.

Reported traffic for the quarter is 16.9 mn ton (up 34% y-y and 12% q-q).

However, we notice that depreciation (new capacity being set up), net interest expense (FX loss and lower interest income) and other income have varied sharply over the quarter but mostly offsetting each other.

Overall EPS at INR1.36 is 4.6% ahead of our estimate though almost in line with street.

From the balance sheet, we notice a sharp increase in debt levels (from INR27.1bn in Mar-11 to INR43.5bn in Sep-11) which the company explains is partially due to INR depreciation (ECB loans). There is a corresponding increase in fixed assets of the company suggesting the balance increase in debt for the new capacities being set up.

We also note a sharp rise in loans and advances (from INR6bn in Mar-11 to INR12bn in Sep-11) which as per the company is primarily due to loan given to Adani Hazira port (its subsidiary).

Overall, the results are positive and we expect the stock to react positively.

Fig. 1: Key Numbers Vs Estimates

INR Mn	Sep-11	Nomura Est	Consensus Est	Sep-10	Jun-11
Net Sales	5,878	5,216	5,543	4,076	5,181
Operating EBITDA	3,787	3,547	3,799	2,678	3,514
EBITDA Margin	64.4%	68.0%	68.5%	65.7%	67.8%
Reported PAT	2,734	2,608	2,696	2,117	2,565
Recurring EPS (Rs)	1.36	1.30	1.36	1.06	1.28

Source: Company, Bloomberg, Nomura Estimates

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Rating Remains	Buy
Target price Remains	INR 180
Closing price November 9, 2011	INR 159

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Fig. 2: MSEZ 2QFY12 result snapshot

INR mn	Sep-10	Jun-11	Sep-11
Sales	4,076	5,181	5,878
Expenses			
Operating expenses	1,003	1,168	1,497
Personnel expenses	194	206	237
Administrative expenses	202	294	358
EBITDA	2,678	3,514	3,787
Margin	66%	68%	64%
Depreciation	485	587	679
PBIT	2,193	2,926	3,108
Margin	54%	57%	53%
Interest	92	331	464
Other income	154	141	386
PBT	2,256	2,736	3,030
Margin	55.3%	52.8%	51.6%
Taxation	139	171	296
PAT	2,117	2,565	2,734
Margin	51.9%	49.5%	46.5%
EPS (INR)	1.06	1.28	1.36
Tax rate	6.2%	6.2%	9.8%
Net port revenue	4,076	5,181	5,878
Net port EBITDA	2,678	3,514	3,787
Port traffic in mn te	12.6	15.1	16.9
Net port revenue/te	323	344	348
Net port EBITDA/te	213	233	224
EBITDA margin	65.7%	67.8%	64.4%

Source: Company data

Appendix A-1

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Mundra Port & SEZ	MSEZ IN	INR 159	09-11-2011	Buy	Not rated	5,89,90,149

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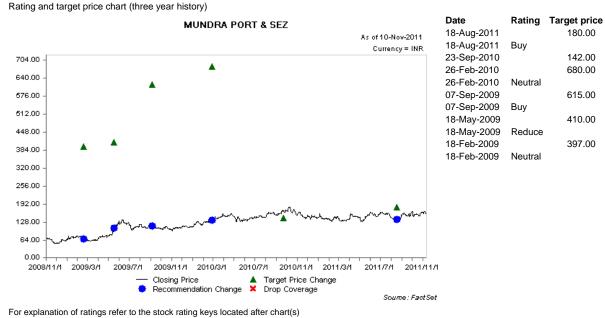
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Mundra Port & SEZ	Neutral	18-8-2011

Mundra Port & SEZ (MSEZ IN)

INR 159 (09-11-2011) Buy (Sector rating: Not rated)



Closing price

180.00

142.00

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