

CRISIL IER Independent Equity Research

MSP Steel and Power Ltd

Q4FY12 Result Update

Enhancing investment decisions

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CRISIL Fundamental Grade	Assessment	CRISIL Valuation Grade	Assessment
5/5	Excellent fundamentals	5/5	Strong upside (>25% from CMP)
4/5	Superior fundamentals	4/5	Upside (10-25% from CMP)
3/5	Good fundamentals	3/5	Align (+-10% from CMP)
2/5	Moderate fundamentals	2/5	Downside (negative 10-25% from CMP)
1/5	Poor fundamentals	1/5	Strong downside (<-25% from CMP)

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MSP Steel and Power Ltd

High operating profit boosts PAT despite high interest cost

Fundamental Grade 2/5 (Moderate fundamentals)

Valuation Grade 5/5 (CMP has strong upside)

Industry Metals & Mining

MSP Steel and Power Ltd's (MSP's) Q4FY12 earnings were below CRISIL Research's expectations. However, revenue growth of 7% q-o-q and EBITDA margin of 18.3% were largely in line. Growth was largely driven by increase in blended realisation of steel and sponge iron. PAT margin was adversely impacted due to high interest cost on account of increase in working capital. Going forward, we believe margins will improve as the company ramps up production at the newly commissioned pellet capacity. Also, considering the current weak demand of steel and better margins in pellet sales, the company has decided to expand steel capacity instead of the sponge iron plant. Factoring in the same, we have lowered our revenue and earnings estimates for FY13. We have introduced FY14 estimates. We maintain our fundamental grade of 2/5.

Q4FY12 result analysis (standalone)

- Revenues grew by 6.6% q-o-q and 16.8% y-o-y to Rs 1,864 mn primarily on account of increase in blended realisation of sponge and steel, which grew by 6% q-o-q and 11% y-o-y to Rs 31,300 per tonne. Sequentially, MSP reported an increase of 12% in sales volume (sponge + steel). But nil trading sales in the quarter offset its effect on revenues. Yearly, metal sales remained flat but higher power sales added to total sales.
- EBITDA margin improved by 305 bps q-o-q and 169 bps y-o-y to 18.3%. Other expenses surged on account of higher freight cost. To push the sales, the company sold structural steel from a newly opened depot.
- Interest and finance charges increased 33% q-o-q (up 210% y-o-y) to Rs 179 mn primarily on account of increased working capital as the company has piled up inventory for its newly commissioned pellet plant.
- Following the growth in operating profit, PAT grew 43% q-o-q (down 37% y-o-y due to increase in interest cost) to Rs 72 mn.
- Accordingly, EPS was Rs 1.25 as against Rs 0.87 in Q3FY12 and Rs 1.99 in Q4FY11.

Change in estimates

In light of the current weak demand scenario, the company has decided to expand steel capacity (billet and SMS) instead of sponge iron capacity. Earlier, we had assumed the sponge iron plant will come on stream in June-July 2012 and contribute to sales for the three quarters in FY13. Now, we factor in the change in capex plan and a weak demand scenario and lower our revenue and PAT estimates for FY13 by 20% and 26%, respectively. We have introduced FY14 estimates.

Valuation: Current market price has a strong upside

We roll forward our valuation to FY14 and lower our fair value to Rs 49 per share. At the current market price of Rs 28, the valuation grade is 5/5.

KEY FORECAST

(Rs mn)	FY10	FY11	FY12#	FY13E	FY14E
Operating income	3,959	5,079	6,963	9,952	11,245
EBITDA	701	1,068	1,161	2,039	2,373
Adj Net income	314	496	260	656	762
Adj EPS-Rs	5.4	8.5	4.5	9.6	11.2
EPS growth (%)	16.8	58.3	(47.5)	114.8	16.2
Dividend Yield (%)	-	3.6	0.9	3.6	3.6
RoCE (%)	10.2	10.7	8.3	12.8	14.6
RoE (%)	16.0	21.2	9.4	18.5	17.7
P/E (x)	5.2	3.3	6.3	2.9	2.5
P/BV (x)	0.7	0.7	0.5	0.5	0.4
EV/EBITDA (x)	7.8	8.0	8.5	5.1	4.1

NM: Not meaningful; CMP: Current market price # based on abridged financials

Source: Company, CRISIL Research estimates

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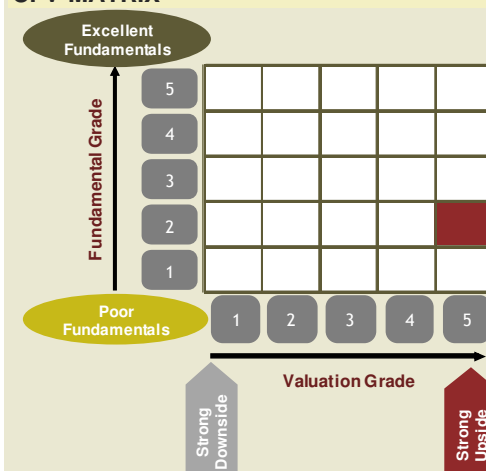


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Fair Value Rs 49

CMP Rs 28

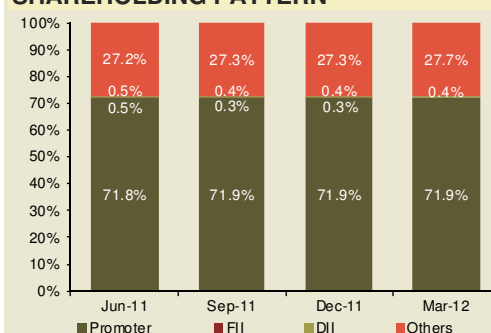
CFV MATRIX



KEY STOCK STATISTICS

NIFTY/SENSEX	5104/16860
NSE/BSE ticker	MSPL / MSPSTEEL
Face value (Rs per share)	10
Shares outstanding (mn)	58
Market cap (Rs mn)/(US\$ mn)	1,627/29
Enterprise value (Rs mn)/(US\$ mn)	9,857/177
52-week range (Rs)/(H/L)	62/26
Beta	1.4
Free float (%)	28%
Avg daily volumes (30-days)	11,745
Avg daily value (30-days) (Rs mn)	0.34

SHAREHOLDING PATTERN



PERFORMANCE VIS-À-VIS MARKET

	Returns			
	1-m	3-m	6-m	12-m
MSP	-3%	-13%	-6%	-42%
NIFTY	4%	-4%	8%	-6%

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Q4FY12 Result Summary

(Rs mn)	Q4FY12	Q3FY12	Q4FY11	q-o-q (%)	y-o-y (%)	FY12*	FY11*	y-o-y (%)
Net sales	1,864	1,749	1,595	6.6	16.8	6,963	5,079	37.1
(Increase)/decrease in stock in trade and WIP	(90)	(91)	(75)	(1.3)	19.4	(180)	(269)	(32.9)
Consumption of Raw Materials	1,282	1,109	1,068	15.6	20.0	4,612	3,395	35.8
Purchase of traded goods	0	201	0	(100.0)	NM	580	349	66.0
Raw materials cost (% of net sales)	64.0%	69.7%	62.3%	(577) bps	168 bps	72.0%	68.4%	353 bps
Employees cost	43	47	46	(9.5)	(6.7)	184	153	20.0
Other expenses	288	215	291	33.6	(1.1)	607	382	58.8
EBITDA	341	267	265	27.9	28.8	1,161	1,068	8.8
EBITDA margin	18.3%	15.3%	16.6%	305 bps	169 bps	16.7%	21.0%	(434) bps
Depreciation	75	72	67	4.2	12.5	291	193	50.5
EBIT	266	195	198	36.6	34.3	871	874	(0.4)
Interest and finance charges	179	134	58	33.4	209.7	586	248	136.5
Operating PBT	87	61	140	43.6	(37.9)	285	627	(54.6)
Other Income	16	12	28	30.0	(44.4)	52	39	35.0
Extraordinary Income/(expense)	-	(0.2)	0	(100)	NM	-	6	(100.0)
PBT	103	72	168	41.7	(39.0)	337	671	(49.8)
Tax	30	22	53	39.4	(42.5)	77	169	(54.7)
PAT	72	51	116	42.7	(37.3)	260	502	(48.2)
Adj PAT	72	51	116	42.7	(37.3)	260	496	(47.6)
Adj PAT margin	3.9%	2.9%	7.2%	98 bps	-336 bps	3.7%	9.8%	(604) bps
No of equity shares (mn)	58.1	58.1	58.1	-	-	58.1	58.1	-
Adj EPS (Rs)	1.25	0.87	1.99	42.7	(37.3)	4.5	8.5	(47.6)

*Yearly financials has been reclassified as per CRISIL standards

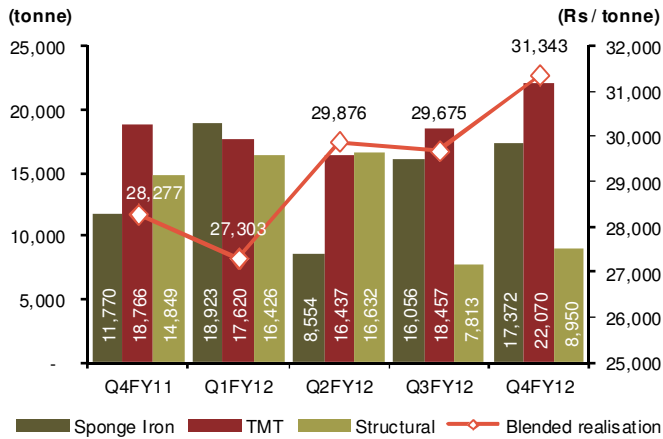
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Standalone FY12 financials – estimates vs. actuals

(Rs mn)	FY12E	FY12A	Variation
Net Sales	7,066	6,963	-1.5%
EBITDA	1,182	1,161	-1.7%
EBITDA margin	16.7%	16.7%	(4) bps
Depreciation	297	291	-2.1%
EBIT	885	871	-1.6%
Interest and finance charges	568	586	3.0%
PAT	286	260	-8.9%
PAT margin	4.0%	3.7%	(31) bps
EPS	4.9	4.5	-8.9%

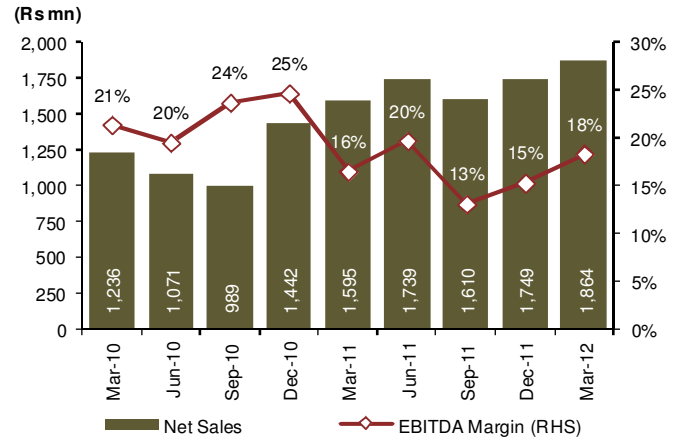
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Increase in realisation supported revenue growth



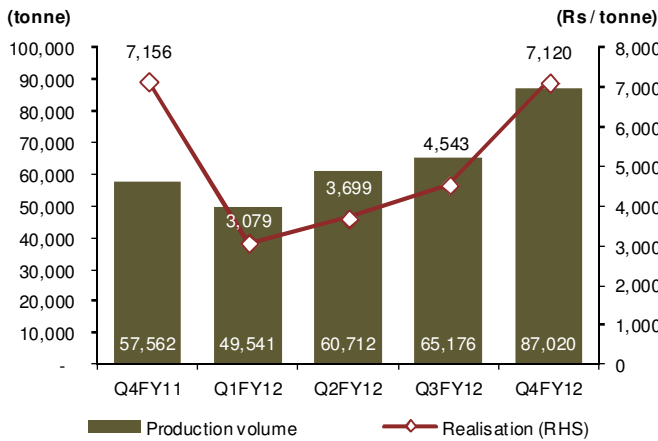
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Net sales and EBITDA margin trend



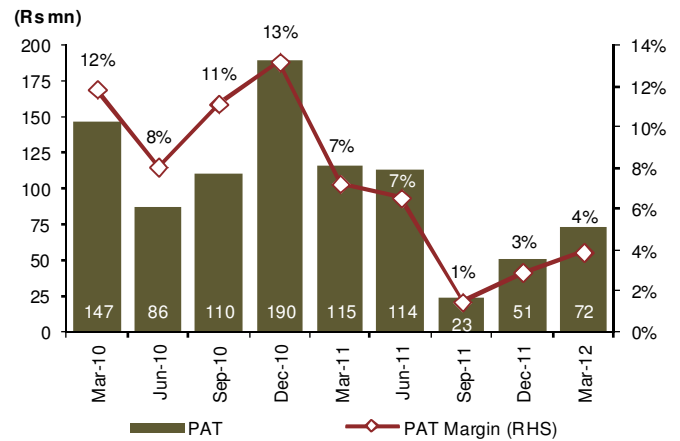
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Increase in pellet production...



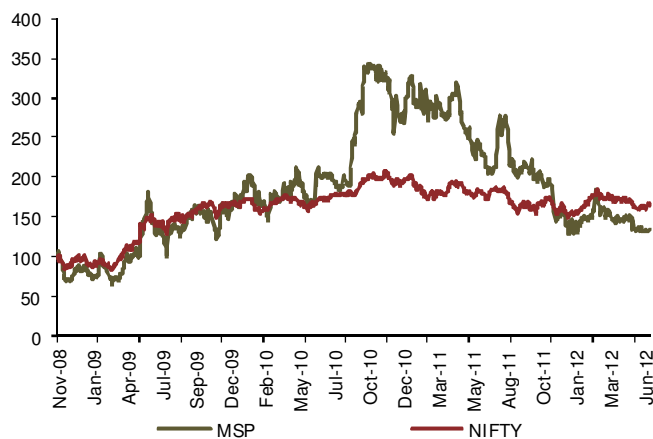
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... supported PAT margin



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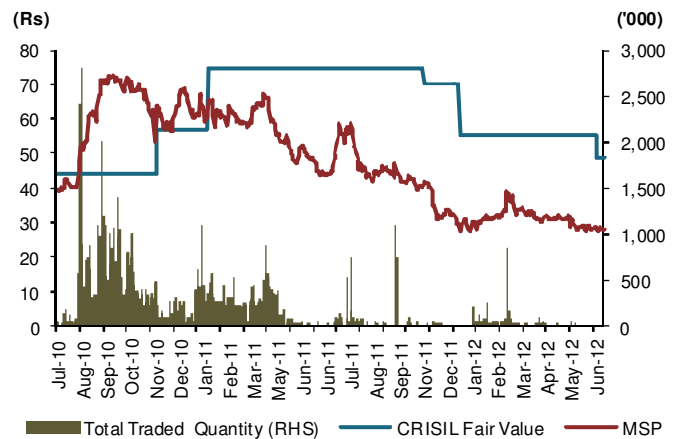
Share price movement



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Source: NSE, CRISIL Research

Fair value movement since initiation

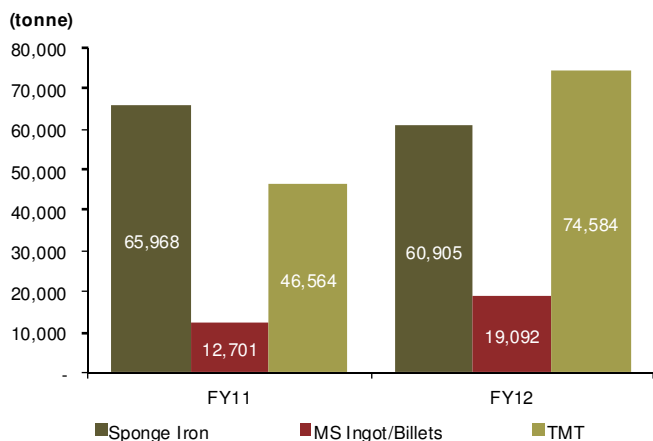


Source: NSE, BSE, CRISIL Research

FY12 result analysis

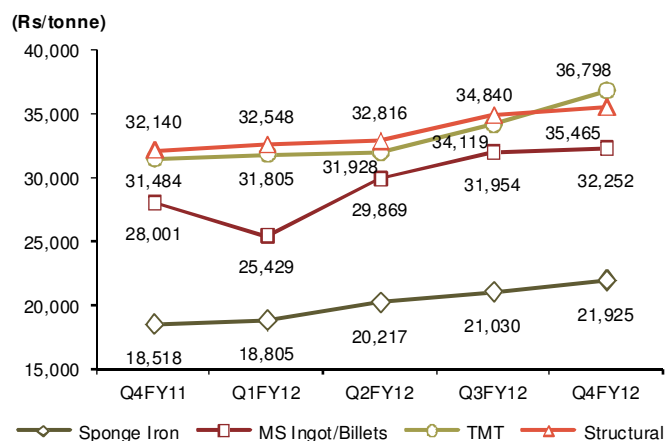
Net sales: Increased by 37% to Rs 6,963 mn. Higher volume sales, on account of increased capacity utilisation, and increase in blended realisation (sponge + steel) fuelled growth.

Increase in sales volume...



Source: Company, CRISIL Research

... and increase in realisation drove revenue growth



Source: Company, CRISIL Research

EBITDA margin: EBITDA margin contracted by 434 bps to 16.7%. The increase in price of iron ore fines and higher other expenses led to the contraction. To push sales in a bleak demand scenario the company opened a sales depot to sell structural steel directly to end consumers. Because of this, it had to incur freight costs which increased its other expenses.

PAT margin: PAT margin contracted by 604 bps to 3.7% due to higher interest cost (increased 136% to Rs 586 mn). The company capitalised the sponge iron plant and coal washery in FY11 due to which its interest and depreciation cost increased in FY12. Also, higher working capital requirement in Q4FY12, due to the company's strategy of increasing its iron ore fine inventory, has put additional pressure on profitability.

Status on capacity expansion

Sponge Iron: The company has cancelled the phase - II (1.15 lakh tonne) expansion of the sponge iron plant. However, it is on track to expand its steel capacity (Billet and SMS) by 1.27 lakh tonne to become an integrated steel player. The total cost of this expansion is Rs 1,300 mn, out of which the company has already spent ~Rs 600 mn in FY12. Once the upcoming steel capacity runs at optimum utilisation, the company will stop selling sponge iron in the market and will consume it to produce steel. We have assumed that the capacity will come on stream in FY13-end.

Pellet plant: In March 2012, MSP commissioned 0.6 mn MTPA pellet capacity, taking the total capacity to 0.9 mn MTPA. Given the high iron ore prices and expansion in capacity, we believe the company is poised to benefit from the existing price differential between iron ore and pellets. As per the company, the cost of conversion of fines to pellet was Rs 4,944 per tonne in Q4FY12 which provides a contribution margin of Rs 2,556 per tonne, considering the selling price of Rs 7,500 per tonne. We believe the company will focus on running the pellet capacity at optimum utilisation level; we have assumed 70% and 75% utilisation rate for FY13 and FY14, respectively.

Earnings estimates revised downwards

Particulars	Unit	FY13E			FY14E
		Old	New	% change	
Revenues	(Rs mn)	12,516	10,018	-20.0%	11,335
EBITDA	(Rs mn)	2,384	2,041	-14.4%	2,436
EBITDA margin	%	19.0%	20.4%	133 bps	21.5%
PAT	(Rs mn)	737	542	-26.4%	707
PAT margin	%	5.9%	5.4%	(48) bps	6.2%
EPS	Rs	12.7	8.0	-37.2%	10.4

Source: CRISIL Research estimate

Reasons for changes in estimates

To factor in the change in capacity expansion plan, we have reduced our revenue estimates by 20% for FY13. Earlier, we had assumed sponge iron plant will come on stream by July 2012 and will contribute to sales for three quarters in FY13. We increase our EBITDA margin estimate by 133 bps to 20.4% in FY13, as the company will now sell high-margin pellets in the market. The total requirement of pellets (as raw material for sponge iron) in FY13 will be ~0.6 mn tonne (considering 70% utilisation rate for the sponge iron plant), which would leave the company with ~0.3 mn tonne excess pellets.

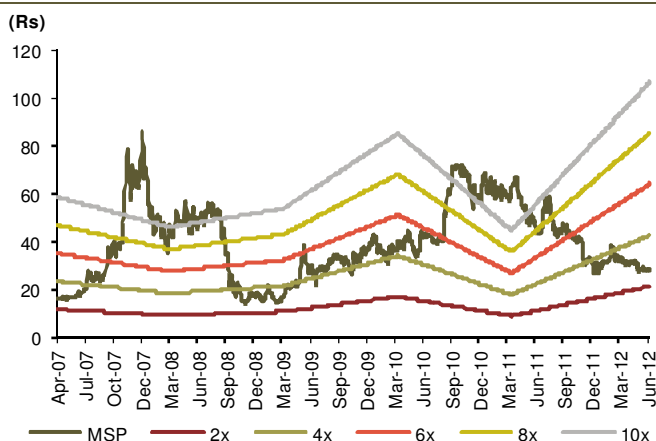
The expansion in EBITDA margin estimate has been more than offset by the decline in sales estimate, resulting in the reduction of EBITDA estimate by 14% to Rs 2,384 mn. PAT estimate is also revised downwards in line with EBITDA estimate. EPS decline will be higher than the PAT decline, as we factor in the share dilution. The company plans to issue 10 mn shares to the promoters at Rs 60 per share.

Valuation

Grade: 5/5

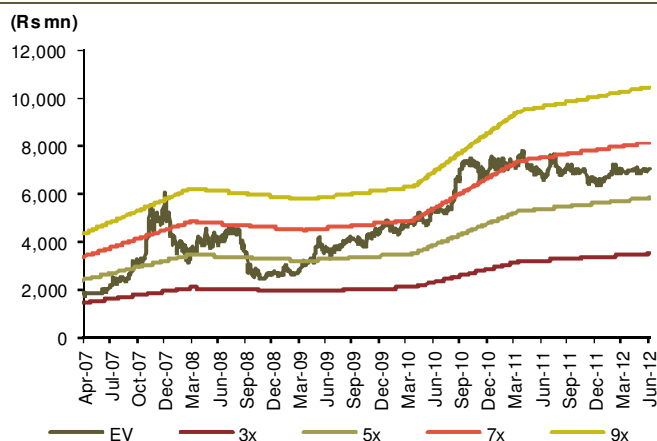
We continue to use the EV/EBITDA multiple method to value MSP. We roll forward our projections by one year to FY14 and incorporate the change in the capacity expansion plan. We assign EV/EBITDA multiple of 5x FY14E EBITDA of Rs 2,373 mn and lower our fair value to Rs 49 per share. At current market price of Rs 28 per share, the valuation grade is 5/5.

One-year forward P/E band



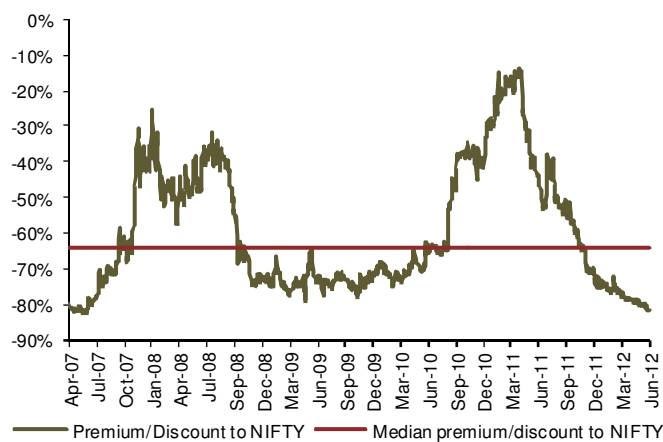
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One-year forward EV/EBITDA band



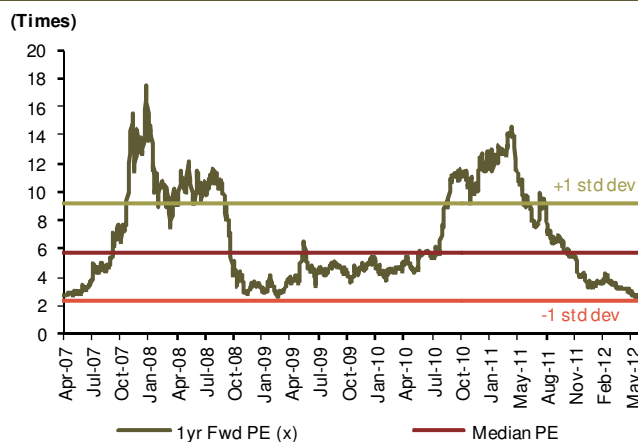
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P/E – premium / discount to NIFTY



Source: NSE, CRISIL Research

P/E movement



Source: NSE, CRISIL Research

CRISIL IER reports released on MSP Steel and Power Ltd

Date	Nature of report	Fundamental		Valuation		CMP (on the date of report)
		grade	Fair value	grade		
29-Jul-10	Initiating coverage	2/5	Rs 44	3/5		Rs 40
01-Dec-10	Q2FY11 result update	2/5	Rs 57	3/5		Rs 61
03-Feb-11	Q3FY11 result update	2/5	Rs 75	4/5		Rs 62
21-Jun-11	Q4FY11 result update	2/5	Rs 75	5/5		Rs 45
12-Aug-11	Q1FY12 result update	2/5	Rs 75	5/5		Rs 47
02-Nov-11	Detailed report*	2/5	Rs 70	5/5		Rs 42
19-Dec-11	Q2FY12 result update	2/5	Rs 55	5/5		Rs 30
21-Feb-12	Q3FY12 result update	2/5	Rs 55	5/5		Rs 38
20-June-12	Q4FY12 result update	2/5	Rs 49	5/5		Rs 28

Annexure: Financials

Income statement

(Rs m n)	FY10	FY11	FY12#	FY13E	FY14E
Operating income	3,959	5,079	6,963	9,952	11,245
EBITDA	701	1,068	1,161	2,039	2,373
EBITDA margin	17.7%	21.0%	16.7%	20.5%	21.1%
Depreciation	127	193	291	491	500
EBIT	573	874	871	1,548	1,873
Interest	205	248	586	744	937
Operating PBT	368	627	285	804	936
Other income	7	39	52	70	79
Exceptional inc/(exp)	7	6	-	-	-
PBT	382	671	337	874	1,015
Tax provision	62	169	76	219	254
Minority interest	-	-	-	-	-
PAT (Reported)	321	502	260	656	762
Less: Exceptionals	7	6	-	-	-
Adjusted PAT	314	496	260	656	762

Ratios

	FY10	FY11	FY12#	FY13E	FY14E
Growth					
Operating income (%)	(2.0)	28.3	37.1	42.9	13.0
EBITDA (%)	9.0	52.4	8.8	75.5	16.4
Adj PAT (%)	16.8	58.3	(47.5)	151.8	16.2
Adj EPS (%)	16.8	58.3	(47.5)	114.8	16.2
Profitability					
EBITDA margin (%)	17.7	21.0	16.7	20.5	21.1
Adj PAT Margin (%)	7.9	9.8	3.7	6.6	6.8
RoE (%)	16.0	21.2	9.4	18.5	17.7
RoCE (%)	10.2	10.7	8.3	12.8	14.7
RoC (%)	10.0	10.0	8.8	12.7	14.7
Valuations					
Price-earnings (x)	5.2	3.3	6.2	2.9	2.5
Price-book (x)	0.7	0.7	0.5	0.5	0.4
EV/EBITDA (x)	7.8	8.0	8.5	5.1	4.0
EV/Sales (x)	1.5	1.9	1.4	1.1	0.9
Dividend payout ratio (%)	-	11.8	5.6	10.4	8.9
Dividend yield (%)	-	3.6	0.9	3.6	3.6
B/S ratios					
Inventory days	77	112	132	119	114
Creditors days	72	60	124	64	64
Debtor days	61	34	24	27	29
Working capital days	101	115	106	94	105
Gross asset turnover (x)	1.5	1.2	1.2	1.3	1.1
Net asset turnover (x)	1.6	1.3	1.4	1.5	1.3
Sales/operating assets (x)	0.9	0.8	0.8	1.0	1.1
Current ratio (x)	4.0	3.9	2.0	3.2	3.2
Debt-equity (x)	2.1	2.2	2.1	1.8	1.7
Net debt/equity (x)	1.7	2.2	2.1	1.8	1.4
Interest coverage	2.8	3.5	1.5	2.1	2.0

Per share

	FY10	FY11	FY12#	FY13E	FY14E
Adj EPS (Rs)	5.4	8.5	4.5	9.6	11.2
CEPS	7.6	11.9	9.5	16.8	18.5
Book value	38.5	42.0	53.5	58.3	68.3
Dividend (Rs)	-	1.0	0.25	1.0	1.0
Actual o/s shares (mn)	58.1	58.1	58.1	68.1	68.1

Balance Sheet

(Rs m n)	FY10	FY11	FY12#	FY13E	FY14E
Liabilities					
Equity share capital	581	581	581	681	681
Reserves	1,654	1,859	2,528	3,286	3,967
Minorities	-	-	-	-	-
Net worth	2,235	2,440	3,109	3,967	4,648
Preference Share capital	-	760	772	835	835
Other debt	4,611	7,055	8,303	8,803	8,003
Total debt	4,611	7,814	9,075	9,637	8,837
Deferred tax liability (net)	199	334	381	381	381
Total liabilities	7,044	10,588	12,565	13,985	13,866
Assets					
Net fixed assets	2,559	4,999	4,958	8,477	9,277
Capital WIP	2,454	3,419	5,166	1,856	556
Total fixed assets	5,013	8,418	10,124	10,333	9,833
Investments	70	74	324	324	324
Current assets					
Inventory	683	1,209	2,101	2,590	2,773
Sundry debtors	669	424	460	763	924
Loans and advances	500	1,081	1,526	1,194	1,349
Cash & bank balance	379	103	72	264	327
Marketable securities	380	-	-	-	-
Total current assets	2,611	2,816	4,159	4,812	5,373
Total current liabilities	649	720	2,042	1,484	1,664
Net current assets	1,962	2,097	2,117	3,328	3,709
Intangibles/Misc. expenditure	-	-	-	-	-
Total assets	7,044	10,588	12,565	13,985	13,866

Cash flow

(Rs m n)	FY10	FY11	FY12#	FY13E	FY14E
Pre-tax profit	375	665	337	874	1,015
Total tax paid	(21)	(34)	(29)	(219)	(254)
Depreciation	127	193	291	491	500
Working capital changes	(212)	(790)	(51)	(1,019)	(318)
Net cash from operations	270	35	547	127	944
Cash from investments					
Capital expenditure	(1,816)	(3,598)	(1,997)	(700)	(0)
Investments and others	(382)	376	(250)	-	-
Net cash from investments	(2,198)	(3,222)	(2,247)	(700)	(0)
Cash from financing					
Equity raised/(repaid)	-	679	-	100	-
Debt raised/(repaid)	1,884	2,519	1,260	562	(800)
Dividend (incl. tax)	-	(69)	(17)	(80)	(80)
Others (incl extraordinary)	229	(216)	425	182	(1)
Net cash from financing	2,113	2,913	1,669	765	(881)
Change in cash position	185	(275)	(32)	192	63
Closing cash	379	103	72	264	327

Quarterly financials

(Rs m n)	Q4FY11	Q1FY12	Q2FY12	Q3FY12	Q4FY12
Net Sales	1,595	1,739	1,610	1,749	1,864
Change (q-o-q)	11%	9%	-7%	9%	7%
EBITDA	263	343	211	267	341
Change (q-o-q)	-26%	30%	-39%	27%	28%
EBITDA margin	16.5%	19.7%	13.1%	15.3%	18.3%
PAT	115	114	23	51	72
Adj PAT	115	114	23	51	72
Change (q-o-q)	-39%	-2%	-79%	116%	43%
Adj PAT margin	7.2%	6.5%	1.5%	2.9%	3.9%
Adj EPS	2.0	2.0	0.4	0.9	1.2

Note: FY12 Financials are not strictly comparable with that of the previous years due to the new format of disclosure under Schedule VI of the Companies Act

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