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| Stock Info | |
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| BSE Group | А |
| BSE Code | 500260 |
| NSE Symbol | RAMCOCEM |
| Bloomberg | TRCL.IN |
| Reuters | TRCE.BO |
| BSE Sensex | 33,573 |
| NSE Nifty | 10,424 |

| Market Info | | |
|----------------------|----------|--|
| Market Capital (cr.) | 17,114 | |
| Equity Capital (cr.) | 23.6 | |
| Avg. Trading Vol. | 2,31,500 | |
| 52 Wk High/ Low (Rs) | 770/473 | |
| Face Value (Rs) | 1.0 | |

| Shareholding Pattern (%) | (Sept 2017) |
|--------------------------|-------------|
| Promoters | 42.7 |
| Domestic Institutions | 21.4 |
| Foreign Institutions | 14.8 |
| Public & Others | 21.1 |

Price Chart:



South Indian Sales Dents Volumes

The Ramco Cement Ltd. for its Q2 FY18 results reported net profit at Rs 169 cr with an increase by 8% from 156 cr in Q1 FY18 & decline of 19% from Rs.207 cr in Q2 FY17.

For the quarter ended June, 2017, company reported a fall in revenue by 9% to Rs 1,066 cr vs. Rs 1,122 cr in the corresponding quarter of previous year. The sale volume of cement has increased by 5% during the six months period ended 30th September 2017, compared to the corresponding period of the previous year. RCL's sales volume came in at 2.15mnT (including 0.03mnT exports) vs. 2.02mnT (including 0.04mnT exports) in the corresponding quarter of previous year. During the current year, cement demand in Tamil Nadu witnessed significant slowdown due to effects of severe drought and shortage of river sand. However, the sales have grown in the Eastern markets.

The company continues to strive for achieving better operating efficiencies through various cost reduction initiatives in power & fuel and logistics despite the adverse effects on operating cost due to continuous increase in diesel prices which resulted in higher EBITDA which came in at Rs 308 cr vs. Rs 295 cr as compared to previous quarter. Interest cost for the six months period ended 30th September 2017 has come down due to repayment of borrowings in the earlier periods. Besides the company's credit rating of A1+ for short term borrowings and AA+ for long term borrowings is helping the company to access cheaper sources of funds.

Wind power division for Q2 FY18 generated 1,210 lakhs units compared to 1,506 lakhs units during corresponding quarter of the previous year. The wind season has started early in the current year. The evacuation by Tamil Nadu Generation and Distribution Corporation Limited (TANGEDCO) continues to be good.

Subsidiary company Ramco Windfarms ltd. for Q2 FY18 generated 190 lakh units, with a revenue of Rs 7.15 cr as against 10.38 cr on YoY basis.

| (Rs Cr) | 2017 | 2018E | 2019E |
|------------------------|-------|-------|-------|
| Income from Operations | 3,857 | 4,674 | 4,791 |
| EBITDA | 1084 | 1175 | 1214 |
| EBITDA margin % | 28 | 25 | 25 |
| Net Profit | 649 | 641 | 726 |
| EPS | 27.3 | 26.9 | 30.5 |
| ROE | 19.2 | 15.6 | 15.5 |
| P/E | 25.2 | 28.5 | 25.2 |
| EV/EBITDA | 16.4 | 16.1 | 15.3 |

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| Quaterly Analysis | | | | | |
|-------------------|---------|---------|-------|---------|-------|
| Particulars | Q2 FY18 | Q2 FY17 | YoY % | Q1 FY18 | QoQ % |
| Net Sales | 1066 | 1172 | -9.0 | 1189 | -10.3 |
| Total Expenditure | 765 | 816 | -6.2 | 898 | -14.9 |
| EBITDA | 302 | 357 | -15.5 | 290 | 3.8 |
| Other Income | 7 | 2 | | 5 | |
| Interest | 17 | 28 | | 15 | |
| Depreciation | 72 | 67 | | 72 | |
| PBT | 220 | 264 | -17 | 208 | 5 |
| Тах | 51 | 57 | | 52 | |
| РАТ | 169 | 207 | -19 | 156 | 8 |
| EPS | 7.2 | 8.7 | | 6.6 | |

Valuation:

The company has continued to show a strong focus in various cost reduction initiatives in power, fuel, logistics and repayment of borrowings has helped the company to reduce interest costs. We are confident about the long term prospects of the company.

We have valued stock on EV/EBITDA of 15.5(x) its FY19 estimates and have arrived at a fair value of Rs 770 per share. We have **HOLD** rating on the stock.

| Valuation : | | | |
|---------------|-------|--------------|--------------|
| | 2017 | 2018E | 2019E |
| EV/EBITDA | 16.3 | 15.0 | 15.5 |
| EBITDA | 1084 | 1175 | 1214 |
| EV | 17722 | 17591 | 18811 |
| Cash & Bank | -14 | 9 | 72 |
| Debt | 1089 | 647 | 353 |
| Market Cap. | 16619 | 16953 | 18530 |
| No. of Shares | 23.81 | 23.81 | 23.81 |
| Fair Value | | | 778 |
| CMP | | 717 | 717 |
| Upside | | | 9% |

| Profit and Loss Account | | | |
|----------------------------|-------|-------|-------|
| Particulars (Rs crore) | 2017 | 2018E | 2019E |
| Income from Operations | 4,582 | 4,674 | 4,791 |
| YoY% | 10.9 | 2.0 | 2.5 |
| Power & Fuel Cost | 518 | 584 | 608 |
| Raw Material Cost | 641 | 654 | 671 |
| Selling & Distribution Exp | 738 | 888 | 910 |
| Other Expenditure | 1495 | 1372 | 1388 |
| Total Expenditure | 3,393 | 3,498 | 3,577 |
| EBITDA | 1189 | 1175 | 1214 |
| EBITDA margin % | 26 | 25 | 25 |
| Depreciation | 284 | 284 | 301 |
| EBIT | 905 | 891 | 913 |
| Other Income | 39 | 43 | 85 |
| Interest | 105 | 80 | 30 |
| PBT before Excp Items | 840 | 854 | 968 |
| Extraordinary/ Excp | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| РВТ | 840 | 854 | 968 |
| Tax Expense | 203 | 214 | 242 |
| Net Profit | 637 | 641 | 726 |
| YoY% | 14.0 | 0.6 | 13.3 |

| Cash Flow Statement | | | |
|----------------------------|-------|-------|-------|
| Particulars (Rs crore) | 2017 | 2018E | 2019E |
| Operating Activities | | | |
| РВТ | 840 | 854 | 968 |
| Add Depr | 301 | 284 | 301 |
| Others | 69 | 100 | 150 |
| Total | 1,210 | 1,238 | 1,119 |
| Changes in W.C | 81 | (0) | (1) |
| Cash Flow from Operations | 1,291 | 1,238 | 1,118 |
| | | | |
| Investing Activities | | | |
| Other investing activities | 31 | (153) | (171) |
| Capex | (307) | (528) | (485) |
| Cash Flow from Investing | (276) | (682) | (656) |
| | | | |
| Financing Activities | | | |
| Dividends + Taxes paid | (186) | (92) | (104) |
| Other financing activites | (659) | (442) | (294) |
| Cash Flow from Financing | (845) | (534) | (398) |
| | | | |
| Opening Cash | (185) | (14) | 9 |
| Changes during year | 171 | 22 | 63 |
| Closing Cash | (14) | 9 | 72 |

| Balance Sheet | | | |
|--------------------------------|------|-------|---------------|
| Particulars (Rs crore) | 2017 | 2018E | 2019 E |
| Equity & Liabilities | | | |
| (a) Share capital | 24 | 24 | 24 |
| (b) Reserves and surplus | 3803 | 4351 | 4971 |
| Shareholders' funds | 3827 | 4375 | 4995 |
| Non-current liab & Prov | 1247 | 1984 | 1988 |
| Current liabilities | 2036 | 1815 | 1356 |
| Total - Equity and liabilities | 7110 | 8174 | 8536 |
| | | | |
| Assets | | | |
| Non-current assets | 5805 | 6245 | 6381 |
| Fixed assets | 4906 | 5012 | 5181 |
| CWIP | 147 | 190 | 125 |
| Long Term Inv | 401 | 469 | 560 |
| Loans + Adv + Others | 255 | 286 | 330 |
| Other Non-current assets | 96 | 150 | 185 |
| Current assets | 1306 | 1929 | 2155 |
| Cash & Bank | -14 | 9 | 72 |
| Other Current Assets | 1319 | 1920 | 2083 |
| Total - Assets | 7110 | 8174 | 8536 |

| Ratio Analysis | | | |
|-----------------------------|------|-------|-------|
| | 2017 | 2018E | 2019E |
| Profitability | | | |
| EBITDA% | 26.0 | 25.1 | 25.3 |
| EBIT% | 19.8 | 19.1 | 19.0 |
| ΡΑΤ% | 13.9 | 13.7 | 15.2 |
| | | | |
| Du Pont ROE breakup | | | |
| PAT / Sales | 13.9 | 13.7 | 15.2 |
| Sales / Avg Total Assets | 0.7 | 0.6 | 0.6 |
| Avg Total Assets / Avg Eqty | 2.0 | 1.9 | 1.8 |
| ROE | 18.5 | 15.6 | 15.5 |
| | | | |
| Other Ratios | | | |
| Current Ratio | 0.6 | 1.1 | 1.6 |
| Debt / Equity | 0.3 | 0.1 | 0.1 |
| EPS | 26.8 | 26.9 | 30.5 |
| DPS | 4.9 | 3.2 | 3.7 |
| | | | |
| Valuation Ratios | | | |
| P/E | 26.1 | 28.5 | 25.2 |
| EV/EBITDA | 14.9 | 16.1 | 15.3 |
| P/BV | 4.3 | 4.2 | 3.7 |

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Stock Rating Scale

| | Absolute Return |
|------------|-----------------|
| Buy | > 20% |
| Accumulate | 12% to 20% |
| Hold | 5% to 12% |
| Neutral | -5% to 5% |
| Reduce | < -5% |

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