### **Result Update**



May 22, 2017

### **Rating matrix** Rating Hold Target ₹ 105 **Target Period** 12 months Potential Upside

What's Changed?	
Target	Changed from ₹ 100 to ₹ 105
EPS FY18E	Changed from ₹ 5.5 to ₹ 5.4
EPS FY19E	Changed from ₹ 7.5 to ₹ 7.9
Rating	Unchanged

Quarterly Performance (Standalone)									
	Q4FY17	Q4FY16	YoY (%)	Q3FY17	QoQ (%)				
Revenue	373.4	349.3	6.9	337.6	10.6				
EBITDA	14.7	30.9	-52.6	36.4	-59.7				
EBITDA (%)	3.9	8.8	-492 bps	10.8	-684 bps				
PAT	62.0	28.6	117.0	23.4	165.1				

Key Financials										
(₹ Crore)	FY16	FY17 P	FY18E	FY19E						
Total Operating Income	1532.4	1467.8	1748.9	1886.4						
EBITDA	138.8	39.6	114.1	160.7						
Net Profit	61.5	70.5	106.1	153.8						
EPS	3.1	3.6	5.4	7.9						

Valuation summary				
	FY16	FY17 P	FY18E	FY19E
PE (x)	35.0	30.5	20.3	14.0
Target PE (x)	33.4	29.1	19.4	13.3
EV/EBITDA (x)	14.5	43.6	14.5	9.6
P/BV (x)	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.1
RoNW (%)	3.5	3.8	5.9	8.1
RoCE (%)	4.4	-0.3	3.4	5.7

Stock data	
Particular	Amount
Market Capitalisation	₹ 2149 Crore
Debt (FY17 P)	₹ 259.2 Crore
Cash & Cash Equivalent (FY17 P)	₹ 683 Crore
EV	₹ 1726 Crore
52 week H/L	137 / 70
Equity capital	₹ 39.1 Crore
Face value	₹2

Price performance (%)										
Return %	1M	3M	6M	12M						
HEG	-2.7	49.3	76.6	72.9						
Graphite India	-7.4	11.9	51.8	55.3						

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# **Graphite India (CAREVE)**

₹ 110

# EBITDA margin disappoints...

- Graphite India reported a dismal set of Q4FY17 numbers wherein the topline was in line with our estimates but EBITDA and EBITDA margin were lower than our estimates. PAT was largely supported by other income and tax credit
- The domestic operations of the company clocked capacity utilisation of 89% during quarter. Gross income from operations was at ₹ 397.5 crore. After adjusting for excise duty, net operating income was at ₹ 373.4 crore (up 6.9% YoY but up 10.6% QoQ), broadly in line with our estimate of ₹ 370.9 crore
- EBITDA was at ₹ 14.7 crore (down 52.6% YoY, 59.7% QoQ) significantly lower than our estimate of ₹ 55.5 crore, EBITDA margins were at 3.9% (our estimate: 15%, Q4FY16: 8.8% and Q3FY17: 10.8%)
- The company reported other income of ₹ 31.2 crore, up 124.1%YoY, 141.4% QoQ and higher than our estimate of ₹ 17.6 crore. The company benefited from write-back of income tax provision arising out of favourable income tax orders amounting to ₹ 29.9 crore against our estimate of tax expense of ₹ 20.1 crore. Subsequently, GIL reported PAT of ₹ 62.0 crore (up 1.9% YoY and 46.7% QoQ) higher than our estimate: ₹ 40.9 crore

### Model capacity utilisation of 80% for FY18E, 85% for FY19E...

Graphite India reported healthy utilisation level for Q4FY17 (89% in Q4FY17 compared to capacity utilisation of 85% in Q3FY17, 70% in Q4FY16). Demand for graphite electrodes has started picking up after the inventory correction at the customers' end, auguring well for the company. Going forward, on a standalone, basis we have modelled capacity utilisation of 85% for FY18E and 88% for FY19E. On a consolidated basis, we have modelled capacity utilisation of 80% for FY18E and 85% for FY19E (the management has guided capacity utilisation of ~85% for FY18E).

### Operating margins to get augmented from current levels...

During the guarter, despite healthy capacity utilisation, higher input costs and lower realisations impacted the EBIDTA margins. Going forward, we expect EBITDA margins to improve on the back of increased volumes, realisations and cost rationalisation. Graphite India is likely to enjoy economies of scale with improvement in capacity utilisation. In the next couple of years, we expect consolidated EBITDA margins to increase from 2.7% in FY17P to 6.5% in FY18E and 8.5% in FY19E.

### Revise capacity utilisation upwards...

Graphite India reported healthy capacity utilisation for Q4FY17. Capacity utilisation for the guarter was at 89%, a tad lower than our estimate of 90%. Going forward, we have upward revised the consolidated capacity utilisation level to 80% for FY18E (from 75% earlier) and 85% for FY19E (from 78% earlier). On account of oligopoly nature of the graphite electrode market globally, we have valued the company at 9.0x FY19E EV/EBITDA thereby arriving at a target price of ₹ 105, with a HOLD recommendation on the stock.



Variance analysis							
	Q4FY17	Q4FY17E	Q4FY16	YoY (%)	Q3FY17	QoQ (%)	
Revenue	373.4	370.9	349.3	6.9	337.6	10.6	Topline came broadly in line with our estimates
Other Income	31.2	17.6	13.9	124.1	12.9	141.4	Other income came in higher than our estimates
Employee Expense	41.1	38.8	31.8	29.2	38.8	5.9	
Raw Material Expense	161.9	136.7	169.7	-4.6	118.1	37.2	Raw material cost came in higher than our estimates
Power & Fuel Expense	63.3	57.6	40.6	56.1	62.5	1.4	Power and fuel cost came in higher than our estimates
Other operating expenses	92.4	82.2	76.4	21.0	81.9	12.8	Other expenses came in higher than our estimates
EBITDA	14.7	55.5	30.9	-52.6	36.4	-59.7	EBITDA came in lower than our estimates
EBITDA Margin (%)	3.9	15.0	8.8	-492 bps	10.8	-684 bps	EBITDA margin came in lower than our estimates
Depreciation	12.6	9.8	11.0	15.0	9.6	31.4	
Interest	1.1	2.4	2.2	-50.7	2.1	-48.6	
Exceptional Items	0.0	0.0	0.0	NA	0.0	NA	
PBT	32.1	60.9	31.6	1.6	37.5	-14.4	
Tay Outgo	-29.9	20.1	3.0	1 001 0	14.2	-311.0	The company benefited from write back of income tax provision arising out
Tax Outgo	-29.9	20.1	3.0	-1,081.9	14.2	-311.0	of favourable income tax orders
PAT	62.0	40.9	28.6	117.0	23.4	165.1	The PAT came in higher than our estimates
Key Metrics							
Capacity Utilisation Level (%); Domestic Operations	89%	90%	70%		85%		The capacity utilisation came in a tad lower than our estimates

Source: Company, ICICIdirect.com Research

Change in estimates											
	FY17 P	FY18E				FY19E					
(₹ Crore)	111/ F	Old	New	% Change	Old	New	% Change Comments				
Revenue	1,467.8	1,659.3	1,748.9	5.4	1,818.9	1,886.4	3.7 Topline estimates revised upwards for both years				
EBITDA	39.6	166.7	114.1	-31.5	223.3	160.7	-28.0 EBITDA estimates revised downwards for both years				
EBITDA Margin (%)	2.7	10.0	6.5	-352 bps	12.3	8.5	-376 bps EBITDA Margin estimates revised downwards for both years				
PAT	70.5	108.3	106.1	-2.1	147.1	153.8	4.6 PAT estimates revised downwards for FY18E, upwards for FY19E				
EPS (₹)	3.6	5.5	5.4	-1.3	7.5	7.9	5.0 EPS estimates revised downwards for FY18E, upwards for FY19E				

Source: Company, ICICIdirect.com Research

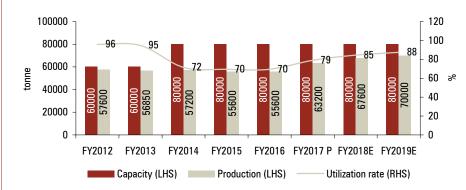
Assumptions						
		Current		Earlier		Comments
	FY17P	FY18E	FY19E	FY18E	FY19E	
Consolidated capacity utilisation	74	80	85	75	78	Capacity utilisation estimates revised upwards for both years



# **Company Analysis**

The company is a leading manufacturer of graphite electrode with an installed capacity of 98,000 tonne per annum (TPA). The installed capacity in India is 80,000 tonne of which 54,000 tonne is in Durgapur, 13000 tonne in Nashik and 13000 tonne in Bangalore. GIL also owns a plant in Nuremberg (Germany) with an installed capacity of 18,000 tonne. The company commissioned its last capacity expansion in Q1FY14 wherein it installed a capacity of 20,000 tonne at its Durgapur plant while incurring a capex of ₹ 255 crore.

### Exhibit 1: Graphite electrode capacity production & utilisation rate (standalone basis)



Source: Company, ICICIdirect.com Research

### On a standalone basis, the company clocked a capacity utilisation of ~79%. We expect capacity utilisation of 85% in FY18E and 89% in FY19E

### On a consolidated basis, the company clocked a capacity utilisation rate of 74% in FY17. We expect the company to report capacity utilisation of 80% in FY18E and 85% in

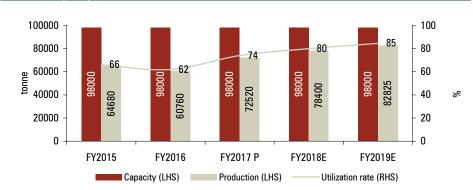
For standalone operations in Q3FY17, EBIT margins of

graphite electrodes segment were at 2.2% while that of the

steel segment was at 61.0%

# FY19F

### Exhibit 2: Capacity & utilisation rates (Consolidated basis

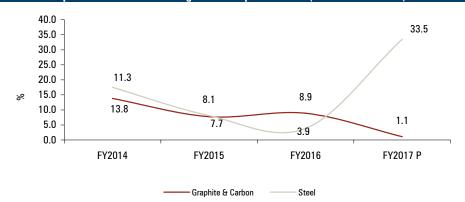


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### Segmental performance

Apart from operating the graphite electrode facility, the company also operates a carbon paste facility, calcined petroleum coke facility and some graphite equipment facility. GIL also possesses a high speed steel and alloy steel facility.







### Net cash status augurs well for company...

Better working capital management led to a reduction in debt levels for the company. On a consolidated basis, the company's net cash and cash equivalents has increased from ₹ 135 crore at the end of FY16 to ₹ 420 crore at the end of FY17. Going forward, we expect consolidated net cash and cash equivalents balance to increase to ₹ 615 crore at the end of FY19E.

### Exhibit 4: Gross debt & net debt movement 705 800 600 451 424 367 302 259 400 190 105 200 90 -200 ₩-200 FY2013 FY2035 FY2016 FY2017 P FY2018E FY2019E FY2014 -135 -400 -600 -496 -420 -615 -800 -1000 -1200 ■ Gross Debt ■ Net Debt

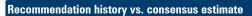


# **Outlook** and valuation

Graphite India reported healthy capacity utilisation for Q4FY17. Capacity utilisation for the quarter was at 89%, a tad lower than our estimate of 90%. Hence, we have upward revised the consolidated capacity utilisation level to 80% for FY18E (from 75% earlier) and 85% for FY19E (from 78% earlier). On account of the oligopoly nature of the graphite electrode market globally, we have valued the company at 9.0x FY19E EV/EBITDA. Hence, we arrive at a target price of ₹ 105, with a HOLD recommendation on the stock.

Exhibit 5: Valuation matrix											
	Revenue	Growth		Growth							
	(₹ Cr)	(%)	EPS (₹)	(%)	PE (x)	EV/EBITDA (x)	RoNW(%)	RoCE(%)			
FY15	1710.7	-14.9	2.9	-55.7	37.3	15.5	3.3	4.4			
FY16	1532.4	-10.4	3.1	6.7	35.0	14.5	3.5	4.4			
FY17 P	1467.8	-4.2	3.6	14.6	30.5	43.6	3.8	-0.3			
FY18E	1748.9	19.2	5.4	50.5	20.3	14.5	5.9	3.4			
FY19E	1886.4	7.9	7.9	45.0	14.0	9.6	8.1	5.7			







Source: Bloomberg, Company, ICICIdirect.com Research

Key events	
Date	Event
Feb-10	Fire breaks out in pipe unit factory yard of the company
Mar-10	Converts bonds into shares. Sets bond conversion price at ₹ 55.3
Dec-10	European Union renews tariffs on graphite electrodes from India (tariff at 9.4%)
Mar-11	GIL declares lockout at Titlagarh unit post labour unrest at its plant site
Jun-11	Titlagarh unit resumes production post settlement with labour unions including increase in wages & other benefits
Mar-12	GIL sells its entire stake in its subsidiary Carbon International (engaged in trading activities only) for €4.6 million (₹ 30 crore)
Jul-12	Karnataka State Pollution Control Board orders the company to shut operations in its Bangalore plant till further orders, citing environmental pollution
Aug-12	GIL resumes operations at its Bangalore plant after obtaining stay on the pollution control board order for closure of its plant at Bangalore
Sep-12	The company's international peer Graftech expected to hike electrode prices for 2013 contracts
Nov-13	Global players announce production cuts to support graphite electrode prices
Feb-15	GOI imposed antidumping duty on graphite electrodes (all diameters) originating in or exported from China. The amount of anti-dumping duty ranges from USD 278.19 per MT to USD 922.03 per MT, depending upon the Chinese producer / exporter.
Mar-16	Board declares interim dividend of ₹2.0/share

Source: Company, ICICIdirect.com Research

Top 1	0 Shareholders				
Rank	Name	Latest Filing Date	% O/S	Position	Change
1	Emerald Co., Ltd.	31-Mar-2017	61.2	119.6M	0
2	Fidelity Management & Research Company	31-Jan-2017	5.8	11.2M	0
3	SBI Funds Management Pvt. Ltd.	31-Dec-2016	3.8	7.5M	0
4	Edgbaston Investment Partners LLP	31-Mar-2017	3.0	5.8M	0
5	GKN PLC	31-Mar-2017	2.0	4.0M	0
6	Life Insurance Corporation of India	31-Mar-2017	1.9	3.7M	0
7	L&T Investment Management Limited	28-Feb-2017	1.6	3.1M	1.2M
8	Government of India	31-Mar-2017	1.6	3.1M	3.1M
9	The New India Assurance Co. Ltd.	31-Dec-2016	1.6	3.1M	0
10	CD Equifinance Pvt. Ltd.	31-Mar-2017	1.4	2.7M	-0.4M

Snareholding Pattern											
(in %)	Mar-16	Jun-16	Sep-16	Dec-16	Mar-17						
Promoter	65.2	65.2	65.2	65.2	65.2						
FII	12.4	12.6	12.7	12.5	12.6						
DII	3.9	3.9	7.3	7.4	8.4						
Others	18.5	18.3	14.9	14.9	13.8						

Source: Reuters, ICICIdirect.com Research

Recent Activity					
Buys			Sells		
Investor name	Value	Shares	Investor name	Value	Shares
Government of India	5.3M	3.1M	CD Equifinance Pvt. Ltd.	-0.7M	-0.4M
L&T Investment Management Limited	1.8M	1.2M	State Street Global Advisors Ltd. (Canada)	-0.1M	-0.1M
			Dimensional Fund Advisors, L.P.	-0.0M	-0.0M

Source: Reuters, ICICIdirect.com Research



# **Financial summary**

Profit and loss statement				(₹ crore)
(Year-end March)	FY16	FY17 P	FY18E	FY19E
Total Operating Income	1,532.4	1,467.8	1,748.9	1,886.4
Growth (%)	-10.4	-4.2	19.2	7.9
Raw Material Expenses	646.1	585.1	711.5	739.2
Employee Expenses	201.8	222.5	251.9	266.8
Other expenses	545.7	620.6	671.4	719.7
Total Operating Expenditure	1,393.6	1,428.2	1,634.8	1,725.7
EBITDA	138.8	39.6	114.1	160.7
Growth (%)	1.5	-71.5	188.6	40.8
Depreciation	49.2	46.4	45.4	46.1
Interest	9.0	7.9	6.2	4.4
Other Income	28.9	86.5	95.8	119.5
PBT	109.5	71.8	158.3	229.6
Exceptional Item	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Total Tax	48.0	1.3	52.2	75.8
PAT	61.5	70.5	106.1	153.8
Growth (%)	6.7	14.6	50.5	45.0
EPS (₹)	3.1	3.6	5.4	7.9

Source: Company, ICICIdirect.com Research

(Year-end March)	FY16 F	FY17 P	EV4.0E	
			FY18E	FY19E
Liabilities				
Equity Capital	39.1	39.1	39.1	39.1
Reserve and Surplus 1,7	712.0 1	,818.5 1	,764.2	1,866.2
Total Shareholders funds 1,7	751.1 1	,857.6 1	,803.3	1,905.2
Total Debt	302.3	259.2	190.2	105.2
Deferred Tax Liability	72.8	85.0	85.0	85.0
Minority Interest / Others	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Total Liabilities 2,1	126.2 2	,201.8 2	2,078.6	2,095.5
Assets				
•		•	,525.6	1,550.6
	790.1	836.5	877.2	918.7
Net Block	354.1	667.4	648.3	631.9
Capital WIP	2.5	32.1	3.1	3.1
Total Fixed Assets	556.7	699.5	651.4	635.0
	116.0	631.0	631.0	631.0
	748.5	602.1	613.7	672.7
	184.8	441.5	454.6	498.3
Loans and Advances	112.3	11.6	95.8	75.8
Other Current Assets	17.1	103.4	78.4	53.4
Cash	21.1	51.5	60.2	81.1
•	383.7 1	,210.1 1	,302.8	1,381.4
Current Liabilities 2	270.0	316.0	409.1	448.5
Provisions	60.2	25.7	97.5	103.4
	330.1	341.7	506.6	551.9
	053.6	868.4	796.1	829.5
Others Assets	0.0	2.9	0.0	0.0
Application of Funds 2,1	126.2 2	,201.8 2	2,078.6	2,095.5

Source: Company, ICICIdirect.com Research

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Cash flow statement				(₹ crore)
(Year-end March)	FY16	FY17 P	FY18E	FY19E
Profit after Tax	61.5	70.5	106.1	153.8
Add: Depreciation	49.2	46.4	45.4	46.1
(Inc)/dec in Current Asset	182.2	204.1	-84.0	-57.7
Inc/(dec) in CL & Provision	-69.3	11.6	164.9	45.2
Others	-9.3	9.3	2.9	0.0
CF from operating activities	214.3	341.8	235.3	187.5
(Inc)/dec in Investments	-46.6	-215.1	0.0	0.0
(Inc)/dec in Fixed Assets	-56.5	-89.2	2.6	-29.7
Others	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
CF from investing activities	-103.1	-304.2	2.6	-29.7
Issue/(Buy back) of Equity	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Inc/(dec) in loan funds	-64.8	-43.1	-69.0	-85.0
Dividend paid & div. tax	-47.0	-47.0	-47.0	-47.0
Inc/(dec) in Share Cap	-9.9	83.0	-113.4	-5.0
Others	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
CF from financing activities	-121.6	-7.1	-229.3	-136.9
Net Cash flow	-10.5	30.5	8.6	20.9
Opening Cash	31.5	21.1	51.5	60.2
Closing Cash	21.1	51.5	60.2	81.1

Source: Company, ICICIdirect.com Research

Key ratios				
(Year-end March)	FY16	FY17 P	FY18E	FY19E
Per share data (₹)				
EPS	3.1	3.6	5.4	7.9
Cash EPS	5.7	6.0	7.8	10.2
BV	89.6	95.1	92.3	97.5
DPS	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0
Cash Per Share	1.1	2.6	3.1	4.1
Operating Ratios (%)				
EBITDA Margin	9.1	2.7	6.5	8.5
PBT / Total Operating income	7.1	4.9	9.1	12.2
PAT Margin	4.0	4.8	6.1	8.2
Inventory days	178.3	149.7	135.0	135.0
Debtor days	115.5	109.8	100.0	100.0
Creditor days	64.3	78.6	90.0	90.0
Return Ratios (%)				
RoE	3.5	3.8	5.9	8.1
RoCE	4.4	-0.3	3.4	5.7
RoIC	4.4	-0.3	3.6	5.9
Valuation Ratios (x)				
P/E	35.0	30.5	20.3	14.0
EV / EBITDA	14.5	43.6	14.5	9.6
EV / Net Sales	1.3	1.2	0.9	0.8
Market Cap / Sales	1.4	1.5	1.2	1.1
Price to Book Value	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.1
Solvency Ratios				
Debt/EBITDA	2.2	6.6	1.7	0.7
Debt / Equity	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1
Current Ratio	4.2	3.5	2.6	2.5
Quick Ratio	1.9	1.8	1.4	1.3



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Sector/Company CMP		M Cap		EPS (₹) P/E (x)			EV/EBITDA (x)			ROCE(%)			ROE(%)						
Sector/ Company	(₹)	TP (₹)	Rating	(₹ Cr)	FY17E	FY18E	FY19E	FY17E	FY18E	FY19E	FY17E	FY18E	FY19E	FY17E	FY18E	FY19E	FY17E	FY18E	FY19E
Graphite India	110	105	Hold	2149	3.1	3.6	5.4	35.0	30.5	20.3	14.5	43.6	14.5	4.4	-0.3	3.4	3.5	3.8	5.9
HEG	275	180	Hold	1100	-3.8	-8.0	6.1	NA	NA	30.3	11.0	14.1	9.2	2.9	1.3	3.9	2.9	1.3	3.9



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