

Tata Sponge

Metals

Result Update

18 April 2018

Strong show led by solid spreads, maintain Hold

We maintain our Hold rating on Tata Sponge (TSIL) with a revised TP of Rs1130 as we see valuations fair with historic high spreads having marginal downside risks and surplus cash on books expected to be deployed as CWIP in the steel plant capex over the next few years. Q4 earnings were very strong YoY led by better pricing and solid volumes. TSIL's spreads in sponge iron business have continued to improve but sustenance of the same at current high levels for long periods of time is difficult and hence we continue to build our annual estimates well below the current run-rate.

- O Operational performance strong YoY led by robust realisation growth: TSIL's volumes were strong at 108kt, up 5.9% YoY. EBITDA rose 139% YoY and 28% QoQ to Rs616mn. Realisations improved 40% YoY to ~Rs21300) and spreads (gross profit/t) were ~34% higher QoQ led by better realisations partially negated by higher coal costs. EBITDA/t stood at Rs5700, up 125% YoY.
- O Steel plant capex announcement still remains elusive: TSIL's board had earlier approved the set-up of a steel plant of up to 1.5 mtpa in stages. Management has indicated that the likely route for plant set-up would be BF-BOF combination with an approx. size of ~0.8 MT in first phase and this would be a brownfield expansion with a competitive capex cost/t. TSIL would be foraying into long product manufacturing in the steel plant and we expect TSIL to start deploying its existing cash pile and internal accruals into steel plant set-up from FY19E.
- O Earnings outlook: TSIL management guided towards a possibility of applying for environment clearance for further production to the tune of 30-40ktpa (vs existing EC of 425ktpa) from existing kilns and feasibility studies for the same are currently going on. We maintain our volume estimates at 421kt/425kt for FY19E/20E but increase our realization estimates as sponge iron prices have gone up sharply in line with upward movement in global scrap and steel prices. Coal availability in domestic market remains tight and we have factored in imports/domestic sourcing of 90%/10% for TSIL. We revise our coal costs higher to account for higher global prices. We have revised our EBITDA estimates higher by ~8%/1% for FY19E/20E.
- Valuation and risks Maintain Hold: We remain positive on TSIL due to better visibility on spread improvement and its sustenance. We are also positive on the announcement of forward integration into steelmaking considering the improved outlook for the steel sector and strong parentage, but would wait for final details on capex to factor its impact on TSIL's fair value. We continue to value the company at 5x FY20E EV/EBITDA and value the surplus cash at 75% as this cash is expected to be deployed as CWIP for the steel plant over next few years. We revise our TP to Rs1130 and maintain Hold. Key downside risks are fall in sponge iron prices and higher coal costs while upside risks are higher volumes and better spread.

Y/E Mar (Rs mn)	Q4FY18	Q4FY17	YoY(%)	Q3FY18	QoQ(%)	Q4FY18E	Var(%)
Net sales	2,435	1,672	45.7	2,145	13.5	2,498	(2.5)
Raw materials (net)	1,463	1,110	31.7	1,370	6.8	1,590	(8.0)
Employee costs	113	114	(1.1)	101	11.7	115	(1.7)
Other expenses	244	189	28.7	193	26.5	207	17.6
EBITDA	616	258	138.8	481	28.0	585	5.3
EBITDA margin (%)	25.3	15.4	987bps	22.4	286bps	23.4	186bps
Depreciation	30	32	(7.8)	31	(3.9)	32	(7.2)
Other income	117	96	21.1	117	0.2	112	4.2
PBT	700	318	120.3	543	28.7	660	6.0
Tax	233	106	120.6	183	26.9	218	6.8
PAT	467	212	120.2	360	29.7	442	5.6

Source: Company, Centrum Research

Target Pr	ice		Rs1,130	Key Data		
CMP*			Rs1,121	Bloomberg Code	TTSP IN	
Upside			0.8%	Curr Shares O/S (mn)	15.4	
Previous T	Previous Target Rs1,165		Diluted Shares O/S(mn)	15.4		
Previous F	Rating		Buy	Mkt Cap (Rsbn/USDmn)	17.3/263.8	
Price Perf	orman	ce (%)	+	52 Wk H / L (Rs)	1249/768.3	
	1M	6M	1Yr	5 Year H / L (Rs)	1249/217.9	
TTSP IN	13.5	21.3	<i>37.5</i>	Daily Vol. (3M NSE Avg.)	297371	
Nifty	3.2	3.1	15.6			

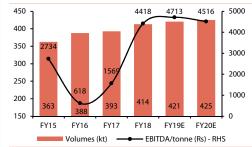
*as on 18 April 2018; Source: Bloomberg, Centrum Research

Shareholding pattern (%)*

	Dec-17	Sep-17	Jun-17	Mar-17
Promoter	54.5	54.5	54.5	54.5
FIIs	8.4	7.0	8.2	8.2
Dom. Inst.	0.9	0.8	0.9	0.9
Public & Others	36.2	37.7	36.4	36.4

Source: BSE, *as on 18 April 2018

EBITDA/tonne trend



Source: Company, Centrum Research Estimates

Earnings Revision

Particulars		FY19E		FY20E			
(Rs mn)	New	Old	Chg (%)	New	Old	Chg (%)	
Sales	8,502	8,292	2.5	8,163	8,163	0.0	
EBITDA	1,983	1,845	7.5	1,919	1,907	0.6	
EBITDA Margin (%)	23.3	22.2	108 bps	23.5	23.4	15 bps	
PAT	1,657	1,559	6.3	1,678	1,668	0.6	

Source: Centrum Research Estimates

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Y/E Mar (Rs mn)	Revenue	YoY (%)	EBITDA	EBITDA (%)	Adj. PAT	YoY (%)	EPS	RoE (%)	RoCE (%)	PE (x)	EV/EBITDA(x)
FY16	5,735	(27.4)	240	4.2	319	(65.3)	20.7	3.9	4.2	22.7	4.3
FY17	5,573	(2.8)	616	11.1	588	84.1	38.2	7.0	6.8	15.7	5.4
FY18P	8,002	43.6	1,827	22.8	1,409	139.7	91.5	15.4	14.5	12.3	6.2
FY19E	8,502	6.3	1,983	23.3	1,657	17.6	107.6	15.9	14.7	10.4	4.9
FY20E	8,163	(4.0)	1,919	23.5	1,678	1.3	109.0	14.1	13.2	10.3	4.2

Source: Company, Centrum Research Estimates; All ratios based on average mcap for year



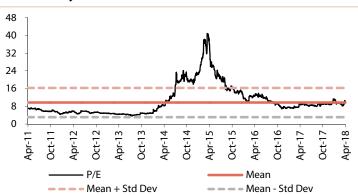
Exhibit 1: Sensitivity Analysis (FY19E)

Sensitivity to key variables	% change	% impact on EBITDA	% impact on EPS
Sales volume	1	3.6	2.8
Realization	1	4.0	3.2
Iron ore cost increase	1	(1.0)	(0.8)

Source: Company, Centrum Research Estimates

Exhibit 2: 1 year forward EV/EBITDA chart

Exhibit 3: 1 year forward P/E chart



Source: Bloomberg, Company, Centrum Research Estimates

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Exhibit 4: Valuations

(Rsmn)	Mar'20E
EBITDA	1,919
Justified EV/EBITDA (x)	5.0
EV	9,597
Net Cash	9,206
Add: Net Cash (@75%)	6,904
Add: Coal block investment (@50%)	900
Fair Value Mkt Cap	17,401
No. of Shares (mn)	15.4
Fair value/share (Rs)	1,130



Quarterly financials, operating metrics and key performance indicators

Exhibit 5: Quarterly Financials

Particulars (Rs mn)	Q1FY17	Q2FY17	Q3FY17	Q4FY17	Q1FY18	Q2FY18	Q3FY18	Q4FY18
Net Sales	1,077	1,380	1,435	1,672	1,750	1,672	2,145	2,435
Other operating income	3	7	1	0	0	0	0	0
Total Income	1,079	1,387	1,435	1,672	1,750	1,672	2,145	2,435
(Accretion)/Decretion of stock	-97	48	(4)	85	-209	62	78	22
Cost of Raw Materials consumed	813	897	962	1,025	1,263	1,010	1,292	1,441
Staff Cost	101	97	150	114	98	106	101	113
Other Operational expenses	180	175	220	189	212	150	193	244
Operating Profit (Core EBITDA)	82	169	108	258	386	344	481	616
Depreciation	31	33	32	32	32	31	31	30
EBIT	51	137	75	226	354	313	450	586
Interest	6	6	9	5	5	1	23	3
Other Revenue/Income	96	93	86	96	103	95	117	117
Other Exceptional Items	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Profit Before Tax	141	224	153	318	452	407	543	700
Tax	36	63	43	106	147	131	183	233
Tax rate (%)	25.3	28.2	28.1	33.2	32.4	32.1	33.8	33.3
Profit After Tax	105	161	110	212	306	276	360	467
Growth (%)								
Net Sales	(24.1)	(8.4)	3.4	19.1	62.6	21.1	49.5	45.7
EBITDA	101.2	1,265.3	362.2	75.1	373.6	103.2	346.7	138.8
Adj. PAT	47.9	182.2	109.4	65.4	190.3	71.9	228.2	120.2
Margin (%)								
EBITDA	7.6	12.2	<i>7.5</i>	15.4	22.1	20.6	22.4	25.3
EBIT	4.7	9.9	5.2	13.5	20.2	18.7	21.0	24.1
PAT (reported bef minority interest)	9.8	11.6	7.6	12.7	17.5	16.5	16.8	19.2
Key Drivers								
Sponge Iron Sales (kt)	84.4	108.5	97.9	101.9	98.5	92.0	115.0	108.0
Net Sales realizations - Sponge Iron (Rs/t)	11,386	11,500	13,470	15,152	16,282	16,895	17,330	21,263
EBITDA/t (Rs)	966	1,560	1,100	2,530	3,919	3,739	4,183	5,703

Source: Company, Centrum Research

Exhibit 6: Key Performance Indicators

	FY15	FY16	FY17	FY18	FY19E	FY20E
Sponge Iron						
Sales Volumes (kt)	363	388	393	414	421	425
YoY%	(3.3)	6.9	1.3	5.3	1.8	1.0
Net Realizations (Rs/t)	19,805	15,046	14,345	18,011	19,000	18,000
YoY%	3.5	(24.0)	(4.7)	25.6	5.5	(5.3)
Power						
Sales Volumes (mn units)	121	113	132	144	137	139
YoY%	(13.8)	(6.7)	16.8	9.1	(4.7)	1.1
Realizations (Rs/unit)	3.8	4.2	3.8	4.5	3.7	3.7
YoY%	19.5	11.2	(10.5)	18.5	(17.6)	0.0

Source: Company, Centrum Research Estimates

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Y/E March (Rs mn)	FY16	FY17	FY18	FY19E	FY20E
Revenues	5,735	5,573	8,002	8,502	8,163
Materials cost	4,269	3,729	4,959	5,218	4,888
% of revenues	74.4	66.9	62.0	61.4	59.9
Employee cost	340	463	418	460	506
% of revenues	5.9	8.3	5.2	5.4	6.2
Others	887	764	798	842	850
% of revenues	15.5	13.7	10.0	9.9	10.4
EBITDA	240	616	1,827	1,983	1,919
EBITDA margin (%)	4.2	11.1	22.8	23.3	23.5
Depreciation & Amortisation	129	128	123	123	131
EBIT	111	489	1,704	1,860	1,789
Interest expenses	54	24	33	25	25
PBT from operations	57	464	1,672	1,835	1,764
Other income	377	371	431	638	743
PBT	434	835	2,102	2,473	2,505
Taxes	115	247	693	816	827
Effective tax rate (%)	26.4	29.6	33.0	33.0	33.0
Adjusted PAT	319	588	1,409	1,657	1,678

Source: Company, Centrum Research Estimates

Exhibit 8: Key Ratios

Y/E March (Rs mn)	FY16	FY17	FY18P	FY19E	FY20E
Growth Ratio (%)					
Revenue	(27.4)	(2.8)	43.6	6.3	(4.0)
EBITDA	(75.9)	157.3	196.4	8.5	(3.2)
Adjusted PAT	(65.3)	84.1	139.7	17.6	1.3
Margin Ratios (%)					
EBITDA	4.2	11.1	22.8	23.3	23.5
PBT from operations	1.0	8.3	20.9	21.6	21.6
Adjusted PAT	5.6	10.5	17.6	19.5	20.6
Return Ratios (%)					
ROE	3.9	7.0	15.4	15.9	14.1
ROCE	4.2	6.8	14.5	14.7	13.2
ROIC	3.6	11.7	29.3	33.6	32.8
Turnover Ratios (days)					
Gross block turnover ratio (x)	3.6	3.3	4.5	4.5	4.0
Debtors	19	23	27	25	25
Inventory	21	32	38	35	35
Creditors	26	34	31	30	30
Cash conversion cycle	13	21	35	30	30
Solvency Ratio (x)					
Net debt-equity	(8.0)	(0.7)	(0.6)	(0.7)	(0.7)
Debt-equity	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Interest coverage ratio	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Gross debt/EBITDA	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Current Ratio	4.6	4.5	3.9	4.3	5.2
Per share Ratios (Rs)					
Adjusted EPS	20.7	38.2	91.5	107.6	109.0
BVPS	536.4	561.6	629.7	725.6	822.9
CEPS	29.1	46.5	99.5	115.6	117.5
DPS	10.0	11.0	20.0	10.0	10.0
Dividend payout %	48.2	28.8	21.9	9.3	9.2
Valuation (x)*					
P/E (adjusted)	22.7	15.7	12.3	10.4	10.3
P/BV	0.9	1.1	1.8	1.5	1.4
EV/EBITDA	4.3	5.4	6.2	4.9	4.2
Dividend yield %	2.1	1.8	1.8	0.9	0.9
5 Yr Avg AOCF/EV yield %	58.2	15.5	3.4	4.9	9.3

 $Source: Company, Centrum \, Research \, Estimates; *All \, ratios \, based \, on \, average \, mcap \, for \, year \, and \, based \, on \, average \, mcap \, for \, year \, and \, based \, on \, average \, mcap \, for \, year \, and \, based \, on \, average \, mcap \, for \, year \, and \, based \, on \, average \, mcap \, for \, year \, and \, based \, on \, average \, mcap \, for \, year \, and \, based \, on \, average \, mcap \, for \, year \, and \, based \, on \, average \, mcap \, for \, year \, and \, based \, on \, average \, mcap \, for \, year \, and \, based \, on \, average \, mcap \, for \, year \, and \, based \, on \, average \, mcap \, for \, year \, and \, based \, on \, average \, mcap \, for \, year \, and \, based \, on \, average \, mcap \, for \, year \, and \, based \, on \, average \, mcap \, for \, year \, and \, based \, average \, average \, mcap \, for \, year \, and \, based \, average \, a$

Exhibit 9: Balance Sheet

Y/E March (Rs mn)	FY16	FY17	FY18P	FY19E	FY20E
Equity Share Capital	154	154	154	154	154
Reserves & surplus	8,106	8,495	9,544	11,020	12,519
Shareholders' fund	8,260	8,649	9,698	11,174	12,673
Def tax liab. (net)	217	191	180	180	180
Total Liabilities	8,478	8,840	9,877	11,354	12,854
Gross Block	1,686	1,722	1,842	1,962	2,082
Less: Acc. Depreciation	49	175	298	421	552
Net Block	1,637	1,547	1,544	1,541	1,531
Capital WIP	92	56	58	88	118
Net Fixed Assets	1,730	1,603	1,602	1,629	1,649
Investments	2,854	2,634	2,634	2,634	2,634
Inventories	324	491	841	815	783
Sundry debtors	294	358	588	582	559
Cash	2,521	3,068	3,359	5,018	6,580
Loans & Advances	2,113	2,232	2,789	2,935	2,818
Other assets	39	73	163	70	67
Total Current Asset	5,291	6,222	7,740	9,420	10,807
Trade payables	407	525	669	699	671
Other current Liab.	424	488	798	745	716
Provisions	565	606	631	885	850
Net Current Assets	3,895	4,603	5,642	7,091	8,571
Total Assets	8,478	8,840	9,877	11,354	12,854

Source: Company, Centrum Research Estimates

Exhibit 10: Cash Flow

Y/E March (Rs mn)	FY16	FY17	FY18P	FY19E	FY20E
Operating profit bef WC	257	631	1,827	1,983	1,919
Changes in working capital	638	(252)	(758)	209	83
Cash flow from operations	771	195	376	1,376	1,175
Adj. OCF (OCF - Interest)	717	170	344	1,351	1,150
Net Capex	172	38	122	150	150
Adj. FCF	545	132	222	1,201	1,000
Cash flow from investments	(584)	536	309	488	593
Cash flow from financing	(183)	(185)	(393)	(205)	(205)
Net change in cash	3	546	292	1,658	1,562

Source: Company, Centrum Research Estimates



Appendix A

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