

Kirloskar Ferrous

Metals

Result Update

30 July 2018

Non-recurring items hit earnings; Maintain Buy

Kirloskar Ferrous (KFIL) delivered another subdued performance in Q1 due to continued pressure in gross margins and increased other expenses (due to non-recurring items) negating strong volume growth. We remain positive on KFIL's prospects as it features i) increasing share of high-margin casting business which has spare capacity, ii) cost efficiencies from upcoming low-payback projects albeit slightly delayed, iii) an enviable track record of converting cash profits to cash flows (5Y/10Y AOCF/CP ratio of 1x/0.9x) and iv) strong balance sheet with low D/E of 0.1x. We expect strong earnings growth during FY18-20E driven by castings volume CAGR of 20%. Valuations remain undemanding with attractive cash flow yield of 14.5% & EV/EBITDA of 4.7x on FY20E. Maintain Buy with revised TP of Rs140.

- O Volume performance remains strong: Net sales stood at Rs4.85bn, up 45% YoY and was led by strong volume growth in the castings segment at 31% YoY to ~23700 tonne (highest ever on quarterly basis) led by robust demand, increased market share and sales to new customers. Pig iron sales increased to ~85kt, up 29% YoY while realisations improved to Rs30838/t, up 13.4% YoY and 4.6% QoQ.
- O EBITDA subdued as gross profit/t remain muted and non-recurring items continue to play spoilsport: EBITDA was below our expectations at Rs346mn, up 1.8% QoQ. This was on account of subdued gross margins at 35.7% and sharp increase in other expenses to Rs1.16bn, up 7% QoQ. Increase in other expenses was led by higher purchase of power from grid due to stoppage of captive power plant as well as increase in power price from the grid by Rs0.2/unit. There was an additional impact of ~Rs59mn due to adverse forex translation losses in Q1. Coke/coking coal/iron ore costs continued to remain high in Q1 and kept pressure on spreads resulting in gross profit/t of Rs15900/t (vs Rs15000/t in Q4).
- O Earnings revised lower led by lower gross margins & delay in coke oven project: In our detailed interaction with the management post KFIL's AGM (detailed takeaways on Page 2), the management stressed upon their focus on cost savings projects but indicated that coke oven & CPP project is expected to commission in Q3FY20 (vs Q1FY20 earlier) due to delay in ordering for capex optimisation. KFIL's gross margins have remained under pressure in last 3-4 quarters and we expect the same to improve in due course but have revised our forward estimates on the same lower. We revise our EBITDA/PAT estimates downwards to Rs2.0bn/Rs0.9bn for FY19E and Rs2.8bn/Rs1.3bn for FY20E led mainly by lower gross margins, higher power costs and delay in coke oven & CPP cost benefits in FY20E.
- O Valuation and risks maintain Buy: We expect KFIL to deliver strong earnings growth during FY18-20E, led by volume CAGR of 15% in the castings business coupled with cost efficiencies and operating leverage leading to higher margins and strong improvement in return ratios. We see scope for re-rating and value KFIL using our conservative five-year AOCF/EV yield methodology to arrive at a revised TP of Rs140. Maintain Buy. Key risks are lower volumes and raw material volatility.

Y/E Mar (Rs mn)	Q1FY19	Q1FY18	YoY(%)	Q4FY18	QoQ(%)	Q1FY19E	Var(%)
Net sales	4,852	3,340	45.3	4,696	3.3	4,821	0.6
Total RM consumed	3,121	2,111	47.8	3,050	2.3	3009	3.7
Gross Margins - %	35.7	36.8		35.0		37.6	
Employee costs	222	184	20.7	217	2.2	230	(3.7)
Other expenses	1,164	884	31.7	1,089	6.9	1039	12.0
EBITDA	346	161	114.5	340	1.8	543	(36.3)
EBITDA margin (%)	7.1	4.8	230 bps	7.2	(11)bps	11.3	(414)bps
Depreciation	128	125	2.3	127	0.9	130	(1.5)
Finance costs	38	31	23.0	30	25.4	30	26.7
PBT	184	15	NM	217	(15.3)	388	(52.6)
Tax	79	3	NM	68	17.0	116	(31.9)
PAT	105	12	750	149	(29.9)	272	(61.5)

Source: Company, Centrum Research; NM-Not Meaningful

Target Pr	ice		Rs140	Key Data	
CMP*			Rs81.5	Bloomberg Code	KKF IN
Upside			71.8%	Curr Shares O/S (mn)	137.3
Previous Target Rs1				Diluted Shares O/S(mn)	137.3
Previous Rating Buy				Mkt Cap (Rsbn/USDmn)	11.2/162.8
Price Perf	ormanc	e (%)*		52 Wk H / L (Rs)	121.9/72
	1M	6M	1Yr	5 Year H / L (Rs)	121.9/15
KKF IN	(9.5)	(16.7)	(12.3)	Daily Vol. (3M NSE Avg.)	93768
NIFTY	5.5	2.3	12.8		

*as on 27 July 2018; Source: Bloomberg, Centrum Research

Shareholding pattern (%)*

	Jun-18	Mar-18	Dec-17	Sep-17
Promoter	59.6	59.6	59.6	59.6
FIIs	0.6	0.6	0.1	0.6
Dom. Inst.	8.3	6.2	4.0	2.6
Public & Others	31.6	33.6	36.3	37.2

Source: BSE, *as on 27 July 2018

Operational metrics

Q1FY19	Q1FY18	YoY(%)	Q4FY18	QoQ(%)
85,313	66,186	28.9	86,863	(1.8)
23,716	18,139	30.7	22,947	3.4
2631	1799	46.2	2562	2.7
2139	1451	47.4	2017	6.0
30,838	27,187	13.4	29,496	4.6
90,180	79,982	12.7	87,894	2.6
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Source: Company, Centrum Research

Earnings Revision

Particulars		FY19E		FY20E				
(Rs mn)	New	Old	Chg (%)	New	Old	Chg (%)		
Sales	19,849	18,637	6.5	20,018	18,788	6.5		
EBITDA	1,973	2,283	(13.6)	2,773	3,423	(19.0)		
EBITDA Margin (%)	9.9	12.3		13.9	18.2			
PAT	888	1,068	(16.9)	1,312	1,785	(26.5)		

Source: Centrum Research Estimates

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Y/E Mar (Rs mn)	Revenue	YoY (%)	EBITDA	EBITDA (%)	Adj. PAT	YoY (%)	Adj. EPS (Rs)	RoE (%)	RoCE (%)	PE (x)	EV/EBITDA (x)
FY16	11,139	(18.4)	1,509	13.6	578	17.4	4.2	12.2	11.0	12.5	5.5
FY17	11,327	1.7	1,722	15.2	878	51.9	6.4	16.3	13.1	11.7	6.6
FY18	16,806	48.4	1,098	6.5	380	(56.7)	2.8	6.5	6.0	33.8	12.3
FY19E	19,849	18.1	1,973	9.9	888	133.8	6.5	14.2	12.3	12.6	6.4
FY20E	20,018	0.9	2,773	13.9	1,312	47.7	9.6	18.7	15.1	8.5	4.7

Source: Company, Centrum Research Estimates



Management Interaction Takeaways

We met up with the management of Kirloskar Ferrous post the AGM and had a detailed interaction with the MD and CFO. The key takeaways are below:

- O Promoters and management see very strong demand visibility for castings from its customer segments led by i) favorable competitive positioning of KFIL on account of low product development cycle time, ii) strong customer relationships and capacity approvals, iii) reliable quality and consistent supplies, iv) first mover advantage in developing products for Euro VI compliant vehicles and v) large investments by the auto & tractor OEM's in building capacities.
- O KFIL has identified four key focus areas where it is currently investing for future growth:-

1. Capacity Enhancement

- O KFIL is looking to increase its castings capacity from 130ktpa to 160ktpa by FY21 through addition of new line at Hospet. Management also indicated plans to increase this further to 200ktpa in due course. The capacity increase is driven by strong demand visibility from customers and need for contracting certain quantities for big clients like Diamler, VECV, Hino Motors.
- O Pig iron capacity is expected to be increased from 390ktpa to 425ktpa once BF2 goes for major relining in late FY20.
- O Machined castings demand is steadily increasing and KFIL is looking to make consistent investments (Rs200-250mn annually) in the same

2. Cost Saving Projects

- O Coke oven of 200ktpa coupled with associated 20 MW waste heat CPP is being set-up for saving costs as company incurs very high cost on both of these critical inputs. The project is likely to be commissioned in Q3FY20 at a cost of Rs2.2bn and has seen a delay of 6 months vs the earlier timeline due to delay in ordering for capex optimisation.
- Railway siding project at Hospet plant is expected to be commissioned soon and would result in reduced freight costs
- O KFIL would Participate in upcoming iron ore auctions in Karnataka 8 mines with 10 mtpa capacity likely to be auctioned in next few months and this would not be capex intensive due to revenue sharing auction

3. Green Energy

O Set-up of 10 MW solar power plant at Solapur completed and expected to meet 50% of power requirement for the Solapur plant

4. Technology Upgradation

- O Set-up of bell less top and PCI for MBF1 expected to improve productivity, reduce coke rate and lead to longer refractory life. Commissioning in H2FY20
- O Installation of 3D printing machine at Hospet to reduce new product development cycle time
 Benefits likely to be seen by FY19-end as installation already done
- The total capex for the above initiatives is likely to be approx. Rs5bn to be spent over next 3 years

O Update on Operations & Financials

- O Volumes in castings have been picking up consistently and current monthly run-rate is approx. 9000 tonne
- Raw material costs have seen relentless increase and landed cost of coke stood at US\$390/t and iron ore lumps stood at Rs4900/t in Q1FY19 (vs Rs4300/t in FY18)
- O Pig iron price increase has not been enough to cover the RM cost inflation and full benefit of price increase in expected to be visible in Q2FY19
- O Coke sourcing is done through imports (60% share) and through third party conversion of coking coal into coke (40% share).



- O FY18 EBITDA was largely from castings with virtually no contribution from pig iron
- O Machined castings share stood at 10% in FY18 and this is expected to pick up albeit slowly
- O Working capital has been reduced through very attractive financing arrangement
- O Restart of two CPP's (associated with pig iron capacities) has been delayed impacting power cost negatively in last two quarters. One CPP restarted in Q1 and other is expected to restart in Q2

O Reasons for low margins in last two quarters

- O Consistent rupee depreciation has led to forex losses (Approx. Rs59mn booked in Q1 in other expenses)
- O Power cost has been increased by the grid in Karnataka by 20paisa/unit
- O Lag impact in pass through of higher RM cost

O Outlook & Guidance

- O Targeting to produce 380kt pig iron and 110kt castings in FY19.
- O Castings demand visibility is extremely strong and company expects to deliver 20% volume CAGR over next few years
- O RM costs continue to keep pig iron business profitability negligible and could improve based on market dynamics and favorable demand-supply situation
- O Higher castings share should help improve gross margins

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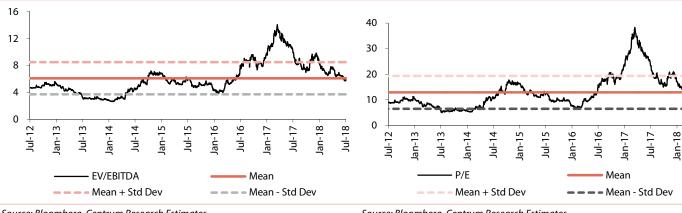
Exhibit 1: Sensitivity Analysis

1% Chg	EBI	EBITDA PAT					
Castings	FY19E	FY20E	FY19E	FY20E			
Volume	2.0	1.5	2.9	2.0			
Realisations	3.1	2.4	4.5	3.1			

Source: Company, Centrum Research Estimates

Exhibit 2: 1 year forward EV/EBITDA chart

Exhibit 3: 1 year forward P/E chart



Source: Bloomberg, Centrum Research Estimates

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Exhibit 4: Peer comparison – Historical Financials

Commons	Net	Sales (Rs	mn)	EB	ITDA (Rs n	nn)	PAT (Rs mn) EBITDA Margin			n %	PAT Margin %				
Company	FY16	FY17	FY18	FY16	FY17	FY18	FY16	FY17	FY18	FY16	FY17	FY18	FY16	FY17	FY18
Kirloskar Ferrous	11,139	11,327	16,806	1,509	1,722	1,098	578	878	380	13.6	15.2	6.5	5.2	7.8	2.3
Nelcast	5,607	5,746	7,445	643	640	716	319	340	383	11.5	11.1	9.6	5.7	5.9	5.1
Jayaswal Neco Industries	26,326	25,162	34,774	2,628	2,800	3,075	(936)	(4,593)	(4,914)	10.0	11.1	8.8	(3.6)	(18.3)	(14.1)
Alicon Castalloy	7,489	7,728	10,135	769	868	1,082	222	262	387	10.3	11.2	10.7	3.0	3.4	3.8
Precision Camshafts	4,381	4,430	4,079	1,192	1,006	766	549	609	348	27.2	22.7	18.8	12.5	13.7	8.5

Company	CA	GR 16-18 (9	%)		ROE %			Div Yield %	ó		P/E (x)		EV	EV/EBITDA (x)		
Company	Revenue	EBITDA	PAT	FY16	FY17	FY18	FY16	FY17	FY18	FY16	FY17	FY18	FY16	FY17	FY18	
Kirloskar Ferrous	22.8	(14.7)	(18.9)	12.2	16.3	6.5	2.4	2.3	1.3	12.5	11.7	33.8	5.5	6.6	12.3	
Nelcast	15.2	5.5	9.6	10.9	10.7	11.0	1.4	1.5		8.8	13.4	13.3	5.0	7.5	7.7	
Jayaswal Neco Industries	14.9	8.2	129.1	(4.3)	(24.4)	(35.3)	0.0	0.0	0.0	(8.7)	(1.1)	(1.0)	17.8	15.5	12.7	
Alicon Castalloy	16.3	18.6	32.0	16.3	16.4	18.1	1.3	0.9		10.5	14.7	12.0	5.3	6.7	6.0	
Precision Camshafts	(3.5)	(19.8)	(20.4)	14.7	11.5	6.2	0.7	1.1		20.7	24.1	40.1		11.8	18.3	

Source: Bloomberg, Centrum Research; NM – Not Meaningful



Quarterly financials, operating metrics and key performance indicators

Exhibit 5: Quarterly financials

Particulars (Rs mn)	Q2FY17	Q3FY17	Q4FY17	Q1FY18	Q2FY18	Q3FY18	Q4FY18	Q1FY19
Net Sales (incl. op. income)	2,898	2,241	3,201	3,340	4,005	4,770	4,696	4,852
Cost of Raw Materials consumed	1,455	1,029	2,023	2,111	2,607	3,280	3,050	3,121
Staff Cost	187	179	173	184	193	213	217	222
Other Operational expenses	767	693	769	884	913	967	1,089	1,164
Operating Profit (Core EBITDA)	489	341	236	161	291	310	340	346
Depreciation	118	117	104	125	113	131	127	128
EBIT	371	223	132	36	178	179	213	218
Interest	24	26	22	31	28	28	30	38
Other Revenue/Income	4	3	14	10	5	5	34	4
Other Exceptional Items	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Profit Before Tax	351	201	123	15	156	156	217	184
Tax	125	30	(9)	3	47	46	68	79
Tax rate (%)	35.5	15.1	(7.5)	20.6	30.2	29.6	31.2	43.1
Profit After Tax	226	170	133	12	109	110	149	105
Growth (%)								
Net Sales	(2.1)	(16.3)	29.4	11.4	38.2	112.8	46.7	45.3
EBITDA	11.6	1.5	(35.7)	(76.2)	(40.5)	(9.0)	43.7	114.5
PAT	24.1	41.3	2.1	(96.7)	(51.9)	(35.6)	12.5	750.4
Margin (%)								
EBITDA	16.9	15.2	7.4	4.8	7.3	6.5	7.2	7.1
EBIT	12.8	10.0	4.1	1.1	4.5	3.8	4.5	4.5
PAT	7.8	7.6	4.1	0.4	2.7	2.3	3.2	2.2
Sales Volumes (tonne)								
Pig Iron Merchant	69,414	39,355	72,307	66,186	72,605	80,650	86,863	85,313
Castings	17,448	14,992	16,450	18,139	20,438	21,398	22,947	23,716
Net Sales (Rs mn)								
Pig Iron Merchant	1,464	1,000	1,810	1,799	1,985	2,179	2,562	2,631
Castings	1,375	1,170	1,310	1,451	1,732	1,803	2,017	2,139
Others	60	70	80	87	287	788	117	83
Realisations (Rs/t)								
Pig Iron Merchant	21,087	25,410	25,032	27,187	27,333	27,012	29,496	30,838
Castings	78,777	78,042	79,635	79,982	84,754	84,260	87,894	90,180

Source: Centrum Research



Exhibit 6: Key Performance Indicators/Assumptions

	FY14	FY15	FY16	FY17	FY18	FY19E	FY20E
Revenue (Rs mn)							
Pig Iron	7,174	8,437	6,231	5,889	8,525	9,859	9,198
Castings	4,600	4,745	4,607	5,191	7,003	9,240	10,320
Sales Volumes (kt)							
Pig Iron	2,75,692	3,18,023	2,89,485	2,53,495	3,06,304	3,23,250	3,28,500
Castings	60,396	57,257	56,661	65,892	82,922	1,05,000	1,20,000
Net Sales Realisations (Rs/t)							
Pig Iron	26,021	26,528	21,525	23,231	27,830	30,500	28,000
Castings	76,170	82,864	81,303	78,786	84,452	88,000	86,000
Gross Profit (Rs/t)							
Pig Iron	5,023	6,846	6,369	6,713	3,404	3,738	3,778
Castings	49,251	56,543	59,502	57,186	56,884	59,272	59,317
KFIL - Total	12,971	14,428	15,067	17,093	14,801	17,354	18,638

Source: Company, Centrum Research Estimates



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Y/E Mar(Rs mn)	FY16	FY17	FY18	FY19E	FY20E
Revenues	11,139	11,327	16,806	19,849	20,018
Materials cost	5,924	5,867	11,045	12,417	11,659
% of revenues	53.2	51.8	65.7	62.6	58.2
Employee cost	709	735	807	903	1,012
% of revenues	6.4	6.5	4.8	4.6	5.1
Others	2,997	3,002	3,857	4,556	4,574
% of revenues	26.9	26.5	22.9	23.0	22.9
EBITDA	1,509	1,722	1,098	1,973	2,773
EBITDA margin (%)	13.6	15.2	6.5	9.9	13.9
Depreciation & Amortisation	444	459	495	520	649
EBIT	1,066	1,263	602	1,453	2,124
Interest expenses	235	105	110	187	234
PBT from operations	831	1,158	493	1,266	1,889
Other income	22	53	52	40	40
Exceptional items	0	0	0	0	0
PBT	853	1,211	544	1,306	1,929
Taxes	275	333	164	418	617
Effective tax rate (%)	32.2	27.5	30.2	32.0	32.0
Reported PAT	578	878	380	888	1,312
Adjusted PAT	578	878	380	888	1,312

Source: Centrum Research Estimates

Exhibit 8: Key Ratios

Y/E Mar	FY16	FY17	FY18	FY19E	FY20E
Growth Ratio (%)					
Revenue	(18.4)	1.7	48.4	18.1	0.9
EBITDA	1.3	14.1	(36.3)	79.7	40.6
Adjusted PAT	17.4	51.9	(56.7)	133.8	47.7
Margin Ratios (%)					
EBITDA	13.6	15.2	6.5	9.9	13.9
PBT from operations	7.5	10.2	2.9	6.4	9.4
Adjusted PAT	5.2	7.8	2.3	4.5	6.6
Return Ratios (%)					
ROE	12.2	16.3	6.5	14.2	18.7
ROCE	11.0	13.1	6.0	12.3	15.
ROIC	10.9	12.8	5.6	12.1	15.
Turnover Ratios (days)					
Gross block turnover ratio (x)	1.2	1.2	1.7	1.9	1.6
Debtors	46	68	63	58	58
Inventory	30	39	47	40	40
Creditors	45	53	78	65	6.5
Cash conversion cycle	31	54	33	33	33
Solvency Ratio (x)					
Net debt-equity	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.3
Debt-equity	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.3
Interest coverage ratio	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.1
Gross debt/EBITDA	0.7	0.6	0.7	0.8	0.8
Current Ratio	1.0	1.2	1.1	1.0	1.0
Per share Ratios (Rs)					
Adjusted EPS	4.2	6.4	2.8	6.5	9.6
BVPS	35.8	42.4	43.1	47.7	54.5
CEPS	7.4	9.7	6.4	10.3	14.3
DPS	1.2	1.8	1.3	1.6	2.4
Dividend payout %	29.7	27.4	45.2	25.0	25.0
Valuation (x)*					
P/E (adjusted)	12.5	11.7	33.8	12.6	8.5
P/BV	1.5	1.8	2.2	1.7	1.5
EV/EBITDA	5.5	6.6	12.3	6.4	4.7
Dividend yield %	2.4	2.3	1.3	2.0	2.9
5 Yr Avg AOCF/EV yield %	9.1	7.6	7.2	7.9	8.6

Source: Centrum Research Estimates

Exhibit 9: Balance Sheet

Y/E Mar(Rs mn)	FY16	FY17	FY18	FY19E	FY20E
Equity Share Capital	687	687	687	687	687
Reserves & surplus	4,234	5,139	5,238	5,867	6,795
Shareholders' fund	4,920	5,826	5,925	6,553	7,482
Total Debt	1,082	1,111	724	1,624	2,124
Def tax liab. (net)	789	805	826	826	826
Total Liabilities	6,792	7,742	7,475	9,004	10,432
Gross Block	9,303	9,852	10,027	10,827	13,527
Less: Acc. Depreciation	3,801	4,110	4,419	4,939	5,588
Net Block	5,502	5,742	5,608	5,888	7,939
Capital WIP	81	189	733	1,533	833
Net Fixed Assets	5,583	5,930	6,341	7,421	8,772
Investments	0	0	0	0	0
Inventories	930	1,219	2,172	2,175	2,194
Sundry debtors	1,394	2,102	2,909	3,154	3,181
Cash	60	123	52	117	182
Loans & Advances	591	478	495	598	603
Other assets	8	3	13	13	13
Total Current Asset	2,983	3,925	5,641	6,058	6,174
Trade payables	1,368	1,635	3,578	3,535	3,565
Other current Liab.	337	424	858	816	823
Provisions	69	54	71	125	126
Net Current Assets	1,209	1,811	1,134	1,582	1,660
Total Assets	6,792	7,742	7,475	9,004	10,432

Source: Centrum Research Estimates

Exhibit 10: Cash Flow

FY16	FY17	FY18	FY19E	FY20E
1,520	1,732	1,130	1,973	2,773
(178)	(742)	305	(383)	(12)
1,161	746	1,286	1,172	2,143
926	640	1,176	985	1,909
(335)	(737)	(583)	(1,600)	(2,000)
591	(96)	592	(615)	(91)
(324)	(701)	(574)	(1,600)	(2,000)
(891)	24	(786)	494	(78)
(53)	69	(75)	65	65
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Source: Centrum Research Estimates



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Kirloskar Ferrous price chart



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