

# **Hindalco**

# Estimate change TP change Rating change

Bloomberg	HNDL IN
Equity Shares (m)	2,247
M.Cap.(INRb)/(USDb)	983.1 / 12
52-Week Range (INR)	636 / 309
1, 6, 12 Rel. Per (%)	1/-13/-9
12M Avg Val (INR M)	5259
Free float (%)	65.4

#### Financials & Valuations (INR b)

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Y/E MARCH	2022	2023E	2024E
Sales	1,951	2,110	2,055
EBITDA	283	218	245
Adj. PAT	136	87	108
EBITDA Margin (%)	15	10	12
Cons. Adj. EPS (INR)	61	39	48
EPS Gr. (%)	149	-36	24
BV/Sh. (INR)	244	274	313
Ratios			
Net D:E	0.7	0.5	0.4
RoE (%)	28.0	15.1	16.5
RoCE (%)	16.1	10.5	11.9
Payout (%)	7.6	16.5	13.3
Valuations			
P/E (x)	6.9	10.8	8.7
P/BV (x)	1.7	1.5	1.4
EV/EBITDA(x)	4.7	5.8	5.0
Div. Yield (%)	0.9	1.3	1.3
FCF Yield (%)	12.1	11.8	7.9

## Shareholding pattern (%)

As On	Sep-22	Jun-22	Sep-21
Promoter	34.6	34.6	34.7
DII	30.8	21.5	20.6
FII	25.2	25.1	25.8
Others	9.4	18.8	19.0

FII Includes depository receipts

CMP: INR438 TP: INR510 (+17%) Buy

## Result in line, guidance lowered for a quarter

#### Inflation impacts margin adversely

- Novelis reported a strong beat on topline in 2QFY23 but EBITDA was in line with our estimate. Strong performance by Asia division strengthened margin.
- Revenue/EBITDA/APAT came in at USD4,799m/USD502m/ USD238m, down 5.7%/10.5%/14.7% QoQ, respectively. Topline was a sharp 18% above our estimate while EBITDA and APAT were in line with our estimates in 2QFY23.
- Shipments during the quarter stood at 984kt (up 1.7% YoY/2.3% QoQ) and were in line with our estimate of 1,000kt.
- Management highlighted that higher energy and logistics costs are likely to impact the second half adversely, especially 3QFY23 to the tune of USD75-125/t. Contracts will get reset from 1<sup>st</sup> Jan, 23 when Novelis will try and cover most of the increased costs and push for higher EBITDA of USD525/t on a normalized basis.
- Revenue/EBITDA/APAT for 1HFY23 stood at USD9,888m/USD 1,063m/USD517m, up 24%/0.2%/5% YoY, respectively. The sharp rise in topline was offset by rising costs leading to a flat EBITDA.
- The lowered guidance comes as a surprise as the management had in the previous quarter itself sounded confident of achieving EBITDA/t of USD525 for FY23. However, we note that these are temporary headwinds and do not dent the structural margin improvement story of Novelis.
- Net debt for the quarter, at USD4.6b, was marginally higher by USD107m
   QoQ. Leverage remained at a comfortable level of 2.3x.

#### EBITDA/t guidance for 2HFY23 reduced by USD75-125

- In the 1QFY23 earnings call, the company had raised FY23 EBITDA/t guidance to USD525 from USD500. This implied a guidance of USD505/t for the remaining three quarters in FY23 then.
- However, post-2QFY23 results, the management revised down its 2HFY23 guidance sharply by announcing an additional impact of USD75-125t on margins in 2H due to higher energy/logistics costs.
- The guidance comes despite Novelis being hedged for about 80% of its energy costs for the remaining of FY23 and above 60% for FY24. Management highlighted that the energy costs in Europe have come off substantially and with warmer-than-expected winters, the energy prices could possibly stabilize at that level.
- Management also highlighted that the contracts typically start getting reset from 1QCY23 (viz. 4QFY23) and its endeavor shall be to pass on the incremental cost to the customers and bring back the EBITDA margin to USD525/t. However, it might take a couple of quarters to fully pass on the rising costs.

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#### Valuation and view

- In light of the sudden downward revision to the 2HFY23 guidance, we revised our EBITDA estimate for FY23 to USD486/t from USD535/t. However, we remain optimistic that Novelis is likely to announce an upward revision to its 4QFY23 EBITDA/t guidance at the end of 3Q as it gets more clarity on revision to its contracts for 4QFY23.
- Reduction in FY23 EBITDA/t for Novelis by 9% has led to 7% cut in consolidated EBITDA and 11% cut in consolidated PAT for FY23.
- We, however, note that the sharp drop in LME aluminum prices should lead to a working capital release and as a result of which the net debt should continue to improve. Management highlighted that it expects FCF of more than USD500m at the end of FY23 v/s a negative FCF of UDS90m for 1HFY23, driven by working capital release.
- In addition, Novelis has also lowered its capex spending for FY23E to a range of USD900-1000m v/s previous guidance of USD1.3-1.6b, which should help reduce its debt.
- Leverage continues to remain under control at 2.3x with marginal change in net debt position.
- We note that the stock now fully prices in: a) lower LME aluminum prices, b) a weak Chinese economy, c) recession in Europe, and d) rising inflation reflected in higher input costs and lower premiums.
- Hence, we raise our target multiples for both India and Novelis to reflect the long-term opportunities rather than focus on just one quarter of weak operating results.
- We believe the weakness in the stock post-Novelis result should provide an opportunity to buy as we remain confident about the long-term opportunities of Novelis and its leadership in both beverage can and automotive markets.
- We raise our SoTP-based TP of Hindalco to INR510 from INR480. The stock is trading at 5.8x/5.0x our FY23E/24E EV/EBITDA. On P/B estimates, the stock is available at 1.5x our FY23E. **Maintain BUY.**

**Quarterly performance (USD m)** 

Y/E March		FY2	22			FY2	3E		FY22	FY23E	FY23	v/s Est
	1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q	1Q	2Q	3QE	4QE			2QE	(%)
Sales (000 tons)	973	968	930	987	962	984	1,000	1,000	3,858	3,946	1,000	-1.6
Change (YoY %)	24.6	4.9	-0.3	0.4	-1.1	1.7	7.5	1.3	6.6	2.3	3.3	
Change (QoQ %)	-1.0	-0.5	-3.9	6.1	-2.5	2.3	1.6	0.0			4.0	
Net Sales	3,855	4,119	4,326	4,849	5,089	4,799	3,988	4,036	17,149	17,912	4,058	18.3
Change (YoY %)	58.9	38.3	33.5	33.5	32.0	16.5	-7.8	-16.8	39.7	4.4	-1.5	
Change (QoQ %)	6.2	6.8	5.0	12.1	4.9	-5.7	-16.9	1.2			-20.3	
EBITDA (adjusted)	508	553	506	430	561	502	427	429	1,997	1,919	510	-1.7
Change (YoY %)	100.8	21.5	6.3	-14.9	10.4	-9.2	-15.7	-0.2	18.2	-3.9	-7.7	
Change (QoQ %)	0.6	8.9	-8.5	-15.0	30.5	-10.5	-15.0	0.6			-9.0	
EBITDA per ton (USD)	522	571	544	436	583	510	427	429	518	486	510	-0.1
Interest	56	59	54	54	58	65	48	48	223	219	48	35.1
Depreciation	134	134	137	145	138	134	141	149	550	562	138	-2.9
PBT (before EO item)	318	360	315	231	365	303	237	232	1,224	1,137	324	-6.6
Extra-ordinary Income	30	(44)	36	(10)	28	(55)	(30)	(30)	12	(87)	(30)	83.3
PBT (after EO item)	348	316	351	221	393	248	207	202	1,236	1,050	294	-15.7
Total Tax	108	79	89	5	87	65	62	60	281	275	88	-26.4
% Tax	31.0	25.0	25.4	2.3	22.1	26.2	30.0	30.0	22.7	26.2	30.0	
PAT before minority	240	237	262	216	306	183	145	141	955	775	206	-11.2
Minority interest	0	0	0	-1	-1	0	0	0	-1	-1	0	
Preference Dividend												
Reported PAT	240	237	262	217	307	183	145	141	956	776	206	-11.2
Change (YoY %)	-404	-741	47	23	28	-23	-45	-35	303	-19	-13	
Adjusted PAT	210	281	226	227	279	238	175	171	944	863	236	0.8
Change (YoY %)	116.5	58.8	14.7	26.1	32.9	-15.3	-22.5	-24.6	45.0	-8.6	-16.0	
Change (QoQ %)	16.7	33.8	-19.6	0.4	22.9	-14.7	-26.4	-2.3			-15.4	

Exhibit 1: Strong EBITDA/t especially in North America after resurgence of automotive performance

Volumes -Rolled products	1QFY22	2QFY22	3QFY22	4QFY22	1QFY23	2QFY23
North America	358	375	358	376	386	386
Europe	268	251	248	274	272	268
Asia	190	196	167	203	185	208
South America	157	146	157	156	148	162
Elimination	-13	0	-10	-22	-29	-40
Total Third Party Shipments	960	968	920	987	962	984
Adj. EBITDA (USD m)						
North America	172	172	181	105	227	191
Europe	102	102	71	73	85	73
Asia	88	88	76	96	94	113
South America	146	193	178	156	156	127
Adj. EBITDA per ton (USD)						
North America	480	459	506	279	588	495
Europe	381	406	286	266	313	272
Asia	463	449	455	473	508	543
South America	930	1,322	1,134	1,000	1,054	784

Source: MOFSL, Company

## **Conference call takeaways**

#### **Change in guidance:**

- Steep and persistent inflation including energy prices, freight and supply chain led to higher costs and cut in 2H guidance. Despite a large part of the cost has been passed on, some hit will be there on income statement of the company.
- Near-term headwinds of USD75-125/t for next two quarters are likely to persist. EBITDA/t to revert to USD525 from CY23 onwards as contracts gets reset.
- Traditionally, 3Q is a weak quarter due to annual maintenance for several customers.
- Hence, there should be a dip in margins in 3QFY23. All major costs will be passed on from 1QCY23 i.e., 4QFY23. However, the full benefit of the pass through will be visible only after two quarters.

## **Volume growth:**

■ Novelis remains comfortable for at least 3% volume growth.

#### **Demand:**

- Demand for beverage cans remains robust. Normalization of post-Covid consumption has led to higher availability of cans v/s existing demand.
- However, a structural shift to aluminum cans will ensure the excess can sheet is absorbed in the near term.
- In the automotive space, while the semiconductor shortages have started easing, the company believes supply chain-related headwinds still persist.
- Nonetheless, pent-up demand and low dealer inventory in the automotive space are likely to drive automotive production and in turn demand for automotive aluminum.
- In the specialties division, the demand is driven by economic growth and interest rates, but impacted adversely by rising inflation.
- Aerospace demand continues to improve.

#### **Projects:**

- Construction of the first Greenfield aluminum rolling mill in the last 40 years has been started. The USD2.5b project will be completed by mid-CY25.
- Projects worth USD4.5b have been identified and capex of USD3.4b has been planned.
- These include the US automotive and recycling plant in Kentucky, S. Korean recycling plant and debottlenecking opportunities in the US and Brazil with integration of facilities of Novelis and erstwhile Aleris in China.

#### **Working capital release:**

Over USD500m of working capital was released in FY23 due to lower LME.

#### **Energy hedge:**

- About 80%/50% energy has been hedged for FY23/24. For 2HFY23, energy is hedged at 80%.
- For FY24E, the hedge level is at 60% now.
- Spot energy prices in Europe have come off drastically with gas storages in Europe up to 99% of the capacity.

#### **Pension:**

 Pension liabilities are in the range of USD600m with cash outflow of about USD100m annually.

Pension liabilities remain under control. Assets are also close to USD600m with no major surprises.

### **Expansion capacity commitments:**

- About 50% of the new beverage can capacity has been committed, while the balance capacity has not been committed for want of higher prices as the capacity comes online between 12 and 18 months.
- Novelis does not expect prices to come off from the already contracted prices.

Exhibit 2: Net debt (USD m) continued to remain stable after the acquisition of Aleris



Source: MOFSL, Company

Exhibit 3: Capex (USD m) in 2QFY23 was higher; various capex projects were underway to further strengthen Novelis' position in the industry



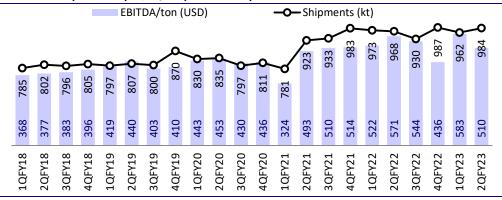
Source: MOFSL, Company

Exhibit 4: EBITDA (USD m) trajectory was strong



Source: MOFSL, Company

Exhibit 5: Shipments up QoQ; on par with shipments in 4QFY22



Source: MOFSL, Company

Exhibit 6: Key assumptions and changes to our estimates

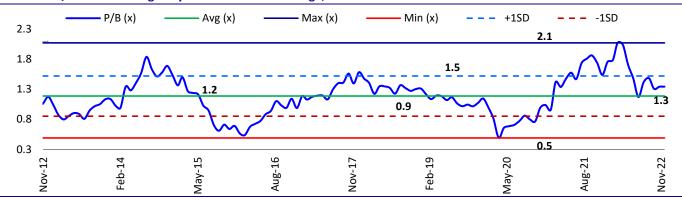
			FY23	BE		FY24	1E
		New	Old	% change	New	Old	% change
INR/USD	INR/USD	79.9	79.9	0.0	80.4	80.4	0.0
LME AI.	USD/t	2,451	2,451	0.0	2,400	2,400	0.0
Volumes	`						
Aluminium	kt	1,328	1,328	0.0	1,328	1,328	0.0
Copper	kt	409	409	0.0	396	396	0.0
Novelis	kt	3,946	3,962	-0.4	4,160	4,160	0.0
EBITDA/t							
Aluminium (incl Utkal)	USD/t	533	533	0.0	604	604	0.0
Copper	11	526	526	0.0	451	451	0.0
Novelis	II .	486	535	-9.1	538	538	0.1
Consolidated Results							
Revenue	INR b	2,110	2,051	2.9	2,055	2,054	0.0
EBITDA	II .	218	235	-6.9	245	245	0.1
- India	11	65	65	-0.4	65	65	0.0
- Novelis	II	153	169	-9.4	180	180	0.1
Consol PAT	11	87	98	-11.0	108	108	-0.4
EPS	II	39	44	-11.0	48	49	-0.4

Source: MOSL

**Exhibit 7: SoTP valuation** 

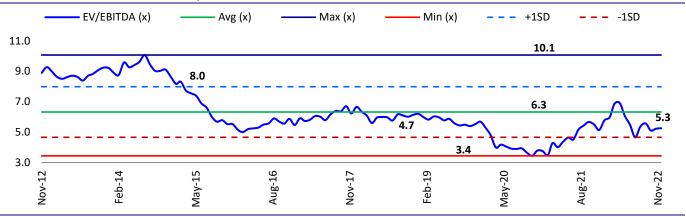
V/F March	Hall	2010	2010	2020	2021	2022	20225
Y/E March	UoM	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023E
Hindalco - India							
Aluminum							
Volumes	kt	1,278	1,274	1,290	1,250	1,302	1,328
EBITDA	INR/t	36,714	40,000	28,349	43,568	1,00,038	42,544
EBITDA	USD/t	570	572	400	587	1,341	533
EBITDA	INR b	47	51	37	54	130	54
Copper							
Volumes	kt	408	360	334	313	405	409
EBITDA	INR/t	39,069	46,750	35,210	27,604	34,321	42,024
EBITDA	USD/t	606	669	497	372	460	526
EBITDA	INR b	15	16	12	9	14	17
EBITDA Hindalco - India	INR b	60	60	40	48	134	76
EV/EBTIDA (x)	Х						6.0
Target EV	INR b						453
Novelis							
Volumes	Kt	3,188	3,274	3,273	3,620	3,858	3,946
EBITDA	USD/t	381	418	441	467	520	453
USD/INR	Χ	64.5	69.9	70.9	74.2	74.6	79.9
EBITDA	INR b	78	96	102	125	140	143
EV/EBTIDA (x)	х						6.5
Target EV	INR b						929
Target EV - Group	INR b						1,382
Net Debt	INR b						334
Equity Value	INR b						1,038
Equity Value (a)	INR/sh						472
Investments (quoted)	INR b						89
Investments (b)	INR/sh						36
Target Price (a+b)	INR/sh						510

Exhibit 8: P/B remains marginally above historical average; near +1SD...



Source: Company, MOFSL

Exhibit 9: ...while the stock is not expensive on EV/EBITDA basis



Source: Company, MOFSL

**Exhibit 10: Global comparable valuation** 

	М-Сар		P/E (x)		EV	//EBITDA	(x)		P/B (x)			RoE (%)	
Company	USD mn	CY21/ FY22	CY22/ FY23	CY23/ FY24									
Hindalco*	12,009	7.1	9.8	8.7	4.9	5.6	5.2	1.8	1.6	1.4	28.0	17.1	16.8
Nalco*	1,703	4.7	9.3	5.3	2.3	4.7	3.0	1.1	1.0	1.0	25.4	11.6	19.0
Alcoa	7,502	9.4	9.7	7.3	4.1	4.3	3.1	1.5	1.3	1.1	17.9	11.4	13.7
Norsk Hydro	14,159	6.1	9.7	8.9	3.7	5.0	4.5	1.4	1.4	1.3	25.5	13.0	14.4
CHALCO	9,052	7.2	6.5	4.5	5.7	5.4	4.3	0.7	0.6	0.5	9.4	9.5	11.3
RUSAL	7,084	2.9	2.9	3.9	3.3	3.4	NA	0.5	0.5	0.4	25.3	20.3	11.5
Alumina	2,737	21.9	24.2	14.1	19.9	18.6	10.9	1.7	1.6	1.6	8.2	6.4	10.3

Source: MOFSL, Company, Bloomberg (\*) denotes MOFSL estimates

### **Financials and valuations**

**Account Receivables** 

Others (incl. LT)

**Account Payables** 

**Net Working Capital** 

Others (incl. LT)

**Appl. of Funds** 

Cash and Bank Balance

**Working capital liability** 

<b>Consolidated Income Statem</b>	ent							(INR b)
Y/E March	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023E	2024E
Net sales	1,002	1,152	1,305	1,181	1,318	1,951	2,110	2,055
Change (%)	1.4	15.0	13.3	-9.5	11.6	48.0	8.2	-2.6
Total Expenses	877	1,014	1,150	1,039	1,144	1,667	1,891	1,810
EBITDA	124	138	155	142	174	283	218	245
% of Net Sales	12.4	12.0	11.9	12.0	13.2	14.5	10.4	11.9
Depn. & Amortization	45	45	48	51	65	67	69	69
EBIT	80	93	107	91	109	216	150	176
Net Interest	57	39	38	42	37	38	32	27
Other income	11	10	11	12	12	11	5	4
PBT before EO	33	64	81	61	83	190	123	153
EO income (exp)	0	18	0	-2	-4	6	-8.852	-9.648
PBT after EO	33	82	81	59	79	196	114	144
Current tax	13	16	19	15	19	38	24	37
Deferred tax (net)	1	5	7	6	8	16	12	9
Tax	14	21	26	22	27	54	36	46
Rate (%)	42.9	25.4	32.0	36.4	34.5	27.5	31.6	31.8
Reported PAT	19	61	55	38	52	142	78	98
Minority interests	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Share of asso.	0	-1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Adjusted PAT	19	42	55	39	55	136	87	108
Change (%)	-22.9	120.7	30.6	-29.2	40.7	147.8	-36.3	24.0
<b>Balance Sheet</b>								(INR b)
Y/E March	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023E	2024E
Share Capital	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
Reserves	458	546	573	581	663	780	845	931
Net Worth	461	549	575	583	665	782	848	933
Minority Interest	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Loans	638	520	524	674	660	632	584	534
Deferred Tax Liability	20	31	37	38	36	44	56	65
Capital Employed	1,118	1,100	1,136	1,295	1,361	1,459	1,488	1,533
Gross Block	1,041	1,083	1,131	1,200	1,343	1,470	1,517	1,517
Less: Accum. Deprn.	365	410	458	509	574	641	710	779
Net Fixed Assets	676	673	673	691	770	829	808	738
Goodwill	171	178	186	201	233	240	240	240
Capital WIP	18	21	41	77	102	49	84	214
Investments	62	69	52	31	77	87	87	87
Working capital Assets	530	530	567	686	706	1,014	1,051	1,023
Inventory	183	216	222	224	307	445	462	450

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# **Financials and valuations**

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Cash Flow Statement								(INR b)
Y/E March	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023E	2024E
EBITDA	124	138	155	142	174	283	218	245
XO Exp. (income)	4	3	0	-3	-3	15	-9	-10
tax paid	-8	-14	-19	-1	-13	-38	-24	-37
Change in WC	7	-18	-17	-12	14	-92	5	5
CF from Op. Activity	127	109	120	127	172	168	191	204
(Inc)/Dec in FA + CWIP	-29	-30	-60	-68	-56	-54	-80	-130
Free Cash Flow to firm	97	79	60	59	117	114	111	75
(Pur)/Sale of Inv. & yield	6	25	7	7	9	0	5	4
Others & M&A	4	8	5	10	-173	0	0	0
CF from Inv. Activity	-20	3	-48	-51	-220	-55	-75	-126
Equity raised/(repaid)	33	0	-1	0	0	-1	0	0
Debt raised/(repaid)	-25	-123	-14	109	-10	-28	-50	-50
Interest	-61	-38	-36	-40	-37	-33	-32	-27
Dividend (incl. tax)	-2	-3	-3	-3	-2	-7	-12	-12
CF from Fin. Activity	-56	-164	-55	66	-49	-68	-94	-89
(Inc)/Dec in Cash	51	-53	17	142	-96	46	22	-10
Add: Opening Balance	121	172	120	136	278	182	228	250
Closing Balance	172	120	136	278	182	228	250	240
Ratios								
Y/E March	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023E	2024E
Basic (INR)								
EPS	8.6	18.9	24.7	17.5	24.6	61.3	39.1	48.5
Cash EPS	28.6	47.6	46.2	39.8	52.5	94.3	66.1	75.4
BV/Share (adj.)	129.9	166.1	175.0	171.8	194.3	244.3	273.9	312.5
DPS	1.1	1.4	1.2	1.2	3.5	4.0	5.5	5.5
Payout (%)	15.0	8.7	5.7	8.0	16.7	7.6	16.5	13.3
Valuation (x)								
P/E	49.4	22.4	17.1	24.2	17.2	6.9	10.8	8.7
Cash P/E	14.8	8.9	9.2	10.6	8.1	4.5	6.4	5.6
P/BV	3.3	2.5	2.4	2.5	2.2	1.7	1.5	1.4
EV/Sales	1.4	1.2	1.0	1.1	1.1	0.7	0.6	0.6
EV/EBITDA	11.3	9.7	8.6	9.4	8.2	4.7	5.8	5.0
Dividend Yield (%)	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.8	0.9	1.3	1.3
Return Ratios (%)								
EBITDA Margins (%)	12.4	12.0	11.9	12.0	13.2	14.5	10.4	11.9
Net Profit Margins (%)	1.9	3.7	4.2	3.3	4.1	7.0	4.1	5.2
RoE	7.1	12.8	14.5	10.1	13.4	28.0	15.1	16.5
RoCE (pre-tax)	8.2	9.3	10.6	8.5	9.1	16.1	10.5	11.9
RoIC (pre-tax)	9.1	10.8	11.9	10.3	11.5	21.6	13.8	17.1
<b>Working Capital Ratios</b>								
Fixed Asset Turnover (x)	1.0	1.1	1.2	1.0	1.0	1.3	1.4	1.4
Asset Turnover (x)	0.9	1.0	1.1	0.9	1.0	1.3	1.4	1.3
Debtor (Days)	30	32	32	29	36	39	36	36
Inventory (Days)	67	69	62	69	85	83	80	80
Payable (Days)	65	65	58	56	78	83	80	80
Leverage Ratio (x)								
Current Ratio	1.6	1.4	1.5	1.8	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.3
Interest Cover Ratio	1.4	2.4	2.8	2.2	2.9	5.7	4.7	6.6
Debt/Equity	1.6	1.1	1.0	1.0	1.1	0.7	0.5	0.4

Explanation of Investment Rating						
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