

**HOLD Ambuja Cements****In-line quarter; progress on capacity expansion is key****Cement** ▶ Result Update ▶ **August 2, 2023****TARGET PRICE (Rs): 480**

**In Q1FY24, Ambuja Cements' (Ambuja) standalone EBITDA rose by 23% YoY and ~13% QoQ to Rs9.5bn, with EBITDA/ton at Rs1,040, in line with our estimates. Management has reiterated its key focus areas: i) Doubling of capacity from ~68mt to 140mt by FY28; ii) The group has set forth a target to set up 40mt clinker capacity (~10 lines) with 35 new grinding units to achieve capacity target by FY28; iii) The company is aiming EBITDA/ton of Rs1,450-1,500 by FY28 by optimizing manufacturing, logistics cost and through group synergies. Factoring in lower opex/ton, we have increased our FY24E-25E EBITDA estimates by 4-5% and target EV/E multiple by one notch to 16x. Additionally, factoring in the increase in ACC's TP, we have raised our Jun-24 TP to Rs480/share post the quarterly roll-over**

**Ambuja Cements: Financial Snapshot (Standalone)**

| Y/E March (Rs mn)   | CY21     | FY23     | FY24E    | FY25E    | FY26E    |
|---------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| Revenue             | 1,39,650 | 1,99,854 | 1,64,599 | 1,78,152 | 2,15,077 |
| EBITDA              | 32,075   | 32,204   | 33,877   | 38,588   | 48,492   |
| Adj. PAT            | 21,462   | 27,108   | 21,851   | 25,322   | 32,355   |
| Adj. EPS (Rs)       | 10.5     | 10.3     | 11.0     | 12.8     | 16.3     |
| EBITDA margin (%)   | 23.0     | 16.1     | 20.6     | 21.7     | 22.5     |
| EBITDA growth (%)   | 21.2     | 0.4      | 5.2      | 13.9     | 25.7     |
| Adj. EPS growth (%) | 16.2     | (1.8)    | 7.0      | 15.9     | 27.8     |
| RoE (%)             | 21.3     | 15.9     | 11.9     | 12.1     | 14.0     |
| RoIC (%)            | 46.6     | 42.4     | 29.5     | 27.4     | 26.0     |
| P/E (x)             | 42.6     | 42.2     | 41.9     | 36.1     | 28.3     |
| EV/EBITDA (x)       | 27.2     | 25.8     | 24.7     | 22.1     | 17.9     |
| P/B (x)             | 4.1      | 4.0      | 3.0      | 2.8      | 2.6      |
| FCFF yield (%)      | 1.5      | (0.1)    | (0.6)    | (1.8)    | (1.9)    |

Source: Company, Emkay Research

**Result Summary**

The company's standalone volumes increased by 23% YoY/13% QoQ to 9.1mt, whereas realization (including other operating income) declined by 3.2% YoY/1.5% QoQ to Rs5,183, both were broadly in line with our estimates. Total cost/ton declined 7% YoY/3% QoQ to Rs4,144, in line with our estimates. Consolidated volumes increased by just 9% YoY/QoQ to 15.4mt, with EBITDA/ton increasing by 36% YoY/23% QoQ to Rs1,082. Capex in Q1FY24 stood at ~Rs6bn. Management has maintained its FY24 guidance at Rs70bn at the consolidated level. Consolidated cash and cash equivalents increased by Rs410mn QoQ to Rs119bn as of Jun-23.

**What we liked:** Focus on capacity expansion plans and various cost initiatives.

**What we did not like:** Likely lower-than-industry volume growth.

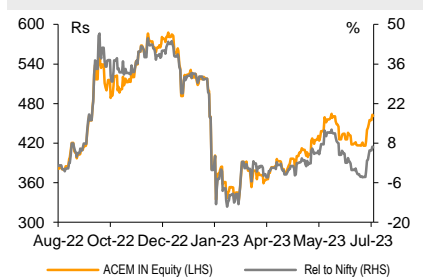
**Key takeaways from the earnings call:** 1) The group has set forth a target to set up 40mt clinker capacity (~10 lines) with 35 new grinding units to achieve a capacity target of 140mt by FY28. The company has already ordered for equipment having clinker capacity of ~8mt (4mt each in Bhatapara and Maratha), which can support grinding up to 14mt. It is targeted to be commissioned in 24 months. Three grinding units (locations at Sankrail, Farakka and Kharagpur) have mapped with Bhatapara clinker line and another three units (Jalgaon, Amaravati and Pune) have mapped with Maratha clinker line; 2) WHRS of 18MW has been commissioned at Bhatapara, Suli and Rauri in Q1FY24 and additional 33MW will be commissioned at Suli, Ametha and Maratha by FY24-end; 3) Capex guidance for the project under implementation stood at Rs70bn, of which 60-65% capex is likely to be spent on Ambuja and the remaining capex on ACC in FY24. 3) Fuel cost stood at 2.07/Kcal in Q1FY24 vs. Rs2.35/Kcal in Q4FY23. 4) The share of blended cement stood flat QoQ at 92% in Q1FY24; The share of premium products increased by 200bps QoQ to 23% in Q1FY24. Lead distance declined by 3kms QoQ to 170kms; while the rail:road mix was flat QoQ at 29%:71% in Q1FY24.

|                         |             |
|-------------------------|-------------|
| Target Price – 12M      | Jun-24      |
| <b>Change in TP (%)</b> | <b>15.7</b> |
| Current Reco.           | HOLD        |
| Previous Reco.          | HOLD        |
| Upside/(Downside) (%)   | 4.2         |
| CMP (02-Aug-23) (Rs)    | 461.0       |

| Stock Data                  | Ticker    |
|-----------------------------|-----------|
| 52-week High (Rs)           | 598       |
| 52-week Low (Rs)            | 315       |
| Shares outstanding (mn)     | 1,985.6   |
| Market-cap (Rs bn)          | 915       |
| Market-cap (USD mn)         | 11,083    |
| Net-debt, FY24E (Rs mn)     | -78,922   |
| ADTV-3M (mn shares)         | 5         |
| ADTV-3M (Rs mn)             | 2,224.1   |
| ADTV-3M (USD mn)            | 26.9      |
| Free float (%)              | 37        |
| Nifty-50                    | 19,527    |
| INR/USD                     | 82.6      |
| <b>Shareholding, Jun-23</b> |           |
| Promoters (%)               | 63.2      |
| FPIs/MFs (%)                | 12.5/14.4 |

**Price Performance**

| (%)           | 1M  | 3M   | 12M  |
|---------------|-----|------|------|
| Absolute      | 8.2 | 16.9 | 21.7 |
| Rel. to Nifty | 6.3 | 8.6  | 8.1  |

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## Quarterly Analysis

### Exhibit 1: Actual vs. Estimates (Q1FY24)

| (Rs mn)                     | Actual       | Estimates    |              | Variation (%) |             | Comment        |
|-----------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|-------------|----------------|
|                             |              | Emkay        | Consensus    | Emkay         | Consensus   |                |
| Net sales                   | 47,297       | 46,628       | 42,341       | 1.4           | 11.7        | In-line        |
| <b>EBITDA</b>               | <b>9,486</b> | <b>9,297</b> | <b>8,284</b> | <b>2.0</b>    | <b>14.5</b> | <b>In-line</b> |
| PAT                         | 6,449        | 6,424        | 4,945        | 0.4           | 30.4        |                |
| Volumes (mt)                | 9.1          | 8.9          |              | 2.0           |             |                |
| Cement realization (Rs/ton) | 5,183        | 5,215        |              | (0.6)         |             |                |
| EBITDA (Rs/ton)             | 1,040        | 1,040        |              | (0.0)         |             |                |

Source: Bloomberg, Emkay Research

### Exhibit 2: Standalone Quarterly Table

| (Rs mn)                  | Q1FY23        | Q2FY23        | Q3FY23        | Q4FY23        | Q1FY24        | YoY (%)       | QoQ (%)     |
|--------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|-------------|
| Net Sales                | 39,580        | 36,310        | 40,872        | 42,129        | 46,889        | 18.5          | 11.3        |
| Other operating income   | 355           | 394           | 414           | 434           | 408           | 15.0          | (6.1)       |
| <b>Revenue</b>           | <b>39,935</b> | <b>36,704</b> | <b>41,285</b> | <b>42,563</b> | <b>47,297</b> | <b>18.4</b>   | <b>11.1</b> |
| <b>Expenditure</b>       | <b>33,089</b> | <b>33,661</b> | <b>34,892</b> | <b>34,681</b> | <b>37,812</b> | <b>14.3</b>   | <b>9.0</b>  |
| Total RM                 | 3,217         | 2,960         | 7,480         | 8,695         | 8,827         | 174.4         | 1.5         |
| Power & Fuel             | 13,198        | 14,147        | 12,111        | 10,343        | 11,715        | (11.2)        | 13.3        |
| Freight                  | 9,048         | 8,395         | 8,362         | 9,326         | 10,465        | 15.7          | 12.2        |
| Staff cost               | 1,637         | 1,532         | 1,595         | 1,680         | 1,309         | (20.0)        | (22.1)      |
| Other expenditure        | 5,989         | 6,627         | 5,344         | 4,637         | 5,495         | (8.2)         | 18.5        |
| <b>EBITDA</b>            | <b>6,845</b>  | <b>3,043</b>  | <b>6,393</b>  | <b>7,883</b>  | <b>9,486</b>  | <b>38.6</b>   | <b>20.3</b> |
| Depreciation             | 1,539         | 1,571         | 1,648         | 2,047         | 2,319         | 50.6          | 13.3        |
| <b>EBIT</b>              | <b>5,306</b>  | <b>1,473</b>  | <b>4,745</b>  | <b>5,836</b>  | <b>7,167</b>  | <b>35.1</b>   | <b>22.8</b> |
| Other Income             | 5,878         | 470           | 759           | 1,740         | 1,895         | (67.8)        | 8.9         |
| Interest                 | 251           | 228           | 253           | 335           | 396           | 57.9          | 18.3        |
| PBT                      | 10,933        | 1,715         | 5,251         | 7,241         | 8,665         | (20.7)        | 19.7        |
| Total Tax                | 2,398         | 184           | 947           | 1,410         | 2,216         | (7.6)         | 57.2        |
| Adjusted PAT             | 8,534         | 1,531         | 4,303         | 5,831         | 6,449         | (24.4)        | 10.6        |
| Extraordinary items      | 1,945         | (152)         | (613)         | (807)         | -             | (100.0)       | (100.0)     |
| <b>Reported PAT</b>      | <b>10,479</b> | <b>1,379</b>  | <b>3,690</b>  | <b>5,024</b>  | <b>6,449</b>  | <b>(38.5)</b> | <b>28.4</b> |
| <b>Adjusted EPS (Rs)</b> | <b>4.3</b>    | <b>0.8</b>    | <b>2.2</b>    | <b>2.9</b>    | <b>3.2</b>    | <b>(24.4)</b> | <b>10.6</b> |
|                          |               |               |               |               |               |               |             |
| (%)                      | Q1FY23        | Q2FY23        | Q3FY23        | Q4FY23        | Q1FY24        | YoY (bps)     | QoQ (bps)   |
| <b>EBIDTAM</b>           | <b>17.1</b>   | <b>8.3</b>    | <b>15.5</b>   | <b>18.5</b>   | <b>20.1</b>   | <b>17.0</b>   | <b>8.3</b>  |
| EBITM                    | 13.3          | 4.0           | 11.5          | 13.7          | 15.2          | 14.0          | 10.5        |
| EBTM                     | 27.4          | 4.7           | 12.7          | 17.0          | 18.3          | (33.1)        | 7.7         |
| PATM                     | 21.4          | 4.2           | 10.4          | 13.7          | 13.6          | (36.2)        | (0.5)       |
| Effective Tax Rate       | 21.9          | 10.7          | 18.0          | 19.5          | 25.6          |               |             |

Source: Company, Emkay Research

### Exhibit 3: Quarterly analysis on a per-ton basis

| Rs/ton                     | Q1FY23       | Q2FY23       | Q3FY23       | Q4FY23       | Q1FY24       | YoY (%)      | QoQ (%)      |
|----------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| <b>Cement volumes (mt)</b> | <b>7.4</b>   | <b>7.1</b>   | <b>7.7</b>   | <b>8.1</b>   | <b>9.1</b>   | <b>23.5</b>  | <b>12.9</b>  |
| <b>Blended Realization</b> | <b>5,404</b> | <b>5,204</b> | <b>5,355</b> | <b>5,264</b> | <b>5,183</b> | <b>(4.1)</b> | <b>(1.5)</b> |
| Raw Material               | 435          | 420          | 970          | 1,075        | 967          | 122.2        | (10.0)       |
| Power & Fuel               | 1,786        | 2,006        | 1,571        | 1,279        | 1,284        | (28.1)       | 0.4          |
| Freight                    | 1,224        | 1,190        | 1,085        | 1,153        | 1,147        | (6.3)        | (0.6)        |
| Staff cost                 | 221          | 217          | 207          | 208          | 143          | (35.2)       | (31.0)       |
| Other expenditure          | 810          | 940          | 693          | 574          | 602          | (25.7)       | 5.0          |
| <b>Operating cost</b>      | <b>4,478</b> | <b>4,773</b> | <b>4,526</b> | <b>4,289</b> | <b>4,144</b> | <b>(7.5)</b> | <b>(3.4)</b> |
| <b>EBITDA/ton</b>          | <b>926</b>   | <b>432</b>   | <b>829</b>   | <b>975</b>   | <b>1,040</b> | <b>12.2</b>  | <b>6.6</b>   |

Source: Company, Emkay Research

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## Exhibit 4: Consolidated Quarterly Table

| (Rs mn)                  | Q1FY23        | Q2FY23        | Q3FY23        | Q4FY23        | Q1FY24        | YoY (%)      | QoQ (%)     |
|--------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|-------------|
| <b>Revenue</b>           | <b>80,329</b> | <b>71,432</b> | <b>79,067</b> | <b>79,660</b> | <b>87,129</b> | <b>8.5</b>   | <b>9.4</b>  |
| <b>Expenditure</b>       | <b>69,180</b> | <b>68,087</b> | <b>68,985</b> | <b>67,270</b> | <b>70,460</b> | <b>1.8</b>   | <b>4.7</b>  |
| Total RM                 | 7,515         | 6,533         | 12,913        | 14,033        | 11,138        | 48.2         | (20.6)      |
| Power & Fuel             | 26,325        | 27,329        | 23,413        | 19,831        | 23,121        | (12.2)       | 16.6        |
| Freight                  | 19,836        | 18,228        | 18,380        | 19,624        | 22,119        | 11.5         | 12.7        |
| Staff cost               | 3,847         | 3,674         | 3,671         | 3,873         | 3,777         | (1.8)        | (2.5)       |
| Other expenditure        | 11,657        | 12,323        | 10,608        | 9,909         | 10,305        | (11.6)       | 4.0         |
| <b>EBITDA</b>            | <b>11,149</b> | <b>3,345</b>  | <b>10,083</b> | <b>12,390</b> | <b>16,670</b> | <b>49.5</b>  | <b>34.5</b> |
| Depreciation             | 3,188         | 3,307         | 3,374         | 3,523         | 3,717         | 16.6         | 5.5         |
| <b>EBIT</b>              | <b>7,961</b>  | <b>38</b>     | <b>6,709</b>  | <b>8,867</b>  | <b>12,952</b> | <b>62.7</b>  | <b>46.1</b> |
| Other Income             | 858           | 1,016         | 1,297         | 2,845         | 2,632         | 206.8        | (7.5)       |
| Interest                 | 400           | 405           | 430           | 394           | 521           | 30.3         | 32.1        |
| <b>PBT</b>               | <b>8,420</b>  | <b>649</b>    | <b>7,576</b>  | <b>11,317</b> | <b>15,064</b> | <b>78.9</b>  | <b>33.1</b> |
| Total Tax                | 1,798         | (127)         | 1,355         | 2,256         | 3,762         | 109.2        | 66.8        |
| Profit from assoc.       | 64            | 52            | 63            | 63            | 53            | (17.3)       | (16.5)      |
| Minority Int.            | 1,134         | (419)         | 535           | 1,184         | 2,299         | (100.0)      | (100.0)     |
| Adjusted PAT             | 5,551         | 1,246         | 5,749         | 7,941         | 9,056         | 104.6        | 32.2        |
| Extra ordinary items     | 1,970         | (315)         | (1,405)       | (1,471)       | -             | (100.0)      | (100.0)     |
| <b>Reported PAT</b>      | <b>7,520</b>  | <b>932</b>    | <b>4,344</b>  | <b>6,470</b>  | <b>9,056</b>  | <b>51.0</b>  | <b>59.5</b> |
| <b>Adjusted EPS (Rs)</b> | <b>2.8</b>    | <b>0.6</b>    | <b>2.9</b>    | <b>4.0</b>    | <b>54.6</b>   | <b>104.6</b> | <b>32.2</b> |
| (%)                      | Q1FY23        | Q2FY23        | Q3FY23        | Q4FY23        | Q1FY24        | YoY (bps)    | QoQ (bps)   |
| <b>EBIDTAM</b>           | <b>13.9</b>   | <b>4.7</b>    | <b>12.8</b>   | <b>15.6</b>   | <b>19.1</b>   | <b>525</b>   | <b>358</b>  |
| EBITM                    | 9.9           | 0.1           | 8.5           | 11.1          | 14.9          | 495          | 373         |
| EBTM                     | 10.5          | 0.9           | 9.6           | 14.2          | 17.3          | 681          | 308         |
| PATM                     | 6.9           | 1.7           | 7.3           | 10.0          | 10.4          | 348          | 43          |
| Effective Tax rate       | 21.4          | (19.6)        | 17.9          | 19.9          | 25.0          |              |             |

Source: Company, Emkay Research

## Exhibit 5: Quarterly Analysis on a per ton basis (Consolidated)

| Rs/ton                     | Q1FY23       | Q2FY23       | Q3FY23       | Q4FY23       | Q1FY24       | YoY (bps)    | QoQ (bps)    |
|----------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| <b>Cement volumes (mt)</b> | <b>14.0</b>  | <b>12.8</b>  | <b>13.7</b>  | <b>14.1</b>  | <b>15.4</b>  | <b>9.6</b>   | <b>9.1</b>   |
| <b>Blended Realization</b> | <b>5,719</b> | <b>5,602</b> | <b>5,759</b> | <b>5,642</b> | <b>5,658</b> | <b>(1.1)</b> | <b>0.3</b>   |
| Raw Material               | 535          | 512          | 940          | 994          | 723          | 35.2         | (27.2)       |
| Power & Fuel               | 1,874        | 2,143        | 1,705        | 1,404        | 1,501        | (19.9)       | 6.9          |
| Freight                    | 1,412        | 1,430        | 1,339        | 1,390        | 1,436        | 1.7          | 3.4          |
| Staff cost                 | 274          | 288          | 267          | 274          | 245          | (10.5)       | (10.6)       |
| Other expenditure          | 830          | 967          | 773          | 702          | 669          | (19.4)       | (4.7)        |
| <b>Operating cost</b>      | <b>4,926</b> | <b>5,340</b> | <b>5,024</b> | <b>4,764</b> | <b>4,575</b> | <b>(7.1)</b> | <b>(4.0)</b> |
| <b>EBITDA/ton</b>          | <b>794</b>   | <b>262</b>   | <b>734</b>   | <b>878</b>   | <b>1,082</b> | <b>36.4</b>  | <b>23.4</b>  |

Source: Company, Emkay Research

## Exhibit 6: We increase our EBITDA estimates by 5% for FY25

| Earnings revision     | FY24E         |               |            | FY25E         |               |            |
|-----------------------|---------------|---------------|------------|---------------|---------------|------------|
|                       | Old           | New           | Change (%) | Old           | New           | Change (%) |
| Revenue (Rs mn)       | 1,63,627      | 1,64,599      | 0.6        | 1,75,794      | 1,78,152      | 1.3        |
| <b>EBITDA (Rs mn)</b> | <b>32,662</b> | <b>33,877</b> | <b>3.7</b> | <b>36,731</b> | <b>38,588</b> | <b>5.1</b> |
| PAT (Rs mn)           | 22,262        | 21,851        | (1.8)      | 25,246        | 25,322        | 0.3        |

Source: Emkay Research

**Exhibit 7: We maintain HOLD on Ambuja, with a TP of Rs 480/share, based on Jun-25E EV/E**

| <b>EV/E valuation, backed by DCF analysis</b> | <b>Jun-24E</b> |
|---|----------------|
| Jun-25E EBITDA (Rs bn)                        | 41             |
| EV/E (x)                                      | 16             |
| Enterprise Value (Rs bn)                      | 662            |
| Net debt (Jun-24E; Rs bn)                     | (75)           |
| <b>Equity value – Standalone (Rs bn)</b>      | <b>737</b>     |
| ACC - 50% of FV                               | 216            |
| SOTP value                                    | 953            |
| No. of shares (mn)                            | 1986           |
| <b>Jun-24E Target Price (Rs/share)</b>        | <b>480</b>     |

Source: Emkay Research

**Exhibit 8: Annual Analysis**

| Key Assumptions               | CY17        | CY18        | CY19        | CY20         | CY21         | 15MFY23     | FY24E        | FY25E        | FY26E        | CAGR (%)    |             |
|-------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|
|                               |             |             |             |              |              |             |              |              |              | CY17-FY23   | FY23-26E    |
| Capacity (mt)                 | 29.7        | 29.7        | 29.7        | 29.7         | 31.5         | 31.5        | 31.5         | 37.2         | 45.0         | 1.2         | 12.7        |
| Volumes (mt)                  | 23.0        | 24.2        | 24.0        | 22.7         | 27.0         | 37.8        | 31.4         | 33.3         | 39.6         | 10.5        | 1.5         |
| Utilization (%)               | 82          | 87          | 86          | 81           | 86           | 120         | 100          | 90           | 88           |             |             |
| Blended Realization (Rs/ton)  | 4,455       | 4,525       | 4,717       | 4,927        | 5,103        | 5,227       | 5,187        | 5,301        | 5,387        | 3.2         | 1.0         |
| <b>EBITDA/ton (Rs/ton)</b>    | <b>824</b>  | <b>780</b>  | <b>893</b>  | <b>1,167</b> | <b>1,187</b> | <b>852</b>  | <b>1,080</b> | <b>1,160</b> | <b>1,225</b> | <b>0.7</b>  | <b>12.9</b> |
| <b>PnL (Rs bn.)</b>           |             |             |             |              |              |             |              |              |              |             |             |
| Revenue                       | 105         | 114         | 117         | 114          | 140          | 200         | 165          | 178          | 215          | 13.8        | 2.5         |
| <b>EBITDA</b>                 | <b>19</b>   | <b>19</b>   | <b>21</b>   | <b>26</b>    | <b>32</b>    | <b>32</b>   | <b>34</b>    | <b>39</b>    | <b>48</b>    | <b>11.2</b> | <b>14.6</b> |
| Adj. Net Profit               | 12          | 12          | 14          | 17           | 21           | 27          | 22           | 25           | 32           | 17.6        | 6.1         |
| <b>Balance Sheet (Rs bn.)</b> |             |             |             |              |              |             |              |              |              |             |             |
| Equity                        | 200         | 210         | 222         | 203          | 222          | 285         | 303          | 323          | 349          |             |             |
| Net Debt                      | (35)        | (33)        | (47)        | (29)         | (41)         | (84)        | (95)         | (81)         | (66)         |             |             |
| <b>Cash Flow (Rs bn)</b>      |             |             |             |              |              |             |              |              |              |             |             |
| OCF                           | 18          | 14          | 24          | 24           | 31           | (45)        | 63           | 50           | 51           |             |             |
| Change in WC                  | 2           | (6)         | 4           | 4            | (5)          | (8)         | 1            | (1)          | (1)          |             |             |
| Capex                         | (5)         | (6)         | (11)        | (10)         | (11)         | (21)        | (35)         | (45)         | (53)         |             |             |
| <b>FCF</b>                    | <b>15</b>   | <b>2</b>    | <b>17</b>   | <b>18</b>    | <b>14</b>    | <b>(74)</b> | <b>29</b>    | <b>4</b>     | <b>(4)</b>   |             |             |
| <b>Return ratios (%)</b>      |             |             |             |              |              |             |              |              |              |             |             |
| RoE (%)                       | 13.6        | 11.8        | 12.7        | 16.4         | 21.3         | 15.9        | 11.9         | 12.1         | 14.0         |             |             |
| RoCE (%)                      | 13.8        | 11.9        | 12.8        | 16.6         | 21.5         | 16.4        | 12.4         | 12.5         | 14.3         |             |             |
| <b>RoIC (%)</b>               | <b>27.4</b> | <b>23.5</b> | <b>27.2</b> | <b>39.6</b>  | <b>46.6</b>  | <b>42.4</b> | <b>29.5</b>  | <b>27.4</b>  | <b>26.0</b>  |             |             |
| <b>Valuations (x)</b>         |             |             |             |              |              |             |              |              |              |             |             |
| PE (x)                        | 37.6        | 32.6        | 49.7        | 40.8         | 31.6         | 31.5        | 31.4         | 27.6         | 22.3         |             |             |
| <b>EV/EBITDA (x)</b>          | <b>27.5</b> | <b>25.9</b> | <b>30.4</b> | <b>24.5</b>  | <b>21.6</b>  | <b>20.7</b> | <b>18.3</b>  | <b>15.5</b>  | <b>12.1</b>  |             |             |
| EV/ton (x)                    | 258.1       | 219.7       | 284         | 281          | 269          | 262         | 248          | 208          | 176          |             |             |

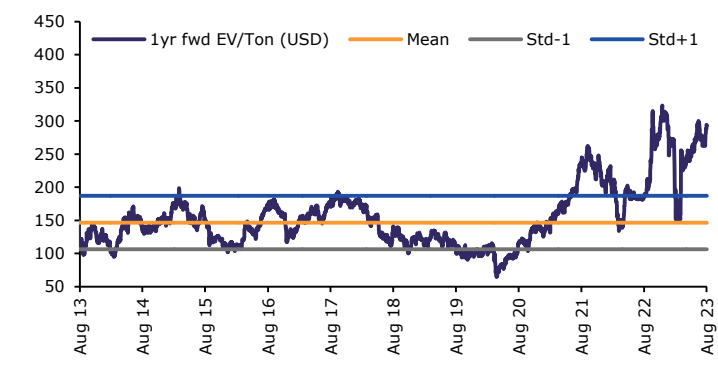
Source: Company, Emkay Research

**Exhibit 9: Annual analysis on a per-ton basis**

| Rs/ton                 | CY17  | CY18  | CY19  | CY20  | CY21  | 15MFY23 | FY24E | FY25E | FY26E |
|------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|---------|-------|-------|-------|
| Blended realization    | 4,455 | 4,525 | 4,717 | 4,927 | 5,103 | 5,227   | 5,187 | 5,301 | 5,387 |
| YoY (%)                | 4.9   | 1.6   | 4.2   | 4.5   | 3.6   | 2.4     | (0.8) | 2.2   | 1.6   |
| Raw materials cost     | 655   | 696   | 755   | 831   | 750   | 1,034   | 999   | 1,015 | 1,035 |
| Power & fuel costs     | 970   | 1,051 | 1,075 | 993   | 1,266 | 1,591   | 1,368 | 1,375 | 1,365 |
| Freight costs          | 961   | 1,044 | 998   | 950   | 903   | 858     | 847   | 867   | 890   |
| Staff cost             | 288   | 281   | 281   | 295   | 251   | 212     | 214   | 214   | 191   |
| Other expenses         | 847   | 830   | 846   | 777   | 810   | 742     | 738   | 726   | 729   |
| Total Opex             | 3,721 | 3,902 | 3,955 | 3,847 | 3,980 | 4,436   | 4,167 | 4,197 | 4,210 |
| YoY (%)                | 5.8   | 4.9   | 1.3   | (2.7) | 3.5   | 11.4    | (6.1) | 0.7   | 0.3   |
| Other operating income | 89    | 157   | 131   | 87    | 63    | 61      | 59    | 57    | 49    |
| Blended EBITDA         | 824   | 780   | 893   | 1,167 | 1,187 | 852     | 1,080 | 1,160 | 1,225 |
| YoY (%)                | 5.5   | (5.3) | 14.5  | 30.7  | 1.7   | (28.2)  | 26.7  | 7.5   | 5.6   |

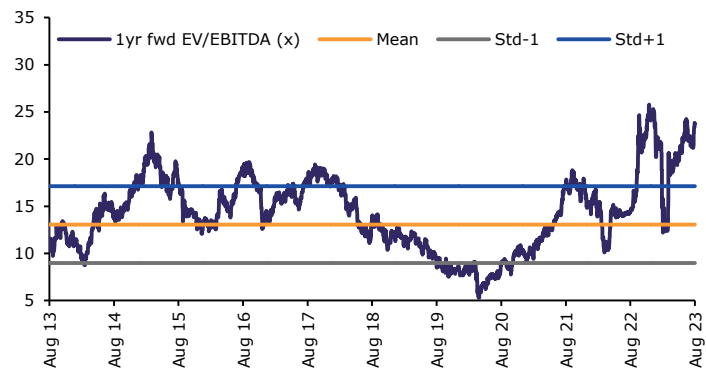
Source: Company, Emkay Research

Exhibit 10: One-year forward EV/ton



Source: Bloomberg, Emkay Research

Exhibit 11: One-year forward EV/EBITDA



Source: Bloomberg, Emkay Research

## Ambuja Cements: Standalone Financials and Valuations

### Profit and Loss

| Y/E Mar (Rs mn)             | CY21            | FY23            | FY24E           | FY25E           | FY26E           |
|-----------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| <b>Revenue</b>              | <b>1,39,650</b> | <b>1,99,854</b> | <b>1,64,599</b> | <b>1,78,152</b> | <b>2,15,077</b> |
| Revenue growth (%)          | 22.8            | 14.5            | 2.9             | 8.2             | 20.7            |
| <b>EBITDA</b>               | <b>32,075</b>   | <b>32,204</b>   | <b>33,877</b>   | <b>38,588</b>   | <b>48,492</b>   |
| EBITDA growth (%)           | 21.2            | 0.4             | 5.2             | 13.9            | 25.7            |
| Depreciation & Amortization | 5,512           | 8,324           | 9,213           | 9,759           | 10,731          |
| <b>EBIT</b>                 | <b>26,562</b>   | <b>23,880</b>   | <b>24,665</b>   | <b>28,829</b>   | <b>37,761</b>   |
| EBIT growth (%)             | 25.0            | (28.1)          | 29.1            | 16.9            | 31.0            |
| Other operating income      | 0               | 0               | 0               | 0               | 0               |
| Other income                | 2,856           | 9,523           | 6,161           | 6,667           | 7,184           |
| Financial expense           | 909             | 1,280           | 1,496           | 1,506           | 1,516           |
| <b>PBT</b>                  | <b>28,509</b>   | <b>32,123</b>   | <b>29,330</b>   | <b>33,989</b>   | <b>43,429</b>   |
| Extraordinary items         | (657)           | (1,573)         | 0               | 0               | 0               |
| Taxes                       | 7,047           | 5,016           | 7,479           | 8,667           | 11,074          |
| Minority interest           | 0               | 0               | 0               | 0               | 0               |
| Income from JV/Associates   | 0               | 0               | 0               | 0               | 0               |
| <b>Reported PAT</b>         | <b>20,805</b>   | <b>25,535</b>   | <b>21,851</b>   | <b>25,322</b>   | <b>32,355</b>   |
| PAT growth (%)              | 16.2            | (1.8)           | 7.0             | 15.9            | 27.8            |
| <b>Adjusted PAT</b>         | <b>21,462</b>   | <b>27,108</b>   | <b>21,851</b>   | <b>25,322</b>   | <b>32,355</b>   |
| <b>Diluted EPS (Rs)</b>     | <b>10.5</b>     | <b>10.3</b>     | <b>11.0</b>     | <b>12.8</b>     | <b>16.3</b>     |
| Diluted EPS growth (%)      | 16.2            | (1.8)           | 7.0             | 15.9            | 27.8            |
| <b>DPS (Rs)</b>             | <b>6.3</b>      | <b>2.0</b>      | <b>2.2</b>      | <b>2.6</b>      | <b>3.3</b>      |
| <b>Dividend payout (%)</b>  | <b>60.1</b>     | <b>19.4</b>     | <b>20.0</b>     | <b>20.0</b>     | <b>20.0</b>     |
| EBITDA margin (%)           | 23.0            | 16.1            | 20.6            | 21.7            | 22.5            |
| EBIT margin (%)             | 19.0            | 11.9            | 15.0            | 16.2            | 17.6            |
| Effective tax rate (%)      | 24.7            | 15.6            | 25.5            | 25.5            | 25.5            |
| <b>NOPLAT (pre-IndAS)</b>   | <b>19,997</b>   | <b>20,152</b>   | <b>18,375</b>   | <b>21,477</b>   | <b>28,132</b>   |
| Shares outstanding (mn)     | 1,985.7         | 1,985.5         | 1,985.5         | 1,985.5         | 1,985.5         |

Source: Company, Emkay Research

### Cash Flows

| Y/E Mar (Rs mn)              | CY21           | FY23            | FY24E          | FY25E           | FY26E          |
|------------------------------|----------------|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|----------------|
| PBT                          | 28,509         | 32,123          | 29,330         | 33,989          | 43,429         |
| Others (non-cash items)      | 4,397          | (827)           | 10,763         | 11,322          | 12,304         |
| Taxes paid                   | (3,629)        | (3,346)         | (7,479)        | (8,667)         | (11,074)       |
| Change in NWC                | (4,615)        | (7,855)         | 3,183          | (987)           | (1,090)        |
| <b>Operating cash flow</b>   | <b>24,663</b>  | <b>20,096</b>   | <b>29,635</b>  | <b>28,990</b>   | <b>36,385</b>  |
| Capital expenditure          | (11,425)       | (21,116)        | (34,739)       | (44,667)        | (53,337)       |
| Acquisition of business      | (50)           | (34,864)        | 29,393         | 14,696          | 45,016         |
| Interest & dividend income   | 2,415          | 7,724           | 6,161          | 6,667           | 7,184          |
| <b>Investing cash flow</b>   | <b>(9,060)</b> | <b>(48,255)</b> | <b>815</b>     | <b>(23,304)</b> | <b>1,395</b>   |
| Equity raised/(repaid)       | 0              | 50,000          | 0              | 0               | 0              |
| Debt raised/(repaid)         | 35             | 5               | 0              | 0               | 0              |
| Payment of lease liabilities | 5,032          | 0               | 0              | 0               | 0              |
| Interest paid                | (1,183)        | (679)           | (1,496)        | (1,506)         | (1,516)        |
| Dividend paid (incl tax)     | (2,021)        | (12,514)        | (4,370)        | (5,064)         | (6,471)        |
| Others                       | 0              | (697)           | 0              | 0               | 0              |
| <b>Financing cash flow</b>   | <b>(3,168)</b> | <b>36,115</b>   | <b>(5,866)</b> | <b>(6,571)</b>  | <b>(7,987)</b> |
| Net chg in Cash              | 12,434         | 7,956           | 24,584         | (885)           | 29,793         |
| OCF                          | 24,663         | 20,096          | 29,635         | 28,990          | 36,385         |
| Adj. OCF (w/o NWC chg.)      | 29,278         | 27,951          | 26,453         | 29,977          | 37,475         |
| FCFF                         | 13,238         | (1,019)         | (5,103)        | (15,678)        | (16,952)       |
| FCFE                         | 13,273         | (1,015)         | (5,103)        | (15,678)        | (16,952)       |
| OCF/EBITDA (%)               | 76.9           | 62.4            | 87.5           | 75.1            | 75.0           |
| FCFE/PAT (%)                 | 61.8           | (3.7)           | (23.4)         | (61.9)          | (52.4)         |
| <b>FCFF/NOPLAT (%)</b>       | <b>66.2</b>    | <b>(5.1)</b>    | <b>(27.8)</b>  | <b>(73.0)</b>   | <b>(60.3)</b>  |

Source: Company, Emkay Research

### Balance Sheet

| Y/E Mar (Rs mn)                       | CY21            | FY23            | FY24E           | FY25E           | FY26E           |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Share capital                         | 3,971           | 3,971           | 3,971           | 3,971           | 3,971           |
| Reserves & Surplus                    | 2,18,101        | 2,81,084        | 2,98,565        | 3,18,822        | 3,44,706        |
| <b>Net worth</b>                      | <b>2,22,073</b> | <b>2,85,055</b> | <b>3,02,536</b> | <b>3,22,793</b> | <b>3,48,677</b> |
| Minority interests                    | 0               | 0               | 0               | 0               | 0               |
| Deferred tax liability (net)          | 2,018           | 2,181           | 2,236           | 2,291           | 2,349           |
| <b>Total debt</b>                     | <b>435</b>      | <b>477</b>      | <b>477</b>      | <b>477</b>      | <b>477</b>      |
| <b>Total liabilities &amp; equity</b> | <b>2,24,526</b> | <b>2,87,713</b> | <b>3,05,248</b> | <b>3,25,562</b> | <b>3,51,503</b> |
| Net tangible fixed assets             | 71,283          | 75,562          | 79,551          | 1,14,872        | 1,42,531        |
| Net intangible assets                 | 1,742           | 2,393           | 2,393           | 2,393           | 2,393           |
| Net ROU assets                        | 3,433           | 8,240           | 8,240           | 8,240           | 8,240           |
| Capital WIP                           | 9,513           | 8,419           | 29,956          | 29,543          | 44,489          |
| Goodwill                              | 0               | 0               | 0               | 0               | 0               |
| Investments [JV/Associates]           | 1,17,877        | 1,17,667        | 1,17,667        | 1,17,667        | 1,17,667        |
| <b>Cash &amp; equivalents</b>         | <b>41,723</b>   | <b>84,207</b>   | <b>79,399</b>   | <b>63,818</b>   | <b>46,063</b>   |
| Current assets (ex-cash)              | 36,164          | 62,552          | 59,229          | 61,825          | 66,294          |
| Current Liab. & Prov.                 | 57,209          | 71,327          | 71,187          | 72,796          | 76,175          |
| <b>NWC (ex-cash)</b>                  | <b>(21,045)</b> | <b>(8,775)</b>  | <b>(11,958)</b> | <b>(10,971)</b> | <b>(9,881)</b>  |
| <b>Total assets</b>                   | <b>2,24,526</b> | <b>2,87,713</b> | <b>3,05,248</b> | <b>3,25,562</b> | <b>3,51,503</b> |
| Net debt                              | (41,288)        | (83,730)        | (78,922)        | (63,341)        | (45,586)        |
| Capital employed                      | 2,24,526        | 2,87,713        | 3,05,248        | 3,25,562        | 3,51,503        |
| <b>Invested capital</b>               | <b>55,413</b>   | <b>77,420</b>   | <b>78,226</b>   | <b>1,14,534</b> | <b>1,43,283</b> |
| BVPS (Rs)                             | 111.8           | 114.9           | 152.4           | 162.6           | 175.6           |
| Net Debt/Equity (x)                   | (0.2)           | (0.3)           | (0.3)           | (0.2)           | (0.1)           |
| Net Debt/EBITDA (x)                   | (1.3)           | (2.6)           | (2.3)           | (1.6)           | (0.9)           |
| Interest coverage (x)                 | 0.0             | 0.0             | 0.0             | 0.0             | 0.0             |
| <b>RoCE (%)</b>                       | <b>13.7</b>     | <b>10.4</b>     | <b>10.4</b>     | <b>11.3</b>     | <b>13.3</b>     |

Source: Company, Emkay Research

### Valuations and Key Ratios

| Y/E Mar                  | CY21          | FY23          | FY24E         | FY25E         | FY26E         |
|--------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| P/E (x)                  | 42.6          | 42.2          | 41.9          | 36.1          | 28.3          |
| P/CE(x)                  | 33.9          | 32.3          | 29.5          | 26.1          | 21.2          |
| P/B (x)                  | 4.1           | 4.0           | 3.0           | 2.8           | 2.6           |
| EV/Sales (x)             | 6.3           | 4.2           | 5.1           | 4.8           | 4.1           |
| EV/EBITDA (x)            | 27.2          | 25.8          | 24.7          | 22.1          | 17.9          |
| EV/EBIT(x)               | 32.9          | 43.5          | 33.9          | 29.5          | 23.0          |
| EV/IC (x)                | 15.8          | 10.7          | 10.7          | 7.4           | 6.1           |
| FCFF yield (%)           | 1.5           | (0.1)         | (0.6)         | (1.8)         | (1.9)         |
| FCFE yield (%)           | 1.5           | (0.1)         | (0.6)         | (1.8)         | (1.9)         |
| Dividend yield (%)       | 1.4           | 0.4           | 0.5           | 0.6           | 0.7           |
| <b>DuPont-RoE split</b>  |               |               |               |               |               |
| Net profit margin (%)    | 15.4          | 13.6          | 13.3          | 14.2          | 15.0          |
| Total asset turnover (x) | 0.6           | 0.6           | 0.6           | 0.6           | 0.6           |
| Assets/Equity (x)        | 1.0           | 1.0           | 1.0           | 1.0           | 1.0           |
| <b>RoE (%)</b>           | <b>10.1</b>   | <b>8.6</b>    | <b>7.4</b>    | <b>8.1</b>    | <b>9.6</b>    |
| <b>DuPont-RoIC</b>       |               |               |               |               |               |
| NOPLAT margin (%)        | 14.3          | 10.1          | 11.2          | 12.1          | 13.1          |
| IC turnover (x)          | 2.9           | 3.0           | 2.1           | 1.8           | 1.7           |
| <b>RoIC (%)</b>          | <b>46.6</b>   | <b>42.4</b>   | <b>29.5</b>   | <b>27.4</b>   | <b>26.0</b>   |
| <b>Operating metrics</b> |               |               |               |               |               |
| Core NWC days            | (55.0)        | (20.0)        | (26.5)        | (22.5)        | (16.8)        |
| <b>Total NWC days</b>    | <b>(55.0)</b> | <b>(20.0)</b> | <b>(26.5)</b> | <b>(22.5)</b> | <b>(16.8)</b> |
| Fixed asset turnover     | 1.4           | 1.4           | 1.2           | 1.1           | 1.1           |
| Opex-to-revenue (%)      | 62.5          | 64.3          | 60.4          | 59.4          | 58.4          |

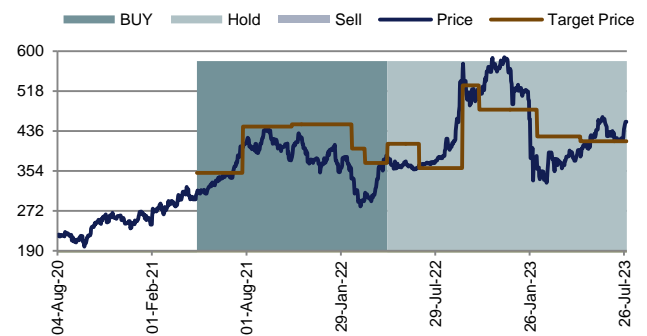
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## RECOMMENDATION HISTORY - DETAILS

| Date      | Closing Price (INR) | TP (INR) | Rating | Analyst       |
|-----------|---------------------|----------|--------|---------------|
| 03-Jun-23 | 438                 | 415      | Hold   | Dharmesh Shah |
| 04-May-23 | 388                 | 415      | Hold   | Dharmesh Shah |
| 03-May-23 | 384                 | 415      | Hold   | Dharmesh Shah |
| 27-Mar-23 | 370                 | 425      | Hold   | Dharmesh Shah |
| 02-Mar-23 | 371                 | 425      | Hold   | Dharmesh Shah |
| 09-Feb-23 | 358                 | 425      | Hold   | Dharmesh Shah |
| 05-Feb-23 | 374                 | 480      | Hold   | Dharmesh Shah |
| 29-Dec-22 | 523                 | 480      | Hold   | Dharmesh Shah |
| 05-Dec-22 | 573                 | 480      | Hold   | Dharmesh Shah |
| 05-Nov-22 | 559                 | 480      | Hold   | Dharmesh Shah |
| 21-Oct-22 | 513                 | 480      | Hold   | Dharmesh Shah |
| 04-Oct-22 | 492                 | 530      | Hold   | Dharmesh Shah |
| 19-Sep-22 | 565                 | 530      | Hold   | Dharmesh Shah |
| 04-Sep-22 | 416                 | 360      | Hold   | Dharmesh Shah |
| 20-Jul-22 | 368                 | 360      | Hold   | Dharmesh Shah |
| 04-Jul-22 | 369                 | 360      | Hold   | Dharmesh Shah |
| 28-Jun-22 | 366                 | 360      | Hold   | Dharmesh Shah |
| 16-May-22 | 368                 | 410      | Hold   | Dharmesh Shah |
| 28-Apr-22 | 383                 | 410      | Hold   | Dharmesh Shah |
| 16-Mar-22 | 309                 | 370      | Buy    | Dharmesh Shah |
| 19-Feb-22 | 338                 | 400      | Buy    | Dharmesh Shah |
| 31-Dec-21 | 378                 | 450      | Buy    | Dharmesh Shah |
| 19-Dec-21 | 369                 | 450      | Buy    | Dharmesh Shah |
| 02-Dec-21 | 377                 | 450      | Buy    | Dharmesh Shah |
| 27-Oct-21 | 382                 | 450      | Buy    | Dharmesh Shah |
| 05-Sep-21 | 437                 | 445      | Buy    | Dharmesh Shah |
| 25-Jul-21 | 402                 | 445      | Buy    | Dharmesh Shah |
| 06-Jun-21 | 332                 | 350      | Buy    | Dharmesh Shah |
| 30-Apr-21 | 309                 | 350      | Buy    | Dharmesh Shah |
| 28-Apr-21 | 309                 | 350      | Buy    | Dharmesh Shah |

Source: Company, Emkay Research

## RECOMMENDATION HISTORY - TREND



Source: Bloomberg, Company, Emkay Research



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