

Coal India

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Stock Info

Bloomberg	COAL IN
Equity Shares (m)	6207
M.Cap.(INRb)/(USDb)	2059.6 / 24.7
52-Week Range (INR)	360 / 208
1, 6, 12 Rel. Per (%)	6/31/37
12M Avg Val (INR M)	2304
Free float (%)	36.9

Financials Snapshot (INR b)

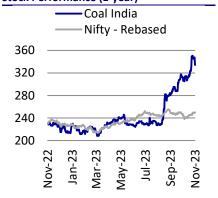
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Y/E MARCH	2023	2024E	2025E
Sales	1,383	1,391	1,485
Adj. EBITDA	406	368	386
Adj. PAT	282	253	254
EBITDA Margin (%)	29.4	26.4	26.0
Cons. Adj. EPS (INR)	45.7	41.1	41.1
EPS Gr. (%)	62.3	-10.1	0.2
BV/Sh. (INR)	93	113	133
Ratios			
Net D:E	-0.7	-0.6	-0.5
RoE (%)	49.2	36.3	30.9
RoCE (%)	56.7	39.9	33.2
Payout (%)	53.1	50.0	50.0
Valuations			
P/E (x)	7.3	8.1	8.1
P/BV (x)	3.6	3.0	2.5
EV/EBITDA(x)	4.1	4.5	4.3
Div. Yield (%)	7.3	6.1	6.2
FCF Yield (%)	10.0	3.9	3.9

Shareholding pattern (%)

Sep-23	Jun-23	Sep-22
63.1	63.1	66.1
24.2	22.4	22.6
7.8	9.3	6.7
4.9	5.2	4.5
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FII Includes depository receipts

Stock Performance (1-year)



CMP: INR334

TP:INR380 (+14%)

Buy

Robust domestic demand to drive volumes; e-auction premiums stable at ~90% levels

- In a recent investor interaction, Coal India Management highlighted the following points: a) comfortably on track to achieve a production target of 780mt in FY24 b) demand continues to be robust and all the volumes mined would be consumed c) e-auction premiums maintaining stability at 85-90% levels d) committed to the goal of reaching 1b mt of production within the next three years.
- COAL has long-term commitment from numerous power plant companies via FSA agreements, providing better visibility. Based on the YTD performance, COAL is confident of achieving 780mt of production during FY24.
- Domestic power generation is expected to grow 7.2% to 1,750bu in FY24, consequently driving the demand for coal. Dispatches to coal-fired plants till Oct'23 stood at 346mt (up 15mt YoY) and is expected to dispatch ~610mt in FY24E.
- E-auction premiums which had cooled off in Jul'23 witnessed an improvement in Aug-Oct'23. E-auction premium in 2QFY24 stood at 83%, above its historical average and is expected to be around 85-90% for FY24E.
- COAL trades at EV/EBITDA of 4.3x FY25E. We reiterate our BUY rating on the stock with a target price of INR380 (5x EV/EBITDA). We believe COAL is well placed to capitalize on the growth opportunity ahead. Any hike in FSA prices post-election will further add to the financial performance of the company.

Key takeaways from Investor Call

- COAL is expected to dispatch ~15% of the total volumes as e-auction in 2HFY24 and the current e-auction premium is ~90%. E-auction process would be completely shifted to an in-house platform from FY25E.
- COAL is expected to dispatch ~610mt to the power sector under FSA in FY24E and the volumes are expected to grow ~15-20% in FY25E. No FSA price hike is expected in the near term.
- COAL has earmarked a capex of ~INR165b for FY24E, which will be utilized toward the railway capacity expansion, First Mile Connectivity Projects (FMCP), land acquisition, and infrastructure development. Once FMCP projects are commissioned, it would reduce the loading time from three hours to around 45 minutes.
- COAL is expected to spend INR800b as capex over a period of next five years, which will enhance its excavation capacities and drive cost synergies.
- Employee cost is expected to be ~INR460b in FY24E. Next wage hike for nonexecutive employees is scheduled in FY26 and for executive employees is scheduled in FY27.
- COAL is diversifying its product portfolio by setting up 3gw solar RE capacity at a total capex outlay of ~INR150b by FY26. 250mw of the solar RE capacity is expected to be commissioned by Mar'24.
- The demand momentum is expected to continue till monsoon (mid CY24) and COAL does not foresee any offtake issues till CY30.

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Cost-control measures to drive productivity

- COAL has a portfolio of ~138 UG mines, which employs ~40% of the total workforce and yields less than 4% of the total production. COAL has undertaken steps to shut down unviable mines in phases, which will eventually drive down the manpower cost going forward.
- COAL is also undertaking FMCP which will upgrade the mechanized coal transportation and loading system in a phased manner (Nine projects already commissioned).
- COAL is undertaking ~52 FMCP initiatives at a total capex of INR248b. This strategic move aims to enhance the mechanized evacuation capacity to 915mt by FY29 (current capacity of ~151mt). This expansion is poised to yield cost efficiencies and enhance productivity.

Strengthening of railway capacity to drive production

- COAL is enhancing its rail infrastructure capacity, which will help in increasing the excavation capacities and support in 1bt evacuation capability.
- Construction across multiple projects such as Tori-Shivpur third line, doubling of Barpali-Sardega line, flyover complex at Jharsuguda, CERL phase –I, Baroud feeder line and coal loading at Chaal has already commenced and the projects are expected to be completed by Mar'24.
- COAL is also undertaking an additional capex at EastWest Rail Corridor (Chhattisgarh), East Rail Corridor (Chhattisgarh), and Shivpur-Kathautia rail connectivity, which will drive higher capacity building, thus improving the coal evacuation infrastructure.

E-auction will continue to drive performance

- Though the premiums have cooled off from a high of 329% in 2QFY23, higher volumes will adequately compensate for the reduction in premiums.
- COAL sells ~9-10% of its total volumes under e-auction at auction-determined prices and we expect COAL to clock a total sales of ~67-72mt via e-auction in FY24E.
- Higher sales via the auction route helps garner better profitability as the prices are higher than FSA-determined prices.
- Demand pickup and increase in international prices have pushed the e-auction higher to ~90% after touching a recent low in Jul'23.

COAL targets to clock 1bt of production by FY27

- COAL supplies around 90% of its production to the power sector and thermal power accounts for around 83-85% of the total power generated in India. In order to meet the growing power requirement, COAL has set a target of 1bt coal production by FY26-27.
- India's power demand reached its peak, crossing 243gw in Oct'23, which supported COAL is generating strong volumes.
- COAL has also been undertaking strategic expansion by investing in machineries and land acquisitions, which will support in reaching the target of 1bt production.

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 In 1HFY24, COAL secured EC for nine proposals and acquired possession of 789.57Ha. (FY23 40EC with capacity of 87.3mt and acquired possession of 2,090 Ha.)

 COAL supply to coal-fired plants till Oct'23 stood at 346mt (up 5% YoY), which was ~5mt over the committed quantum of 341mt.

Valuations remain attractive

- Power demand usually reaches its peak in May due to summer heat waves; however, comparatively drier monsoons and high economic activity kept the demand elevated in 2Q, and the demand is expected to remain elevated till mid CY25.
- India is lagging behind in its FY30 RE target and Ministry of Power has set FY24 electricity generation target at 1,750bu (growth of 7.2% YoY) of which, the share of thermal power is expected to be over 75%. This augurs well for COAL to achieve strong coal production in the next few years.
- We maintain our e-auction premium estimate for FY24E at ~85%. COAL trades at EV/EBITDA of 4.3x FY25E. We reiterate our **BUY** rating on the stock with a target price of INR380 (5x EV/EBITDA). Any hike in FSA prices post-election will further add to the financial performance of the company.

Exhibit 1: Key operating metrics

Key Metrics	FY16	FY17	FY18	FY19	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24E	FY25E
Total dispatches	534	543	580	608	581	574	662	695	751	821
FSA dispatches (Power)	409	380	424	458	426	407	495	580	610	628
e-auction dispatches	67	94	106	68	65	94	111	62	72	76
FSA realizations (power and non power)	1,311	1,301	1,257	1,348	1,416	1,379	1,407	1,475	1,536	1,575
e-auction realizations	1,839	1,536	1,839	2,632	2,177	1,569	1,879	4,841	2,849	2,504
Adj. EBITDA (INR b)	215	149	203	300	275	200	285	406	368	386
Adj. EBITDA/t	403	275	350	494	473	349	430	584	489	470

Source: MOFSL, Company

- Though the e-auction realizations are expected to cool down from FY24E, higher volumes from e-auction and non-power sectors are expected to support revenue growth.
- Similarly, though FSA rates are not expected to increase over the next few months, higher dispatches to power companies will support the revenue growth for COAL.

Exhibit 2: COAL subsidiaries yearly target achievement - as on Oct'23 (in mt)

Subsidiary	Working mines	FY24E production target	Prod till Oct'23	Target achieved (%)
BCCL	31	41	22.5	54.9
CCL	37	84	40.6	48.3
MCL	19	204	107.2	52.5
ECL	78	51	21.3	41.8
NCL	10	133	80.2	60.3
SECL	67	200	91.7	45.9
WCL	53	67	30.4	45.4
Total	295	780	393.9	50.5

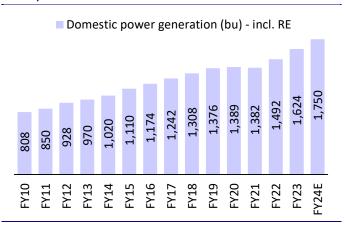
Source: MOFSL, Company, Ministry of Coal

- NCL, SECL, and MCL are the biggest contributors to the overall volume of COAL.
- Till Oct '23, NCL/SECL/MCL has achieved 60.3%/45.9%/52.5% of its yearly target.
- NCL is the only subsidiary which has consistently achieved over 100% of its monthly target in FY24, with an average achievement of over 106%.
- The run-rate at BCCL has picked up and is expected to produce higher volumes MoM going forward.
- Reduced rake availability at SECL and NCL had an adverse impact on production till Oct'23.

Exhibit 3: COAL production (mt) and Thermal power PLF move in tandem

COAL production (mt) - LHS Thermal power PLF (%) - RHS 105.0 100.0 85.0 75.0 65.0 50.0 45.0 25.0 25.0 Sep-22 Jul-23 Sep-23 Jan-22 Nov-22 Jan-23 May-22 Var-23 May-23 Nar-22 늘

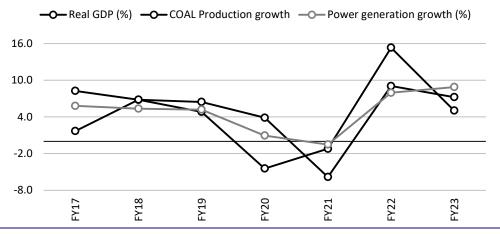
Exhibit 4: Power generation is expected to grow ~7% in FY24E; share of thermal to remain over 75%



Source: MOFSL, Ministry of Power

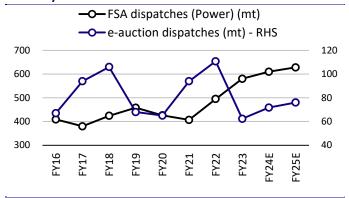
Source: MOFSL, Company, Central Electricity Authority

Exhibit 5: Coal production has a strong co-relation with GDP and power generation



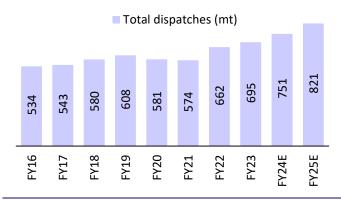
Source: MOFSL, Company, Ministry of Power

Exhibit 6: Dispatches (mt); e-auction and FSA dispatch are inversely related to each other



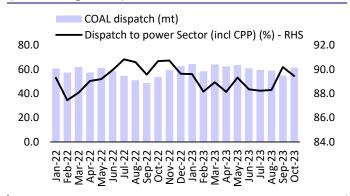
Source: MOFSL, Company

Exhibit 7: Total sales / dispatches (mt)



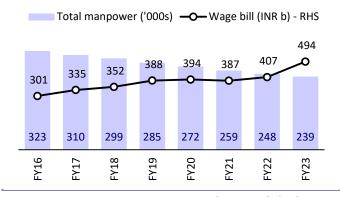
Source: MOFSL, Company

Exhibit 8: Total dispatch to power sector is currently ~89% (FYTD average ~88%)



Source: MOFSL, Company, Ministry of Coal

Exhibit 9: Though wage bill increased in FY23, it is expected to moderate ahead



Source: MOFSL, Company

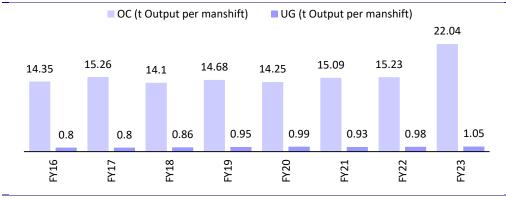
Exhibit 10: Employee productivity subsidiary wise as on Oct'23

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Subsidiary	No. of Employees	Production (mt)	Productivity (emp/t/7m)
BCCL	35,125	22.5	641
CCL	34,511	40.6	1,176
MCL	21,523	107.2	4,981
ECL	49,846	21.3	427
NCL	13,794	80.2	5,814
SECL	40,603	91.7	2,258
WCL	33,570	30.4	906

Source: MOFSL, Company

- The total number of employees across the organization stands at 2,33,048 as on Sept '23 (down from 2,39,210 as on Mar'23).
- ECL and BCCL has the lowest per employee productivity across all the subsidiaries and MCL and NCL has the highest per employee productivity.
- Though the total number of employees for COAL has reduced 6,162 in Sep'23 and by 9,885 YoY, improvement in productivity across the organization has resulted in record production.

Exhibit 11: COAL has undertaken steps to shut down unviable mines in phases, which will eventually drive down the manpower cost going forward



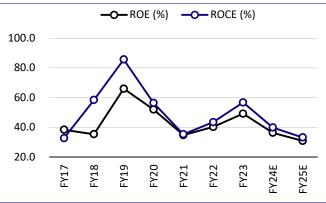
Source: MOFSL, Company

Exhibit 12: Healthy dividend payout of ~50%; Yield of ~6-9%; COAL paid interim dividend of INR15.25 in Nov'23

O— DPS 24.3 20.5 20.6 19.9 16.5 16.0 13.1 12.0 FY24E FY25E FY18 FY19 FY20 FY23 FY17 FY21 FY22

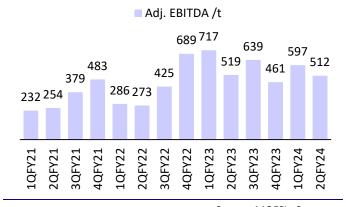
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Exhibit 13: ROE/ROCE expected to peak in FY23E and stabilize thereafter



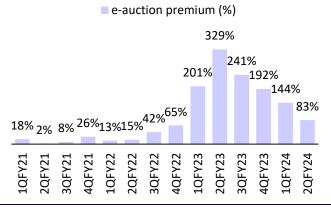
Source: MOFSL, Company

Exhibit 14: Adj. EBITDA (INR/t) (Adj. to OBR)



Source: MOFSL, Company

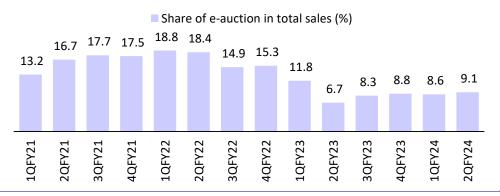
Exhibit 15: E-auction premium has cooled off from a high of 2QFY23; currently around 90%



Source: MOFSL, Company

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Exhibit 16: Share of e-auction in total sales increased after five quarters



Source: MOFSL, Company Data

Exhibit 17: P/B near -1SD

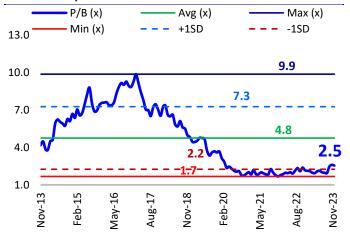
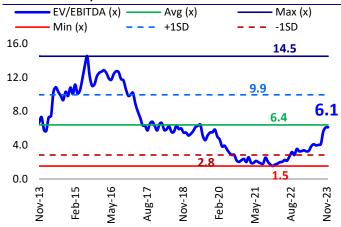


Exhibit 18: ...EV/EBITDA is near LTA



Source: MOFSL, Company Data

Exhibit 19: TP calculation

Source: MOFSL, Company Data

Target Price calculations	UoM	FY25E
Adjusted EBITDA	INR b	386
Target EV/EBITDA (x)	x	5.0
Target EV	INR b	1,929
Net debt	INR b	(413)
Equity value	INR b	2,342
TP		380

Source: MOFSL

Exhibit 20: Global comparative valuations

M-Ca		P/E (x)		EV/EBI	TDA (x)	P/E	3 (x)	RoE (%)	
Company	USD mn	CY22/FY23	CY23/FY24	CY22/FY23	CY23/FY24	CY22/FY23	CY23/FY24	CY22/FY23	CY23/FY24
Coal*	24,733	7.3	8.1	4.1	4.5	3.6	3.0	49.2	36.3
China Shenhua	81,839	7.2	7.4	5.6	5.6	1.1	1.1	14.9	14.1
Banpu	2,279	9.5	8.6	5.5	5.1	0.6	0.6	7.2	6.0
Bukit Asam	1,808	4.4	5.2	2.7	3.1	1.2	1.1	23.9	21.9
Adaro Energy	5,392	3.6	5.0	1.6	1.9	0.8	0.7	22.7	14.7

Source: MOFSL, Company. (*) denotes MOFSL estimates

Financials and valuations

ncome Statement (INR b)									
Y/E March	FY17	FY18	FY19	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24E	FY25E
Net Sales	784	859	995	961	900	1,097	1,383	1,391	1,485
Change (%)	0.5	9.6	15.9	-3.5	-6.3	21.9	26.0	0.6	6.8
Operating Expenses	660	689	746	742	715	850	1,014	1,057	1,140
EBITDA	124	170	250	219	186	247	368	334	345
% of Net Sales	15.8	19.7	25.1	22.8	20.6	22.5	26.6	24.0	23.2
Adjusted EBITDA	151	203	300	275	200	285	406	368	386
adj. EBITDA/ton	277	350	494	473	349	430	584	489	470
Depreciation	29	31	35	35	37	44	47	54	63
Interest	4	4	3	5	6	5	7	8	9
Other Income	55	47	59	61	38	39	66	64	61
Extra Ordinary exp (inc)	0	74	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
PBT after EO	146	107	271	241	180	236	380	335	334
Tax	52	37	97	74	53	62	99	85	84
Rate (%)	35.4	34.6	35.6	30.6	29.5	26.4	26.0	25.2	25.2
PAT (before MI and Sh. of Asso.)	94	70	175	167	127	174	281	251	250
Minority Interest	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Reported PAT (after MI and Sh. of Asso.)	94	70	175	167	127	174	282	253	254
Change (%)	-34.1	-25.5	148.8	-4.3	-24.0	36.7	62.3	-10.1	0.2
Adjusted PAT	94	119	175	167	127	174	282	253	254
Change (%)	-34.1	26.3	46.8	-4.3	-24.0	36.7	62.3	-10.1	0.2

Balance Sheet									(INR b)
Y/E March	FY17	FY18	FY19	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24E	FY25E
Share Capital	62	62	62	62	62	62	62	62	62
Reserves	183	136	203	260	304	370	511	635	759
Net Worth	245	198	265	322	365	431	572	697	820
Minority Interest	3	4	4	4	4	7	8	8	8
Loans	30	15	22	64	59	33	41	46	51
Deffered tax Liability	-27	-54	-43	-33	-41	-41	-42	-42	-42
Capital Employed	251	164	248	357	388	430	580	709	837
Gross Fixed Assets	277	326	402	474	565	660	723	872	984
Less: Depreciation	56	85	116	150	187	232	253	307	370
Net Fixed Assets	221	241	286	323	378	428	470	565	615
Capital Work in Progress	103	138	137	128	151	168	225	242	254
Investments	0	3	5	9	23	24	31	31	31
Current Assets	809	839	857	1,007	1,025	1,141	1,344	1,362	1,434
Inventory	89	64	56	66	89	71	82	82	88
Debtors	107	87	55	144	196	114	131	131	140
Other Current Assets	285	351	392	490	524	588	688	692	739
Loans and Advances	0	10	16	11	6	4	4	4	4
Cash (incl. bank balance)	327	326	338	295	209	365	440	453	464
Current Liabilities	882	1,058	1,037	1,110	1,189	1,331	1,491	1,491	1,497
Payables	39	45	68	101	76	86	85	86	92
Other current liabilities	843	1,012	968	1,009	1,113	1,245	1,405	1,405	1,405
Net Curr. Assets	-73	-218	-179	-104	-164	-190	-147	-129	-63
Application of Funds	251	164	248	357	388	430	580	709	837

Financials and valuations

Ratios	FY17	FY18	FY19	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24E	EVALE
Y/E March	F11/	F119	F119	FYZU	FYZI	F1ZZ	F123	F1Z4E	FY25E
Basic									
Adjusted EPS	15.2	19.2	28.3	27.1	20.6	28.2	45.7	41.1	41.1
Cash EPS	24.2	29.5	42.2	41.7	29.0	41.5	59.5	56.2	57.2
Book Value	39.5	32.0	42.9	52.2	59.3	70.0	92.9	113.1	133.1
DPS	19.9	16.5	13.1	12.0	16.0	17.0	24.3	20.5	20.6
Payout (incl. Div. Tax.)	160.3	103.3	46.2	44.4	77.6	60.4	53.1	50.0	50.0
Valuation (x)									
P/E	22.0	17.4	11.8	12.3	16.2	11.9	7.3	8.1	8.1
Cash P/E	13.8	11.3	7.9	8.0	11.5	8.1	5.6	5.9	5.8
P/BV	8.5	10.4	7.8	6.4	5.6	4.8	3.6	3.0	2.5
EV/Adj. EBITDA	11.8	8.7	5.8	6.7	9.5	6.1	4.1	4.5	4.3
Dividend Yield (%)	6.0	4.9	3.9	3.6	4.8	5.1	7.3	6.1	6.2
Profitability Ratios (%)									
Debtor (Days)	50.0	36.9	20.2	54.7	79.6	37.8	34.5	34.5	34.5
Inventory (Days)	41.7	27.4	20.5	25.1	36.3	23.5	21.5	21.5	21.5
Payables (Days)	18.2	19.2	25.0	38.4	31.0	28.6	22.6	22.6	22.6
Asset turnover(x)	3.1	5.2	4.0	2.7	2.3	2.6	2.4	2.0	1.8
Profitability Ratios (%)									
RoE	38.4	35.4	66.0	52.0	34.8	40.2	49.2	36.3	30.9
RoCE (post tax)	32.7	58.4	85.7	56.4	35.4	43.5	56.7	39.9	33.2
RoIC (post tax)	-40.0	-37.7	-51.7	-83.4	-295.1	-243.5	-196	-313	596
Leverage Ratio									
Net Debt/Equity (x)	-1.2	-1.6	-1.2	-0.7	-0.4	-0.8	-0.7	-0.6	-0.5

Cash Flow Statement									(INR b)
Y/E March	FY17	FY18	FY19	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24E	FY25E
Adj EBITDA*	151	203	300	275	200	285	406	368	386
(Inc)/Dec in WC	60	138	-49	-123	-56	175	26	-5	-56
Taxes paid	-89	-74	-95	-119	-57	-63	-97	-85	-84
Others	37	-55	11	10	19	15	22	-34	-41
CF from Operations	158	213	167	41	106	411	357	244	205
Capex	-87	-85	-73	-56	-109	-120	-152	-165	-125
Free Cash Flow	72	127	94	-15	-3	291	205	79	80
(Pur)/Sale of Investments	0	-3	-1	-5	-8	-8	-7	0	0
Interest/dividend	35	24	31	35	22	11	27	64	61
Other investing activity	57	-12	-39	29	96	-140	-102	0	0
CF from Investments	5	-77	-83	3	2	-257	-234	-101	-64
Equity raised/(repaid)	-46	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Debt raised/(repaid)	18	-15	7	23	-6	-26	8	5	5
Interest paid	0	0	0	-1	-2	-1	-1	-8	-9
Dividend (incl. tax)	-151	-123	-112	-97	-77	-108	-143	-127	-127
Other financing	3	3	4	5	0	0	0	0	0
CF from Fin. Activity	-176	-136	-102	-70	-85	-134	-137	-130	-131
Inc/Dec of Cash	-13	0	-17	-25	23	20	-14	14	10
Add: Beginning Cash Balance	83	70	70	53	28	51	71	57	70
Closing cash Balance	70	70	53	28	51	71	57	70	81
Bank Balance	257	257	286	267	158	294	383	383	383
Closing Balance (incl. bank bal.)	327	326	338	295	209	365	440	453	464

NOTES

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