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Defence

Margin off the lows

Mishra Dhatu Nigam

Mishra Dhatu Nigam (MIDHANI) reported an impressive Q3FY25 performance. Key points: 1) Lower cost and higher recycling resulted in EBITDA growth of 46% YoY despite 6% YoY decline in revenue; 2) traction from exports visible; 3) value of production (VoP) was down 13% YoY to INR 2.6bn; and 4) orderbook stood robust at INR 19.4bn, implying book/bill (ttm) at 1.8x. Going ahead, we see ramp-up of newly commissioned 500tpa VAR and focus on cost and inventory to be the key growth drivers. We roll over valuation to FY27E; however, factoring in the risk from volatility in currently low (imported) raw material prices, we lower valuation multiple to 17x (earlier 20x). Our revised TP works out to INR 375 (earlier INR 355) on 17x FY27E EBITDA. Upgrade MIDHANI to BUY (from Add).

Good show in Q3FY25

MIDHANI delivered EBITDA margin in excess of 20% for the first time since Q1FY24. Key points: 1) EBITDA rose 46% YoY to INR 524mn, despite revenue decline of 6% YoY at INR 2.4bn; 2) EBITDA margin came at a healthy 22% (up 780bps YoY; 335bps QoQ) on lower price of alloying elements, mainly nickel, benefitting the company as orders are fixed price in nature; 3) orderbook stood at INR 19.4bn, of which aerospace (high-margin) is the major part. Exports comprise INR 500mn in the orderbook; 4) implied order inflow of INR 3.55bn in Q3 and management expects another INR 5.5bn of order inflow (primarily in space sector) in Q4; and 5) recycling content at 35% vs 34% QoQ. Going ahead, we expect traction in aerospace segment and naval platforms to benefit MIDHANI with commissioning of 500tpa Ti-mill further adding to margins.

Several sweeteners in store

We expect MIDHANI to gain from: 1) Sharp focus on lowering inventory, evidenced in VoP reducing 13% YoY to INR 2.6bn; 2) low prices of alloying elements in international markets; 3) building traction in export markets with Pratt & Whitney placing repeat orders with the company; 4) space order inflow likely to commence from Q4FY25; and 5) ramp-up of 500mtpa Ti-VAR furnace. The current orderbook of INR 19.37bn is spread across the platforms and the company expects space-related orders to flow in Q4FY25.

Financial Summary

Y/E March (INR mn)	FY24A	FY25E	FY26E	FY27E
Net Revenue	10,727	12,872	15,447	18,536
EBITDA	1,942	2,446	3,398	4,078
EBITDA Margin (%)	18.1	19.0	22.0	22.0
Net Profit	918	1,560	2,075	2,564
EPS (INR)	4.9	8.3	11.1	13.7
EPS % Chg YoY	(41.5)	71.0	33.0	23.5
P/E (x)	62.9	36.8	27.7	22.4
EV/EBITDA (x)	31.0	23.9	16.6	13.9
RoCE (%)	5.9	7.8	11.2	12.9
RoE (%)	7.3	11.6	14.4	16.1

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Market Data

Market Cap (INR)	57bn
Market Cap (USD)	656mn
Bloomberg Code	MIDHANIIN
Reuters Code	MISR BO
52-week Range (INR)	541 /294
Free Float (%)	26.0
ADTV-3M (mn) (USD)	2.2

Price Performance (%)	3m	6m	12m
Absolute	(12.0)	(31.0)	(36.9)
Relative to Sensex	(9.1)	(30.3)	(45.0)

ESG Score	2022	2023	Change
ESG score	49.0	NA	NA
Environment	22.9	NA	NA
Social	43.3	NA	NA
Governance	69.6	NA	NA

Note - Score ranges from 0 - 100 with a higher score indicating higher ESG disclosures.

Source: SES ESG, I-sec research

Previous Reports

16-11-2024: <u>Q2FY25 results review</u> 19-08-2024: Q1FY25 concall update



Outlook: Margins and orderbook stoke the value

In case of MIDHANI, we see EBITDA margin strongly reviving to 20% plus level. Additionally, both orderbook and inflow remain healthy. That said, margins are also better as customer contracts are generally fixed price and price of alloying elements (major cost item) is coming off. While we expect margin to sustain at 22% in FY26/27E, the risk to margin has increased. Hence, we lower our valuation multiple to 17x (earlier 20x) and roll over valuation to FY27E. Our revised TP works out to INR 375 (earlier INR 355). We upgrade MIDHANI to **BUY** (from *Add*).

Key risks

- Slower than expected ramp up of newly commissioned VAR.
- Escalation in alloying element prices.
- Inventory build-up due to higher than expected development time.

Q3FY25 conference call: Takeaways

- In Q3, there was improvement in EBITDA and PAT but revenue and VOP dipped.
- EBITDA margin grew back to 22%, mainly due to price reduction in nickel- the
 alloying element used the most in the company's products. While price of some
 raw materials such as titanium sponge has gone up, overall, there was saving of
 INR 290mn in raw material cost.
- Higher utilisation of plant-return material: In Q3, the company consumed 65% of scrap in virgin form, against 64% QoQ. Higher utilisation of plant-return material resulted in gain in cost on consumption basis.
- FY25 has been excellent thus far in terms of order inflow. In 9MFY25, the company received orders worth INR 11.2bn. Management is expecting another INR 5.5bn of order in Q4FY25.
- Current orderbook stands at INR 19.2bn with a good mix across the sectors. Order split: Aerospace- INR 8bn, Naval platforms- INR 5bn, Army- INR 1.5bn, Missiles-INR 1.5bn, Energy- INR 500mn and Exports at INR 500mn.
- In Q4FY25 and Q1FY26, management expects good order inflow to sustain.
- Capex: Of INR 600mn of planned investment, INR 400mn has been achieved in 9MFY25.
- MIDHANI has developed various new alloys for aerospace, energy and naval platforms. Also, it developed advanced critical alloys required by BHEL. The management is confident of fulfilling the order in 6 months of award.
- Expecting an order from ISRO worth INR 2bn for margang steel. Another INR 3bn worth of orders are expected from defence and aerospace.
- It has space to install 2 more Ti VARs. It is already supplying titanium for strategic projects. It can quickly ramp up for commercial supplies as well.
- MIDHANI has no intention to backward integrate to titanium sponge as minimum 20,000tpa capacity is required for titanium sponge plant to be commercially viable and entails huge investment.



- Aluminium plant with NALCO: Not much progress has been made thus far. Still commercial feasibility is being analysed.
- Foreign producers are also approaching MIDHANI for supplies. It had reached INR 600mn in exports in 9MFY25. Going forward, export revenue is going to increase.
- Rohtak Armour plant: It has executed INR 430mn order for Airforce. It expects to
 participate in the order by Indian Army for Jackets. There is lot of potential for
 vehicle armouring as well, both in Army and paramilitary forces.
- The management is in discussions with various parties for improving the utilisation of Wide Plate Mill.

Exhibit 1: MIDHANI Q3FY25 performance review

(INR mn)	Q3FY25	Q3FY24	% Chg YoY	Q2FY25	% Chg QoQ
Revenue	2,380	2,520	(5.6)	2,621	(9.2)
Other Operating Income	37	189		57	
Operating revenue	2,342	2,331		2,564	
Raw Material	810	1,146		1,105	
Gross Margin	1,570	1,373	14.3	1,516	3.6
Gross Margin (%)	66.0	54.5		58	
Employee expenses	361	350	2.9	351	2.9
Other expenses	685	664	3.2	676	1.3
	28.8	26.3		25.8	
EBITDA	524	359	46.1	490	7.1
EBITDA Margin (%)	22.0	14.2		18.7	
Dep	162	145		157	
Other income	70	62		85	
EBIT	433	277	56.5	418	3.5
Interest	73	87		79	
PBT	360	189	90.3	339	6.1
Tax	107	64		104	
PAT	253	125	102.3	235	<i>7</i> .3
Tax Rate	29.8%	34.0%		30.6%	
Orderbook	19,367	17,624	9.9	18,199	6.4
Order Inflow	3,548	5,132	(30.9)	3,241	9.5

Source: I-Sec research, Company data

Exhibit 2: Shareholding pattern

%	Jun'24	Sep'24	Dec'24
Promoters	74.0	74.0	74.0
Institutional investors	10.6	9.8	9.7
MFs and others	7.6	6.7	6.8
FIs/Banks	0.0	0.0	0.1
Insurance	1.6	1.6	1.6
FIIs	1.4	1.5	1.3
Others	15.4	16.2	16.3

Exhibit 3: Price chart



Source: Bloomberg Source: Bloomberg

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Financial Summary

Exhibit 4: Profit & Loss

(INR mn, year ending March)

	FY24A	FY25E	FY26E	FY27E
Net Sales	10 727	12.072	15 447	10 526
	10,727	12,872	15,447	18,536
Operating Expenses	8,785	10,426	12,048	14,458
EBITDA	1,942	2,446	3,398	4,078
EBITDA Margin (%)	18.1	19.0	22.0	22.0
Depreciation & Amortization	586	612	650	651
EBIT	1,356	1,834	2,748	3,427
Interest expenditure	346	315	315	315
Other Non-operating Income	299	649	450	450
Recurring PBT	1,310	2,168	2,883	3,562
Profit / (Loss) from	_	_	_	
Associates	_	_	_	_
Less: Taxes	397	607	808	998
PAT	913	1,560	2,075	2,564
Less: Minority Interest	(5)	-	-	-
Extraordinaries (Net)	-	-	-	-
Net Income (Reported)	913	1,560	2,075	2,564
Net Income (Adjusted)	918	1,560	2,075	2,564

Source Company data, I-Sec research

Exhibit 5: Balance sheet

(INR mn, year ending March)

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	FY24A	FY25E	FY26E	FY27E
Total Current Assets	17,671	18,856	20,440	22,939
of which cash & cash eqv.	166	1,997	4,126	3,781
Total Current Liabilities &	5,112	5,384	5,655	6,371
Provisions	5,112	5,564	5,055	0,371
Net Current Assets	12,558	13,472	14,784	16,568
Investments	218	218	218	218
Net Fixed Assets	10,315	10,296	10,239	10,181
ROU Assets	-	-	-	-
Capital Work-in-Progress	831	1,028	1,226	1,424
Total Intangible Assets	-	-	-	-
Other assets	20	20	20	20
Deferred Tax Assets	-	-	-	-
Total Assets	23,942	25,034	26,487	28,410
Liabilities				
Borrowings	3,241	3,241	3,241	3,241
Deferred Tax Liability	-	-	-	-
provisions	-	-	-	-
other Liabilities	7,509	7,509	7,509	7,509
Equity Share Capital	1,873	1,873	1,873	1,873
Reserves & Surplus	11,318	12,410	13,863	15,786
Total Net Worth	13,192	14,284	15,737	17,659
Minority Interest	-	-	-	-
Total Liabilities	23,942	25,034	26,487	28,410

Source Company data, I-Sec research

Exhibit 6: Quarterly trend

(INR mn, year ending March)

	Mar-24	Jun-24	Sep-24	Dec-24
Net Sales	4,055	1,635	2,621	2,380
% growth (YOY)	17.7	(12.9)	15.2	(5.6)
EBITDA	804	233	490	524
Margin %	19.8	14.3	18.7	22.0
Other Income	81	78	85	70
Extraordinaries	-	-	-	-
Adjusted Net Profit	464	51	235	253

Source Company data, I-Sec research

Exhibit 7: Cashflow statement

(INR mn, year ending March)

	FY24A	FY25E	FY26E	FY27E
Operating Cashflow	2,156	2,756	3,407	952
Working Capital Changes	397	917	816	(2,128)
Capital Commitments	(791)	(791)	(791)	(791)
Free Cashflow	1,366	1,965	2,616	161
Other investing cashflow	139	649	450	450
Cashflow from Investing Activities	(652)	(142)	(341)	(341)
Issue of Share Capital	-	-	-	-
Interest Cost	(274)	(315)	(315)	(315)
Inc (Dec) in Borrowings	(632)	-	-	-
Dividend paid	(577)	(468)	(623)	(641)
Others	-	-	-	-
Cash flow from Financing Activities	(1,483)	(783)	(938)	(956)
Chg. in Cash & Bank balance	22	1,831	2,129	(345)
Closing cash & balance	22	1,831	2,129	(345)

Source Company data, I-Sec research

Exhibit 8: Key ratios

(Year ending March)

	FY24A	FY25E	FY26E	FY27E
Per Share Data (INR)				
Reported EPS	4.9	8.3	11.1	13.7
Adjusted EPS (Diluted)	4.9	8.3	11.1	13.7
Cash EPS	8.0	11.6	14.5	17.2
Dividend per share (DPS)	1.5	2.5	-	-
Book Value per share (BV)	70.4	76.2	84.0	94.3
Dividend Payout (%)	30.2	30.0	-	-
Growth (%)				
Net Sales	23.0	20.0	20.0	20.0
EBITDA	(24.6)	26.0	38.9	20.0
EPS (INR)	(41.5)	71.0	33.0	23.5
Valuation Ratios (x)				
P/E	62.9	36.8	27.7	22.4
P/CEPS	38.2	26.4	21.1	17.9
P/BV	4.4	4.0	3.6	3.3
EV / EBITDA	31.0	23.9	16.6	13.9
P / Sales	5.4	4.5	3.7	3.1
Dividend Yield (%)	0.0	0.0	-	-
Operating Ratios				
Gross Profit Margins (%)	58.2	58.3	58.8	56.0
EBITDA Margins (%)	18.1	19.0	22.0	22.0
Effective Tax Rate (%)	30.3	28.0	28.0	28.0
Net Profit Margins (%)	8.5	12.1	13.4	13.8
NWC / Total Assets (%)	-	-	-	-
Net Debt / Equity (x)	0.2	0.1	(0.1)	0.0
Net Debt / EBITDA (x)	1.5	0.4	(0.3)	(0.2)
Profitability Ratios				
RoCE (%)	5.9	7.8	11.2	12.9
RoE (%)	7.3	11.6	14.4	16.1
RoIC (%)	6.1	8.3	12.9	15.8
Fixed Asset Turnover (x)	0.9	1.0	1.1	1.3
Inventory Turnover Days	511	424	318	313
Receivables Days	126	108	107	107
Payables Days	47	50	49	57
Source Company data I-Sec reser	arch			

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