National Aluminium Co



After the supply deluge, baseline undergoing a reset

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NACL reported Q1FY26 EBITDA of Rs14.9bn (down 45.8% QoQ), which is 10.2/14.2% weaker than consensus/Emkay estimate. This was expected, as alumina prices had corrected owing to the supply-demand balance moving into surplus, with above-normal prices leading to a supply deluge. NACL's operating performance remained healthy in Q1. The earnings base is under a reset, with the market expecting Rs50-55bn of EBITDA in FY26. The new baseline profitability is significantly better than the years prior to FY25 which indicates structural improvement in fundamentals, in our view. With the upcoming 1mt of alumina expansion in Q1FY27, we expect volume-led growth in FY27/28E. We retain BUY, with our TP trimmed to Rs210 (Rs225 earlier).

Weak Q1 as expected

NACL reported Q1FY26 EBITDA of Rs14.9bn (down 45.8% QoQ), which is 10.2/14.2% weaker than consensus/Emkay estimate. This was expected, as alumina prices had corrected to USD350/t by Apr-25, from the Dec-24 peak of USD800/t, owing to the supply-demand balance moving into surplus, with a supply deluge attracted by abovenormal prices. We sense that alumina prices are stabilizing around USD375/t, which is within the long-term alumina-to-aluminium range of 14-16%. NACL's operating performance remained healthy in Q1—in terms of production volumes and cost profile—with EBITDA margin of 39.2% in Q1 vs 52.3% in Q4.

Key takeaways from the earnings call

1) Alumina expansion: The mgmt reiterated alumina expansion timeline of Q1FY27 commissioning, noting 74-75% progress. The mgmt expects 50% utilization at the new capacity of 1mt in FY27 (Emkay estimate: 30%). 1mt of a single line would help achieve scale benefits with lower manpower cost and caustic soda consumption. Bauxite mine to be commissioned in Mar-26. 2) Tariff impact: Most of NACL's aluminium production caters to the domestic market and hence is unaffected by tariffs. 3) Operating performance: Existing alumina operations are at 100% utilization, with favorable cost positioning at USD230-240/t vs realization at ~USD400/t. Aluminium segment cost is at USD1,850/t, which places the company favorably vs the global aluminium cost curve. 4) No monsoon impact was seen on the business. 5) Captive coal: Operating at peak rated capacity of 4mt, replacing ~50% of external coal purchases.

Earnings baseline undergoing a reset; retain BUY

NACL saw EBITDA of Rs76bn in FY25, benefitting from the exceptional performance led by a temporary spike in bauxite/alumina prices. The earnings base is under a reset, with the market expecting Rs50-55bn of EBITDA in FY26. Nevertheless, the new baseline profitability is significantly better than the years prior to FY25 which indicates structural improvement in fundamentals, in our view. With 1mt of alumina expansion upcoming in Q1FY27, we expect volume-led growth in FY27/28E; we reiterate BUY.

National Aluminium	Co: Finan	cial Snapsh	ot (Standa	lone)	
Y/E Mar (Rs mn)	FY24	FY25	FY26E	FY27E	FY28E
Revenue	131,492	167,876	162,278	165,627	187,072
EBITDA	28,729	75,646	54,996	54,675	65,036
Adj. PAT	16,331	53,247	38,154	34,925	42,391
Adj. EPS (Rs)	8.9	29.0	20.8	19.0	23.1
EBITDA margin (%)	21.8	45.1	33.9	33.0	34.8
EBITDA growth (%)	17.3	163.3	(27.3)	(0.6)	19.0
Adj. EPS growth (%)	5.8	225.9	(28.3)	(8.5)	21.4
RoE (%)	11.9	32.8	19.7	16.0	17.6
RoIC (%)	9.1	28.0	20.3	19.3	21.9
P/E (x)	16.7	6.5	9.0	9.9	8.1
EV/EBITDA (x)	11.1	3.9	5.3	5.3	4.5
P/B (x)	2.4	This repost	is intended	for Team _{1.5} V	hite Marque
FCFF yield (%)	3.6	15.9	7.9	7.2	10.5

Source: Company, Emkay Research

Target Price – 12M	Mar-26
Change in TP (%)	(6.7)
Current Reco.	BUY
Previous Reco.	BUY
Upside/(Downside) (%)	12.3

Stock Data	NACL IN
52-week High (Rs)	263
52-week Low (Rs)	138
Shares outstanding (mn)	1,836.6
Market-cap (Rs bn)	344
Market-cap (USD mn)	3,927
Net-debt, FY26E (Rs mn)	(64,423.7)
ADTV-3M (mn shares)	12
ADTV-3M (Rs mn)	1,879.7
ADTV-3M (USD mn)	21.4
Free float (%)	48.7
Nifty-50	24,363.3
INR/USD	87.7

Shareholding, Jun-25

Promoters (%)	51.3
FPIs/MFs (%)	15.1/15.8

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1M	3M	12M
0.6	19.5	5.7
3.9	17.7	5.8
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1-Year share price trend (Rs)



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Exhibit 1: Standalone EBITDA of Rs14.9bn; down 14.2% vs Emkay estimate and 10.2% vs consensus

Standalone	Units	Q1 FY25A	Q2 FY25A	Q3 FY25A	Q4 FY25A	Q1 FY26A	Q1 FY26E	Consensus	vs Emkay vs	Consensus	QoQ	YoY
Revenue	Rs mn	28,561.0	40,014.8	46,622.2	52,678.3	38,069.4	41,353.0	39,743.8	-7.9%	-4.2%	-27.7%	33.3%
EBITDA	Rs mn	9,342.0	15,490.2	23,275.4	27,538.8	14,921.4	17,385.1	16,610.4	-14.2%	-10.2%	-45.8%	59.7%
EBITDA margin	%	32.7	38.7	49.9	52.3	39.2	42.0	41.8	-285bps	-260bps	-1308bps	649bps
Net profit	Rs mn	6,012.2	10,621.8	15,829.0	20,783.7	10,632.7	12,264.2	12,268.5	-13.3%	-13.3%	-48.8%	76.9%
EPS	Rs	3.3	5.8	8.6	11.3	5.8	6.7	6.4	-13.3%	-9.1%	-48.8%	76.9%
Net debt/(cash)	Rs mn	-	-35,876.4	-	-53,025.1	-	-	-	na	na	na	na
Segment EBITDA												
Alumina	Rs mn	997.7	6,651.2	13,563.1	13,997.8	6,257.1	6,710.1		-6.8%		-55.3%	527.1%
Aluminium	Rs mn	9,142.3	9,589.8	10,541.6	15,380.7	10,047.2	11,687.7		-14.0%		-34.7%	9.9%
Others	Rs mn	-798.0	-750.8	-829.2	-1,839.7	-1,382.8	-1,012.6		36.6%		-24.8%	73.3%
Total	Rs mn	9,342.0	15,490.2	23,275.4	27,538.8	14,921.4	17,385.1	16,610.4	-14.2%	-10.2%	-45.8%	59.7%

Source: Company, Emkay Research

Exhibit 2: FY26-28E EBITDA unchanged

		FY26E			FY27E			FY28E			
	Units	New	Old	Chg	New	Old	Chg	New	Old	Chg	
Financial metrics											
Net sales	Rs mn	162,277.5	161,531.2	0.5%	165,626.9	164,957.1	0.4%	187,071.5	186,395.1	0.4%	
EBITDA	Rs mn	54,996.4	54,757.3	0.4%	54,674.7	54,569.1	0.2%	65,035.6	64,816.5	0.3%	
EBIT	Rs mn	48,352.6	48,106.8	0.5%	43,465.9	43,360.3	0.2%	53,067.3	52,845.2	0.4%	
Net profit	Rs mn	38,153.8	37,969.5	0.5%	34,924.8	34,989.9	-0.2%	42,390.7	42,573.0	-0.4%	
EPS	Rs	20.8	20.7	0.5%	19.0	19.0	-0.2%	23.1	23.2	-0.4%	
DPS	Rs	6.3	6.2	0.8%	7.6	7.6	0.0%	9.3	9.3	0.0%	
Net debt / (cash)	Rs mn	-64,423.6	-68,195.8	5.5%	-71,348.5	-80,467.5	11.3%	-84,852.8	-90,063.8	5.8%	
Operating metrics											
Aluminium	USD/t	2,525.0	2,525.0	0.0%	2,600.0	2,600.0	0.0%	2,700.0	2,700.0	0.0%	
Alumina	USD/t	400.0	400.0	0.0%	400.0	400.0	0.0%	400.0	400.0	0.0%	
Production											
Aluminium	kt	460.0	460.0	0.0%	460.0	460.0	0.0%	460.0	460.0	0.0%	
Alumina	kt	2,150.0	2,125.0	1.2%	2,450.0	2,425.0	1.0%	3,050.0	3,025.0	0.8%	
Sales											
Aluminium	kt	460.0	460.0	0.0%	460.0	460.0	0.0%	460.0	460.0	0.0%	
Alumina	kt	1,299.0	1,274.0	2.0%	1,530.0	1,505.0	1.7%	2,130.0	2,105.0	1.2%	

Source: Company, Emkay Research

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Exhibit 3: Summary of estimates

Rs mn	FY24	FY25	FY26E	FY27E	FY28E		FY24	FY25	FY26E	FY27E	FY28E
P&L						Operational metrics					
Net sales	131,491.5	167,876.3	162,277.5	165,626.9	187,071.5	Aluminium (USD/t)	2,205.6	2,525.3	2,525.0	2,600.0	2,700.0
Operating expenses	102,762.4	92,229.9	107,281.1	110,952.1	122,035.9	Alumina (USD/t)	345.1	539.9	400.0	400.0	400.0
EBITDA	28,729.1	75,646.4	54,996.4	54,674.7	65,035.6						
Depreciation	7,496.5	7,275.8	8,092.9	12,966.7	14,030.0	Production (kt)					
EBIT	22,426.4	70,627.4	48,352.6	43,465.9	53,067.3	Aluminium (kt)	463.4	460.0	460.0	460.0	460.0
Interest and taxes	7,408.3	18,694.0	12,966.4	11,890.0	14,378.7	Alumina (kt)	2,124.0	2,076.0	2,150.0	2,450.0	3,050.0
Net earnings	16,331.4	53,246.7	38,153.8	34,924.8	42,390.7						
EPS (Rs)	8.9	29.0	20.8	19.0	23.1	Sales volumes (kt)					
Dividend (Rs/sh)	5.0	8.0	6.3	7.6	9.3	Aluminium (kt)	470.1	460.3	460.0	460.0	460.0
Number of shares	1,836.0	1,837.0	1,837.0	1,837.0	1,837.0	Alumina (kt)	1,168.2	1,105.8	1,299.0	1,530.0	2,130.0
Balance sheet						Financial metrics					_
Gross block	165,566.4	186,229.1	149,465.8	168,203.0	179,016.3	EBITDA margin	21.8%	45.1%	33.9%	33.0%	34.8%
						Net margin	12.4%	31.7%	23.5%	21.1%	22.7%
Inventories	18,297.2	19,088.3	20,006.8	20,419.8	23,063.6						
Receivables	1,535.0	1,863.9	3,112.2	3,176.4	3,587.7	ROE	11.9%	32.8%	19.7%	16.0%	17.6%
Payables	14,962.5	7,381.0	8,817.6	9,119.4	10,030.3	ROCE	14.6%	39.6%	23.1%	18.6%	20.7%
Net working capital	4,869.7	13,571.2	14,301.4	14,476.8	16,620.9	ROIC	12.2%	38.2%	23.0%	18.7%	21.3%
Cash	25,751.4	54,267.3	65,665.8	72,590.7	86,095.0	Gross debt (Rs mn)	391.6	1,242.2	1,242.2	1,242.2	1,242.2
						Net debt/(cash) (Rs mn)	-25,359.8	-53,025.1	-64,423.6	-71,348.5	-84,852.8
Total assets	192,350.2	231,224.8	259,334.0	280,599.4	306,908.8						
Total liabilities	48,469.4	50,767.2	52,203.8	52,505.6	53,416.5	Net debt to EBITDA (x)	-0.9	-0.7	-1.2	-1.3	-1.3
Total Equity	143,880.8	180,457.6	207,130.2	228,093.8	253,492.3	Net debt to Equity	-17.6%	-29.4%	-31.1%	-31.3%	-33.5%
Cash flow	_	_		_		Valuation		_		_	_
Operating cash before WC	33,624.5	76,004.7	58,964.6	59,533.1	70,550.9	P/E (x)	11.8	6.8	9.0	9.9	8.1
Working capital and other	-6,431.3	-17,943.7	-13,448.1	-11,817.1	-16,274.4	EV/EBITDA (x)	5.8	4.1	5.1	5.0	4.0
Operating cash flow	27,193.2	58,061.0	45,516.5	47,716.1	54,276.6	FCF yield	6.0%	12.7%	6.6%	6.1%	8.9%
						Dividend yield	4.8%	4.0%	3.3%	4.1%	4.9%
Capex	-15,605.3	-11,755.8	-22,636.7	-26,830.0	-23,780.0						
Other investing items	-4,399.4	-27,949.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	Methodology	Rs/sh				
Investing cash flow	-20,004.7	-39,705.3	-22,636.7	-26,830.0	-23,780.0	DCF	235.1				
						EV/EBITDA	207.4				
Borrowings/(repayments)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	Blended fair value	210.0				
Equity changes	-7,346.5	-18,366.4	-11,481.3	-13,961.2	-16,992.3						
Other financing items	-40.0	789.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	Target price	210.0				
Financing cash flow	-7,386.5	-17,576.6	-11,481.3	-13,961.2	-16,992.3	Current price	187.4				
						Price return	12.1%				
Net change in cash	-198.0	779.1	11,398.5	6,924.9	13,504.3	Dividend return	4.3%				
Ending cash	25,751.4	54,267.3	65,665.8	72,590.7	86,095.0	Expected total return	16.3%				
Free cash flow	11,587.9	46,305.2	22,879.8	20,886.1	30,496.6	WACC	11.5%				

Source: Company, Emkay Research

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National Aluminium Co: Standalone Financials and Valuations

Profit & Loss					
Y/E Mar (Rs mn)	FY24	FY25	FY26E	FY27E	FY28E
Revenue	131,492	167,876	162,278	165,627	187,072
Revenue growth (%)	(7.8)	27.7	(3.3)	2.1	12.9
EBITDA	28,729	75,646	54,996	54,675	65,036
EBITDA growth (%)	17.3	163.3	(27.3)	(0.6)	19.0
Depreciation & Amortization	7,497	7,276	8,093	12,967	14,030
EBIT	21,233	68,371	46,903	41,708	51,006
EBIT growth (%)	22.4	222.0	(31.4)	(11.1)	22.3
Other operating income	-	-	-	-	-
Other income	1,194	2,257	1,449	1,758	2,062
Financial expense	(1,141)	(724)	(2,519)	(3,101)	(3,454)
PBT	23,568	71,351	50,872	46,566	56,521
Extraordinary items	4,268	0	0	0	0
Taxes	7,236	18,104	12,718	11,642	14,130
Minority interest	-	-	-	-	-
Income from JV/Associates	-	-	-	-	-
Reported PAT	20,600	53,247	38,154	34,925	42,391
PAT growth (%)	33.4	158.5	(28.3)	(8.5)	21.4
Adjusted PAT	16,331	53,247	38,154	34,925	42,391
Diluted EPS (Rs)	8.9	29.0	20.8	19.0	23.1
Diluted EPS growth (%)	5.8	225.9	(28.3)	(8.5)	21.4
DPS (Rs)	(4.0)	(10.0)	(6.3)	(7.6)	(9.3)
Dividend payout (%)	(35.7)	(34.5)	(30.1)	(40.0)	(40.1)
EBITDA margin (%)	21.8	45.1	33.9	33.0	34.8
EBIT margin (%)	16.1	40.7	28.9	25.2	27.3
Effective tax rate (%)	30.7	25.4	25.0	25.0	25.0
NOPLAT (pre-IndAS)	14,713	51,023	35,178	31,281	38,254
Shares outstanding (mn)	1,836	1,837	1,837	1,837	1,837

Source: Company, Emkay Research

Y/E Mar (Rs mn)	FY24	FY25	FY26E	FY27E	FY28E
Share capital	9,183	9,183	9,183	9,183	9,183
Reserves & Surplus	134,698	171,274	197,947	218,911	244,309
Net worth	143,881	180,458	207,130	228,094	253,492
Minority interests	0	0	0	0	0
Non-current liab. & prov.	5,813	6,252	6,252	6,252	6,252
Total debt	392	1,242	1,242	1,242	1,242
Total liabilities & equity	158,426	195,892	222,564	243,528	268,926
Net tangible fixed assets	70,202	67,990	82,534	96,398	106,148
Net intangible assets	9,741	9,507	9,507	9,507	9,507
Net ROU assets	0	0	0	0	0
Capital WIP	39,615	49,347	49,347	49,347	49,347
Goodwill	-	-	-	-	-
Investments [JV/Associates]	8,876	11,328	11,328	11,328	11,328
Cash & equivalents	25,751	54,267	65,666	72,591	86,095
Current assets (ex-cash)	35,563	37,126	39,293	39,770	42,825
Current Liab. & Prov.	31,323	33,674	35,111	35,412	36,323
NWC (ex-cash)	4,240	3,452	4,182	4,358	6,502
Total assets	246,294	306,854	281,403	302,366	327,765
Net debt	(25,360)	(53,025)	(64,424)	(71,349)	(84,853)
Capital employed	158,426	195,892	222,564	243,528	268,926
Invested capital	172,051	191,913	155,062	169,101	180,995
BVPS (Rs)	78.4	98.2	112.8	124.2	138.0
Net Debt/Equity (x)	(0.2)	(0.3)	(0.3)	(0.3)	(0.3)
Net Debt/EBITDA (x)	(0.9)	(0.7)	(1.2)	(1.3)	(1.3)
Interest coverage (x)	(19.7)	(97.6)	(19.2)	(14.0)	(15.4)
RoCE (%)	16.3	43.3	24.8	19.9	21.9

Balance Sheet

Cash flows					
Y/E Mar (Rs mn)	FY24	FY25	FY26E	FY27E	FY28E
PBT (ex-other income)	19,885	71,351	50,872	46,566	56,521
Others (non-cash items)	8,084	416	2,768	3,349	3,702
Taxes paid	(6,348)	(17,191)	(12,718)	(11,642)	(14,130)
Change in NWC	(84)	(753)	(730)	(175)	(2,144)
Operating cash flow	27,193	58,061	45,517	47,716	54,277
Capital expenditure	(15,605)	(11,756)	(22,637)	(26,830)	(23,780)
Acquisition of business	(270)	0	0	0	0
Interest & dividend income	2,018	2,340	0	0	0
Investing cash flow	(20,005)	(39,705)	(22,637)	(26,830)	(23,780)
Equity raised/(repaid)	0	0	0	0	0
Debt raised/(repaid)	0	851	0	0	0
Payment of lease liabilities	(37)	(38)	0	0	0
Interest paid	0	(23)	0	0	0
Dividend paid (incl tax)	(7,347)	(18,366)	(11,481)	(13,961)	(16,992)
Others	(3)	0	0	0	0
Financing cash flow	(7,387)	(17,577)	(11,481)	(13,961)	(16,992)
Net chg in Cash	(198)	779	11,399	6,925	13,504
OCF	27,193	58,061	45,517	47,716	54,277
Adj. OCF (w/o NWC chg.)	27,277	58,814	46,247	47,892	56,421
FCFF	11,588	46,305	22,880	20,886	30,497
FCFE	13,434	48,056	22,631	20,638	30,248
OCF/EBITDA (%)	94.7	76.8	82.8	87.3	83.5
FCFE/PAT (%)	65.2	90.3	59.3	59.1	71.4
FCFF/NOPLAT (%)	78.8	90.8	65.0	66.8	79.7

Source: Company, Emkay Research

Valuations and key Ra	ntios				
Y/E Mar	FY24	FY25	FY26E	FY27E	FY28E
P/E (x)	16.7	6.5	9.0	9.9	8.1
EV/CE(x)	2.2	1.6	1.4	1.3	1.1
P/B (x)	2.4	1.9	1.7	1.5	1.4
EV/Sales (x)	2.4	1.7	1.8	1.8	1.6
EV/EBITDA (x)	11.1	3.9	5.3	5.3	4.5
EV/EBIT(x)	15.0	4.3	6.2	7.0	5.7
EV/IC (x)	1.9	1.5	1.9	1.7	1.6
FCFF yield (%)	3.6	15.9	7.9	7.2	10.5
FCFE yield (%)	3.9	14.0	6.6	6.0	8.8
Dividend yield (%)	(2.1)	(5.3)	(3.3)	(4.1)	(4.9)
DuPont-RoE split					
Net profit margin (%)	12.4	31.7	23.5	21.1	22.7
Total asset turnover (x)	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6
Assets/Equity (x)	1.7	1.7	1.5	1.3	1.3
RoE (%)	11.9	32.8	19.7	16.0	17.6
DuPont-RoIC					
NOPLAT margin (%)	11.2	30.4	21.7	18.9	20.4
IC turnover (x)	0.8	0.9	0.9	1.0	1.1
RoIC (%)	9.1	28.0	20.3	19.3	21.9
Operating metrics					
Core NWC days	11.8	7.5	9.4	9.6	12.7
Total NWC days	11.8	7.5	9.4	9.6	12.7
Fixed asset turnover	0.8	0.9	0.9	1.0	1.0
Opex-to-revenue (%)	78.2	54.9	66.1	67.0	65.2

Source: Company, Emkay Research

RECOMMENDATION HISTORY - DETAILS

Date	Closing Price (INR)	TP (INR)	Rating	Analyst
10-Jul-25	189	225	Buy	Amit Lahoti
28-Jun-25	191	225	Buy	Amit Lahoti
02-Jun-25	181	225	Buy	Amit Lahoti
31-May-25	180	225	Buy	Amit Lahoti
29-May-25	184	225	Buy	Amit Lahoti
22-May-25	185	225	Buy	Amit Lahoti
28-Apr-25	160	225	Buy	Amit Lahoti
25-Apr-25	157	225	Buy	Amit Lahoti
09-Apr-25	143	225	Buy	Amit Lahoti
19-Mar-25	186	275	Buy	Amit Lahoti
20-Feb-25	193	275	Buy	Amit Lahoti
11-Feb-25	183	275	Buy	Amit Lahoti
15-Jan-25	195	275	Buy	Amit Lahoti
07-Jan-25	206	275	Buy	Amit Lahoti
01-Jan-25	214	275	Buy	Amit Lahoti
17-Dec-24	227	275	Buy	Amit Lahoti
14-Nov-24	220	275	Buy	Amit Lahoti
12-Oct-24	223	275	Buy	Amit Lahoti

Source: Company, Emkay Research

RECOMMENDATION HISTORY - TREND



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