ADD The Ramco Cements

Focus on balancing growth and leverage

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TARGET PRICE (Rs): 865

We recently met S Vaithiyanathan, CFO, and Satish Kumar, AVP-Treasury, of The Ramco Cements (Ramco) for a business update. KTAs: 1) Ramco targets maintaining market share with balancing leverage. 2) Management aims to increase current clinker/cement capacity, from 16mt/23mt to 19mt/26mt, respectively, by FY26. 3) Besides, it has potential to increase clinker capacity by 0.5mt in integrated plants and cement capacity by 2mt through debottlenecking at various locations. For future growth, Company may look to add more lines in Kurnool and a greenfield integrated project in Karnataka. 4) Capex is likely to be ~Rs25bn for FY25E-26E. 5) Timely monetization of noncore assets/investments (Rs5-6bn) is key to meet capex and keep net debt below Rs50bn. The stock has corrected ~25% in the past three months on pricing pressure in key markets and concerns about high leverage (FY24 net debt-to-EBITDA: 3x). We expect gradual demand and price recovery post-elections. We retain ADD, with Mar25E TP of Rs865/sh, based on 12.5x EV/E.

The Ramco Cements: Financial Snapshot (Consolidated)									
Y/E March (Rs mn)	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25E	FY26E				
Revenue	60,037	81,573	93,764	100,377	110,044				
EBITDA	12,901	11,856	15,646	17,426	20,370				
Adj. PAT	8,815	3,145	3,599	4,554	6,218				
Adj. EPS (Rs)	37.3	13.3	15.2	19.3	26.3				
EBITDA margin (%)	21.5	14.5	16.7	17.4	18.5				
EBITDA growth (%)	(17.2)	(8.1)	32.0	11.4	16.9				
Adj. EPS growth (%)	12.3	(64.3)	14.4	26.5	36.5				
RoE (%)	14.3	4.7	5.1	6.1	7.9				
RoIC (%)	13.3	5.6	6.3	6.7	7.7				
P/E (x)	19.9	55.8	48.7	38.5	28.2				
EV/EBITDA (x)	15.5	18.1	14.3	13.3	11.5				
P/B (x)	2.6	2.6	2.4	2.3	2.1				
FCFF yield (%)	(3.2)	(1.6)	0.0	1.4	1.1				

Source: Company, Emkay Research

Targets maintaining market share with increasing capacity by FY26E

Ramco's current clinker/cement capacity stood at 16mt/23mt. The company is looking to i) commission line-2 clinker capacity of 3.15mt, cement capacity of 1.5mt, and WHRS of 15MW in Kurnool, at capex of Rs12.5bn; and ii) increase cement capacity by 1mt via debottlenecking, by FY26. Accordingly, it will increase its clinker/cement capacity to 19mt/26mt (~6% CAGR) by FY26E. Additionally, Company is in the process of establishing 10MW WHRS at its RR Nagar plant, to be commissioned by Mar-25, and the 18MW TPP and railway siding at Kurnool, to be commissioned by Jun-24 and Sep-24, respectively.

Capex revised down to Rs12bn for FY25; likely to spend Rs25bn in FY24-26E

The company has revised down its capex for FY25 to Rs12bn (earlier Rs17bn) to maintain its leverage position. Overall capex is broadly maintained at Rs25bn for FY24-26E. For future growth, Company has identified debottlenecking opportunities at various locations, totaling 2mt. Besides, considering the availability of limestone resources in Kurnool (a parallel can be drawn with Shree's Ras/Beawer deposits), the company has potential to add more lines. Incremental line additions in Kurnool will have lower capex and can help boost profitability/return ratios for the company, in our view. Besides, it will continue to help service the Tamil Nadu market, as it is awaiting clarity on limestone auction in the state. The company is in the process of acquiring mining land in Karnataka and evaluating an option for bigger kilns, to have advantage of scale benefits.

High leverage remains a concern; timely monetization of non-core assets is key

The company's net debt has increased by ~Rs19bn over the past three years to Rs48bn as of Mar-24 (net debt-to-EBITDA: 3x) owing to capacity commissioning, purchase of mining land from Prism Johnson, and declining industry profitability. Timely monetization of non-core assets/investments (Rs5-6bn) is key to balance the cashflow to meet capex and to keep net debt at the desired level of <Rs50bn. We factor in 7% volume CAGR during FY24-26E; EBITDA/t should reach Rs965 by FY26E (from Rs851 in FY24).

Target Price – 12M	Mar-25
Change in TP (%)	-
Current Reco.	ADD
Previous Reco.	ADD
Upside/(Downside) (%)	16.6
CMP (31-May-24) (Rs)	742.1

Stock Data	Ticker
52-week High (Rs)	1,058
52-week Low (Rs)	738
Shares outstanding (mn)	236.3
Market-cap (Rs bn)	175
Market-cap (USD mn)	2,101
Net-debt, FY25E (Rs mn)	49,556
ADTV-3M (mn shares)	1
ADTV-3M (Rs mn)	584.9
ADTV-3M (USD mn)	7.0
Free float (%)	-
Nifty-50	22,523
INR/USD	83.5
Shareholding, Mar-24	
Promoters (%)	42.3
FPIs/MFs (%)	7.4/32.2

Price Performance								
(%) 1M 3M 12I								
Absolute	(6.6)	(11.2)	(17.9)					
Rel. to Nifty	(6.2)	(13.2)	(32.4)					

1-Year share price trend (Rs)



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Exhibit 1: Annual Analysis

Key Assumptions	FY18	FY19	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25E	FY26E	CAGR	(%)
										FY19-24	FY24-26E
Capacity (mt)	16.7	16.7	18.8	19.4	19.4	22.0	23.0	24.0	25.5	6.6	5.3
Volumes (mt)	9.3	11.1	11.2	10.0	11.0	14.8	18.4	19.7	21.1	10.6	7.1
Utilization (%)	56	67	60	51	57	67	80	82	83		
Blended Realization (Rs/ton)	4,728	4,619	4,788	5,278	5,392	5,465	5,097	5,099	5,213	2.0	1.1
EBITDA/ton (Rs)	1,181	959	1,024	1,560	1,168	800	851	885	965	(2.4)	6.5
P&L (Rs bn)											
Revenue	44	52	54	53	60	82	94	100	110	12.7	8.3
EBITDA	11	11	11	16	13	12	16	17	20	8.0	14.1
Adj. Net Profit	6	5	6	8	9	3	4	5	6	(7.5)	31.4
Balance Sheet (Rs bn)											
Equity	41	45	50	57	66	69	72	76	82		
Net Debt	10	15	29	30	38	44	48	50	52		
Net Debt:EBITDA (x)	0.9	1.4	2.6	1.9	2.9	3.7	3.1	2.8	2.5		
Net Debt:Equity (x)	0.2	0.3	0.6	0.5	0.6	0.6	0.7	0.6	0.6		
Cash Flow (Rs bn)											
OCF before WC change	9	9	10	13	10	10	11	11	14		
Change in WC	2	(1)	(3)	5	(0)	3	4	(0)	(0)		
Capex	(5)	(12)	(19)	(18)	(18)	(18)	(19)	(12)	(15)		
FCF	6	(4)	(12)	1	(8)	(5)	(4)	(1)	(2)		
Return ratios (%)											
RoE	14.0	12.3	12.7	15.0	14.3	4.7	5.1	6.1	7.9		
RoCE	9.9	8.7	8.2	9.1	9.4	4.1	5.2	5.8	6.8		
RoIC	11.0	10.4	10.8	12.4	13.7	5.9	6.6	7.0	8.0		
Valuations (x)											
PER							50.8	40.2	29.4		
EV/EBITDA							14.6	13.3	11.5		
EV/ton (USD)							123	118	112		

Source: Company, Emkay Research

Exhibit 2: Annual analysis on per-ton basis

(Rs/ton)	FY18	FY19	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25E	FY26E
Blended realization	4,728	4,619	4,788	5,278	5,392	5,465	5,097	5,099	5,213
YoY (%)	(0.0)	(2.3)	3.7	10.2	2.1	1.4	(6.7)	0.0	2.2
Raw material costs	806	761	780	867	806	906	934	913	919
Power & fuel costs	783	950	938	796	1,257	1,796	1,386	1,362	1,373
Freight costs	997	1,068	1,016	1,028	1,099	1,081	1,062	1,070	1,081
Staff costs	327	304	340	420	394	326	300	305	310
Other expenses	657	599	713	630	711	595	564	564	565
Operating costs	3,570	3,682	3,786	3,741	4,266	4,704	4,246	4,214	4,248
YoY (%)	7.3	3.1	2.8	(1.2)	14.0	10.3	(9.7)	(0.8)	0.8
Blended EBITDA	1,181	959	1,024	1,560	1,168	800	851	885	965
YoY (%)	(17.1)	(18.8)	6.8	52.4	(25.2)	(31.5)	6.3	4.1	9.0

Source: Company, Emkay Research

Exhibit 3: We have an ADD rating with TP of Rs865/share, based on Mar-26E EV/E of 12.5x

EV/E valuation	
Mar-26E EBITDA (Rs bn)	20
EV/E (x)	12.5
Enterprise Value (Rs bn)	254
Net debt (Mar-25E; Rs bn)	50
Equity value (Rs bn)	204
No. of shares (mn)	236
Mar-25E Target Price (Rs/share)	865

Source: Emkay Research

Exhibit 4: One-year forward EV/ton 230 1yr fwd EV/Ton (USD) -Std+1 Mean 210 190 170 S 150 110 90 70 50 May 20. May 24 · May 23 18 May 21 May 15 May 17 May 19 May 22 May May Мау May



Source: Bloomberg, Emkay Research

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The Ramco Cements: Consolidated Financials and Valuations

Profit and Loss					
Y/E Mar (Rs mn)	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25E	FY26E
Revenue	60,037	81,573	93,764	100,377	110,044
Revenue growth (%)	13.5	35.9	14.9	7.1	9.6
EBITDA	12,901	11,856	15,646	17,426	20,370
EBITDA growth (%)	(17.2)	(8.1)	32.0	11.4	16.9
Depreciation & Amortization	4,022	5,060	6,463	6,839	7,392
EBIT	8,878	6,796	9,183	10,587	12,977
EBIT growth (%)	(26.1)	(23.5)	35.1	15.3	22.6
Other operating income	470	569	0	0	0
Other income	280	329	389	393	393
Financial expense	1,124	2,405	4,155	4,372	4,514
PBT	8,034	4,720	5,417	6,608	8,857
Extraordinary items	0	0	0	0	0
Taxes	(894)	1,300	1,481	1,718	2,303
Minority interest	5	2	(35)	(35)	(35)
Income from JV/Associates	(109)	(272)	(370)	(370)	(370)
Reported PAT	8,815	3,145	3,599	4,554	6,218
PAT growth (%)	12.5	(64.3)	14.4	26.5	36.5
Adjusted PAT	8,815	3,145	3,599	4,554	6,218
Diluted EPS (Rs)	37.3	13.3	15.2	19.3	26.3
Diluted EPS growth (%)	12.3	(64.3)	14.4	26.5	36.5
DPS (Rs)	3.0	2.0	2.5	2.5	2.5
Dividend payout (%)	8.0	15.0	16.4	13.0	9.5
EBITDA margin (%)	21.5	14.5	16.7	17.4	18.5
EBIT margin (%)	14.8	8.3	9.8	10.5	11.8
Effective tax rate (%)	(11.1)	27.5	27.3	26.0	26.0
NOPLAT (pre-IndAS)	9,866	4,924	6,671	7,834	9,603
Shares outstanding (mn)	236.3	236.3	236.3	236.3	236.3

Source: Company, E	mkay Research
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Cash Flows					
Y/E Mar (Rs mn)	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25E	FY26E
PBT	8,034	4,720	5,417	6,608	8,857
Others (non-cash items)	(82)	(253)	(209)	0	0
Taxes paid	(1,587)	(327)	(428)	(1,718)	(2,303)
Change in NWC	(163)	2,510	3,657	(143)	(113)
Operating cash flow	11,349	14,114	19,055	15,228	17,618
Capital expenditure	(18,106)	(17,635)	(19,143)	(12,000)	(15,000)
Acquisition of business	(226)	523	(175)	0	0
Interest & dividend income	78	74	92	393	393
Investing cash flow	(18,157)	(16,940)	(19,174)	(11,607)	(14,607)
Equity raised/(repaid)	23	0	0	0	0
Debt raised/(repaid)	8,257	5,790	4,258	1,318	1,928
Payment of lease liabilities	1	0	0	0	0
Interest paid	(1,126)	(2,335)	(4,065)	(4,372)	(4,514)
Dividend paid (incl tax)	0	(710)	(473)	(591)	(591)
Others	0	0	0	0	0
Financing cash flow	7,154	2,745	(280)	(3,645)	(3,177)
Net chg in Cash	346	(81)	(399)	(23)	(166)
OCF	11,349	14,114	19,055	15,228	17,618
Adj. OCF (w/o NWC chg.)	11,512	11,604	15,398	15,372	17,731
FCFF	(6,757)	(3,521)	(87)	3,229	2,617
FCFE	1,501	2,269	4,170	4,546	4,545
OCF/EBITDA (%)	88.0	119.0	121.8	87.4	86.5
FCFE/PAT (%)	17.0	72.1	115.9	99.8	73.1
FCFF/NOPLAT (%)	(68.5)	(71.5)	(1.3)	41.2	27.3

Source:	Company,	Emkay Research	h

Balance Sheet					
Y/E Mar (Rs mn)	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25E	FY26E
Share capital	236	236	236	236	236
Reserves & Surplus	65,950	68,374	72,143	76,106	81,734
Net worth	66,186	68,611	72,379	76,343	81,970
Minority interests	68	70	36	36	36
Deferred tax liability (net)	8,212	9,250	10,268	10,268	10,268
Total debt	39,645	45,213	49,585	50,902	52,830
Total liabilities & equity	114,111	123,144	132,268	137,549	145,104
Net tangible fixed assets	75,953	100,383	118,859	125,350	134,154
Net intangible assets	670	670	670	670	670
Net ROU assets	219	209	219	219	219
Capital WIP	29,922	19,269	13,292	11,963	10,767
Goodwill	0	0	0	0	0
Investments [JV/Associates]	4,275	4,016	4,467	4,467	4,467
Cash & equivalents	1,785	1,703	1,369	1,346	1,180
Current assets (ex-cash)	18,751	19,675	23,820	24,441	27,085
Current Liab. & Prov.	17,464	22,779	30,428	30,906	33,437
NWC (ex-cash)	1,287	(3,105)	(6,608)	(6,465)	(6,352)
Total assets	114,111	123,144	132,268	137,549	145,104
Net debt	37,860	43,510	48,216	49,556	51,650
Capital employed	114,111	123,144	132,268	137,549	145,104
Invested capital	78,130	98,156	113,140	119,773	128,691
BVPS (Rs)	280.1	290.4	306.3	323.1	346.9
Net Debt/Equity (x)	0.6	0.6	0.7	0.6	0.6
Net Debt/EBITDA (x)	2.9	3.7	3.1	2.8	2.5
Interest coverage (x)	8.1	3.0	2.3	2.5	3.0
RoCE (%)	8.6	6.0	7.5	8.1	9.5

Source: Company, Emkay Research

Valuations and Key Ratios								
Y/E Mar	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25E	FY26E			
P/E (x)	19.9	55.8	48.7	38.5	28.2			
P/CE(x)	13.7	21.4	17.4	15.4	12.9			
P/B (x)	2.6	2.6	2.4	2.3	2.1			
EV/Sales (x)	3.6	2.7	2.4	2.3	2.1			
EV/EBITDA (x)	15.5	18.1	14.3	13.3	11.5			
EV/EBIT(x)	24.0	32.2	24.3	22.0	18.1			
EV/IC (x)	2.7	2.2	2.0	1.9	1.8			
FCFF yield (%)	(3.2)	(1.6)	0.0	1.4	1.1			
FCFE yield (%)	0.7	1.0	1.9	2.0	1.9			
Dividend yield (%)	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3			
DuPont-RoE split								
Net profit margin (%)	14.7	3.9	3.8	4.5	5.7			
Total asset turnover (x)	0.6	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.8			
Assets/Equity (x)	1.7	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.8			
RoE (%)	14.3	4.7	5.1	6.1	7.9			
DuPont-RoIC								
NOPLAT margin (%)	16.4	6.0	7.1	7.8	8.7			
IC turnover (x)	0.8	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9			
RoIC (%)	13.3	5.6	6.3	6.7	7.7			
Operating metrics								
Core NWC days	7.8	(13.9)	(25.7)	(23.5)	(21.1)			
Total NWC days	7.8	(13.9)	(25.7)	(23.5)	(21.1)			
Fixed asset turnover	0.5	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6			
Opex-to-revenue (%)	63.7	69.0	65.0	64.7	63.9			

Source: Company, Emkay Research

RECOMMENDATION HISTORY - DETAILS

Date	Closing Price (INR)	TP (INR)	Rating	Analyst
22-May-24	774	865	Add	Dharmesh Shah
01-Apr-24	846	950	Reduce	Dharmesh Shah
04-Mar-24	848	950	Reduce	Dharmesh Shah
09-Feb-24	902	950	Reduce	Dharmesh Shah
05-Jan-24	1,028	1,080	Reduce	Dharmesh Shah
30-Nov-23	994	990	Reduce	Dharmesh Shah
30-Nov-23	994	990	Hold	Dharmesh Shah
09-Nov-23	1,022	990	Hold	Dharmesh Shah
28-Sep-23	909	880	Hold	Dharmesh Shah
18-Sep-23	886	880	Hold	Dharmesh Shah
07-Aug-23	874	880	Hold	Dharmesh Shah
03-Jun-23	915	880	Hold	Dharmesh Shah
19-May-23	844	880	Hold	Dharmesh Shah
04-May-23	754	715	Hold	Dharmesh Shah
02-Mar-23	726	715	Hold	Dharmesh Shah
07-Feb-23	701	715	Hold	Dharmesh Shah
05-Feb-23	683	670	Hold	Dharmesh Shah
29-Dec-22	700	670	Hold	Dharmesh Shah
05-Dec-22	692	670	Hold	Dharmesh Shah
09-Nov-22	704	670	Hold	Dharmesh Shah
05-Nov-22	727	710	Hold	Dharmesh Shah
04-Oct-22	757	710	Hold	Dharmesh Shah
04-Oct-22 04-Sep-22	748	710	Hold	Dharmesh Shah
04-Sep-22 01-Aug-22	752	710	Hold	Dharmesh Shah
01-Aug-22 04-Jul-22	645	650	Hold	Dharmesh Shah
28-Jun-22	628	650	Hold	Dharmesh Shah
23-May-22	680	770	Hold	Dharmesh Shah
16-Mar-22	750		Hold	Dharmesh Shah
25-Jan-22	750 861	1,050		Dharmesh Shah
25-Jan-22 31-Dec-21			Buy	Dharmesh Shah
02-Dec-21	1,004 951	1,200	Buy	Dharmesh Shah
02-Dec-21 26-Oct-21		1,200	Buy	
	1,015	1,200	Buy	Dharmash Shah
05-Sep-21	1,047	1,175	Hold	Dharmash Shah
28-Jul-21	1,041	1,175	Hold	Dharmesh Shah
06-Jun-21	987	1,020	Hold	Dharmesh Shah

Source: Company, Emkay Research

RECOMMENDATION HISTORY - TREND



Source: Company, Bloomberg, Emkay Research

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