JSW Steel

Scouting overseas for coking coal security

Standalone operations in line; subsidiaries outperform

JSW Steel's (JSTL IN) Q4 consolidated net sales dipped ~2% YoY but grew ~10% QoQ to ~INR 456bn. EBITDA fell ~23% YoY/15% QoQ to ~INR 61bn. Adjusted PAT declined ~65% YoY/46% QoQ to ~INR 13bn. Net debt stood at ~INR 739bn as of March 2024 versus ~INR 593bn as of March 2023 and ~INR 792bn as of December 2023.

EBITDA/tonne down ~25% YoY and ~24% QoQ

Consolidated sales volume grew ~3% YoY/12% QoQ to 6.73mn tonnes. Realization fell ~4% YoY/2% QoQ to INR 67,825/tonne. Operating cost rose ~3% QoQ but was flat YoY at INR 59,651/tonne. Thus, EBITDA/tonne contracted ~25% YoY/24% QoQ to INR 9,100.

JSTL aims for 50mn tonne capacity in India by FY31

JSTL's current capacity in India, including 6.5mn tonnes under commissioning, is 34.7mn tonnes and may increase to ~37mn tonnes by FY25. By September 2027, JSTL aims to reach 42mn tonnes through the addition of 5mn tonnes at its Maharashtra-based Dolvi unit and 0.3mn tonnes at JSW Ispat Special Products (JISPL). Further, JSTL targets to reach a capacity of 50mn tonnes by FY31. Key potential future expansions include: 1) brownfield expansion of ~5mn tonnes each at Bhushan Power & Steel (BPSL) and at the Vijayanagar plant in Karnataka, 2) a 4mn tonne green steel capacity in two phases, 3) a greenfield electric arc furnace (EAF) plant at Kadapa in Andhra Pradesh and 4) a greenfield expansion of ~13mn tonnes capacity in Odisha.

Valuation: reiterate Accumulate with a higher TP of INR 959

JSTL seems well positioned to post healthy volume growth, led by phase-wise completion of ongoing expansion projects. In H1FY25, JSTL is also expected to benefit from softening in coking coal prices. Further, focusing on various cost-saving initiatives and value-added products bode well for margin. Thus, we reiterate **Accumulate.** We lower our FY25E/26E EBITDA by ~17%/14%, respectively, to factor in weak steel prices and delayed ramp-up in new capacity. However, as we roll over to March 2026E from December 2025E, we up our TP to INR 959 from INR 909, based on 7x (unchanged) March 2026E EV/EBITDA.

Rating: Accumulate

Target Price: INR 959

Upside: 6%

CMP: INR 907 (as on 17 May 2024)

Key data*

Bloomberg /Reuters Code:	JSTL IN/JSTL.BO
Current /Dil. Shares O/S (mn)	2,445/2,445
Mkt Cap (INR bn/USD mn)	2,219/26,624
Daily Vol. (3M NSE Avg.)	2,609,281
Face Value (INR)	1
1 USD = INR 83.3	

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Note: *as on 17 May 2024; Source: Bloomberg

Price & Volume



Shareholding (%)	Q1FY24	Q2FY24	Q3FY24	Q4FY24
Promoter	45.4	44.8	44.8	44.8
Institutional Investors	35.6	35.6	35.8	35.9
Other Investors	11.8	12.2	12.2	12.0
General Public	7.2	7.4	7.2	7.3
Source: BSE				
Price performance	(%)	ЗM	6M	12M
Nifty		1.9	13.9	23.6

Price performance (%)	3M	6M	12M
Nifty	1.9	13.9	23.6
JSW Steel	10.7	18.0	30.5
SAIL	31.0	86.9	101.6
Tata Steel	17.6	33.7	57.9
Jindal Steel	32.0	56.9	90.8
Source: Bloomborg			

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YE March (INR mn)	Q4FY24	Q4FY23	YoY (%)	Q3FY24	QoQ (%)	Q4FY24E	Var (%)
Net Sale	456,460	463,460	(1.5)	413,370	10.4	437,085	4.4
Operating Expenses	401,450	390,230	2.9	347,600	15.5	386,196	3.9
% of Sales	87.9	84.2		84.1		88.4	
EBITDA	61,240	79,390	(22.9)	71,800	(14.7)	55,713	9.9
EBITDA Margins (%)	13.4	17.1		17.4		12.7	
Other Income	2,420	4,650	(48.0)	1,940	24.7	2,840	(14.8)
Interest	20,620	21,380	(3.6)	19,960	3.3	20,359	1.3
Depreciation	21,940	20,090	9.2	20,590	6.6	20,796	5.5
PBT	20,120	42,490	(52.6)	33,030		17,238	16.7
Тах	6,900	5,080	35.8	8,530	(19.1)	6,033	14.4
Effective Tax Rate (%)	34.3	12.0		25.8		35.0	
Adjusted PAT	12,990	36,640	(64.5)	24,150	(46.2)	10,855	19.7
Reported PAT	12,990	36,640	(64.5)	24,150	(46.2)	10,855	19.7
NPM (%)	2.8	7.9		5.8		2.5	

Key fin	ancials										
YE	Revenue	YoY	EBITDA	EBITDA	Adj PAT	YoY	Fully DEPS	RoE	RoCE	P/BV	EV/EBITDA
March	(INR mn)	(%)	(INR mn)	margin (%)	(INR mn)	(%)	(INR)	(%)	(%)	(X)	(X)
FY23	1,636,460	13.8	185,470	11.3	37,303	(82.0)	15.5	5.6	7.8	3.3	14.9
FY24P	1,725,880	5.5	282,360	16.4	83,997	125.2	34.4	11.7	12.5	3.1	10.4
FY25E	1,849,835	7.2	326,183	17.6	112,326	33.7	46.0	13.2	13.2	2.6	8.7
FY26E	2,113,501	14.3	386,811	18.3	152,585	35.8	62.5	15.2	15.2	2.2	7.3

Note: pricing as on 17 May 2024; Source: Company, Elara Securities Estimate

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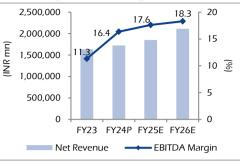
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Consolidated Financials (YE March)

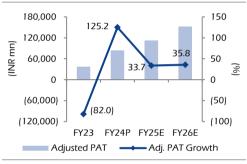
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Income Statement (INR mn)	FY23	FY24P	FY25E	FY26E
Net Revenue	1,636,460	1,725,880	1,849,835	2,113,501
Operating profit	162,330	258,180	300,583	356,989
Add:- Other operating Income	23,140	24,180	25,600	29,822
EBITDA	185,470	282,360	326,183	386,811
Less :- Depreciation & Amortization	74,740	81,720	89,204	92,867
Add: Other income	10,300	10,040	11,870	13,391
EBIT	121,030	210,680	248,849	307,334
Less:- Interest Expenses	69,020	81,050	78,821	77,326
Add/Less: - Extra-ordinaries & Share of joint venture	4,540	4,170	(1,720)	(1,720)
PBT	56,550	133.800	168,308	228,289
Less :- Taxes	15,160	44,070	54,285	, 73,408
Reported PAT	41,390	89,730	114,023	154,881
Minority Interest/share of profits of JV	50	(1,610)	(1,698)	(2,296)
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Reported PAT after Minority Interest	41,440	88,120	112,326	152,585
Adjusted PAT	37,303	83,997	112,326	152,585
Balance Sheet (INR mn)	FY23	FY24P	FY25E	FY26E
Share Capital	3,010	3,050	3,050	3,050
Reserves & others	653,940	773,640	919,561	1,076,721
Minority Interest	13,440 788,420	21,070	22,768	25,064
Borrowings Deferred Tax (Net)	788,420 79,360	855,750 96,590	861,200 99,556	816,650 102,613
Other liabilities	41,740	53,440	56,151	59,236
Total Liabilities	1,579,910	1,803,540	1,962,285	2,083,334
Gross Block	1,391,480	1,549,790	1,825,790	1,926,790
Less:- Accumulated Depreciation	346,650	428,370	517,574	610,441
Net Block	1,044,830	1,121,420	1,308,216	1,316,349
Add:- Capital work in progress	219,210	292,160	212,660	342,160
Goodwill	1,280	6,390	6,390	6,390
Non-current investments	48,870	73,830	73,830	73,830
Net Working Capital	(56,560)	43,390	(4,175)	(24,790)
Cash & current investments	207,190	123,510	230,546	220,297
Other assets	115,090	142,840	134,818	149,098
Total Assets	1,579,910	1,803,540	1,962,285	2,083,334
Cash Flow Statement (INR mn)	FY23	FY24P	FY25E	FY26E
Cash profit adjusted for non-cash items	202,180	256,930	273,143	314,741
Add/Less: Working Capital Changes	31,050	(136,150)	47,565	20,615
Operating Cash Flow	233,230	120,780	320,708	335,356
Less:- Capex	(142,890)	(155,470)	(196,500)	(230,500)
Free Cash Flow				(, ,
	90,340	(34,690)	124,208	104,856
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Revenue growth & margin trend



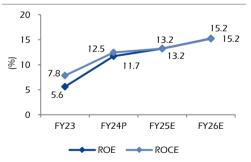
Source: Company, Elara Securities Estimate

Adjusted profit growth trend



Source: Company, Elara Securities Estimate

Return ratios



Source: Company, Elara Securities Estimate

Note: pricing as on 17 May 2024; Source: Company, Elara Securities Estimate

Other highlights

- The 5mn tonne hot strip mill at Vijayanagar in Karnataka was commissioned in March 2024. Commissioning of entire integrated facility is likely by July 2024, with ramp-up expected by end-Q3FY25.
- Phase II expansion at BPSL from 3.5mn tonnes to 5.0mn tonnes is almost complete and gradual rampup is expected by end-Q2FY25.
- JSTL incurred a consolidated capex of ~INR 35bn in Q4FY24 and ~INR 167.5bn in FY24.
- Consolidated capex guidance for FY25 is INR 200bn.
- JSTL has acquired a Mozambique-based coking coal mine, Minas de Revuboe Limitada (MDR) with access

Exhibit 1: Standalone results

YE March (INR mn) Q4FY24 Q4FY23 YoY (%) **Q3FY24** QoQ (%) Net sale 349,100 367,520 (5.0) 328,920 6.1 Operating expenses 308,990 309,060 (0.0) 275,310 12.2 % of sales 88.5 84.1 83.7 EBITDA 44,420 62,470 (28.9) 57,790 (23.1) EBITDA margins (%) 12.7 17.0 17.6 Other income 4.510 5.520 (18.3) 3.860 16.8 Interest 15,690 15,560 0.8 15,510 1.2 Depreciation 14,600 13.050 11.9 13,510 8.1 РВТ 16,240 39,380 (58.8) 32,630 (50.2) Тах 6,170 11,000 (43.9) 8,470 (27.2) Effective tax rate (%) 38.0 27.9 26.0 Adjusted PAT 11,750 28,380 (58.6) 24,160 (51.4)Reported PAT 10,070 28,380 (64.5)24,160 (58.3) NPM (%) 7.7 7.3 3.4

Source: Company, Elara Securities Research

Exhibit 2: Operational highlights

Consolidated	Q4FY24	Q4FY23	YoY (%)	Q3FY24	QoQ (%)
Sales volume (mn tonnes)	6.7	6.5	3.1	6.0	12.2
Realization per tonne (INR)	67,825	70,974	(4.4)	68,895	(1.6)
EBITDA per tonne (INR)	9,100	12,158	(25.2)	11,967	(24.0)
Source: Company, Elara Securities Research					

Exhibit 3: Change in estimates

(INR mn)	Earlier		Revised		% Chg	
	FY25E	FY26E	FY25E	FY26E	FY25E	FY26E
Revenue	2,055,078	2,283,720	1,849,835	2,113,501	(10.0)	(7.5)
EBITDA	392,572	448,828	326,183	386,811	(16.9)	(13.8)
PAT	158,279	195,327	112,326	152,585	(29.0)	(21.9)
TP (INR)		909		959		5.5

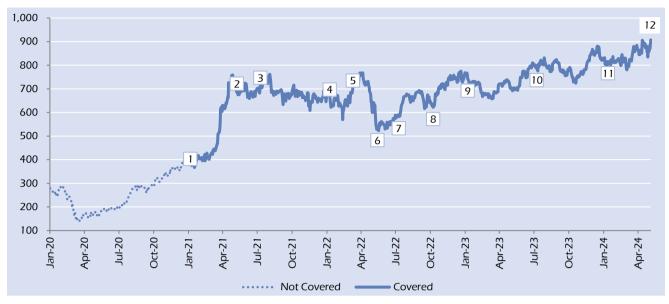
Source: Elara Securities Estimate

to >800mn tonnes of premium hard coking coal reserves.

 About 30mn tonnes slurry pipeline in Odisha is likely to be commissioned in FY27.

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21-May-2021	Accumulate	INR 759	INR 698
23-July-2021	Accumulate	INR 799	INR 718
21-Jan-2022	Accumulate	INR 752	INR 666
23-Mar-2022	Accumulate	INR 826	INR 704
27-May-2022	Accumulate	INR 604	INR 548
22-Jul-2022	Accumulate	INR 634	INR 582
21-Oct-2022	Accumulate	INR 673	INR 622
20-Jan-2023	Accumulate	INR 793	INR 741
20-July-2023	Accumulate	INR 867	INR 786
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