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Coal India 03 May 2024

EBITDA miss on higher costs, but reversal in OBR accounting policy boosts PAT

Coal India's (COAL) 4QFY24 net revenue of Rs 374bn (-2% YoY, +3% QoQ) was 4% above our estimate, as e-auction premium over fuel supply agreements (FSA) price came higher than we had expected. EBITDA at Rs 98.4bn (+14% YoY, -18% QoQ) fell 12% short of our estimate as contractual and other expenses were higher. However, PAT at Rs 86.4bn (+26%,-15% YoY/QoQ) surpassed our estimate by 16% as the company reversed its stripping activity provision. As per its revised accounting policy, the existing advance stripping balance has been considered as a stripping activity asset under PP&E, which it expects to amortize over the remaining useful life of the respective mines. With the reversal of stripping activity, provision was credited to the profit and loss account, leaving a balance of Rs 613bn to be reversed in subsequent periods. During the quarter, COAL realized Rs 2,545/t (-44%/-23% YoY/QoQ) through e-auction, a premium of 66% over FSA prices. COAL recorded a dispatch of 202mt (+8% YoY, +5% QoQ) in 4QFY24, with the cost of production rising to Rs 1,368/t during this period (-13%/+8% YoY/QoQ). The company incurred a total capital expenditure of Rs 163.8bn in FY24, 15% higher than Rs 142.1bn in FY23. Full-year production at 773mt was 3mt higher than its revised guidance of 770mt, while annual dispatch was up 8.4% YoY at 753mt. Eauction premiums for the full year averaged ~99%. We estimate sales of 815mt/855mt for FY25E/FY26E, respectively. We have retained our EBITDA for FY26E, but raised FY25E/FY26E PAT by 33%/37%, respectively, to factor in the revision in accounting policy. We value COAL at 5x FY26E EV/EBITDA, with a revised target price of Rs 458/share (Rs 477 earlier), adjusting for the lower cash balance in FY24.

Higher coal stocks at power plants could reduce offtake in FY25

During FY24, the company supplied 618mt of coal to the power sector, increasing 5.4% YoY, 8mt higher than its assigned commitment for the year. Its supplies to the non-power sector grew by 25% YoY to 135mt. We attribute the higher volumes during the year to better quality supplies, grade conformity of over 76% (versus 70% last year) as well as better rake availability; on average, COAL loaded 292.2 rakes/day in FY24 as against 273.6 rakes/day in FY23. The company has guided lower production and offtake of 838mt for FY25 versus 850mt previously, primarily due to rising coal stocks at power plants. All India closing coal stocks at power plants increased by another 6mt MoM in March following a similar MoM increase (~5.2mt) in February. Coal stocks at power plants and demand from non-power sectors (primarily cement and steel) are key monitorables for COAL, in the light of the stabilizing e-auction premiums and an unlikely FSA price revision in the near term. Maintain HOLD.

RESULT UPDATE

Sector: Metals & Mining Rating: HOLD CMP: Rs 454 Target Price: Rs 458

Stock Info	
Sensex/Nifty	74,611/22,648
Bloomberg	COAL IN
Equity shares (mn)	6,163
52-wk High/Low	Rs 488/223
Face value	Rs 10
M-Cap	Rs 2,800bn/USD 33.6bn

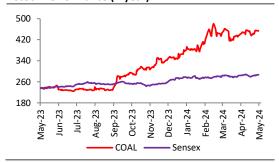
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Y/E Mar	FY24	FY25E	FY26E
Sales	1,423	1,445	1,520
EBITDA	418	465	480
PAT	374	376	393
EPS (Rs)	60.6	61.0	63.9
P/E (x)	7.5	7.2	7.1
EV/EBITDA (x)	5.7	5.1	5.0
RoE (%)	71.9	52.4	42.4
RoCE (%)	37.4	33.0	27.7
Dividend yield (%)	5.6	5.6	4.2

Shareholding Pattern (%)

Mar'24	Dec'23	Sep'23
63.1	63.1	63.1
-	-	-
8.4	8.6	7.8
23.2	23.1	24.1
5.3	5.2	5.0
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Stock Performance (1-year)



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Exhibit 1: Quarterly snapshot

(Rs bn)	4QFY23	1QFY24	2QFY24	3QFY24	4QFY24
Net revenues	382	360	328	362	374
YoY change (%)					-2
QoQ change (%)					3
EBITDA	86	112	89	119	98
YoY change (%)					14
QoQ change (%)					-18
EBITDA Margin (%)	23	31	27	33	26
Net earnings (adjusted)	69	79	68	102	86
YoY change (%)					26
QoQ change (%)					-15

Source: Systematix Institutional Research

Exhibit 2: Quarterly production rises QoQ

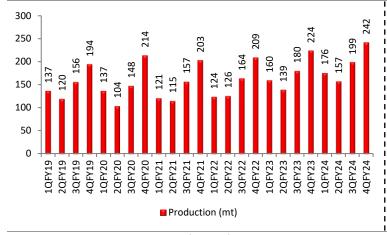
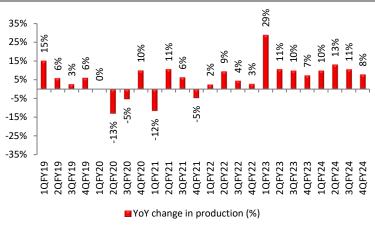


Exhibit 3: YoY change in production



Source: Company, Systematix Institutional Research

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Exhibit 4: Quarterly dispatches rise QoQ

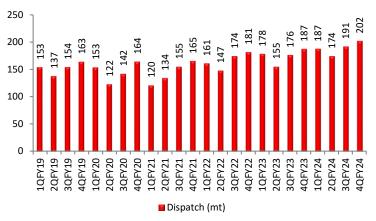
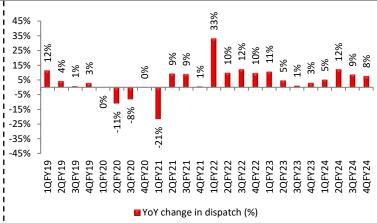


Exhibit 5: YoY change in dispatches



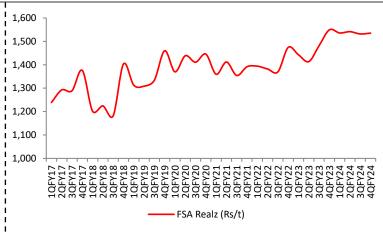
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Exhibit 6: E-auction realisation declines YoY in 4QFY24

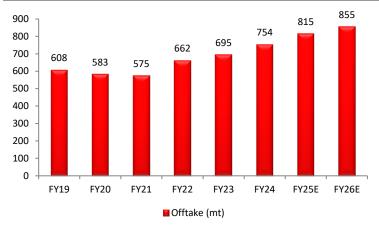
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Exhibit 7: FSA realisation stable during the quarter



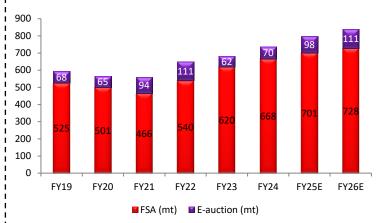
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Exhibit 8: Coal offtake to grow gradually...



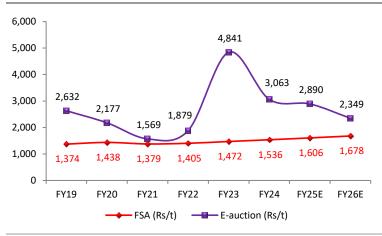
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Exhibit 9: ...with rising mix of e-auction sales



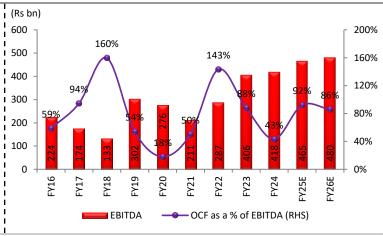
Source: Company, Systematix Institutional Research

Exhibit 10: E-auction realisations may revert to historical levels in near-term



Source: Company, Systematix Institutional Research

Exhibit 11: Cash conversion to improve gradually



Source: Thompson research, Systematix Institutional Research

Exhibit 12: Free cash flow low in FY24 but may rise ahead

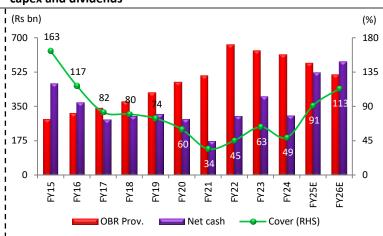
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Exhibit 13: Cash at comfortable levels for OBR provisions despite capex and dividends



Source: Company, Systematix Institutional Research

FY18

(Rs bn)

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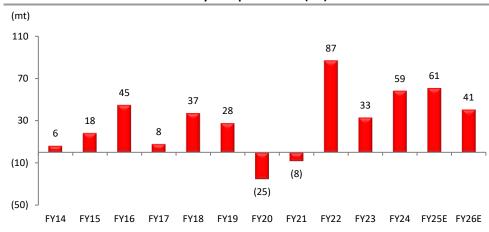
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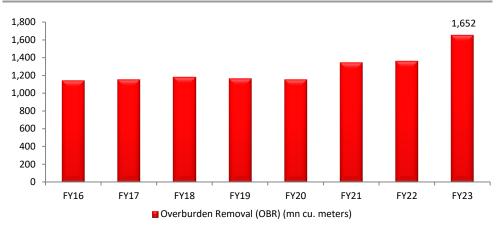
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Exhibit 14: Incremental offtake likely to taper vs FY22 (mt)



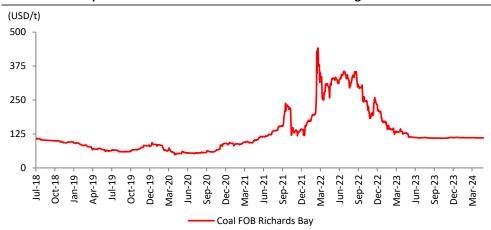
Source: Company, Systematix Institutional Research

Exhibit 15: Annual OBR reached all-time high in FY23



Source: Company, Systematix Institutional Research

Exhibit 16: Coal prices stabilise at lower levels after massive surge in Mar '22



Source: Company, Systematix Institutional Research

Exhibit 17: Key assumptions

	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25E	FY26E
Raw coal production (mt)	596	623	703	774	832	865
YoY growth rate (%)	-1.0%	5.0%	4.0%	5.0%	4.0%	4.0%
Raw coal off-take (mt)	575	662	695	754	815	855
YoY growth rate (%)	-1.4%	15.2%	5.0%	8.4%	8.1%	5.0%
Avg realization of all coal (Rs/t)	1,562	1,524	1,830	1,867	1,774	1,777
YoY growth rate (%)	-0.1%	-2.5%	20.1%	2.0%	-5.0%	0.2%
Number of employees	2,59,016	2,48,550	2,39,210	2,32,034	2,25,073	2,18,479

Source: Systematix Institutional Research

Exhibit 18: COAL Valuation: EV/EBITDA method (FY26E)

	Discount	EBITDA	Multiple	Enterprise Value	Per Share
	(%)	(Rs bn)	(x)	(Rs bn)	(Rs)
EBITDA		480.4	5.0	2,402	390
Less Net Debt				(272)	(44)
Add: CWIP				147	24
Equity value				2,821	458
Target price per share				458	

Source: Systematix Institutional Research

Exhibit 19: Revised estimates

(Rs bn)	Previous		New		% Change	
	FY25E	FY26E	FY25E	FY26E	FY25E	FY26E
Revenue	1,337	1,465	1,445	1,520	8%	4%
EBITDA	431	484	465	480	8%	-1%
PAT	282	287	376	393	33%	37%

Source: Systematix Institutional Research

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Profit & Loss Statement

YE: Mar (Rs bn)	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25E	FY26E
Net revenues	1,097	1,383	1,423	1,445	1,520
Expenditure	811	976	1,005	980	1,040
EBITDA	287	406	418	465	480
Depreciation	44	68	67	51	63
Other Income	39	66	80	58	43
EBIT	242	338	351	414	418
Interest cost	5	7	8	7	8
Exceptionals	-	-	-	-	-
PBT	236	433	488	508	514
Taxes	62	116	114	132	120
Adjusted PAT	174	317	374	376	393
No of Shares (mn)	6,163	6,163	6,163	6,163	6,163
Adj. EPS (Rs/share)	28.3	51.5	60.6	61.0	63.9

Source: Company, Systematix Institutional Research

Balance Sheet

YE: Mar (Rs bn)	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25E	FY26E
Share capital	62	62	62	62	62
Reserves & Surplus	370	547	766	966	1,217
Networth	431	608	827	1,028	1,279
Minority Interest	7	8	9	9	9
Total Debt	33	41	63	63	63
Other LT Liabilities	892	879	872	829	768
Total Sources	1,935	2,224	2,377	2,543	2,765
Net Block	559	570	679	625	734
Net Deferred Tax	41	28	31	32	34
Other Assets	64	96	138	140	147
CWIP	127	153	147	147	147
Cash & bank balances	300	399	302	521	579
Inventories	71	82	102	81	85
Receivables	114	131	133	139	146
Other Current Assets	269	314	352	359	366
Current Assets	928	1,081	1,039	1,251	1,337
Current Liabilities	572	688	613	622	654
Net Working Capital	356	393	426	629	683
Total Assets	1,935	2,224	2,377	2,543	2,765

Source: Company, Systematix Institutional Research

Cash Flow

YE: Mar (Rs bn)	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25E	FY26E
PBT	236	433	488	508	514
Add: Depreciation	44	68	67	51	63
Add: Interest	(14)	(32)	(39)	-	-
Less : Taxes Paid	(56)	(97)	(117)	(119)	(120)
Add: Other Adjustments	33	(41)	(56)	(36)	(53)
Less: WC changes	167	27	(162)	24	10
Total OCF	411	357	181	428	413
OCF w/o WC changes	244	331	343	404	403
Capital Expenditure	(117)	(142)	(164)	(188)	(204)
Changes in investments	(128)	(136)	82	(10)	(17)
Interest/ Dividends recd	11	27	29	(1)	(2)
Total ICF	(234)	(251)	(53)	(198)	(223)
Free Cash Flow	127	189	179	217	199
Share Issuances	-	-	-	-	-
Change in Borrowings	(1)	0	(0)	(43)	(61)
Dividends	(108)	(143)	(151)	(188)	(143)
Interest Payments	-	(0)	(1)	7	8
Others	-	-	-	-	-
Total Financing CF	(109)	(144)	(152)	(224)	(196)
Net change in cash	68	(37)	(23)	6	(7)
Opening Cash & CE	49	118	80	57	63
Closing Cash & CE	118	80	57	63	56

Source: Company, Systematix Institutional Research

Ratios

YE: Mar	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25E	FY26E
YoY growth in Revenue	22	26	3	2	5
YoY growth in EBITDA	36	42	3	11	3
YoY growth in NI	37	82	14	4	5
Effective Tax rate	26	27	26	26	23
EBITDA Margin	26	29	29	32	32
PAT Margin	16	23	25	26	26
ROCE	44.9	47.6	36.2	33.0	27.7
Net Debt/Equity (x)	(0.7)	(0.7)	(0.4)	(0.5)	(0.5)
Per Share Numbers (Rs):					
Reported Earnings	28	51	59	61	64
Dividend	18	20	26	25	19
Free Cash	48	35	3	39	34
Book Value	70	99	134	167	207
Valuations (x)					
P/E	16.1	8.8	7.5	7.2	7.1
EV/EBITDA	5.9	5.9	5.7	5.1	5.0
EV/Sales	2.2	1.7	1.7	1.6	1.6

Source: Company, Systematix Institutional Research

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