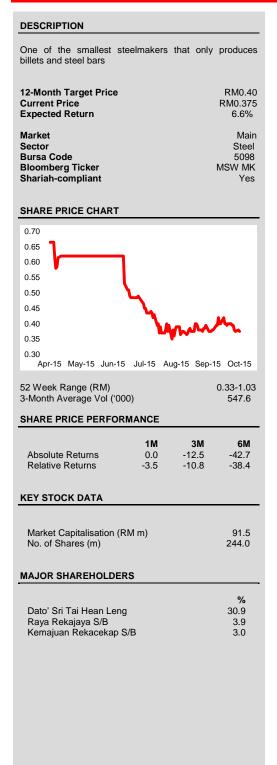
PublicInvest Research Company Update

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MALAYSIA STEEL WORKS (KL)

Neutral



New Rolling Mill

We recently visited Malaysia Steel Works' (Masteel) new rolling mill in Bukit Raja, Klang and came away with some positive updates. The rolling plant has started operating since last month and is expected to generate better contribution to the Group in the last quarter of this year. Also, the Malaysian steel industry has been pushing for tighter measures on steel product imports in efforts to curb stiff competition, particularly from China. Nevertheless, we think the outlook remains challenging in the short term and will need to take a while for the industry to flush out the cheaper-priced steel imports. Hence, we maintain our *Neutral* call with an unchanged TP of RM0.40 based on P/B of 0.2x.

- § Expecting narrower loss in the upcoming results. We expect 3QFY15 to be another loss-making quarter mainly due to stiff competition from steel bar imports. 3QFY15's average steel bar price was around USD353/mt (QoQ: -7.8%, YoY: -28%). We understand that the spread between China's imports and local price is around RM100/mt (based on current exchange rate). Currently, about 50% of the Group's revenue is derived from dealers while 20% comes from MRT-related projects. The company also exports about 10% of its production overseas, which will likely benefit the company through foreign exchange gains.
- § Stricter regulations in the pipeline. Besides pushing for a 5% import duty on steel bars and stricter enforcement on illegal use of non-Malaysian standard compliance steel products, the local steel industry is also looking toward the implementation of a 35% safe guard duty to protect local interests. It will be tabled in November and will be on a retrospective basis once it is successfully imposed.
- New rolling mill has started operating after 2-1/2 years of construction. The new 150,000 mt rolling mill, which costs about RM120m, will increase the total rolling capacity to 600,000mt and which can be expanded by another 100,000 mt in the future. The new rolling mill will produce Y10, Y12 and Y16 (small diameter) premium steel bars, which will fetch higher margins (additional RM100 on the selling price). We expect to see additional sales contributions from the new rolling mill in 4Q this year. Meanwhile, based on current steel bar prices, we expect the additional capacity will help improve the Group's sales by 10%-17% in FY16-17.

KEY FINANCIAL SUMMARY								
FYE Dec (RM m)	2013A	2014A	2015F	2016F	2017F	CAGR		
Revenue	1,375.4	1,456.3	1,250.8	1,379.3	1,547.5	3.0%		
Gross Profit	47.8	44.6	-25.1	-11.3	2.5	-52.0%		
Pre-tax Profit	30.7	28.1	-42.5	-29.3	-16.0			
Core Net Profit	27.0	15.8	-31.9	-22.0	-12.0			
Diluted EPS (Sen)	8.9	6.5	-13.0	-9.0	-4.9			
P/E (x)	3.4	5.7	-2.8	-4.1	-7.6			
DPS (Sen)	1.0	1.3	1.0	1.0	1.0			
Dividend Yield (%)	2.4	3.5	2.7	2.7	2.7			

Source: Company, PublicInvest Research estimates

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Figure 1: New Rolling in Bukit Raja, Klang (Capacity: 150,000mt)







Overview of Stack & Furnace Area



Billet Charging Area



Rolling Mill Area



Cooling Bed



Billet Storage Area

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Temp Core System

Source: Company, PublicInvest Research

KEY FINANCIAL DATA

INCOME STATEMENT DATA					
FYE Dec (RM m)	2013A	2014A	2015F	2016F	2017F
Revenue	1,375.4	1,456.3	1,250.8	1,379.3	1,547.5
Gross Profit	45.7	98.6	10.0	27.6	46.4
Finance Cost	47.8	44.6	-25.1	-11.3	2.5
Others	-17.2	-16.1	-17.4	-18.0	-18.5
Pre-tax Profit	30.7	28.1	-42.5	-29.3	-16.0
Income Tax	-1.9	-12.3	10.6	7.3	4.0
Effective Tax Rate (%)	6.2	43.8	25.0	25.0	25.0
Core Net Profit	28.8	15.8	-31.9	-22.0	-12.0
Growth (%)					
Revenue	4.8	5.9	-14.1	10.3	12.2
Gross Profit	18.9	1.1	-156.2	-54.9	-122.5
Core Net Profit	22.6	-41.5	-301.8	-31.1	-45.5

Source: Company, PublicInvest Research estimates

BALANCE SHEET DATA					
FYE Dec (RM m)	2013A	2014A	2015F	2016F	2017F
Fixed assets	482.3	536.7	524.0	511.1	497.8
Other long-term assets	8.8	8.9	8.0	8.0	8.0
Cash at Bank	45.9	42.2	52.7	23.7	-3.4
Other current assets	477.9	501.4	442.0	485.0	541.8
Total Assets	1,014.9	1,089.2	1,026.7	1,027.7	1,044.2
ST Borrowings	264.0	278.7	278.7	278.7	278.7
LT Borrowings	25.2	34.5	44.5	54.5	64.5
Payables	170.6	189.7	173.4	188.9	209.7
Total Liabilities	459.8	502.9	496.6	522.1	552.9
Shareholders' Equity	555.0	576.8	530.2	505.7	491.3
Total Equity and Liabilities	1,014.9	1,079.7	1,026.7	1,027.7	1,044.2

Source: Company, PublicInvest Research estimates

PER SHARE DATA & RATIOS					
FYE Dec	2013A	2014A	2015F	2016F	2017F
Book Value Per Share	1.7	2.4	2.2	2.1	2.0
NTA Per Share (Sen)	1.7	2.4	2.2	2.1	2.0
EPS (sen)	8.9	6.5	-13.0	-9.0	-4.9
DPS (sen)	1.0	1.3	1.0	1.0	1.0
Payout Ratio (%)	5.6	26.6	0.0	0.0	0.0
ROA (%)	2.8	1.5	-3.1	-2.1	-1.1
ROE (%)	5.2	2.7	-6.0	-4.3	-2.4

Source: Company, PublicInvest Research estimates



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STOCKS

OUTPERFORM The stock return is expected to exceed a relevant benchmark's total of 10% or higher over the next 12months.

NEUTRAL The stock return is expected to be within +/- 10% of a relevant benchmark's return over the next 12 months.

UNDERPERFORM The stock return is expected to be below a relevant benchmark's return by -10% over the next 12 months.

TRADING BUY The stock return is expected to exceed a relevant benchmark's return by 5% or higher over the next 3 months but the

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