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COROMANDEL INTERNATIONAL

CMP:RS 422

TRGT:RS 500

TIME HORIZON: 1 YEAR

Coromandel International is looking a good buy, with company having posted better earnings for Q1FY19. while Q2 is strongest quarter for Coromandel seasonally and earnings will remain strong with near normal monsoon. Company has achieved Revenue growth of 5% QoQ and 12% YoY at Rs 2,529 cr, while EBITDA rose by 16% QoQ and 26% YoY at Rs 214 cr, with EBITDA margin expanding to 8.5% from 7.7% QoQ and 7.5% YoY. Consequently, PAT grew by 24% YoY to Rs90.5 cr, leading to an EPS of Rs 3.09 for Q1FY19. The outlook for the remaining kharif season remains positive. July has witnessed normal rainfall across the country that has led to good of take of fertiliseRs With reservoir levels (especially in key market of south India) having increased to 58%, against 25% of same period last year, Coromandel is set to benefit due to its dominant position in southern states of AP and Telengana. Concerns on gross margins have also been addressed with the consecutive price hikes taken in last few months. In Crop Protection, the management has indicated that mancozeb inventory in Brazil has started to ease and thus expects better volume growth in FY19. The company has launched 5 new products across various segments which should help maintain growth momentum. The company expects to launch few more differentiated molecules in crop protection segment in the coming yeaRs The Q2FY19 contract for Phos Acid have been signed at USS758/MT, which is higher by 28% YoY and 4%QoQ, however, management has guided for stable margins given the company's ability to pass on the cost increases to the market +DAP prices increase of 27% in the last six months +16% increase in government subsidy. Also, higher production of captive Phos Acid and enhanced capacity utilization have led to improved operating leverage. Further, New Phos Acid Brownfield expansion is underway at Vizag and is expected to be completed by Q2FY20. This plant will add 0.1 mn MT of additional capacity, thus taking the total Phos Acid capacity to 0.35 MTPA (The company's total Phos Acid demand is 0.85 MTPA). Management has mentioned that captive Phos Acid gives a delta of -USS100/MT over imported Phos Acid. The company is also looking at further augmenting its Mancozeb capacity at Dahei, as It continues to witness healthy demand. For this purpose, the company has earmarked Rs 100 cr for additional 10,000 MT capacity of Mancozeb at Dahej (Current Mancozeb capacity is 35,000MT). On an estimated EPS of Rs 26 for FY19, stock is trading at PE of 16x, which is seen attractive, with company being part of Murugappa Group with promoter stake of -62% and Institutional Holding of 16%. Share ruling at Rs 422 can move to Rs 500 in 1 year period.

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