

Hindalco Industries (HNDL IN)

Rating: BUY | CMP: Rs702 | TP: Rs804

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Change in Estimates

	Current		Prev	vious
	FY26E	FY27E	FY26E	FY27E
Rating	В	JY	В	UY
Target Price	8	04	6	96
Sales (Rs. bn)	2,543	2,688	2,543	2,688
% Chng.	-	-		
EBITDA (Rs. bn)	316	340	316	340
% Chng.	-	-		
EPS (Rs.)	69.0	75.5	69.0	75.5
% Chng.	-	-		

Key Financials - Consolidated

Y/e Mar	FY24	FY25E	FY26E	FY27E
Sales (Rs. bn)	2,160	2,373	2,543	2,688
EBITDA (Rs. bn)	242	309	316	340
Margin (%)	11.2	13.0	12.4	12.6
PAT (Rs. bn)	101	153	153	168
EPS (Rs.)	45.7	69.1	69.0	75.5
Gr. (%)	0.5	51.2	(0.1)	9.5
DPS (Rs.)	3.5	4.0	4.0	4.5
Yield (%)	0.5	0.6	0.6	0.6
RoE (%)	10.1	13.5	12.0	11.7
RoCE (%)	11.4	14.7	13.9	14.3
EV/Sales (x)	0.9	0.8	0.8	0.7
EV/EBITDA (x)	7.9	6.2	6.1	5.4
PE (x)	15.4	10.2	10.2	9.3
P/BV (x)	1.5	1.3	1.2	1.0

Key Data	HALC.BO HNDL IN
52-W High / Low	Rs.773 / Rs.545
Sensex / Nifty	77,984 / 23,658
Market Cap	Rs.1,578bn/ \$ 18,431m
Shares Outstanding	2,247m
3M Avg. Daily Value	Rs.3845.95m

Shareholding Pattern (%)

Promoter's	34.64
Foreign	31.72
Domestic Institution	24.64
Public & Others	9.00
Promoter Pledge (Rs bn)	_

Stock Performance (%)

	1M	6M	12M
Absolute	9.4	(2.2)	28.2
Relative	4.5	6.5	19.8

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Focused on value addition and greener approach

Quick Pointers:

- HNDL is focused on increasing its specialty alumina capacity from 0.46mtpa to 0.55mtpa in FY26 and reaching ~1mtpa over the next few years.
- The exhibition highlighted HNDL's commitment toward eco-friendly practices and sustainable product development, marking its transformation from a materials supplier to an engineered solutions provider.

We attended the new brand identity exhibition organized by Hindalco (HNDL), showcasing the range of products and solutions it offers. The central theme of the event was sustainability, highlighting HNDL's commitment to eco-friendly practices and sustainable product development to cater to new age requirements and making HNDL greener over the long term. The thrust on specialty alumina was evident due to its wide applications across diverse industries, while HNDL's efforts in new product development to replace imports and other heavier metals are impressive. With rising usage of aluminum in various new sectors such as building and construction, HNDL plans to introduce revolutionary window & door brands, anti-rust roofing sheets, modular kitchen, etc.

We remain positive on HNDL, despite the recent runup in the stock. With stable LME prices at higher levels, EBITDA contribution from the standalone business is expected to sustain. Further, once Novelis mitigates the impact of higher scrap prices, its contribution will improve again. We factor in aluminum prices of USD2,593/USD2,632 per ton in FY26/27E. At CMP, the stock is trading at EV of 6.1x/5.4x FY26/27E EBITDA. We roll forward TP on FY27 basis and maintain 'Buy' rating with revised TP of Rs804 (earlier Rs696), valuing Novelis at 6.5x & standalone ops at 5x EV of Mar'27E EBITDA.

Sustainability measures in mining: HNDL has bauxite mines spread over different states in India, mainly Jharkhand, Chhattisgarh and Odisha. 90%-95% of bauxite is sourced from the company's own mines. Two important hydroxide minerals found in bauxite ore are gibbsite and boehmite. The Odisha mine, with an annual production capacity of 7mtpa, accounts for ~80% of Hindalco's bauxite requirement. It primarily produces gibbsite bauxite ore, which requires a single digestion process, making it less cost-effective. Most of the bauxite mines in the region are gibbsite based. Laterite contains silica and iron and forms a waste layer covering the ore, acting as an overburden in bauxite mines. It is removed during mining and later used to fill excavated areas, after which plantation is carried out to promote sustainability.

After mining, landscaping is carried out to promote sustainability. A virtual reality video demonstrated how landfilling is done after mining, followed by plantation activities to restore the ecosystem and promote sustainability.

HNDL requires ~17mtpa of coal for power generation, of which only 1mtpa is produced in-house, while the rest is procured from outside. HNDL is developing captive coal mines (Meenakshi and Chakla), which are expected to take ~2 years to complete. Once operational, these mines will help increase coal production to ~20mtpa.



Exhibit 1: Bauxite, copper concentrate and coal samples







Source: Company, PL

Focus on specialty alumina

Specialty alumina is non-metallurgical alumina used in diverse industries due to its key properties such as high-temperature resistance, superior wear resistance, chemical stability, high mechanical strength, corrosion resistance, superior thermal conductivity, and electrical insulation. It is used in manufacturing refractories, which are used to enhance performance, efficiency and durability in high-temperature applications. Additionally, the waste material is utilized in the production of cement and other products.

HNDL has ~460kt high-margin specialty alumina capacity at Belagavi and Muri, and plans to reach 550ktpa in FY26 and ~1mtpa over the next few years.

Exhibit 2: Advanced ceramics solutions supplied by specialty alumina

Industry	Uses	Properties
Refractories	Steel, cement, glass, non-ferrous, petchem, and power plants	High thermal resistance, wear resistance, chemical stability & mechanical strength
Semiconductors & electronics	Electrostatic chucks, heaters, end effectors; display glass, circuit substrates	High purity, high plasma resistance, thermal conductivity, electrical insulation
Battery & thermal mgmt	Ceramic coated battery separators, cathode edge coatings, thermal fillers	High thermal conductivity, insulation, superior flame retardancy
Auto & aerospace	Brake pads, spark plugs, glass & coatings; thermal barrier coatings, structural components	High thermal resistance, superior wear & corrosion resistance, electrical insulation
Bioceramics	Pacemakers, hip joint replacements, dental implants, etc.	Biocompatibility & chemical inertness, corrosion resistance & strength
Defense	Ceramic armor parts, castings, critical technologies	Light weight, high mechanical strength, thermal & wear resistance, ballistic protection
Optical glass	Display & optical glass applications in laptops, phones, tablets, etc.	High purity & clarity, stability at high temperature, hardness, optimized light transmission

Source: Company, PL

Ceramic insulators are essential for transmitting power over long distances, as they provide electrical insulation and mechanical support to overhead power lines, substations, and distribution networks.



Exhibit 3: Ceramic insulators (specialty alumina), aluminum and copper products used in power and energy solutions







Source: Company, PL

Rising usage of aluminum in diverse industries

Aluminum is increasingly being used as a cost-effective substitute in the power and energy sector, primarily replacing copper in electrical applications. Though it is not as effective as copper or other metals used, it is cheaper and lightweight. India is slowly switching toward aluminum made conductors.

HNDL manufactures a wide range of copper products as well, like cathodes, tubes and wire bars. The products cater to various industries. Copper rods are primarily used in the production of wires and cables, while copper cathodes are used for manufacturing copper sheets, tubes and other products. **Wires and cables business forms 2/3**rd of HNDL's copper business.

Exhibit 4: Fire retardant paints and other products used across building materials

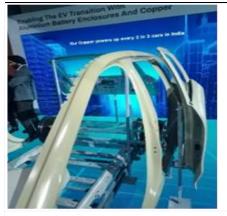






Source: Company, PL

Exhibit 5: Usage of aluminum and copper in EVs (battery enclosures) and auto industry







Source: Company, PL



Novelis is focused on increasing recycling share

Hindalco, through its major subsidiary Novelis Inc., which is a global leader in aluminum rolling and recycling, delivers high-quality aluminum sheets and foils primarily for the automotive, beverage can, aerospace, and specialty products markets. Novelis recycles 70+bn beverage cans annually. Novelis is developing lightweight, durable and recyclable solutions to meet the evolving needs of modern industries.

Exhibit 6: Aluminum usage in transport (Vande Bharat, bullet train, hyperloop), space projects and beverage cans











Financials

Income	Statement	(De hn)
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Y/e Mar	FY24	FY25E	FY26E	FY27E
Net Revenues	2,160	2,373	2,543	2,688
YoY gr. (%)	(3.2)	2,373 9.9	2,343 7.2	2,000 5.7
Cost of Goods Sold	1,339	1,702	1,827	1,938
Gross Profit	821	672	716	750
Margin (%)	38.0	28.3	28.2	27.9
Employee Cost	148	143	155	166
Other Expenses	431	220	245	244
Other Expenses	451	220	243	244
EBITDA	242	309	316	340
YoY gr. (%)	5.9	27.3	2.4	7.4
Margin (%)	11.2	13.0	12.4	12.6
Depreciation and Amortization	79	83	91	94
EBIT	163	225	225	246
Margin (%)	7.6	9.5	8.9	9.1
Net Interest	39	35	34	36
Other Income	15	17	18	18
Profit Before Tax	140	208	208	228
Margin (%)	6.5	8.8	8.2	8.5
Margin (%)	0.5	0.0	0.2	8.5
Total Tax	39	55	55	60
Effective tax rate (%)	27.6	26.3	26.6	26.4
Profit after tax	101	153	153	168
Minority interest	-	-	-	0
Share Profit from Associate	0	0	0	0
Adjusted PAT	101	153	153	168
YoY gr. (%)	0.5	51.2	(0.1)	9.5
Margin (%)	4.7	6.5	6.0	6.2
Extra Ord. Income / (Exp)	-	-	-	-
Reported PAT	101	153	153	168
YoY gr. (%)	0.5	51.2	(0.1)	9.5
Margin (%)	4.7	6.5	6.0	6.2
Other Comprehensive Income	-	-	-	-
Total Comprehensive Income	101	153	153	168
Equity Shares O/s (bn)	2	2	2	2
EPS (Rs)	45.7	69.1	69.0	75.5

Source: Company Data, PL Research

Balance Sheet Abstract (Rs bn)

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Y/e Mar	FY24	FY25E	FY26E	FY27E
Non-Current Assets				
Gross Block	1,655	1,761	1,879	2,190
Tangibles	1,501	1,607	1,725	2,036
Intangibles	154	154	154	154
Acc: Dep / Amortization	797	881	972	1,065
Tangibles	703	787	878	971
Intangibles	94	94	94	94
Net fixed assets	857	880	908	1,124
Tangibles	797	820	848	1,064
Intangibles	60	60	60	60
Capital Work In Progress	149	255	373	232
Goodwill	261	261	261	261
Non-Current Investments	160	160	160	160
Net Deferred tax assets	(82)	(82)	(82)	(82)
Other Non-Current Assets	57	57	57	57
Current Assets				
Investments	33	33	33	33
Inventories	408	423	453	479
Trade receivables	164	195	209	221
Cash & Bank Balance	144	114	49	71
Other Current Assets	48	48	48	48
Total Assets	2,319	2,463	2,588	2,723
Equity				
Equity Share Capital	2	2	2	2
Other Equity	1,059	1,205	1,349	1,508
Total Networth	1,061	1,207	1,351	1,510
Non-Current Liabilities				
Long Term borrowings	474	424	374	324
Provisions	6	6	6	6
Other non current liabilities	73	73	73	73
Current Liabilities				
ST Debt / Current of LT Debt	71	71	71	71
Trade payables	344	390	418	442
Other current liabilities	178	181	184	186
Total Equity & Liabilities	2,319	2,463	2,588	2,723

Source: Company Data, PL Research



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Y/e Mar	FY24	FY25E	FY26E	FY27E
PBT	140	208	208	228
Add. Depreciation	75	83	91	94
Add. Interest	39	35	34	36
Less Financial Other Income	15	17	18	18
Add. Other	(6)	(17)	(18)	(18)
Op. profit before WC changes	248	309	316	340
Net Changes-WC	19	3	(13)	(12)
Direct tax	(27)	(55)	(55)	(60)
Net cash from Op. activities	241	257	247	268
Capital expenditures	(157)	(213)	(236)	(169)
Interest / Dividend Income	6	17	18	18
Others	8	-	-	-
Net Cash from Invt. activities	(143)	(195)	(219)	(151)
Issue of share cap. / premium	-	-	-	-
Debt changes	(44)	(50)	(50)	(50)
Dividend paid	(7)	(8)	(9)	(9)
Interest paid	(39)	(35)	(34)	(36)
Others	(18)	-	-	-
Net cash from Fin. activities	(108)	(92)	(93)	(95)
Net change in cash	(10)	(30)	(65)	22
Free Cash Flow	83	45	11	99

Source: Company Data, PL Research

Quarterly Financials (Rs bn)

Y/e Mar	Q4FY24	Q1FY25	Q2FY25	Q3FY25
Net Revenue	560	570	582	584
YoY gr. (%)	0.2	7.6	7.4	10.6
Raw Material Expenses	344	341	358	355
Gross Profit	216	229	224	229
Margin (%)	38.6	40.2	38.5	39.3
EBITDA	67	75	79	76
YoY gr. (%)	25.4	31.3	40.5	29.3
Margin (%)	11.9	13.2	13.5	13.0
Depreciation / Depletion	20	19	19	19
EBIT	47	56	60	56
Margin (%)	8.3	9.8	10.2	9.7
Net Interest	9	9	9	8
Other Income	4	4	11	5
Profit before Tax	41	55	67	54
Margin (%)	7.4	9.7	11.5	9.2
Total Tax	10	18	17	16
Effective tax rate (%)	23.3	32.2	26.0	29.0
Profit after Tax	32	37	49	38
Minority interest	-	-	-	-
Share Profit from Associates	-	-	-	-
Adjusted PAT	32	37	49	38
YoY gr. (%)	31.8	50.7	131.8	63.8
Margin (%)	5.7	6.5	8.5	6.5
Extra Ord. Income / (Exp)	-	-	-	-
Reported PAT	32	37	49	38
YoY gr. (%)	31.8	50.7	131.8	63.8
Margin (%)	5.7	6.5	8.5	6.5
Other Comprehensive Income	-	-	-	-
Total Comprehensive Income	32	37	49	38
Avg. Shares O/s (bn)	2	2	2	2
EPS (Rs)	14.3	16.8	22.2	17.2

Source: Company Data, PL Research

Key Financial Metrics

45.7 81.3 478.1	69.1 106.7	69.0 109.9	75.5 117.7
81.3 478.1	106.7		
478.1		109.9	1177
	5/37		117.7
	343.7	608.7	680.2
37.5	20.1	4.9	44.8
3.5	4.0	4.0	4.5
11.4	14.7	13.9	14.3
8.5	11.0	9.9	10.4
10.1	13.5	12.0	11.7
0.3	0.3	0.3	0.2
38	35	35	35
15.4	10.2	10.2	9.3
1.5	1.3	1.2	1.0
8.6	6.6	6.4	6.0
7.9	6.2	6.1	5.4
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Source: Company Data, PL Research

Key Operating Metrics

Y/e Mar	FY24	FY25E	FY26E	FY27E
Novelis volumes (mt)	3.7	3.8	3.9	4.1
Novelis EBITDA/t	460	480	440	480
Aluminium Price (USD/t)	2,204	2,507	2,593	2,632

Source: Company Data, PL Research

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Analyst Coverage Universe

Sr. No.	Company Name	Rating	TP (Rs)	Share Price (Rs)
1	ACC	BUY	2,878	2,001
2	Ambuja Cement	BUY	628	522
3	Dalmia Bharat	Accumulate	1,988	1,799
4	Hindalco Industries	BUY	696	604
5	Jindal Stainless	Accumulate	715	626
6	Jindal Steel & Power	Accumulate	847	792
7	JSW Steel	Hold	919	932
8	National Aluminium Co.	Accumulate	205	183
9	NMDC	Accumulate	70	64
10	Nuvoco Vistas Corporation	Hold	339	353
11	Shree Cement	Hold	26,190	27,796
12	Steel Authority of India	Hold	107	106
13	Tata Steel	Accumulate	145	129
14	Ultratech Cement	BUY	12,303	10,128

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 Buy
 : > 15%

 Accumulate
 : 5% to 15%

 Hold
 : +5% to -5%

 Reduce
 : -5% to -15%

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 : < -15%</td>

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