Shree Cement | HOLD

Better volumes on capacity addition; costs impact profitability

Shree Cement (Shree) reported 9.5% YoY growth in cement revenues in 2QFY18, primarily on capacity additions in FY17 and a 2.5% realisation increase. Cement and power segment revenues were in line with our estimates. While EBITDA/t declined 19% YoY (on increase in power/fuel, freight and raw material costs), it was ahead of estimates primarily on better-than-expected improvement in realisations and lower other expenses. The power segment reported a decline in operating profit margin (in line with the trend in 1Q) as the increase in petcoke/coal costs impacted profitability. Going forward, key monitorables for Shree will be sustainability of realisations and improvement in cement demand. We continue to value the stock at 12x EVE to arrive at a TP of INR 16,000 (Sep'18). We maintain HOLD.

- Cement volumes/realisation drive revenues; partially offset by power sales decline: 2QFY18 revenue, at INR 21.4bn, was +4.1%/-17% YoY/QoQ, in line with the expectations. Cement revenues for the quarter grew 9.5% YoY on the back of 7%/2.5% volume/realisation growth. Cement volumes grew primarily on account of higher capacity vs. the base quarter (2.1MTPA de-bottlenecking and 1.6MTPA capacity addition). Clinker sales declined during the quarter to 0.01mnT (vs. 0.17mnT in 2QFY17). Cement segment revenues were in line with our estimates. Realisation for the quarter was flat QoQ. Power revenues were in line with expectations at INR 1,025mn, -47% YoY. Power unit sales declined to 295mn units (-45% YoY).
- **EBITDA beats estimates on lower other expenses:** EBITDA stood at INR 5.6bn; -20%/-21% YoY/QoQ, beating estimates primarily on lower other expenses. Cement EBITDA/t beat estimates primarily on better-than-expected realisations and lower other expenses, partially offset by higher-than-expected raw material costs. The company reported a 19% decline in EBITDA/t (INR1,133/t); cement realisation growth (INR102/t positive impact) and lower other expenses (INR119/t positive impact) were more than offset by higher power and fuel costs (-INR158/t impact), freight costs (-INR203/t impact) and raw material costs (-INR 131/t impact). Power and fuel costs for the quarter grew on account of higher petcoke/coal costs. Freight cost growth took place on account of an increase in diesel prices (7% YoY). We believe the power segment's margins were impacted on the increase in petcoke/coal prices. The effective tax rate for the quarter increased to 47% in 2QFY18. PAT for the quarter at INR 2,089mn declined 28% YoY (INR 2,904mn in 2QFY17). The company has recently secured 75,800 TPA of coal linkage for its captive power plant in Raipur.
- Maintain HOLD: Shree's expansion plans in North, East and South India are expected to result in 17% volume CAGR over FY17-FY20E. In addition, it is a cost leader with a substantial advantage vs. peers. Despite factoring in these positives (resulting in 26% EBITDA CAGR FY17-FY20E), we find the current valuations (at 15.4x/12.7x FY19/20E EVE) offering limited upside potential. We wait for better valuations to enter the stock. We are valuing the stock at 12x EVE to arrive at a Sep′18 TP of INR 16,000. We maintain HOLD.



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Recommendation and Price Target	
Current Reco.	HOLD
Previous Reco.	HOLD
Current Price Target (12M)	16,000
Upside/(Downside)	-13.5%
Previous Price Target	15,800
Change	1.3%

Key Data – SRCM IN	
Current Market Price	INR18,490
Market cap (bn)	INR644.2/USD9.9
Free Float	49%
Shares in issue (mn)	34.8
Diluted share (mn)	34.8
3-mon avg daily val (mn)	INR342.9/USD5.3
52-week range	20,560/12,477
Sensex/Nifty	33,219/10,303
INR/USD	65.0

Price Performance			
%	1M	6M	12M
Absolute	-1.5	-4.7	9.7
Relative*	-5.7	-14.2	-8.9
* To the BSE Sensex			

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Financial Summary					(INR mn)
Y/E March	FY16A	FY17A	FY18E	FY19E	FY20E
Net Sales	55,136	84,291	98,906	136,463	159,727
Sales Growth (%)	-14.4	, 52.9	17.3	38.0	17.0
EBITDA	14,069	23,672	27,129	40,202	47,915
EBITDA Margin (%)	25.5	28.1	27.3	29.4	29.9
Adjusted Net Profit	11,431	13,391	15,304	21,060	23,103
Diluted EPS (INR)	328.1	384.4	439.3	604.5	663.1
Diluted EPS Growth (%)	147.5	17.1	14.3	37.6	9.7

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Source: Company data, JM Financial, Note: Valuations as of 08/Nov/2017

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JM Financial Research is also available on: Bloomberg - JMFR <GO>, Thomson Publisher & Reuters S&P Capital IQ and FactSet

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ROIC (%)

ROE (%)

FV/FRITDA (x)

P/E (x)

P/B (x)

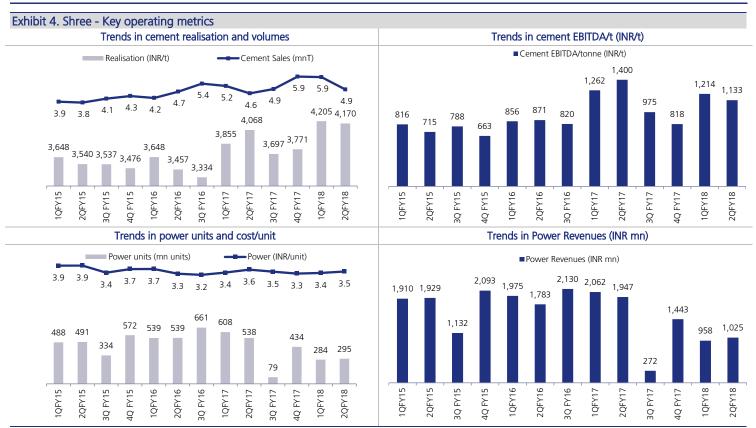
Exhibit 1. Results in brief						(INR	mn)				
	2QFY18	2QFY17	%YoY	1QFY18	%QoQ	1H FY18	1H FY17	%YoY	FY18E	FY17	%YoY
Sales	21,368	20,519	4.1	25,714	-16.9	47,082	42,506	10.8	98,481	84,742	16.2
Other Operating Income	0	0		0		0	264		320	264	
Total Revenues	21,368	20,519	4.1	25,714	-16.9	47,082	42,770	10.1	98,801	85,006	16.2
Total Expenditure	15,764	13,506	16.7	18,582	-15.2	34,345	28,184	21.9	72,097	60,619	18.9
EBITDA	5,605	7,013	-20.1	7,133	-21.4	12,737	14,585	-12.7	26,704	24,386	9.5
EBITDA margin (%)	26.2	34.2		27.7		27.1	34.1		27.0	28.7	
Other income	995	782	27.3	974	2.2	1,969	1,497	31.5	4,500	4,363	3.1
Interest	380	293	29.3	329	15.3	709	569	24.5	1,460	1,294	12.8
Depreciation	2,253	4,322	-47.9	2,312	-2.6	4,564	5,862	-22.1	11,505	12,147	-5.3
РВТ	3,968	3,180	24.8	5,466	-27.4	9,434	9,651	-2.2	18,239	15,308	19.1
Total Tax	1,853	265	599.4	1,065	74.0	2,918	1,659	75.9	3,648	1,917	90.3
% tax rate	46.7	8.3		19.5		30.9	17.2		20.0	12.5	
PAT (Adjusted)	2,115	2,915	-27.4	4,401	-51.9	6,516	7,992	-18.5	14,592	13,391	9.0
Extraordinary Inc/Exp	0	0		0		0	0		2,500	0	
PAT (Reported)	2,115	2,915	-27.4	4,401	-51.9	6,516	7,992	-18.5	17,092	13,391	27.6
EPS (INR)	60.4	83.7	-27.8	125.7	-51.9	186.2	229.4	-18.8	387.4	384.4	8.0
Shree Operational Metrics	2QFY18	2QFY17	%YoY	1QFY18	%QoQ	1H FY18	1H FY17	%YoY	FY18E	FY17	%YoY
Cement Sales (mn tonnes)	4.88	4.57	6.9	5.89	-17.1	10.90	9.7	12.0	22.60	20.6	9.8
Realisation (INR/tonne)	4,170	4,068	2.5	4,205	-0.8	4,137	3,955	4.6	4,120	3,840	7.3
EBITDA INR/ tonne	1,133	1,400	-19.1	1,214	-6.7	1,162	1,327	-12.4	1,142	1,096	4.2

Source: Company, JM Financial

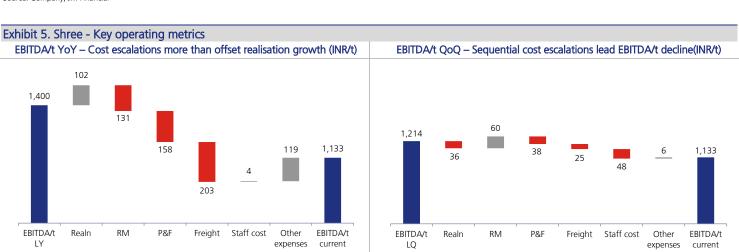
Exhibit 2. Expenses breakdov	vn						(INR mn)				
	2QFY18	2QFY17	%YoY	1QFY18	%QoQ	1H FY18	1H FY17	%YoY	FY18E	FY17	%YoY
Raw material	1,690	1,552	8.9	2,122	-20.4	3,812	3,164	20.5	7,699	6,807	13.1
INR/tonne	346	340	1.9	360	-3.9	350	325	7.6	341	331	3.0
Inc/(dec) in stock	-109	-671	-83.7	137	-179.9	28	-501	-105.5	68	-535	-112.7
INR/tonne	-22	-147	-84.7	23	-196.4	3	-51	-104.9	3	-26	-111.5
Power/fuel	3,171	2,248	41.1	3,602	-12.0	6,773	4,248	59.4	12,991	10,284	26.3
INR/tonne	650	492	32.0	612	6.2	621	436	42.4	575	500	15.0
Freight	5,336	4,066	31.2	6,288	-15.1	11,624	8,468	37.3	22,924	18,740	22.3
INR/tonne	1,094	891	22.8	1,068	2.4	1,066	870	22.6	1,014	911	11.4
Staff cost	1,454	1,377	5.6	1,472	-1.2	2,926	2,708	8.1	5,840	5,372	8.7
INR/tonne	298	302	-1.2	250	19.2	268	278	-3.5	258	261	-1.0
Other expenditure	3,275	3,609	-9.2	3,990	-17.9	7,265	7,494	-3.1	17,773	15,793	12.5
INR/tonne	671	790	-15.1	678	-0.9	666	770	-13.4	786	768	2.5
Cost of power for external sales	947	1,325	-28.6	971	-2.5	1,918	2,603	-26.3	4,802	4,159	15.4
INR/unit	3.2	2.5	30.4	3	-5.9	3.3	2.3	45.7	3.2	2.5	27.6
Total expenditure	15,764	13,506	16.7	18,582	-15.2	34,345	28,184	21.9	72,097	60,619	18.9
Cost per tonne (excluding excise)	3,037	2,668	13.8	2,991	1.5	2,974	2,895	2.7	2,978	2,946	1.1

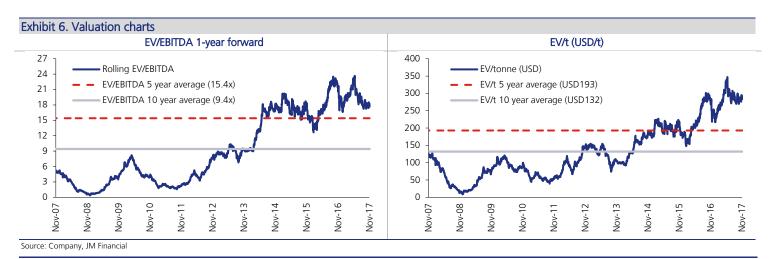
Source: Company, JM Financial

Exhibit 3. Segmental break-up (INR mn)											
_	2QFY18	2QFY17	%YoY	1QFY18	%QoQ	1H FY18	1H FY17	%YoY	FY18E	FY17	%YoY
Cement Business											
Sales (INR mn)	20,343	18,572	9.5	24,757	-17.8	45,100	38,497	17.2	93,104	79,017	17.8
EBITDA (INR mn)	5,527	6,392	-13.5	7,146	-22.7	12,673	13,180	-3.8	26,128	22,821	14.5
Cement Volumes (mn tonnes)	4.9	4.57	6.9	5.89	-17.1	10.9	9.73	12.0	22.6	20.58	9.8
Realisation (INR per tonne)	4,170	4,068	2.5	4,205	-0.8	4,137	3,955	4.6	4,120	3,840	7.3
Cement EBITDA INR/tonne	1,133	1,400	-19.1	1,214	-6.7	1,162	1,354	-14.1	1,142	1,109	3.0
Power Business											
Sales (INR mn)	1,025	1,947	-47.4	958	7.0	1,982	4,009	-50.6	5,377	5,724	-6.1
EBITDA (INR mn)	78	622	-87.4	-14	-675.0	65	1,406	-95.4	576	1,565	-63.2
Power units (mn)	295	538	-45.2	284	3.6	579	1,145	-49.4	1,500	1,658	-9.5
Realisation (price/unit)	3.48	3.62	-3.9	3.37	3.3	3.42	3.50	-2.2	3.58	3.45	3.9



Source: Company, JM Financial





Company background

Shree Cement, the market leader in North India has single largest plant with an installed capacity of 13.5MT. It is strategically located in central Rajasthan from where it can cater to the entire Rajasthan market and Delhi and Haryana, with economic logistics cost. The company entered the lesser penetrated eastern markets through integrated unit at Chattisgarh and a grinding unit at Bihar. Shree is in process to enter highly profitable southern market through a green-field expansion at Gulbarga, Karnataka. The company has a sizable capacity of 13MTPA under expansion which is expected to be completed by FY19. It has established its reputation as one of the world's most efficient cement manufacturers.

Key investment arguments:

- Market share of c.21% in the relatively stable northern market and expected to increase further to c.22.0% over the next few years.
- Aggressively pursuing capacity expansion has nearly doubled its capacity from 13.5 MTPA in FY13 to 29.3 MTPA in FY17. Plans to add another 13MTPA of incremental capacity, strengthening its position in Northern, Eastern and Southern markets
- Company has healthy operating cash flow which is expected to support its capacity expansion programs. It is expected to generate cumulative operating cash flows of c.INR8.6bn over FY17-20E
- The company is a cost leader based on the JM Cost index. The operating efficiency gives
 the company a significant advantage vs peers in the environment of subdued demand,
 lower utilisations and rising costs.

Valuation:

 SRCM is trading at 15.4x/12.7x EV/EBITDA based on FY19/20E. On an EV/t basis, SRCM is trading at USD231/USD205 on FY19/20E.

Key risks to our call:

(1) Any adverse movement in the petcoke/imported coal prices may impact profitability;
 (2) Planned expansion in the newer markets (East and Central) to present its own challenges;
 (3) Regulatory risk- Sector has been under the radar of Competition Commission of India with few judgements against cement companies

Exhibit 7. Volumes, realisations and cost outlook									
	FY16	FY17	FY18E	FY19E	FY20E				
Cement Sales (mn tonnes)	14.2	20.6	22.6	29.1	33.0				
YoY Growth (%)	17.5	8.4	9.8	28.7	13.4				
Cement Realisations (INR/tonne)	3,463	3,819	4,120	4,376	4,555				
YoY change (%)	-2.4	10.3	7.9	6.2	4.1				
Power & Fuel (INR/tonne)	522	500	575	598	622				
Freight (INR/tonne)	568	637	732	761	792				
Raw Material (INR/tonne)	315	331	341	351	361				
Cement EBITDA (INR/tonne)	848	1,074	1,142	1,292	1,362				
Power Units (mn)	1,739	1,658	1,500	2,200	2,200				
Merchant Tariff (INR/unit)	3.3	3.4	3.6	3.9	4.0				
Power Revenue (INR mn)	5,810	5,714	5,333	8,604	8,862				
Power EBITDA (INR mn)	1,996	1,565	576	1,651	1,906				
Cement EV/tonne (INR)	373	348	286	232	205				

Financial Tables (Standalone)

Income Statement				((INR mn)
Y/E March	FY16A	FY17A	FY18E	FY19E	FY20E
Net Sales	55,136	84,291	98,906	136,463	159,727
Sales Growth	-14.4%	52.9%	17.3%	38.0%	17.0%
Other Operating Income	0	1	321	444	519
Total Revenue	55,136	84,292	99,228	136,907	160,246
Cost of Goods Sold/Op. Exp	4,526	6,272	7,767	10,293	12,020
Personnel Cost	3,699	5,372	5,840	7,739	9,037
Other Expenses	32,843	48,976	58,491	78,672	91,274
EBITDA	14,069	23,672	27,129	40,202	47,915
EBITDA Margin	25.5%	28.1%	27.3%	29.4%	29.9%
EBITDA Growth	4.7%	68.3%	14.6%	48.2%	19.2%
Depn. & Amort.	8,276	12,147	11,505	16,943	22,365
EBIT	5,793	11,525	15,624	23,259	25,550
Other Income	6,727	5,077	4,500	3,046	3,139
Finance Cost	758	1,294	1,461	1,529	1,509
PBT before Excep. & Forex	11,763	15,308	18,663	24,776	27,180
Excep. & Forex Inc./Loss(-)	0	0	0	0	0
PBT	11,763	15,308	18,663	24,776	27,180
Taxes	331	1,917	3,359	3,716	4,077
Extraordinary Inc./Loss(-)	0	0	2,500	2,500	2,500
Assoc. Profit/Min. Int.(-)	0	0	0	0	0
Reported Net Profit	11,431	13,391	17,804	23,560	25,603
Adjusted Net Profit	11,431	13,391	15,304	21,060	23,103
Net Margin	20.7%	15.9%	15.4%	15.4%	14.4%
Diluted Share Cap. (mn)	34.8	34.8	34.8	34.8	34.8
Diluted EPS (INR)	328.1	384.4	439.3	604.5	663.1
Diluted EPS Growth	147.5%	17.1%	14.3%	37.6%	9.7%
Total Dividend + Tax	1,006	5,871	1,007	1,007	1,007
Dividend Per Share (INR)	24.0	140.0	24.0	24.0	24.0

Source: Company, JM Financial

Cash Flow Statement				((INR mn)
Y/E March	FY16A	FY17A	FY18E	FY19E	FY20E
Profit before Tax	11,763	15,308	18,663	24,776	27,180
Depn. & Amort.	8,276	12,147	11,505	16,943	22,365
Net Interest Exp. / Inc. (-)	758	1,294	1,461	1,529	1,509
Inc (-) / Dec in WCap.	-1,748	-509	-1,130	1,537	952
Others	-1,956	-3,333	-2,000	-546	-639
Taxes Paid	-1,431	-2,891	-3,359	-3,716	-4,077
Operating Cash Flow	15,662	22,017	25,140	40,522	47,290
Capex	-7,371	-12,947	-39,000	-24,000	-40,000
Free Cash Flow	8,291	9,070	-13,860	16,522	7,290
Inc (-) / Dec in Investments	-7,048	-11,867	10,000	0	0
Others	1,773	4,334	4,500	3,046	3,139
Investing Cash Flow	-12,646	-20,479	-24,500	-20,954	-36,861
Inc / Dec (-) in Capital	0	0	0	0	0
Dividend + Tax thereon	-1,592	-4,846	-1,007	-1,007	-1,007
Inc / Dec (-) in Loans	-224	4,455	0	-1,000	-1,000
Others	-892	-1,278	1,917	971	991
Financing Cash Flow	-2,708	-1,669	909	-1,036	-1,016
Inc / Dec (-) in Cash	308	-132	1,549	18,532	9,412
Opening Cash Balance	3,075	830	1,110	1,781	20,313
Closing Cash Balance	3,383	699	2,659	20,313	29,726

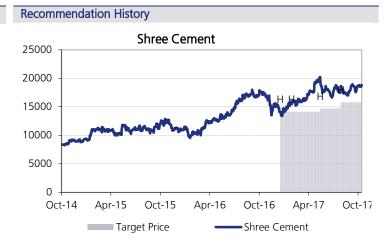
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Balance Sheet					(INR mn)
Y/E March	FY16A	FY17A	FY18E	FY19E	FY20E
Shareholders' Fund	68,455	76,981	96,278	121,330	148,426
Share Capital	348	348	348	348	348
Reserves & Surplus	68,107	76,633	95,929	120,982	148,078
Preference Share Capital	0	0	0	0	0
Minority Interest	0	0	0	0	0
Total Loans	8,805	12,925	12,925	11,925	10,925
Def. Tax Liab. / Assets (-)	-3,718	-5,077	-5,077	-5,077	-5,077
Total - Equity & Liab.	73,543	84,829	104,126	128,178	154,274
Net Fixed Assets	33,147	33,096	60,591	67,648	85,283
Gross Fixed Assets	38,720	46,354	51,354	101,354	151,354
Intangible Assets	0	0	0	0	0
Less: Depn. & Amort.	8,218	20,363	31,868	48,811	71,175
Capital WIP	2,645	7,104	41,104	15,104	5,104
Investments	30,305	40,426	30,426	30,426	30,426
Current Assets	27,464	33,063	34,869	60,096	73,655
Inventories	8,152	13,145	12,194	16,824	19,692
Sundry Debtors	3,286	3,351	5,437	7,502	8,781
Cash & Bank Balances	830	1,110	1,781	20,313	29,726
Loans & Advances	449	516	516	516	516
Other Current Assets	14,746	14,940	14,940	14,940	14,940
Current Liab. & Prov.	17,372	21,754	21,759	29,991	35,090
Current Liabilities	6,159	5,874	5,874	5,874	5,874
Provisions & Others	11,213	15,881	15,886	24,117	29,216
Net Current Assets	10,091	11,308	13,109	30,104	38,565
Total – Assets	73,543	84,830	104,126	128,178	154,274

Source: Company, JM Financial

Dupont Analysis					
Y/E March	FY16A	FY17A	FY18E	FY19E	FY20E
Net Margin	20.7%	15.9%	15.4%	15.4%	14.4%
Asset Turnover (x)	0.7	1.0	1.0	1.1	1.1
Leverage Factor (x)	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.1	1.1
RoE	18.9%	18.4%	17.7%	19.4%	17.1%
Key Ratios					
Y/E March	FY16A	FY17A	FY18E	FY19E	FY20E
BV/Share (INR)	1,964.8	2,209.6	2,763.4	3,482.5	4,260.2
ROIC	12.7%	21.3%	20.4%	24.8%	23.9%
ROE	18.9%	18.4%	17.7%	19.4%	17.1%
Net Debt/Equity (x)	-0.3	-0.4	-0.2	-0.3	-0.3
P/E (x)	56.4	48.1	42.1	30.6	27.9
P/B (x)	9.4	8.4	6.7	5.3	4.3
EV/EBITDA (x)	44.4	26.1	23.1	15.1	12.5
EV/Sales (x)	11.3	7.3	6.3	4.4	3.7
Debtor days	22	15	20	20	20
Inventory days	54	57	45	45	45
Creditor days	0	0	0	0	0

History of Earnings Estimate and Target Price						
Date	FY18E EPS (INR)	% Chg.	FY19E EPS (INR)	% Chg.	Target Price	% Chg.
19-Dec-16	401.5		552.6		14,150	
30-Jan-17	396.0	-1.4	565.4	2.3	14,150	0.0
16-May-17	413.1	4.3	589.1	4.2	14,700	3.9
31-Jul-17	429.3	3.9	591.0	0.3	15,800	7.5



APPENDIX I

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