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Equity Focus

Key Data

H-Share price (HK\$)	43.4
52Wk H/L(HK\$)	43.9/40.8
Issued shares (mn)	1627
- H Shares (mn)	163
- B Shares (mn)	664
 Unlisted Shares (mn) 	800
Market cap	
 H Shares (HK\$mn) 	7,074
- B Shares (USD mn)	3,584
3-mth ave. vol (HK\$mn)	NA
Major shareholder (%):	
Yitai Group Co., Ltd.	49.17

Source: Company, Bloomberg, ABCI Securities

Revenue composition in FY11 (%)

Coal	92.02
Transportation	3.66
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Others	0.22

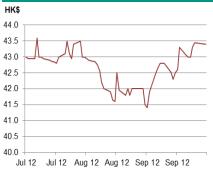
Source: Company

Share performance (%)

	Absolute	Relative*
1-mth	3.3	(3.5)
3-mth	NA	NS
6-mth	NA	NA)

Source: Bloomberg

Performance since IPO



Source: Bloomberg

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Coal inventory at QHD Port releases positive signs

Coal inventory at Qinhuangdao Port reduced significantly to 6.08 mn tonnes on Sep. 29, 4 month low since May 12 while the spot coal prices are stabilizing. Yitai Coal, which has the lowest producing cost among its H-share peers, sets to benefit from the continued recovery of coal demand and ASP.

Coal inventory reduced significantly. The inventory at Qinhuangdao Port slumped to 6.08 mn tonnes on Sep. 29, reaching its 4-month-low since May 12, down 35% from June's peak. The reducing inventory indicates that the downstream demand is recovering.

Domestic coal prices have been improved for five consecutive weeks. By 26 Sep, Bohai-Rim steam coal price index (5500 kcal/kg) has climbed up to Rmb635/ton, from Rmb626/ton on 22 Aug.

In addition, the mine mouth price / free on rail price at Inner Mongolia has improved significantly from its bottom at July / August. We believe the recovery of coal demand and prices benefits Yitai Coal, the largest coal producer in Inner Mongolia.

Competitive low coal cost. The average cost of the counter is Rmb83/tonne for 1HFY12, which is the lowest among the H-share peers or approx. Rmb33/tonne lower than China Shenhua (1088 HK, Buy). Its cost advantage is further sharpened by its self-owned railway lines to transport its coal out Inner Mongolia.

Favorable tax rate. Under the PRC's policy, the counter enjoys favorable income tax rate of 15% until 2020, also the lowest among the H-share peers.

Risk factors: 1) Weak power consumption growth on slowed economic growth; 2) policy risk; 3) the influx of foreign coal cap the rebound momentum of domestic coal prices.

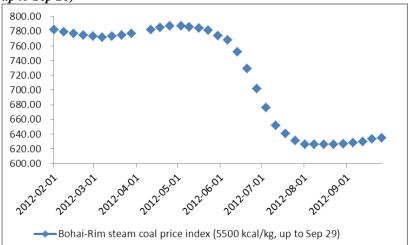
Results and Valuation

FY ended Dec 31	FY09A	FY10A	FY11A
Turnover (Rmb mn)	10,252	13,854	16,516
Net Income (Rmb mn)	3,043	5,015	5,464
Chg (%, YoY)	NA	65	9
EPS (Rmb)_IPO adj.	1.87	3.08	3.36
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BVPS (Rmb)_IPO adj.	_	_	14.44
P/E (x)	_	_	10.60
P/B (x)	_	_	2.46
ROAE (%)	_	43	35
Net debt/total equity (%)	24.9	Net Cash	Net Cash

Source: Company, Bloomberg, ABCI Securities estimates (assuming 1Rmb=1.219HKD)

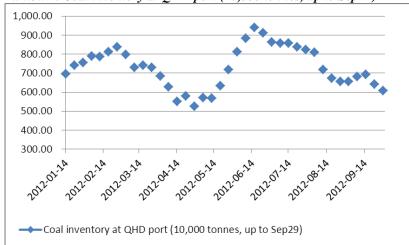
^{*}Relative to Hang Seng Index

Exhibit 1: Bohai-Rim steam coal price index (5500 kcal/kg, Rmb/tonne, up to Sep 26)



Source: Wind, ABCI Securities

Exhibit 2: Coal inventory at QHD port (10,000 tonnes, up to Sep29)



Source: Wind, ABCI Securities



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Rating	Definition
Buy	Stock return ≥ Market return rate
Hold	Market return $-6\% \le$ Stock return \le Market return rate
Sell	Stock return < Market return – 6%

Stock return is defined as the expected % change of share price plus gross dividend yield over the next 12 months

Market return: 5-year average market return rate from 2007-2011 (~15%)

Time horizon of share price target: 12-month

Definition of share price risk

Rating	Definition
Very high	2.6 ≤180 day volatility/180 day benchmark index volatility
High	$1.5 \le 180$ day volatility/180 day benchmark index volatility < 2.6
Medium	$1.0 \le 180$ day volatility/180 day benchmark index volatility < 1.5
Low	180 day volatility/180 day benchmark index volatility < 1.0

We measure share price risk by its volatility relative to volatility of benchmark index. Benchmark index: Hang Seng Index.

Volatility is calculated from the standard deviation of day to day logarithmic historic price change. The 180-day price volatility equals the annualized standard deviation of the relative price change for the 180 most recent trading days closing price.

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