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Equity Focus

Key Data

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Share price (HK\$)	138.7
52Wk H/L(HK\$)	206 / 125
Issued shares (mn)	3,256.7
Market cap (HK\$mn)	735,312
30-day avg vol (HK\$mn)	0.27
Major shareholder (%):	
Valepar	52.7

Source: Company, Bloomberg, ABCI Securities

Revenue composition in FY1H12 (%)

Ferrous minerals	70.3
Coal	2.8
Base metals	15.1
Fertilizer nutrients	7.5
Logistics services	3.5
Others	0.8

Source: Company

Share performance (%)

	Absolute	Relative*
1-mth	5.8	(1.8)
3-mth	(11.8)	(16.5)
6-mth	(23.3)	(24.5)

Source: Bloomberg *Relative to Hang Seng Index





Source: Bloomberg

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VALE Common-DRS (6210 HK) – Unrated Metals and Mining Industry

Key takeaways from 1 to 1 meeting with Vale

We foresee the iron ore prices would stabilize in US\$110/ton while Vale is more optimistic. The latest China manufacturing PMI suggested demand for base metals remains weak.

Stabilized iron ore prices. We foresee iron ore prices would average in US\$110/ton in 4Q. The weak iron ore price forces iron ore miners to scale down their production output or cancel some of mining projects. According to the Metallurgical Mines' Association of China, 40% of domestic iron ore mine output has been halted. High cost marginal suppliers would set a cap on iron ore prices. On the other hand, Vale anticipated iron ore prices would average in US\$110-120/ton in the foreseeable future. As the world's largest iron ore producer, its tones are more positive.

Weak iron ore demand in 4Q. We expect a weak iron ore demand in 4Q. China manufacturing PMI was 49.8 in September, below expectations of 50.1. The signals given by the China manufacturing PMI pointed to weaker industrial output in 4Q. No bottoming signal of steel products is observed. We expect profit margins of steel producers to contract. Moreover, a China steel producer, China Oriental (581 HK) announced a profit warning. It expects to post net loss in 3Q and foresees the performance in 4Q will not improve significantly if steel prices and operational environment for the steel manufacturing further deteriorate or do not improve.

Oct 25 may give us a hope. Date of Oct 18 and Oct 25 should be noted as Vale would announce their production and 3Q12 results respectively. Their data and results would give investors an outlook updates for the mining sector.

Risk factors: Decrease in selling prices of its iron ore; currency risks, possible sharp increase in raw material cost.

Results and Valuation

FY ended Dec 31	FY07A	FY08A	FY09A	FY10A	FY11A
Revenue (Brl mn)	62,738	68,746	46,557	83,225	103,195
Chg (% YoY)	46.7	9.6	(32.3)	78.8	24.0
Gross Profit (Brl mn)	30,704	36,342	19,353	49,469	62,706
Chg (% YoY)	48.4	18.4	(46.7)	155.6	26.8
Net Income (Brl mn)	23,010	24,279	10,683	30,070	37,814
Chg (% YoY)	62.0	5.5	(56.0)	181.5	25.8
EPS (US\$)	2.41	2.58	0.97	3.23	4.33
Chg (% YoY)	-	7.1	(62.4)	233.0	34.1
PE (x)	-	-	-	-	4.1
PB (x)	-	-	-	-	1.7
Yield (%)	-	-	-	-	8.3
ROA (%)	17.2	16.9	5.9	15.3	16.6
ROE (%)	44.5	34.9	10.8	28.5	29.6
Net debt/total equity (%)	50.2	12.3	19.5	25.3	28.3

Source: Company, Bloomberg, ABCI Securities estimates



Brazilian Real / US\$



Source: Bloomberg



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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

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 ≤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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