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Stable performance; EC limit caps the upside...

About the stock: NMDC Ltd, formerly National Mineral Development Corporation, est. in 1958, is Navratna Public Sector Enterprise (PSE) under Ministry of Steel. Its largest iron ore mining company in India, with ~45 MT of iron production in FY25.

- It operates seven iron ore mining leases with total reserve of ~1,700 million tonne (MT), having the average Fe grade of ~64%.

Q3FY26 Results: NMDC reported a steady performance in Q3FY26. Total operating income for the quarter came in at ₹7,611 crore (up 16% YoY) with iron ore sales volume of 12.7 million tonne (up 6% YoY). Reported EBITDA stood at ₹2,144 crore with corresponding EBITDA/tonne was at ₹1,687/tonne in Q3FY26 vs. ₹1,857/tonne in Q2FY26. PAT stood at ₹1,747 crore (down 8% YoY).

Investment Rationale

- Low per capita steel consumption provides significant growth potential:** Despite being the world's 2nd largest steel consumer, India's per capita consumption of ~103 kg lags significantly behind the ~215 kg of global average. To address this disparity, the government aims to raise per capita steel consumption to 160 kg by 2030-31 and targeting a crude steel production capacity of 300 MT. This, in turn, is expected to drive iron ore demand to ~430 MT. Leveraging sixty years of expertise in iron ore mining, NMDC is poised to lead this long-term structural market expansion.
- Ambitious 100 MT production targets to meet rising iron ore demand:** After recovering from a stagnant FY25 impacted by heavy rainfall and a union strike, NMDC achieved a robust 10% YoY volume growth, reaching 35 MT in 9MFY26. The company is now pursuing an aggressive production roadmap of 55 MT by FY26 and 100 MT by 2030. This expansion is underpinned by a ₹70,000 crore capital expenditure program and existing environmental clearances for 64.8 MTPA. The investment will focus on expanding Kirandul, Bacheli, and Donimalai complexes by adding new screening, crushing, and beneficiation facilities, setting up a 15 MTPA slurry pipeline, and upgrading conveyor systems.
- Diversifying beyond Iron Ore to broaden product portfolio:** NMDC is strategically diversifying its portfolio by expanding into minerals like gold, diamonds, lithium, nickel, and cobalt globally. The company restarted the Panna Diamond Mines in FY24 and initiated gold mining operations in Australia. Additionally, NMDC operationalized the Tokisud North coal block in Jan'26, having a 2.3 MT annual thermal coal production capacity. These strategic expansions are aim to enhance long-term revenue growth and operational resilience across diverse market segments.

Rating and Target Price

- While NMDC's ambitious 100 MT iron ore production target is encouraging, the overhang of retrospective mining taxes remains a key concern. Moreover, we await clarity from the management regarding EC capacity limit beyond FY27, which is essential for long-term sustainable growth. On that note, we maintain a **HOLD** rating on NMDC, thereby valuing it at **₹90** i.e. 6.5x EV/EBITDA on FY28E.



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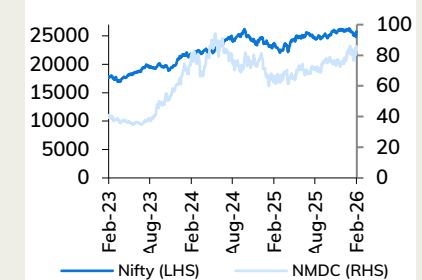
Particulars

Particulars	₹ crore
Market capitalisation	74,733
Total Debt (FY25)	3,770
Cash & Investment (FY25)	10,089
EV (₹ crore)	68,415
52 week H/L (₹)	87 / 60
Equity capital (₹ crore)	879.2
Face value (₹)	1.0

Shareholding pattern

	Mar-25	Jun-25	Sep-25	Dec-25
Promoter	60.8	60.8	60.8	60.8
FII	11.7	12.2	13.0	13.5
DII	15.1	14.5	14.4	14.1
Other	12.4	12.5	11.8	11.7

Price Chart



Recent event & key risks

- Posted steady Q3FY26 result. Sales volume is expected to rise by 10% YoY to ~49 MT in FY26.
- Key Risk:** (i) Potential rise in royalty and retrospective levies under the proposed Karnataka's New Mineral Tax Bill (ii) higher than expected rise in EBITDA/ton beating our estimates.

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Key Financial Summary

Key Financials (₹ crore)	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25	5 year CAGR (FY20-25)	FY26E	FY27E	FY28E	3 year CAGR (FY25-28E)
Net Sales	15,370	25,965	17,667	21,308	23,906	15.4%	28,781	32,913	35,917	14.5%
EBITDA	8,789	12,624	6,053	7,293	8,149	6.3%	8,751	10,528	11,879	13.4%
EBITDA Margins (%)	57.2	48.6	34.3	34.2	34.1		30.4	32.0	33.1	
Net Profit	6,277	9,429	5,601	5,575	6,542	12.9%	7,191	8,192	9,020	11.3%
EPS (₹)	7.1	10.7	6.4	6.3	7.4		8.2	9.3	10.3	
P/E	4.0	2.6	4.4	13.4	11.4		10.4	9.1	8.3	
RoNW (%)	21.0	52.3	28.0	20.9	22.0		21.1	20.8	19.9	
RoCE (%)	26.7	61.7	22.9	23.8	23.0		22.2	23.5	23.3	

Source: Company, ICICI Direct Research

Key Tables and Charts

Exhibit 1: Quarterly Analysis

	Q3FY26	Q3FY25	YoY (%)	Q2FY26	QoQ (%)
Total Operating income	7,611	6,568	15.9	6,378	19.3
Raw Material Cost	744	-35	NA	754	-1.4
Employee Expenses	445	440	1.2	403	10.5
Royalty Expenses	2,990	3,032	-1.4	2,177	37.3
Other Operating Expenses	1,288	759	69.7	1,051	22.6
Total Expenses	5,467	4,196	30.3	4,385	24.7
EBITDA	2,144	2,372	-9.6	1,993	7.6
EBITDA Margins	28%	36%	-794 bps	31%	-308 bps
Other Income	373	375	-0.7	383	-2.8
Depreciation	107	103	4.2	110	-2.8
Interest	35	61	-42.3	8	355.2
Tax	628	687	-8.6	576	9.0
PAT	1,747	1,897	-7.9	1,683	3.8
Key Metrics					
Sales Volume (million tonne)	12.7	11.9	6.4	10.7	18.4
Blended Realisations (₹/tonne)	4,681	5,361	-12.7	4,973	-5.9
EBITDA/tonne	1,687	1,987	-15.1	1,857	-9.1

Source: Company, ICICI Direct Research

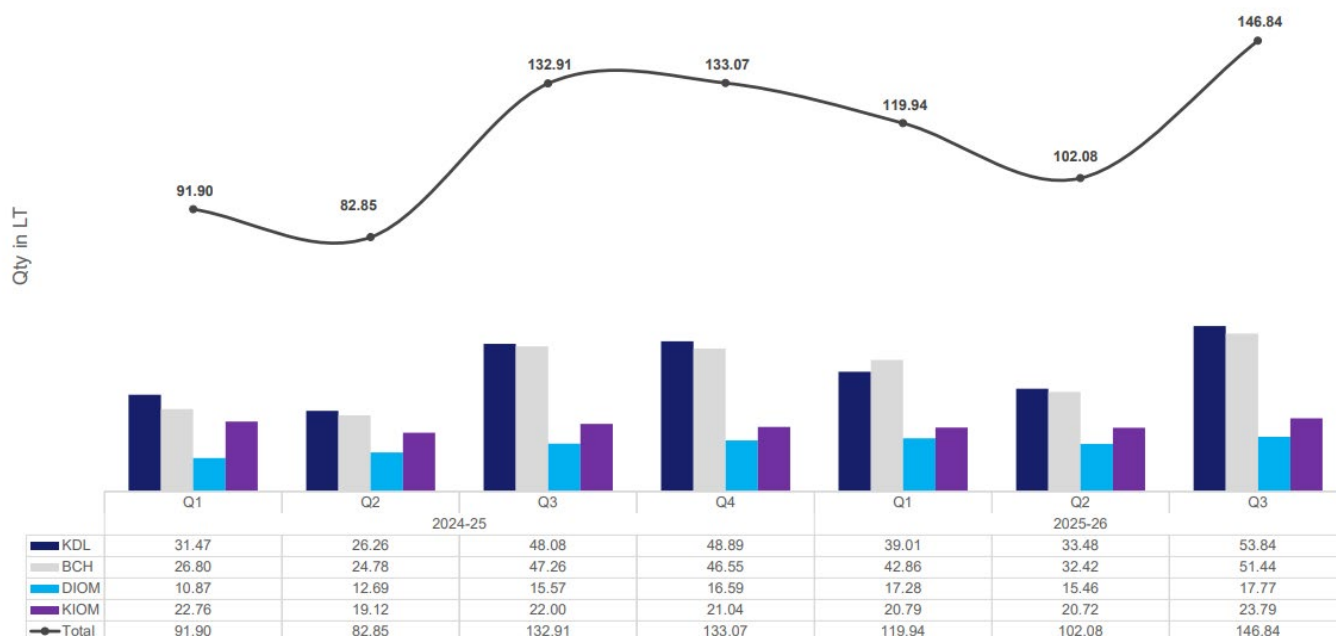
Exhibit 2: Change in headline estimates

	FY26E			FY27E			FY28E
(₹ Crore)	Old	New	% Change	Old	New	% Change	Introduced
Sales Volume (MT)	49.0	48.9	-0.3	54.0	53.7	-0.5	56.4
Blended Realization (₹/tonne)	5,126	4,956	-3.3	5,240	5,080	-3.1	5,280
Total Op.Income	28,181	28,781	2.1	31,656	32,913	4.0	35,917
EBITDA	9,340	8,751	-6.3	10,288	10,528	2.3	11,879
EBITDA (₹/tonne)	1,906	1,791	-6.0	1,905	1,959	2.8	2,105
PAT	7,444	7,191	-3.4	7,971	8,192	2.8	9,020
EPS (₹)	8.5	8.2	-3.4	9.1	9.3	2.8	10.3

Source: Company, ICICI Direct Research

Exhibit 3: Quarterly Iron Ore Production Trends

Quarterly Iron Ore Production Trend



Source: Company, ICICI Direct Research

Financial Summary

Exhibit 4: Profit and loss statement

₹ crore

(Year-end March)	FY25	FY26E	FY27E	FY28E
Net Sales	23,906	28,781	32,913	35,917
Other Operating Income	-	-	-	-
Total Operating Income	23,906	28,781	32,913	35,917
Growth (%)	12	20	14	9
Raw Material Expenses	1,030	2,494	2,798	2,873
Employee Expenses	1,795	1,864	1,975	2,155
Other Operating Expense	12,932	15,672	17,613	19,009
Total Operating Expenditure	15,757	20,030	22,385	24,038
EBITDA	8,149	8,751	10,528	11,879
Growth (%)	11.7	7.4	20.3	12.8
Depreciation	420	440	485	541
Interest	178	114	111	109
Other Income	1,593	1,421	1,026	837
PBT	9,144	9,617	10,958	12,066
Exceptional Item	0	0	0	0
Total Tax	2,604	2,462	2,805	3,089
PAT	6,542	7,191	8,192	9,020
Growth (%)	17.4	9.9	13.9	10.1
EPS (₹)	7.4	8.2	9.3	10.3

Source: Company, ICICI Direct Research

Exhibit 5: Cash flow statement

₹ crore

(Year-end March)	FY25	FY26E	FY27E	FY28E
Profit after Tax	6,542	7,191	8,192	9,020
Add: Depreciation	420	440	485	541
Sub: Other Income & Exp	-1,593	-1,421	-1,026	-837
(Inc)/dec in Current Assets	-4,418	-1,145	-648	-1,333
Inc/(dec) in CL and Provisions	897	1,240	483	831
Others	178	114	111	109
CF from operating activities	2,027	6,419	7,597	8,330
(Inc)/dec in Investments	-22	-100	-50	-50
(Inc)/dec in Fixed Assets	-3,585	-4,200	-8,000	-8,000
Others + Other income	1,571	1,181	786	597
CF from investing activities	-2,036	-3,119	-7,264	-7,453
Issue/(Buy back) of Equity	586	0	0	0
Inc/(dec) in loan funds	414	-500	-100	-100
Dividend & interest outgo	-2,639	-2,972	-2,968	-3,186
Others	-627	0	0	0
CF from financing activities	-2,266	-3,472	-3,068	-3,286
Net Cash flow	-2,275	-172	-2,735	-2,409
Opening Cash	12,364	10,089	9,917	7,182
Closing Cash	10,089	9,917	7,182	4,773

Source: Company, ICICI Direct Research

Exhibit 6: Balance Sheet

₹crore

(Year-end March)	FY25	FY26E	FY27E	FY28E
Liabilities				
Equity Capital	879.2	879.2	879.2	879.2
Reserve and Surplus	28,817	33,150	38,485	44,427
Total Shareholders funds	29,696	34,029	39,364	45,307
Total Debt	3,770	3,270	3,170	3,070
Deferred Tax Liability	0	0	0	0
Minority Interest / Others	164	174	184	194
Total Liabilities	33,630	37,474	42,718	48,571
Assets				
Gross Block	7,386	8,323	9,323	12,323
Less: Acc Depreciation	2,347	2,787	3,272	3,814
Net Block	5,038	5,536	6,051	8,510
Capital WIP	4,737	8,000	15,000	20,000
Total Fixed Assets	9,776	13,536	21,051	28,510
Investments	978	1,079	1,129	1,179
Inventory	2,638	3,154	3,607	3,936
Debtors	7,745	7,885	7,665	8,364
Loans and Advances	181	217	249	271
Other Current Assets	2,848	3,300	3,684	3,966
Cash	10,089	9,917	7,182	4,773
Total Current Assets	23,500	24,473	22,386	21,311
Current Liabilities	321	394	451	492
Provisions	1,863	1,971	2,232	2,435
Current Liabilities & Prov	7,377	8,617	9,101	9,931
Net Current Assets	16,123	15,856	13,286	11,380
Others Assets	6,753	7,003	7,253	7,503
Application of Funds	33,630	37,474	42,718	48,571

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Exhibit 7: Key ratios

(Year-end March)	FY25	FY26E	FY27E	FY28E
Per share data (₹)				
EPS	7.4	8.2	9.3	10.3
Cash EPS	7.9	8.7	9.9	10.9
BV	33.8	38.7	44.8	51.5
DPS	2.8	3.3	3.3	3.5
Cash Per Share	11.5	11.3	8.2	5.4
Operating Ratios (%)				
EBITDA Margin	34.1	30.4	32.0	33.1
PAT Margin	27.4	25.0	24.9	25.1
Inventory days	40.3	40.0	40.0	40.0
Debtor days	118.2	100.0	85.0	85.0
Creditor days	4.9	5.0	5.0	5.0
Return Ratios (%)				
RoE	22.0	21.1	20.8	19.9
RoCE	23.0	22.2	23.5	23.3
RoIC	41.1	42.5	48.9	47.7
Valuation Ratios (x)				
P/E	11.4	10.4	9.1	8.3
EV / EBITDA	8.4	7.8	6.7	6.1
EV / Net Sales	2.9	2.4	2.1	2.0
Market Cap / Sales	3.1	2.6	2.3	2.1
Price to Book Value	2.5	2.2	1.9	1.6
Solvency Ratios				
Debt/EBITDA	0.5	0.4	0.3	0.3
Debt / Equity	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Current Ratio	5.8	5.9	5.4	5.4
Quick Ratio	4.6	4.5	4.1	4.1

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