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Stellar quarter despite challenging macro

- Strong all-round beat; Q3 EBITDA margin boosted to 29.8% by a better mix and one-offs, with 20-22% levels seen as sustainable
- Volume guidance maintained at 294-300k mt for FY23 and an added 30-35k mt for FY24
- FY23/FY24 EPS raised 30%/14% to bake in the Q3 beat; TP revised to Rs 3,300 (vs. Rs 3,100) post rollover – retain BUY

Q3 above estimates: AIAE's Q3FY23 print exceeded our estimates with robust revenue growth of 45% YoY to Rs 12.3bn (Rs 11bn est.), backed by volume/ realisation growth of 23%/18% YoY. EBITDA margin spiked 11ppt YoY to 29.8% thanks to a favourable product mix and a Rs 400mn one-off gain in treasury income. Management pegs sustainable margins in the range of 20-22%. PAT grew 155% YoY to Rs 3.5bn, well ahead of our estimate of Rs 2.1bn.

Guidance retained: AIAE maintained its earlier forecast of achieving incremental sales volume of 30,000-35,000mt for FY24, totaling ~330,000mt. The majority of this increase is expected to come from new customers. Additionally, management has reiterated its guidance for FY23, which predicts sales of 294,000-300,000mt.

Unfazed by weak macro environment: AIAE indicated that core industries remain strong and it does not anticipate any major macroeconomic challenges for its customers in the next 12 months. The company's strategy has undergone a paradigm shift, with a focus on enhancing productivity via downstream efficiencies and mill lining solutions, rather than predatory pricing.

Disciplined capex to capture further growth: To capitalise on the mining industry's conversion of forged media to high chrome mill internals, AIAE plans to expand capacity from 440,000mt to 520,000mt by FY24, through brownfield capex of Rs 2bn. The company has a healthy balance sheet (net cash of Rs 22bn) with negligible leverage and strong free cash flow generation. We believe this will help ROCE sustain above 15%.

Retain BUY: We upgrade our FY23/FY24 EPS estimates by 30%/14% to incorporate the Q3 beat and also roll forward to Dec'24E valuations, translating to a revised TP of Rs 3,300 (from Rs 3,100). Our target is set at an unchanged 32x P/E multiple – a 30% premium to the 5Y average. We retain BUY as we remain positive on AIAE's structural growth story, with expectations of a revenue/PAT CAGR of 12%/17% over FY22-FY25.

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Capital Goods

Key changes

	Target	Rating	
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Ticke	er/Price	AIAE IN/Rs 2,599	
Mark	et cap	US\$ 3.0bn	
Free	float	42%	
3M A	DV	US\$ 2.0mn	
52wk	high/low	Rs 2,875/Rs 1,475	
Prom	noter/FPI/DII	59%/18%/21%	

Source: NSE | Price as of 27 Jan 2023

Key financials

Y/E 31 Mar	FY22A	FY23E	FY24E
Total revenue (Rs mn)	35,665	48,584	51,725
EBITDA (Rs mn)	7,209	12,181	11,777
Adj. net profit (Rs mn)	6,196	10,224	9,804
Adj. EPS (Rs)	65.7	108.4	103.9
Consensus EPS (Rs)	65.7	84.9	93.0
Adj. ROAE (%)	13.8	19.8	16.6
Adj. P/E (x)	39.6	24.0	25.0
EV/EBITDA (x)	33.7	20.1	20.8
Adj. EPS growth (%)	9.4	65.0	(4.1)

Source: Company, Bloomberg, BOBCAPS Research

Stock performance



Source: NSE





Fig 1 – Quarterly performance

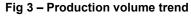
Particulars (Rs mn)	Q3FY23	Q3FY22	YoY (%)	Q2FY23	QoQ (%)
Revenue	12,269	8,481	44.7	13,287	(7.7)
EBITDA	3,657	1,612	126.9	3,120	17.2
EBITDA margin (%)	29.8	19.0	1,080bps	23.5	630bps
Depreciation	244	249	(1.9)	246	(0.5)
Interest	52	25	108.3	39	35.4
Other Income	1,180	423	178.8	321	267.0
PBT	4,540	1,761	157.8	3,157	43.8
Tax	1,015	376	170.3	708	43.4
Adjusted PAT	3,525	1,382	155.1	2,448	44.0
Exceptional item	0	0	-	0	-
Reported PAT	3,525	1,382	155.1	2,448	44.0
Adj. PATM (%)	28.7	16.3	1,244.0	18.4	1,030.5
EPS (Rs)	37.4	14.7	154.5	26.0	43.9

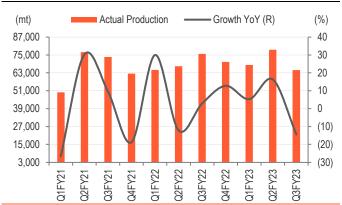
Source: Company, BOBCAPS Research

Fig 2 – Actual vs. Estimates

Particulars (Rs mn)	Actual	Estimate	Variance (%)
Revenue	12,269	11,208	9.5
EBITDA	3,657	2,679	36.5
EBITDA margin (%)	29.8	23.9	590bps
Adj. PAT	3,525	2,058	71.3

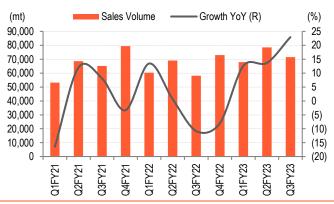
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Fig 4 – Sales volume trend



Source: Company, BOBCAPS Research



Fig 5 – Realisation trend



Source: Company, BOBCAPS Research

Fig 7 – EBITDA trend

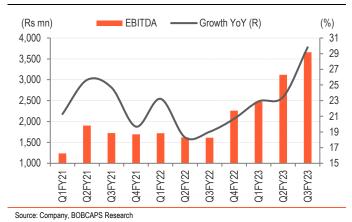
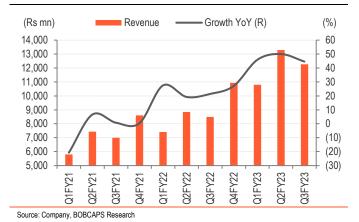
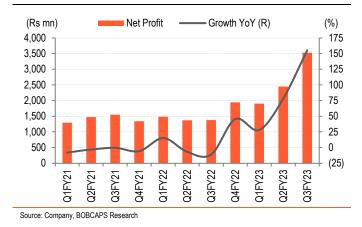


Fig 6 – Revenue trend







Other result highlights

- Volumes from the newly operational mill lining plant are guided at 6,000mt in FY23 (of the total of 24,000mt for the year) and 10,000-15,000mt in FY24.
- FY23 capex is estimated at Rs 2bn. For FY24, AIAE envisages capex at Rs 3bn, of which (i) Rs 2bn would be spent on grinding media expansion to the tune of 80k mt, (ii) Rs 0.3bn of land, and (iii) Rs 0.7bn towards maintenance capex and capacity rationalisation.
- Net cash stood at Rs 22.3bn. The company had a forex gain of Rs 750mn in Q3FY23. Benefit from the Remission of Duties and Taxes on Exported Products (RoDTEP) scheme stood at Rs 169mn.
- Management highlighted that the anti-dumping duty imposed by Brazil will be up for review in mid-2023.



Valuation methodology

As a leading global manufacturer of high chrome mill internals (HCMI), AIAE is well placed to expand amid the transition from forged media to HCMI, particularly in the mining industry. Current low penetration of HCMI globally (~20% of the total grinding media) provides a multi-year growth story. Notably, AIAE has a single manufacturing base which enables relatively cheaper production and hence competitive pricing. We expect the company to carve out additional market share from the industry leader due to its cost competitiveness and improved supply chain mechanisms.

In light of the strong Q3FY23 beat, we upgrade our FY23/FY24 EPS estimates by 30%/14%. Upon rolling valuations forward to Dec'24E, our TP stands revised to Rs 3,300 (from Rs 3,100), based on an unchanged 32x P/E multiple – a 30% premium to the five-year average. We retain BUY as we remain positive on AIAE's structural growth story, with expectations of a revenue/PAT CAGR of 12%/17% over FY22-FY25.

Fig 9 - Revised estimates

(Do		New			Old			Change (%)	
(Rs mn)	FY23E	FY24E	FY25E	FY23E	FY24E	FY25E	FY23E	FY24E	FY25E
Sales	48,584	51,725	50,180	45,823	48,388	50,839	6.0	6.9	(1.3)
EBITDA	12,181	11,777	11,710	10,395	11,312	12,176	17.2	4.1	(3.8)
PAT	10,224	9,804	9,797	7,877	8,642	9,432	29.8	13.5	3.9
EPS (Rs)	108.4	103.9	103.9	83.5	91.6	100.0	29.8	13.5	3.9
EBITDA Margin (%)	25.1	22.8	23.3	22.7	23.4	23.9	240bps	(60bps)	(60bps)

Source: Company, BOBCAPS Research



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Key risks

Key downside risks to our estimates are:

- continued protectionist measures leading to anti-dumping duties, and
- a slowdown in mining capex.



Sector recommendation snapshot

Company	Ticker	Market Cap (US\$ bn)	Price (Rs)	Target (Rs)	Rating
ABB India	ABB IN	7.3	2,803	3,100	HOLD
AIA Engineering	AIAE IN	3.0	2,599	3,300	BUY
Cummins India	KKC IN	4.7	1,382	1,300	HOLD
Hitachi Energy	POWERIND IN	1.6	3,019	3,600	BUY
KEC International	KECI IN	1.5	465	500	BUY
Larsen & Toubro	LT IN	37.2	2,160	2,390	BUY
Siemens India	SIEM IN	12.9	2,958	3,500	BUY
Thermax	TMX IN	2.8	1,905	2,100	HOLD

Source: BOBCAPS Research, NSE | Price as of 27 Jan 2023



Financials

Income Statement					
Y/E 31 Mar (Rs mn)	FY21A	FY22A	FY23E	FY24E	FY25E
Total revenue	28,815	35,665	48,584	51,725	50,180
EBITDA	6,552	7,209	12,181	11,777	11,710
Depreciation	935	921	968	1,085	1,260
EBIT	5,617	6,288	11,213	10,692	10,450
Net interest inc./(exp.)	43	39	135	120	140
Other inc./(exp.)	1,722	1,563	2,200	2,530	2,783
Exceptional items	0	0	0	0	0
EBT	7,296	7,813	13,278	13,102	13,093
Income taxes	1,639	1,617	3,054	3,298	3,295
Extraordinary items	0	0	0	0	0
Min. int./Inc. from assoc.	4	0	0	0	0
Reported net profit	5,661	6,196	10,224	9,804	9,797
Adjustments	0	0	0	0	0
Adjusted net profit	5,661	6,196	10,224	9,804	9,797

Y/E 31 Mar (Rs mn)	FY21A	FY22A	FY23E	FY24E	FY25E
Accounts payables	1,658	1,967	2,662	2,834	2,750
Other current liabilities	943	1,057	1,997	2,126	2,062
Provisions	0	0	0	0	0
Debt funds	1,845	28	21	23	22
Other liabilities	693	654	860	910	885
Equity capital	189	189	189	189	189
Reserves & surplus	42,255	47,361	55,540	62,403	69,262
Shareholders' fund	42,443	47,550	55,729	62,592	69,450
Total liab. and equities	47,582	51,256	61,269	68,485	75,169
Cash and cash eq.	19,468	15,610	18,523	22,069	30,074
Accounts receivables	6,410	8,001	10,648	11,337	10,998
Inventories	7,548	12,260	12,379	12,754	12,373
Other current assets	1,191	1,395	2,529	2,693	2,612
Investments	2,572	5	7	7	7
Net fixed assets	8,114	8,000	9,032	10,947	10,686
CWIP	1,609	2,102	2,864	3,049	2,958
Intangible assets	0	0	0	0	0
Deferred tax assets, net	0	0	0	0	0
Other assets	669	3,882	5,287	5,629	5,461
Total assets	47,582	51,256	61,269	68,485	75,169

Cash Flows

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Y/E 31 Mar (Rs mn)	FY21A	FY22A	FY23E	FY24E	FY25E
Cash flow from operations	5,985	(392)	8,928	9,964	11,710
Capital expenditures	(1,231)	(1,253)	(2,000)	(3,000)	(1,000)
Change in investments	(2,572)	1,490	(763)	(186)	91
Other investing cash flows	289	762	(1,200)	(292)	144
Cash flow from investing	(3,513)	999	(3,963)	(3,477)	(765)
Equities issued/Others	0	0	0	0	0
Debt raised/repaid	755	(1,816)	(7)	1	(1)
Interest expenses	0	0	0	0	0
Dividends paid	0	0	0	0	0
Other financing cash flows	(90)	(859)	(2,045)	(2,941)	(2,939)
Cash flow from financing	665	(2,676)	(2,052)	(2,940)	(2,940)
Chg in cash & cash eq.	3,137	(2,069)	2,913	3,546	8,005
Closing cash & cash eq.	19,468	15,610	18,523	22,069	30,074

Per Share Y/E 31 Mar (Rs)	FY21A	FY22A	FY23E	FY24E	FY25E
Reported EPS	60.0	65.7	108.4	103.9	103.9
Adjusted EPS	60.0	65.7	108.4	103.9	103.9
Dividend per share	9.0	9.0	21.7	31.2	31.2
Book value per share	450.0	504.1	590.8	663.6	736.3
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Valuations Ratios					
Y/E 31 Mar (x)	FY21A	FY22A	FY23E	FY24E	FY25
EV/Sales	8.5	6.8	5.0	4.7	4.9
EV/EBITDA	37.3	33.7	20.1	20.8	20.
Adjusted P/E	43.3	39.6	24.0	25.0	25.
P/BV	5.8	5.2	4.4	3.9	3.
DuPont Analysis					
Y/E 31 Mar (%)	FY21A	FY22A	FY23E	FY24E	FY25
Tax burden (Net profit/PBT)	77.6	79.3	77.0	74.8	74.
Interest burden (PBT/EBIT)	129.9	124.2	118.4	122.5	125.
EBIT margin (EBIT/Revenue)	19.5	17.6	23.1	20.7	20.
Asset turnover (Rev./Avg TA)	64.6	72.2	86.4	79.7	69.
Leverage (Avg TA/Avg Equity)	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.
Adjusted ROAE	14.2	13.8	19.8	16.6	14.
Ratio Analysis		51/00 4	51/005	5)(0.45	51/05
Y/E 31 Mar	FY21A	FY22A	FY23E	FY24E	FY25
YoY growth (%)	(2, 2)	02.0	20.0	0.5	(2.0
Revenue	(3.3)	23.8	36.2	6.5	(3.0
EBITDA	(3.7)	10.0	69.0	(3.3)	(0.6
Adjusted EPS	(4.1)	9.4	65.0	(4.1)	(0.1
Profitability & Return ratios (%)	00.7	00.0	05.4	00.0	00
EBITDA margin	22.7	20.2	25.1	22.8	23.
EBIT margin	19.5	17.6	23.1	20.7	20.
Adjusted profit margin	19.6	17.4	21.0	19.0	19.
Adjusted ROAE	14.2	13.8	19.8	16.6	14.
ROCE	13.0	13.0	19.8	16.8	14.
Working capital days (days)	04	00	00	00	•
Receivables	81	82	80	80	8
Inventory	96	125	93	90	9
	21	20	20	20	2
Payables					
Ratios (x)		~ ~	~ ~		
Ratios (x) Gross asset turnover	1.8	2.2	2.8	2.6	2.3
Ratios (x)	1.8 7.8 130.8	2.2 12.3 163.3	2.8 9.4 83.1	2.6 9.8 89.1	2.3 11.6 74.6

 Adjusted debt/equity
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 Source: Company, BOBCAPS Research | Note: TA = Total Assets
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