# Flash Note

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## Cement

# **Lucky Cement Limited (LUCK)**

# Lower retentions and elevated input costs push 1QFY19 earnings to PKR 7.71/share, down by 17%YoY

- Lucky Cement Limited (LUCK) announced its financial results for 1QFY19 with unconsolidated earnings clocking in at PKR 2.49bn (EPS: PKR 7.71), down by 17%YoY, as compared to PKR 3.02bn (EPS: PKR 9.33) reported in the same period last year. On a consolidated basis, earnings fell by 23%YOY to PKR 3.16bn (EPS: PKR 9.14) as against PKR 4.17bn (EPS: PKR 11.90) reported in the comparative period.
- Unconsolidated net sales of the Company grew by mere +2%YoY despite slowdown in cement dispatches in North
- Gross profits of the Company dropped by 17%YoY, largely driven by rise in coal and FO prices globally, PKR devaluation against the greenback and enhanced FED charge promulgated via Finance Act 2018-19.
- Other Income of LUCK leaped up by +21%YoY probably due to higher electricity sales made to HESCO and repatriation of dividend income from group companies.
- Effective tax rate of the Company dropped to 14% as against 19% reported in the comparative period, possibly due to higher export dispatches made during the quarter.

#### Exhibit:

### **LUCK Result Highlights - Unconsolidated**

Period end (JUN) - PKRmn	1QFY19	1QFY18	YoY	4QFY18	QoQ
Net Sales	11,405	11,204	2%	11,871	-4%
Gross Profit	3,424	4,113	-17%	3,860	-11%
Sell. / Dist. & Admin	931	651	43%	919	1%
Non-Operating Income	644	532	21%	560	15%
EBIT	2,892	3,701	-22%	3,139	-8%
Financial Charges	-	-	n/a	-	n/a
Pre-tax Profits	2,892	3,701	-22%	3,139	-8%
Taxation	399	683	-42%	744	-46%
Post-tax Profits	2,493	3,017	-17%	2,395	4%
EPS	7.71	9.33		7.41	
DPS	-	-		8.00	
Key Ratios					
Gross Margin (%)	30.0	36.7		32.5	
Net Margin (%)	21.9	26.9		20.2	
Effective Tax Rate (%)	13.8	18.5		23.7	

Source: Company Accounts, IGI Research

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