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Maple Leaf Cement Factory Limited (MLCF)

Earnings: Maple Leaf Cement Factory Limited (MLCF) announced its 9MFY24 result. The Company reported unconsolidated earnings for 3QFY24 of PKR 1.1bn (PKR 1.05/share), down by -40% y/y, compared to earnings of PKR 1.9bn (PKR 1.75 @ 1073.3mn shares) in the same period last year. This brings total earnings for 9MFY24 to PKR 4.3bn (PKR 4.0/share), down by -40%y/y, compared to PKR 5.4bn (PKR 5.06 @ 1,073.3mn shares) in the corresponding period last year.

Dividend/Payout: The Company did not announce any cash dividend.

Operating Performance: During 3QFY24, the company's net sales decreased by -6%y/y likely owing to lower dispatches. Moreover, gross profit margin increased to 28% compared to 27% in the same period last year likely owing to lower imported coal prices. Administrative, selling and distribution cost jumped by +51% y/y likely due to the axle load implementation and inflationary pressures. Finance cost augmented by +2.3xy/y likely owing to higher interest rates. The effective tax rate during 9MFY24 stood at 34% compared to 31% during the same period last year.

Exhibit: Maple Leaf Cement Factory Limited (MLCF) Financial highlights										
For period ending: 3q/24										
PKRbn=Dec(end)	9MFY24	3q/24	2q/24	1q/24	9MFY23	3q/23	2q/23	1q/23	ΔYoY	ΔQoQ
Net Sales	50.7	16.0	18.1	16.7	47.1	17.0	17.2	12.8	-6%	-12%
Gross Profits	15.4	4.4	6.0	5.0	13.6	4.6	5.5	3.6	-3%	-26%
Admin	1.4	0.4	0.6	0.4	1.0	0.4	0.3	0.4	22%	-21%
EBIT	9.5	2.8	3.5	3.2	9.6	3.1	4.1	2.4	-9%	-20%
Finance cost	3.0	0.9	1.0	1.1	1.7	0.4	0.6	0.6	129%	-9%
Profit before tax	6.5	1.9	2.5	2.1	7.9	2.7	3.5	1.8	-30%	-24%
Taxation	2.2	0.7	0.6	0.8	2.5	0.8	1.1	0.6	-6%	18%
Profit after Tax	4.3	1.1	1.8	1.3	5.4	1.9	2.3	1.2	-40%	-38%
EPS*	4.00	1.05	1.71	1.24	5.06	1.75	2.19	1.13	-40%	-38%
DPS	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	-	-
Gross Margins	30%	28%	33%	30%	29%	27%	32%	28%	1%	-5%
EBIT Margins	19%	18%	19%	19%	20%	18%	24%	19%	0%	-2%
Effective tax	34%	40%	26%	37%	31%	30%	33%	32%	10%	14%
Net Margins	8%	7%	10%	8%	12%	11%	14%	9%	-4%	-3%

Source: Company Accounts, IGI Research, *Number of Shares (mn): 1073.3

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