



# India

# **HOLD** (previously ADD)

Sell 5 Consensus ratings\*: Buy 12 Hold 6 Current price: Rs196 Target price: Rs205 Previous target: Rs205 Up/downside: 4.6% InCred Research / Consensus: 1.6% HEIG.DE Reuters: Bloomberg: HEIM IN US\$538m Market cap: Rs44,314m US\$1.2m Average daily turnover: Rs99.2m Current shares o/s: 226.6m Free float: 25.5% \*Source: Bloomberg

### Key changes in this note

- ➤ Net sales cut by 2-8% for FY23F-25F.
- EBITDA cut by 6-16% for FY23F-25F.



		Source: E	Bloomberg
Price performance	1M	ЗМ	12M
Absolute (%)	0.7	8.5	(21.2)
Relative (%)	1.0	0.7	(17.5)

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Promoter & Promoter Group	69.4
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# **Heidelberg Cement India Ltd**

# Limited growth options; cut rating to HOLD

- 2QFY23 EBITDA stood at Rs476m, down 59% yoy and way below our estimate and consensus estimate, led by across-the-board weakness.
- We slash our FY23F-25F EBITDA estimates by 6-16% to factor in 2Q miss.
   Merger with Zuari Cement and Gujarat plant expansion remain key triggers.
- Downgrade rating to HOLD (from ADD) with unchanged target price of Rs205.

## Volume continues to miss expectations while realization holds up

Heildelberg Cement India or HEIM's 2QFY23 cement volume fell by ~19% yoy to 1mt due to weak demand on weather-related problems in central India region and volume decline (sequentially) which was much higher compared to industry due to capacity constraints. Cement realization was down by ~4.6% qoq (up by ~8% yoy). Blended prices rose higher because of improved premium products, and the share of premium products rising by 114% yoy to 55% (HEIM launched MyCem Primo product), but overall trade share fell by 298bp to 83%. The planned capex in Gujarat is in the process of getting environmental clearances (expected by Jun 2023F) and the expansion comprises a) Phase-1: 3mtpa (EUR 200m), and b) Phase-2: 3mtpa - likely to start by FY27F. The capex plan stays on track to increase its clinker capacity by 0.3mtpa and grinding capacity by 0.5mtpa via debottlenecking.

## Unit EBITDA at Rs476 - down by Rs470 yoy and Rs380 gog

Total cost/t increased by ~3% qoq and 23% yoy to Rs4,585. P&F cost/t rose by 47% yoy but was flat qoq at Rs1,895 as pet-coke prices became cheaper, and HEIM used 31% coal in its fuel mix (vs. 38% in 1QFY23). In 2Q, the share of green power increased to ~34% vs. 30% qoq. On per kcal basis, fuel cost stood at Rs3.13 in 2Q, which has likely peaked out and is expected to decline in coming quarters. Freight cost/t increased by 2% qoq and 11% yoy. As a result, unit EBITDA stood at Rs476/t, down 44% qoq and 50% yoy.

### Strong balance sheet & merger with Zuari Cement are key positives

Net debt stood at Rs109m as at end-Sep 2022, which excludes a sum of Rs1.5bn to be received from Zuari Cement during 2HFY23F. On the capex front, total capex to be incurred is Rs1bn in FY23F/FY24F each. The parent company, Heidelberg Materials, owns a 100% stake in South India-based 8mtpa Zuari Cement since 2017. HEIM's merger with Zuari Cement in India has been particularly explored in the recent past after amendments to mining laws. HEIM indicated it is working with the parent on merging with Zuari Cement.

#### Downgrade rating to HOLD on lack of performance in volume terms

HEIM trades at FY24F/25F EV/EBITDA multiple of 8.7x/7.4x and EV/t of US\$83/US\$77, respectively. We downgrade HEIM's rating to HOLD (from ADD earlier). Our target price of Rs205 (unchanged) is based on 8.5x Sep 2024F EV/EBITDA. **Downside risks:** Weak demand, pricing & cost pressure, and lack of visibility on the next phase of expansion. **Upside risks:** Merger with Zuari, better-than-expected demand recovery and pricing growth in central India, value-accretive acquisition, and better-than-expected cost control.

Financial Summary	Mar-21A	Mar-22A	Mar-23F	Mar-24F	Mar-25F
Revenue (Rsm)	21,167	22,970	24,047	26,360	28,434
Operating EBITDA (Rsm)	5,066	4,346	3,308	4,766	5,541
Net Profit (Rsm)	3,150	2,523	1,647	2,748	3,322
Core EPS (Rs)	13.9	11.1	7.3	12.1	14.7
Core EPS Growth	17.5%	(19.9%)	(34.7%)	66.8%	20.9%
FD Core P/E (x)	14.07	17.57	26.90	16.13	13.34
DPS (Rs)	6.0	9.0	6.2	8.9	10.8
Dividend Yield	3.07%	4.60%	3.16%	4.56%	5.51%
EV/EBITDA (x)	8.48	9.76	12.77	8.76	7.44
P/FCFE (x)	31.37	30.18	44.49	22.97	19.22
Net Gearing	(9.2%)	(12.3%)	(13.0%)	(15.5%)	(17.6%)
P/BV (x)	2.97	2.83	2.79	2.67	2.53
ROE	22.4%	16.5%	10.4%	16.9%	19.5%
% Change In Core EPS Estimates			(0.41%)	(0.30%)	(0.26%)
InCred Research/Consensus EPS (x)					

SOURCE: INCRED RESEARCH, COMPANY REPORTS



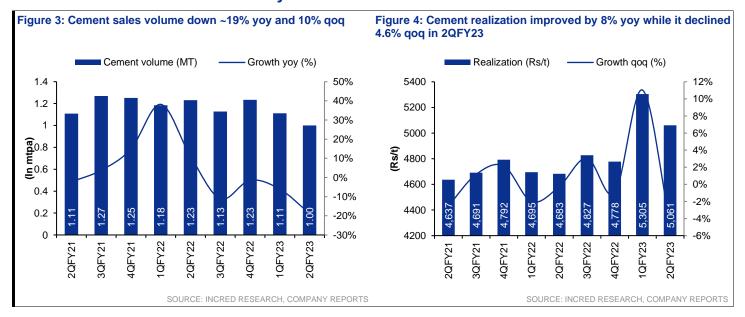
# Limited growth options; cut rating to HOLD

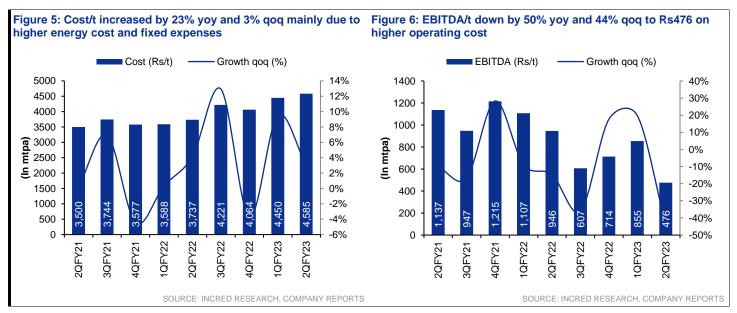
Particulars (Rs m)	2QFY23	2QFY23F	1QFY23	2QFY22 -		% Change	
Particulars (RS III)	2QF123	2QF123F	10/123	2QF122	2QFY23F	1QFY23	2QFY22
Net sales	5,061	6,133	5,899	5,765	-17%	-14%	-12%
Raw materials consumed	890	908	893	973	-2%	0%	-9%
Freight and forwarding expenses	680	796	737	754	-15%	-8%	-10%
Power and fuel cost	1,895	2,460	2,103	1,588	-23%	-10%	19%
Employee cost	318	346	339	328	-8%	-6%	-3%
Other expenses	803	900	876	957	-11%	-8%	-16%
Total expenditure	4,585	5,411	4,948	4,600	-15%	-7%	0%
EBITDA	476	722	950	1,165	-34%	-50%	-59%
Depreciation	281	284	280	282	-1%	0%	0%
EBIT	195	438	670	883	-56%	-71%	-78%
Interest	207	85	80	112	142%	158%	84%
Other Income	110	121	103	139	-9%	7%	-21%
РВТ	98	473	693	909	-79%	-86%	-89%
Tax	28	142	177	314	-80%	-84%	-91%
Recurring PAT	70	331	516	596	-79%	-86%	-88%
Extraordinary items	0	0	0	0			
Reported PAT	70	331	516	596	-79%	-86%	-88%
EPS (Rs)	0.3	1.5	2.3	2.6	-79%	-86%	-88%
Margins (%)	2QFY23	2QFY23F	1QFY23	2QFY22	Est.	qoq	yoy
Gross margin	32%	32%	37%	43%	-54 bp	-515 bp	-1,096 bp
EBITDA margin	9%	12%	16%	20%	-237 bp	-671 bp	-1,080 bp
EBIT margin	4%	7%	11%	15%	-329 bp	-752 bp	-1,147 bp
PBT margin	2%	8%	12%	16%	-578 bp	-981 bp	-1,383 bp
PAT margin	1%	5%	9%	10%	-401 bp	-736 bp	-895 bp
Tax rate	28%	30%	26%	34%	-153 bp	293 bp	-602 bp
Cost items as a % of sales							
RM + freight + P&F cost	68%	68%	63%	57%	55 bp	515 bp	1,096 bp
Employee cost	6%	6%	6%	6%	63 bp	53 bp	58 bp
Other expenses	16%	15%	15%	17%	119 bp	102 bp	-73 bp

Day tanna analysis	2QFY23	2QFY23F	1QFY23	2QFY22	%	Change	% Change			
Per tonne analysis	2QF123	2QF123F	TQFT23	2QF122	2QFY23F	1QFY23	2QFY22			
Sales volume (cement + clinker)	1.00	1.21	1.11	1.23	-17%	-10%	-19%			
Realization	5,061	5,086	5,305	4,683	-0.5%	-4.6%	8.1%			
Adj. EBITDA/t	476	599	855	946	-21%	-44%	-50%			
RM cost/t	890	753	803	790	18%	11%	13%			
P&F cost/t	1,895	2,040	1,892	1,290	-7%	0%	47%			
Freight cost/t	680	661	663	613	3%	2%	11%			
Employee cost/t	318	287	305	267	11%	4%	19%			
Other expenses/t	803	747	787	777	8%	2%	3%			
Cost/t	4,585	4,488	4,450	3,737	2%	3%	23%			



# Key charts ➤





Rs. m		New			Old		Cł	ange (%)	
	FY23F	FY24F	FY25F	FY23F	FY24F	FY25F	FY23F	FY24F	FY25F
Sales	24,047	26,360	28,434	26,047	27,393	29,093	-8%	-4%	-2%
EBITDA	3,307	4,765	5,540	3,837	5,054	5,862	-16%	-6%	-6%
PAT	1,646	2,747	3,321	1956	3,053	3,692	-19%	-11%	-11%
EPS (Rs.)	7.3	12.1	14.7	9	13	16	-20%	-11%	-11%

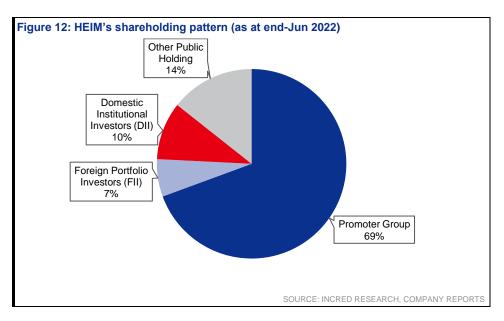
Rs. m		Incred			onsensi	ıs	Change (%)		
	FY23F	FY24F	FY25F	FY23F	FY24F	FY25F	FY23F	FY24F	FY25F
Sales	24,047	26,360	28,434	25,303	27,200	29,630	-5%	-3%	-4%
EBITDA	3,307	4,765	5,540	3,897	5,112	5,878	-15%	-7%	-6%
PAT	1.646	2.747	3.321	2.234	3,195	3.748	-26%	-14%	-11%



	FY21	FY22	FY23F	FY24F	FY25F
Volume (mtpa)	4.5	4.8	4.7	5.0	5.4
yoy	-5%	6%	-2%	8%	7%
Realization (per t)	4,652	4,681	5,163	5,240	5,293
yoy	2%	1%	10%	1%	1%
Cost (per t)	3,589	3,899	4,453	4,293	4,261
yoy	3%	9%	14%	-4%	-1%
EBITDA (per t)	1,129	910	710	947	1,031
yoy	1%	-19%	-22%	33%	9%
EBITDA (Rs m)	5,066	4,346	3,307	4,765	5,540
yoy	-4%	-14%	-24%	44%	16%

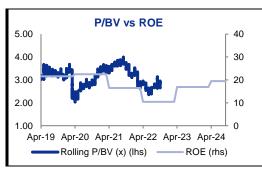
Figure 10: Our TP of Rs205 is	based on 8.5x (unchanged) Sep 2024F EV/EBITDA
Valuation	TF
Target EV/EBITDA (x)	8.5
Target EV (Rs m)	46,810
Net debt / (cash) (Rs m)	(2,575)
No. of shares (m)	227
Fair value per share (Rs)	205
	SOURCE: INCRED RESEARCH ESTIMATES, COMPANY REPORTS

Company	Bloomberg Ticker	Rating	Closing	Target Price (LC)	% Unaida	Market cap	EV/EI	SITDA (x)	P/E	3V (x)	Ro	oE (%)		P/E (x)	EV	/t (US\$
	TICKEI		Price (LC)	FIICE (LC)	opside	(US\$ m) I	Y23F I	Y24F	FY23F F	Y24F	FY23F	FY24F	FY23F	FY24F	FY23F	FY24F
UltraTech Cement	UTCEM IN	ADD	6,347	7,721	22%	22,261	15.7	12.9	3.2	2.9	11.4	13.1	29.6	23.3	176.7	172.0
ACC	ACC IN	ADD	2,219	2,636	19%	5,064	11.3	8.6	2.5	2.3	12.4	14.1	21.5	16.9	117.0	111.5
Ambuja Cements	ACEM IN	HOLD	508	398	-22%	12,252	25.4	23.0	4.1	3.9	9.5	10.1	43.8	39.7	178.0	178.3
Shree Cement	SRCM IN	HOLD	20,968	21,657	3%	9,192	24.5	18.3	4.1	3.7	7.7	11.2	54.9	35.1	204.7	191.2
The Ramco Cements	TRCL IN	ADD	706	879	24%	2,027	15.5	11.4	2.4	2.2	7.7	11.1	32.6	20.9	132.7	115.4
JK Cement	JKCE IN	ADD	2,539	2,883	14%	2,383	16.4	11.9	4.1	3.6	14.6	19.0	29.9	20.1	187.1	147.4
Birla Corp	BCORP IN	ADD	944	1300	38%	883	10.3	7.6	1.2	1.2	4.9	8.5	26.0	14.1	73.2	73.4
Heidelberg	HEIM IN	ADD	196	205	5%	538	12.8	8.8	2.8	2.7	10.4	16.9	26.9	16.1	84.5	83.5
Dalmia Bharat	DALBHARA IN	ADD	1,511	1,901	26%	3,441	12.8	10.3	1.8	1.7	4.4	6.4	41.8	27.0	94.4	82.5
JK Lakshmi	JKLC IN	ADD	546	602	10%	780	9.1	7.9	2.3	2.0	14.4	16.3	17.0	13.1	70.3	73.6
Orient Cement	ORCMNT IN	ADD	124	176	42%	308	6.1	6.3	1.5	1.4	14.0	14.5	11.5	9.9	49.9	46.6
Prism Johnson	PRSMJ IN	ADD	124	142	14%	761	12.9	8.7	4.5	3.9	9.2	18.9	50.9	22.2	139.6	137.5
Mean							14.4	11.3	2.9	2.6	10.1	13.3	32.2	21.5	125.7	117.7
Median							12.9	9.5	2.7	2.5	10.0	13.6	29.7	20.5	124.8	113.4
Minimum							6.1	6.3	1.2	1.2	4.4	6.4	11.5	9.9	49.9	46.6
Maximum							25.4	23.0	4.5	3.9	14.6	19.0	54.9	39.7	204.7	191.2





# **BY THE NUMBERS**





(Rs mn)	Mar-21A	Mar-22A	Mar-23F	Mar-24F	Mar-25F
Total Net Revenues	21,167	22,970	24,047	26,360	28,434
Gross Profit	21,167	22,970	24,047	26,360	28,434
Operating EBITDA	5,066	4,346	3,308	4,766	5,541
Depreciation And Amortisation	(1,110)	(1,121)	(1,137)	(1,160)	(1,195)
Operating EBIT	3,956	3,225	2,171	3,606	4,346
Financial Income/(Expense)	(509)	(364)	(437)	(420)	(407)
Pretax Income/(Loss) from Assoc.					
Non-Operating Income/(Expense)	465	491	469	487	502
Profit Before Tax (pre-EI)	3,912	3,351	2,202	3,674	4,441
Exceptional Items					
Pre-tax Profit	3,912	3,351	2,202	3,674	4,441
Taxation	(763)	(829)	(555)	(926)	(1,119)
Exceptional Income - post-tax					
Profit After Tax	3,150	2,523	1,647	2,748	3,322
Minority Interests					
Preferred Dividends					
FX Gain/(Loss) - post tax					
Other Adjustments - post-tax					
Net Profit	3,150	2,523	1,647	2,748	3,322
Recurring Net Profit	3,150	2,523	1,647	2,748	3,322
Fully Diluted Recurring Net Profit	3,150	2,523	1,647	2,748	3,322

Cash Flow					
(Rs mn)	Mar-21A	Mar-22A	Mar-23F	Mar-24F	Mar-25F
EBITDA	5,066	4,346	3,308	4,766	5,541
Cash Flow from Invt. & Assoc.					
Change In Working Capital	171	2,325	(8)	(278)	(210)
(Incr)/Decr in Total Provisions					
Other Non-Cash (Income)/Expense	465	491	469	487	502
Other Operating Cashflow	(1,471)	(4,325)			
Net Interest (Paid)/Received	(509)	(364)	(437)	(420)	(407)
Tax Paid	672	546	(555)	(926)	(1,119)
Cashflow From Operations	4,395	3,019	2,776	3,630	4,306
Capex	(456)	(464)	(1,000)	(1,250)	(1,500)
Disposals Of FAs/subsidiaries					
Acq. Of Subsidiaries/investments					
Other Investing Cashflow	(1,276)	114	(730)	(250)	(250)
Cash Flow From Investing	(1,732)	(350)	(1,730)	(1,500)	(1,750)
Debt Raised/(repaid)	(1,250)	(1,200)	(50)	(200)	(250)
Proceeds From Issue Of Shares	(71)	(53)	(1)	(1)	(1)
Shares Repurchased					
Dividends Paid	(1,360)	(2,040)	(1,399)	(2,019)	(2,441)
Preferred Dividends					
Other Financing Cashflow	(358)	11	500	400	400
Cash Flow From Financing	(3,039)	(3,282)	(950)	(1,820)	(2,292)
Total Cash Generated	(376)	(613)	96	310	265
Free Cashflow To Equity	1,413	1,469	996	1,930	2,306
Free Cashflow To Firm	3,171	3,033	1,483	2,550	2,963

SOURCE: INCRED RESEARCH, COMPANY REPORTS



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Balance Sheet					
(Rs mn)	Mar-21A	Mar-22A	Mar-23F	Mar-24F	Mar-25F
Total Cash And Equivalents	4,317	3,821	3,917	4,227	4,491
Total Debtors	333	400	395	433	467
Inventories	1,607	1,731	1,976	2,094	2,181
Total Other Current Assets	3,705	5,890	5,891	6,406	6,966
Total Current Assets	9,962	11,842	12,180	13,160	14,106
Fixed Assets	16,071	15,618	15,481	15,571	15,876
Total Investments		48	48	48	48
Intangible Assets	189	270	1,000	1,250	1,500
Total Other Non-Current Assets	2,232	460	460	460	460
Total Non-current Assets	18,492	16,396	16,989	17,329	17,884
Short-term Debt	1,200	336	336	286	236
Current Portion of Long-Term Debt					
Total Creditors	2,706	2,645	2,734	2,857	3,014
Other Current Liabilities	5,274	5,386	5,531	5,799	6,113
Total Current Liabilities	9,180	8,366	8,600	8,942	9,364
Total Long-term Debt	1,745	1,566	1,516	1,366	1,166
Hybrid Debt - Debt Component					
Total Other Non-Current Liabilities	2,590	2,653	3,153	3,553	3,953
Total Non-current Liabilities	4,335	4,220	4,670	4,920	5,120
Total Provisions					
Total Liabilities	13,515	12,586	13,270	13,862	14,483
Shareholders Equity	14,939	15,652	15,899	16,627	17,507
Minority Interests					
Total Equity	14,939	15,652	15,899	16,627	17,507

Key Ratios					
	Mar-21A	Mar-22A	Mar-23F	Mar-24F	Mar-25F
Revenue Growth	(2.4%)	8.5%	4.7%	9.6%	7.9%
Operating EBITDA Growth	(4.0%)	(14.2%)	(23.9%)	44.1%	16.2%
Operating EBITDA Margin	23.9%	18.9%	13.8%	18.1%	19.5%
Net Cash Per Share (Rs)	6.05	8.47	9.11	11.36	13.63
BVPS (Rs)	65.92	69.07	70.16	73.37	77.25
Gross Interest Cover	7.78	8.85	4.96	8.59	10.67
Effective Tax Rate	19.5%	24.7%	25.2%	25.2%	25.2%
Net Dividend Payout Ratio	43.2%	80.9%	84.9%	73.5%	73.5%
Accounts Receivables Days	5.09	5.82	6.03	5.74	5.78
Inventory Days	26.42	26.52	28.13	28.18	27.44
Accounts Payables Days	59.97	52.43	47.33	47.25	46.80
ROIC (%)	24.5%	19.7%	12.8%	20.5%	23.7%
ROCE (%)	22.6%	18.2%	12.3%	20.0%	23.4%
Return On Average Assets	13.0%	10.2%	7.3%	10.6%	11.9%

SOURCE: INCRED RESEARCH, COMPANY REPORTS



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