

India

REDUCE (previously ADD)

Consensus ratings*: Buy 14 Hold 3 Sell 6

Current price:	Rs232
Target price:	Rs209
Previous target:	Rs233
Up/downside:	-9.9%
InCred Research / Consensus:	-21.0%

Reuters: Bloombera: US\$19.660m Market cap:

Rs1,427,596m

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US\$22.9m Average daily turnover: Rs1663.0m

Current shares o/s: 6,162.7m Free float: 36.9% *Source: Bloomberg

Key changes in this note

> We downgrade our rating on the stock to REDUCE (ADD earlier) with a lower target price of Rs209.



		Source. D	loomberg
Price performance	1M	ЗМ	12M
Absolute (%)	0.3	5.2	26.4
Relative (%)	(3.8)	(4.6)	3.2

Major shareholders	% held
Promoter & Promoter Group	63.1
LIC India	11.0
Nippon Life India	3.0



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Coal India

The trade is over – downgrade to REDUCE

- Coal India's e-auction prices are likely to fall below Rs2,500/t in the coming months as thermal coal prices in the global market have declined to US\$100/t.
- In 2022, surplus coal production was the highest in the last 23 years. Coupled with soft demand, it will ensure ~US\$100/t(6,200Kcal) price for many quarters.
- We have cut FY24F and FY25F EPS by 46% and 15.3%, respectively. Downgrade our rating on the stock to REDUCE with a lower TP of Rs209.

Global coal production outstrips demand, driving prices down

The global energy panic in 2022 led to a surge in coal production as Europe navigated through an energy crisis. Countries around the world produced more coal than they needed, leading to a global surplus of coal, exerting downward pressure on prices. Global coal consumption has been less than its production for the past five years, which means there is already more coal supply in the market than its demand. The recent surge in coal production has only exacerbated this imbalance. The overproduction of coal in 2022 was the highest in the past decade, indicating that the current surplus is likely to persist for some time. A combination of these factors has created a perfect storm for falling coal prices, leading to a significant impact on the global energy market.

EU has sufficient gas supply-panic coal buying, like CY22, is unlikely

European coal demand did not increase significantly in the wake of the Russia-Ukraine, war, but panic buying by EU countries (particularly Germany) led to sky-high prices. Most European consumers were buying high-quality South African coal, which led to the high prices. The price of 6,000 Kcal of coal, which was once trading at US\$375/t, has fallen back to the US\$100 level. We wouldn't be surprised if the prices decline significantly below US\$100. European gas storage is filled to the highest level at this time of year, and the incremental consumption of imported gas is also declining. Europe has managed to reduce its energy consumption significantly, which reduces the requirement of coal for power generation. Finland has witnessed the largest decline in demand among European countries. Germany's industrial demand appears to be at last year's level, but household demand is still declining. It was not at all expected that Europe would be able to reduce its consumption significantly. However, a combination of factors like panic buying, and higher coal production led to lower coal prices. This is exerting downward pressure on Indian eauction coal prices, which is negative for Coal India.

Downgrade to REDUCE; 1QFY24F PAT to decline by 36% YoY

We have downgraded our rating on Coal India to REDUCE (ADD earlier) and have valued the stock at 10x FY25F EPS to arrive at our lower target price of Rs209. We also assume that from FY24F, e-auction prices will fall to Rs2,000/t and thus, we have cut our EPS estimates. 1QFY24F PAT is likely to decline by 36% YoY as e-auction coal prices will moderate. Falling coal prices are good for cement companies. Upside risk: Lower-thanexpected wage hike for employees.

Financial Summary	Mar-22A	Mar-23A	Mar-24F	Mar-25F	Mar-26F
Revenue (Rsm)	1,097,135	1,382,519	1,320,962	1,348,144	1,426,585
Operating EBITDA (Rsm)	246,905	368,179	216,866	181,803	191,892
Net Profit (Rsm)	173,784	281,249	151,957	128,723	139,520
Core EPS (Rs)	28.2	45.6	24.7	20.9	22.6
Core EPS Growth	36.8%	61.8%	(46.0%)	(15.3%)	8.4%
FD Core P/E (x)	8.21	5.08	9.39	11.09	10.23
DPS (Rs)	12.5	12.5	12.5	12.5	12.5
Dividend Yield	5.40%	5.40%	5.40%	5.40%	5.40%
EV/EBITDA (x)	4.37	2.73	4.12	4.26	3.32
P/FCFE (x)	11.86	5.61	5.26	7.04	6.45
Net Gearing	(75.7%)	(68.7%)	(79.9%)	(90.9%)	(101.4%)
P/BV (x)	3.31	2.49	2.21	2.04	1.87
ROE	43.6%	56.0%	24.9%	19.1%	19.1%
% Change In Core EPS Estimates					
InCred Research/Consensus EPS (x)					

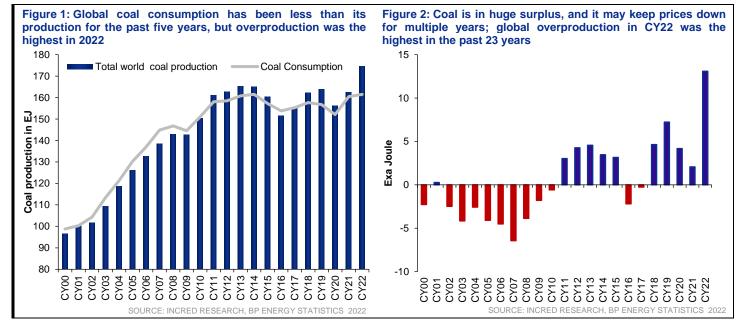


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Correcting global coal prices will lead to stress on e-auction prices, which is negative for Coal India. The best time to buy Coal India is when FSA (fuel supply agreement) and e-auction converge. In the past five years, this has happened twice and at both the times Coal India has given 50% returns.

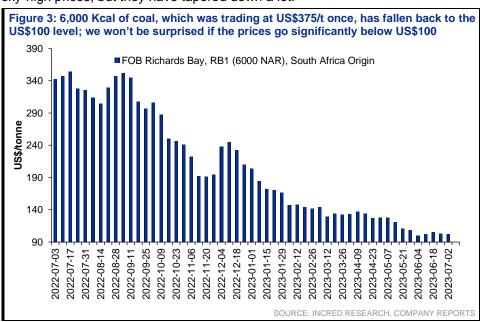
Global energy panic led to huge coal production in CY22▶

There is always a case of overdoing in commodities and the same happened in coal in 2022. As Europe was navigating through an energy crisis, coal was overproduced globally. Probably, the highest in the last decade.



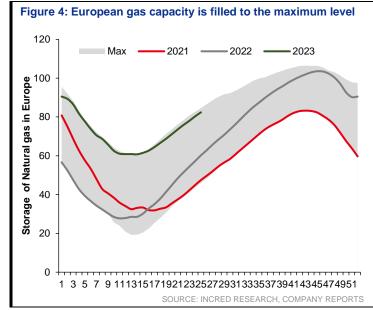
European coal demand to taper off as gas supply is adequate>

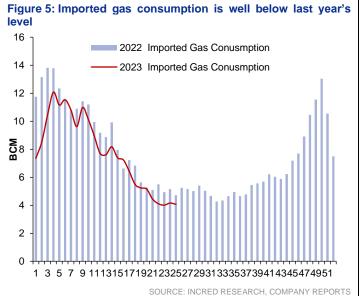
While on a yearly basis European coal demand didn't increase much, the panic that was created after the Russian invasion of Ukraine led to panic-stocking of coal by the EU (particularly, Germany) which led to sky-high prices. Most European consumers were buying high-quality South African coal, which led to sky-high prices, but they have tapered down a lot.



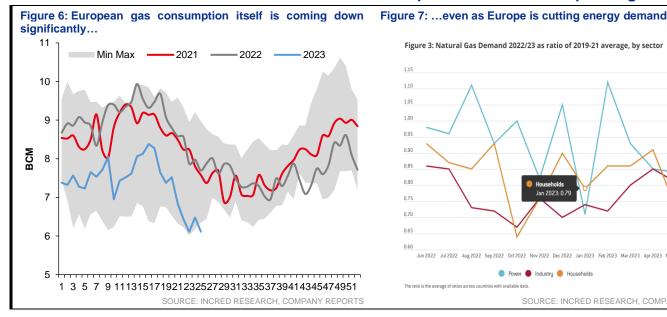


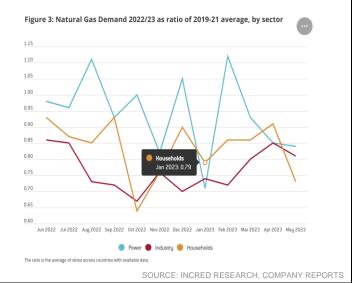
Please note that European gas storage is filled to the highest level at this time of the season and incremental consumption of imported gas is also going down





Europe has managed to cut its gas consumption significantly, which reduces the requirement of coal for power generation >



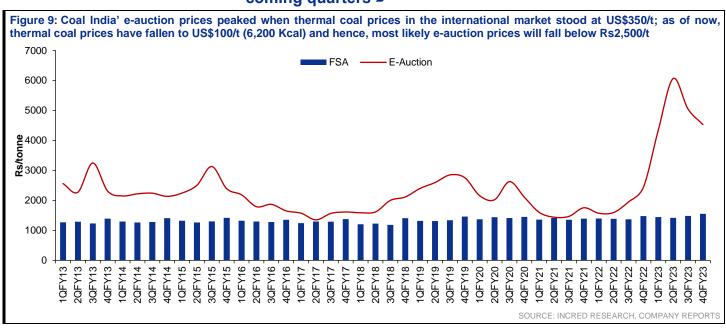


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Figure 8: Country-wise demand decline is the highest in Finland; Germany's industrial demand appears to be at last year's level but household demand is still going down Figure 4: Sectoral demand reductions compared to average 2019-21 Relative (2022) Absolute (Q1 2023) Relative (Q1 2023) Absolute (2022) Austria Belgium Bulgaria Czechia Germany Denmark Estonia Spain Finland France Greece Croatia Hungary Ireland Italy Lithuania Latvia Netherlands Poland Portgual Romania Sweden Slovenia -55 -50 -40 -35 -30 -25 -20 -15 -10 -5 0 Percentage Change 🛑 Industry 🛑 Industry/Household 🛑 Household Absolute Changes show differences in consumption by sector in TWh. Relative changes are changes in sectoral demand in 2022 divided by total average demand in 2019-21. The intuition is that the figure shows the

Coal India's e-auction prices likely to fall to Rs2,500/t in the coming quarters ➤



contribution of individual components to overall demand change in 2022 vs 2019-21 average



Coal India's e-auction prices likely to fall to Rs3,500/t in 1QFY24F ➤

Figure 10: For 1QFY24F, PAT is likely to fall by 36% YoY, but will be 4% higher QoQ; QoQ PAT will be higher because of lower staff cost provision for the quarter; we have also assumed that there will be a 4% rise in FSA realization

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	1QFY22	2QFY22	3QFY22	4QFY22	1QFY23	2QFY23	3QFY23	4QFY23	1QFY24F	YoY	QoQ
Net Revenue	2,52,822	2,32,911	2,84,335	3,27,068	3,50,922	2,98,381	3,51,693	3,81,523	3,37,317	-4%	-12%
Total Cost of Goods Sold	41,210	33,886	32,825	10,621	44,476	42,240	35,626	11,144	41,140	-8%	269%
Employee Cost	1,03,936	95,482	99,363	1,08,226	1,00,727	1,08,290	1,15,247	1,69,828	1,35,062	34%	-20%
Power & Fuel Cost	6,180	6,973	7,170	6,062	6,267	7,269	7,091	6,972	6,267	0%	-10%
Corporate Social Responsibility Expense	1,168	752	1,536	2,034	327	248	1,483	3,807	327	0%	-91%
Repairs	2,608	3,174	3,773	5,474	3,021	3,962	4,156	6,583	3,021	0%	-54%
Contractual Expenses	40,225	39,923	51,942	56,579	55,657	44,205	62,636	70,395	55,657	0%	-21%
Other Expenses	10,947	11,203	13,870	13,636	12,890	11,923	13,027	21,078	12,890	0%	-39%
Total Expenses	2,06,273	1,91,393	2,10,480	2,02,632	2,23,365	2,18,136	2,39,266	2,89,807	2,54,363	14%	-12%
Adjusted EBITDA	46,548	41,518	73,855	1,24,436	1,27,557	80,244	1,12,428	91,716	82,953	-35%	-10%
Stripping Activity Adjustment	-2,572	688	5,600	33,893	4,820	7,367	8,470	17,435	4,820	0%	-72%
Provisions	564	1,386	0	-222	229	75	71	3,374	229	0%	-93%
EBITDA	48,439	39,423	68,255	90,788	1,22,508	72,802	1,03,887	68,981	77,905	-36%	13%
Depreciation	10,406	9,344	10,413	14,124	9,938	10,771	12,620	13,425	9,938	0%	-26%
EBIT	38,033	30,079	57,842	76,665	1,12,571	62,031	91,268	55,557	67,967	-40%	22%
Other Income	6,810	7,818	6,529	17,889	9,945	17,612	15,850	22,100	9,945	0%	-55%
Interest Expenses	1,476	1,414	1,316	1,209	1,502	1,352	2,039	1,951	1,502	0%	-23%
Profit Before Tax	43,366	36,483	63,054	93,345	1,21,014	78,291	1,05,079	75,706	76,410	-37%	1%
Total Tax Expense	11,614	7,105	17,457	26,203	32,432	16,435	28,746	21,147	19,714	-39%	-7%
Profit After Tax	31,752	29,378	45,597	67,142	88,582	61,856	76,333	54,560	56,696	-36%	4%
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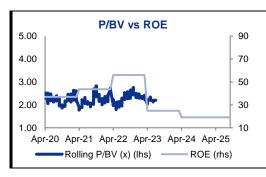
Figure 11: We have valued Coal India at 10x FY25F EPS to arrive at our target price of Rs209

	Value	Unit
FY25F EPS	20.89	Rs/share
FY24F EPS	24.66	Rs/share
FY23 EPS	45.65	Rs/share
P/E multiple	10	Х
Target price	208.87	Rs/share





BY THE NUMBERS





Profit & Loss					
(Rs mn)	Mar-22A	Mar-23A	Mar-24F	Mar-25F	Mar-26F
Total Net Revenues	1,097,135	1,382,519	1,320,962	1,348,144	1,426,585
Gross Profit	978,593	1,249,033	1,174,343	1,189,576	1,255,094
Operating EBITDA	246,905	368,179	216,866	181,803	191,892
Depreciation And Amortisation	(44,287)	(46,753)	(56,057)	(62,675)	(69,292)
Operating EBIT	202,618	321,426	160,809	119,128	122,599
Financial Income/(Expense)	(5,415)	(6,843)	(6,739)	(6,739)	(6,739)
Pretax Income/(Loss) from Assoc.	(86)	(81)			
Non-Operating Income/(Expense)	39,045	65,507	61,361	70,104	81,939
Profit Before Tax (pre-EI)	236,163	380,008	215,430	182,493	197,799
Exceptional Items					
Pre-tax Profit	236,163	380,008	215,430	182,493	197,799
Taxation	(62,379)	(98,759)	(63,474)	(53,769)	(58,279)
Exceptional Income - post-tax					
Profit After Tax	173,784	281,249	151,957	128,723	139,520
Minority Interests					
Preferred Dividends					
FX Gain/(Loss) - post tax					
Other Adjustments - post-tax					
Net Profit	173,784	281,249	151,957	128,723	139,520
Recurring Net Profit	173,784	281,249	151,957	128,723	139,520
Fully Diluted Recurring Net Profit	173,784	281,249	151,957	128,723	139,520

Cash Flow					
(Rs mn)	Mar-22A	Mar-23A	Mar-24F	Mar-25F	Mar-26F
EBITDA	246,905	368,179	216,866	181,803	191,892
Cash Flow from Invt. & Assoc.					
Change In Working Capital	174,479	27,977	(139,490)	38,583	3,866
(Incr)/Decr in Total Provisions					
Other Non-Cash (Income)/Expense	(25,013)	(79,713)	5,726	(90,215)	(81,089)
Other Operating Cashflow	82,759	116,116	162,187	176,162	193,715
Net Interest (Paid)/Received	(5,415)	(6,843)	(6,739)	(6,739)	(6,739)
Tax Paid	(62,840)	(98,759)	(63,474)	(53,769)	(58,279)
Cashflow From Operations	410,875	326,957	175,076	245,825	243,365
Capex	(120,232)	(146,841)	(27,161)	(100,000)	(90,000)
Disposals Of FAs/subsidiaries					
Acq. Of Subsidiaries/investments	(156,028)	25,670	51,665		
Other Investing Cashflow	11,450	40,743	48,392	56,919	68,101
Cash Flow From Investing	(264,810)	(80,428)	72,896	(43,081)	(21,899)
Debt Raised/(repaid)	(25,732)	8,050	23,190		
Proceeds From Issue Of Shares					
Shares Repurchased					
Dividends Paid	(107,834)	(77,034)	(77,034)	(77,034)	(77,034)
Preferred Dividends					
Other Financing Cashflow	(847)	(6,843)	(6,739)	(6,739)	(6,739)
Cash Flow From Financing	(134,412)	(75,828)	(60,583)	(83,774)	(83,774)
Total Cash Generated	11,652	170,702	187,389	118,970	137,693
Free Cashflow To Equity	120,333	254,579	271,163	202,744	221,466
Free Cashflow To Firm	151,480	253,373	254,712	209,483	228,206

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Balance Sheet					
(Rs mn)	Mar-22A	Mar-23A	Mar-24F	Mar-25F	Mar-26F
Total Cash And Equivalents	364,589	439,759	587,605	706,575	844,268
Total Debtors	113,677	130,605	162,858	166,210	175,880
Inventories	70,757	81,547	79,620	81,258	85,986
Total Other Current Assets	379,407	428,917	343,094	343,411	344,036
Total Current Assets	928,430	1,080,827	1,173,177	1,297,454	1,450,171
Fixed Assets	595,741	695,829	666,933	704,258	724,965
Total Investments	24,270	30,854	18,732	18,732	18,732
Intangible Assets					
Total Other Non-Current Assets	253,993	304,557	231,460	257,939	263,878
Total Non-current Assets	874,004	1,031,240	917,125	980,929	1,007,576
Short-term Debt	80	85	44,326	44,326	44,326
Current Portion of Long-Term Debt					
Total Creditors	85,918	85,492	112,791	115,112	121,810
Other Current Liabilities	496,139	601,770	379,484	421,053	433,246
Total Current Liabilities	582,137	687,346	536,601	580,491	599,381
Total Long-term Debt	33,018	41,063	20,012	20,012	20,012
Hybrid Debt - Debt Component					
Total Other Non-Current Liabilities	89,670	101,916	67,869	67,869	67,869
Total Non-current Liabilities	122,688	142,978	87,880	87,880	87,880
Total Provisions	659,440	701,586	810,742	903,244	1,001,231
Total Liabilities	1,364,265	1,531,911	1,435,224	1,571,615	1,688,493
Shareholders Equity	431,430	572,449	647,371	699,061	761,547
Minority Interests	6,738	7,707	7,707	7,707	7,707
Total Equity	438,168	580,156	655,078	706,768	769,253

Key Ratios					
	Mar-22A	Mar-23A	Mar-24F	Mar-25F	Mar-26F
Revenue Growth	21.9%	26.0%	(4.5%)	2.1%	5.8%
Operating EBITDA Growth	32.9%	49.1%	(41.1%)	(16.2%)	5.5%
Operating EBITDA Margin	22.5%	26.6%	16.4%	13.5%	13.5%
Net Cash Per Share (Rs)	53.79	64.68	84.91	104.21	126.56
BVPS (Rs)	70.01	92.89	105.05	113.43	123.57
Gross Interest Cover	37.42	46.97	23.86	17.68	18.19
Effective Tax Rate	26.4%	26.0%	29.5%	29.5%	29.5%
Net Dividend Payout Ratio	44.3%	27.4%	50.7%	59.8%	55.2%
Accounts Receivables Days	51.55	32.25	40.54	44.55	43.76
Inventory Days	246.68	208.23	200.61	185.16	177.98
Accounts Payables Days	249.86	234.35	246.81	262.30	252.13
ROIC (%)	15.9%	27.3%	11.9%	8.5%	8.5%
ROCE (%)	45.0%	58.1%	23.8%	16.0%	15.3%
Return On Average Assets	10.4%	14.6%	7.5%	6.1%	6.1%



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