RESULT UPDATE



KEY DATA

Rating	HOLD
Sector relative	NEUTRAL
Price (INR)	77
12 month price target (INR)	79
52 Week High/Low	83/60
Market cap (INR bn/USD bn)	674/7.6
Free float (%)	30.4
Avg. daily value traded (INR mn)	1,461.0

SHAREHOLDING PATTERN

	Sep-25	Jun-25	Mar-25
Promoter	60.79%	60.79%	60.79%
FII	13.04%	12.21%	11.72%
DII	14.39%	14.48%	15.13%
Pledge	11.78%	12.52%	12.36%

FINANCIALS (INR mn)				
Year to March	FY25A	FY26E	FY27E	FY28E
Revenue	2,36,683	2,70,757	2,83,238	2,88,070
EBITDA	82,579	87,382	94,144	93,737
Adjusted profit	66,935	72,110	76,897	76,812
Diluted EPS (INR)	7.6	8.2	8.7	8.7
EPS growth (%)	13.2	7.7	6.6	(0.1)
RoAE (%)	24.3	22.7	21.2	18.6
P/E (x)	10.1	9.3	8.8	8.8
EV/EBITDA (x)	7.5	6.8	6.0	6.2
Dividend yield (%)	4.3	4.3	4.3	3.4

CHANGE IN ESTIMATES

(INR mn)	Revised estimates		% Revi	sion
Year to March	FY26E	FY27E	FY26E	FY27E
Revenue	2,70,757	2,83,238	-0.4	-0.4
EBITDA	87,382	94,144	-6.4	-7.0
Adjusted profit	72,110	76,897	-4.5	-6.9
Diluted EPS (INR)	8.2	8.7	-4.6	-6.6

PRICE PERFORMANCE



Price cut to dent Q3FY26 earnings

NMDC reported in-line Q2FY26 EBITDA of INR20bn (our estimate: INR20.5bn), up 39% YoY on the back of higher volume and prices. EBITDA/t increased INR389 YoY to INR1,870. Blended iron ore realisation inched up INR98/t YoY to INR4,980/t while volume rose 10% YoY. Key receivables decreased INR1.3bn QoQ to INR78.7bn.

We forecast Q3FY26 EBITDA/t would slide to ~INR1,600 due to lower prices (cut by INR500-550/t in Oct-25), offset by volume growth of 9–10% YoY. All in all, we are reducing FY26E/27E EBITDA by 6%/7% to factor in lower prices and higher CoP. This along with a valuation rollover to FY28E yields a revised TP of INR79 (earlier INR85), valuing the stock at 9x FY28E EPS; downgrade to 'HOLD'.

EBITDA jumps 39% YoY; higher volume and prices lend support

Revenue rose 30% YoY to INR62.6bn primarily driven by higher sales volume (up 10% YoY to 10.7mt) and blended iron ore realisation (up INR98/t YoY to INR4,980/t). Revenue includes job work of pellet sale of KIOCL, which was absent in Q2FY25. Iron ore revenue increased 12% YoY to INR53.4bn. Q2FY26 CoP/t (excluding inventory and royalty & premium) rose to INR1,847, up INR682/59% YoY mainly due to higher other expenses (up INR286/t YoY to INR829/t) led by additional expenses of pellet (job work of KIOCL). Else, iron ore CoP seems to be under control. Royalty and premium made up 34.8% of revenue versus 36.4% in Q2FY25. Overall CoP/t increased by 15% YoY to INR3,972, up INR512/t YoY. As a result, NMDC reported EBITDA of INR20bn, up 39% YoY, translating to EBITDA/t of INR1,870, up INR389/t YoY. It is yet to make any meaningful profit from job work on pellets from KIOCL.

Receivables from RINL and NMDC Steel stay high, but have peaked

Dues outstanding reduced by ~INR1.3bn QoQ to ~INR78.7bn led by a fall in RINL dues by INR1.64bn QoQ to INR38.3bn, whereas at NMDC Steel, dues increased by INRO.4bn QoQ to INR40.4bn.

Steady volume growth to partially offset price weakness

NMDC cut iron ore prices by INR500-550/t in Oct-25 on the back of a fall in steel prices. We expect domestic steel demand to pick up from mid-November, helping domestic iron ore prices to recover in Q4FY26 while global iron ore prices shall remain range-bound (USD95-105/t). Sales volumes expanded 12% in H1FY26 and are anticipated at 49mt (up 10% YoY) in FY26. We forecast EBITDA would compound at 4.3% over FY25-28E to INR93bn, primarily driven by expected sales volume CAGR of 7% over FY25-FY28E to 55mt in FY28E offset by lower iron ore prices.

Financials (INR mn)

Year to March	Q2FY26	Q2FY25	% Change	Q1FY26	% Change
Net Revenue	62,609	48,066	30.3	66,342	(5.6)
EBITDA	20,041	14,404	39.1	24,787	(19.1)
Adjusted Profit	16,947	12,692	33.5	19,687	(13.9)
Diluted EPS (INR)	1.9	1.4	33.5	2.2	(13.9)

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Financial Statements

Income Statement (INR mn)

Year to March	FY25A	FY26E	FY27E	FY28E
Total operating income	2,36,683	2,70,757	2,83,238	2,88,070
Gross profit	2,27,803	2,63,737	2,75,868	2,80,084
Employee costs	17,814	19,061	20,014	21,015
Other expenses	22,506	46,437	46,014	46,336
EBITDA	82,579	87,382	94,144	93,737
Depreciation	3,728	3,914	4,110	4,315
Less: Interest expense	1,777	502	2,138	2,138
Add: Other income	15,902	13,438	14,907	15,406
Profit before tax	92,977	96,404	1,02,803	1,02,689
Prov for tax	26,041	24,294	25,906	25,878
Less: Other adjustment	0	0	0	0
Reported profit	66,935	72,110	76,897	76,812
Less: Excp.item (net)	0	0	0	0
Adjusted profit	66,935	72,110	76,897	76,812
Diluted shares o/s	8,792	8,792	8,792	8,792
Adjusted diluted EPS	8	8	9	9
DPS (INR)	3.3	3.3	3.3	2.6
Tax rate (%)	28.0	25.2	25.2	25.2

Balance Sheet (INR mn)

Year to March	FY25A	FY26E	FY27E	FY28E			
Share capital	8,792	8,792	8,792	8,792			
Reserves	2,87,000	3,29,804	3,77,395	4,31,163			
Shareholders funds	2,95,792	3,38,596	3,86,186	4,39,954			
Minority interest	0	0	0	0			
Borrowings	42,757	42,757	42,757	42,757			
Trade payables	2,985	3,415	3,572	3,633			
Other liabs & prov	65,241	74,633	78,073	79,405			
Total liabilities	4,08,277	4,60,903	5,12,092	5,67,253			
Net block	41,565	57,651	68,541	89,226			
Intangible assets	6,456	6,456	6,456	6,456			
Capital WIP	47,375	67,375	1,12,375	1,77,375			
Total fixed assets	95,396	1,31,482	1,87,372	2,73,057			
Non current inv	11,153	11,153	11,153	11,153			
Cash/cash equivalent	1,00,308	1,23,153	1,54,368	1,36,456			
Sundry debtors	77,342	66,762	42,680	39,462			
Loans & advances	7,696	7,696	7,696	7,696			
Other assets	58,215	62,490	64,056	64,662			
Total assets	4,08,277	4,60,903	5,12,092	5,67,253			

Important Ratios (%)

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Year to March	FY25A	FY26E	FY27E	FY28E
EBITDA margin (%)	34.9	32.3	33.2	32.5
Net profit margin (%)	28.3	26.6	27.1	26.7
Revenue growth (% YoY)	11.2	14.4	4.6	1.7
EBITDA growth (% YoY)	12.3	5.8	7.7	(0.4)
Adj. profit growth (%)	13.2	7.7	6.6	(0.1)

Free Cash Flow (INR mn)

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Year to March	FY25A	FY26E	FY27E	FY28E		
Reported pbt	92,964	96,404	1,02,803	1,02,689		
Add: Depreciation	3,728	3,914	4,110	4,315		
Interest (net of tax)	1,777	0	0	0		
Others	(11,049)	0	0	0		
Less: Changes in WC	(46,968)	16,127	39,514	14,005		
Operating cash flow	15,774	92,152	1,20,521	95,132		
Less: Capex	(27,947)	(40,000)	(60,000)	(90,000)		
Free cash flow	(12,173)	52,152	60,521	5,132		

Assumptions (%)

Year to March			FY25A	FY26E	FY27E	FY28E
GDP (YoY %)			6.0	6.2	6.2	6.2
Repo rate (%)			6.0	5.0	5.0	5.0
USD/INR (average)			84.5	87.5	87.5	87.5
Sales volume(mt)			44.4	49.0	51.5	55.0
Iron realisatio	ore on(INR/	fines t)	4,672	4,552	4,552	4,312
Iron ore lumps realisations(INR/t)			6,049	5,810	5,810	5,630
Cost(INR	:/t)		2,403	2,219	2,182	2,122
EBITDA(I	NR/t)		1,860	1,783	1,828	1,622

Key Ratios

Year to March	FY25A	FY26E	FY27E	FY28E
RoE (%)	24.3	22.7	21.2	18.6
RoCE (%)	30.3	26.9	25.9	23.0
Inventory days	41	38	40	40
Receivable days	87	97	71	52
Payable days	5	4	5	5
Working cap (% sales)	30.5	20.7	10.5	9.0
Gross debt/equity (x)	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Net debt/equity (x)	(0.2)	(0.2)	(0.3)	(0.2)
Interest coverage (x)	44.4	166.3	42.1	41.8

Valuation Metrics

Year to March	FY25A	FY26E	FY27E	FY28E
Diluted P/E (x)	10.1	9.3	8.8	8.8
Price/BV (x)	2.3	2.0	1.7	1.5
EV/EBITDA (x)	7.5	6.8	6.0	6.2
Dividend yield (%)	4.3	4.3	4.3	3.4

Source: Company and Nuvama estimates

Valuation Drivers

Year to March	FY25A	FY26E	FY27E	FY28E
EPS growth (%)	13.2	7.7	6.6	(0.1)
RoE (%)	24.3	22.7	21.2	18.6
EBITDA growth (%)	12.3	5.8	7.7	(0.4)
Payout ratio (%)	43.3	40.6	38.1	30.0

Exhibit 1: Key financial snapshot (INR mn)

Year to March	2QFY26	2QFY25	% change	1QFY26	% change	FY26E	FY27E	FY28E
Net revenues	62,609	48,066	30.3	66,342	(5.6)	2,70,709	2,83,191	2,88,023
Raw material	6,730	6,049	11.3	1,964	242.7	7,020	7,370	7,986
Staff cost	4,012	4,129	(2.8)	4,101	(2.2)	19,061	20,014	21,015
Royalty & Premium	21,770	17,504	24.4	26,802	(18.8)			
Other expenditure	10,055	5,980	68.2	8,688	15.7	46,437	46,014	46,336
Total expenditure	42,568	33,662	26.5	41,555	2.4	1,83,375	1,89,095	1,94,334
EBITDA	20,041	14,404	39.1	24,787	(19.1)	87,382	94,144	93,737
Depreciation	1,067	842	26.7	1,055	1.2	3,914	4,110	4,315
EBIT	18,974	13,561	39.9	23,733	(20.1)	83,468	90,034	89,421
Interest	77	291	(73.6)	272	(71.7)	502	2,138	2,138
Other income	3,811	3,605	5.7	2,979	27.9	13,438	14,907	15,406
Profit Before Tax	22,708	16,875	34.6	26,440	(14.1)	96,404	1,02,803	1,02,689
Provision for Tax	5,760	4,184	37.7	6,753	(14.7)	24,294	25,906	25,878
Reported net profit	16,947	12,692	33.5	19,687	(13.9)	72,110	76,897	76,812
Adjusted Profit	16,947	12,692	33.5	19,687	(13.9)	72,110	76,897	76,812
No. of Diluted shares o/s (mn)	8,792	8,792	0.0	8,792		8,792	8,792	8,792
EPS (INR)	1.9	1.4	33.5	2.2	(13.9)	8.2	8.7	8.7
as % of net revenues								
Raw material	10.7	12.6		3.0		2.6	2.6	2.8
Staff costs	6.4	8.6		6.2		7.0	7.1	7.3
Other expenses	16.1	12.4		13.1		17.2	16.2	16.1
EBITDA	32.0	30.0		37.4		32.3	33.2	32.5
Reported net profit	27.1	26.4		29.7		26.6	27.2	26.7
Tax rate	25.4	24.8		25.5		25.2	25.2	25.2

Source: Nuvama Research, Company

Exhibit 2: Sales volume up 10% YoY

Particulars	Q2FY25	Q3FY25	Q4FY25	Q1FY26	Q2FY26	YoY (%)	QoQ (%)
Sales volume (mt)	9.7	11.9	12.7	11.5	10.7	10.2	-7.0

Source: Company, Nuvama Research

Exhibit 3: EBITDA/t jumps 26% YoY; cost includes pellets-related job work

Per tonne analysis(INR/t)	Q2FY25	Q3FY25	Q4FY25	Q1FY26	Q2FY26	YoY (%)	QoQ (%)
Realisation	4,882	5,393	5,013	5,383	4,980	2.0	-7.5
Cost	3,461	3,455	3,872	3,608	3,972	14.8	10.1
EBITDA	1,481	2,019	1,617	2,152	1,870	26.3	-13.1

Source: Company, Nuvama Research

Exhibit 4: Average blended iron ore price inchs up 2.5% YoY

Prices (INR/t)	Q2FY25	Q3FY25	Q4FY25	Q1FY26	Q2FY26	YoY (%)	QoQ (%)
Average	4,852	5,361	5,007	5,353	4,973	2.5	-7.1
Lumps	5,596	6,372	6,037	6,424	5,695	1.8	-11.3
Fines	4,478	4,783	4,344	4,745	4,528	1.1	-4.6

Source: Company, Nuvama Research

Exhibit 5: Key assumptions

Assumptions	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25	FY26E	FY27E	FY28E
Average exchange rate (USD/INR)	74.5	81.0	82.8	84.5	86.5	86.5	86.5
Total Iron ore Sales volume (mt)	40.5	38.2	44.3	44.4	49.0	51.5	55.0
Sales volume-Chhattisgarh	29.0	26.7	31.3	30.8	34.5	37.0	40.4
-Karnataka	11.5	11.5	13.0	13.6	14.5	14.5	14.6
Domestic Iron ore fines- volumes	26.4	24.8	28.9	28.9	31.9	33.5	35.7
Domestic Iron ore lumps-volumes	14.2	13.4	15.6	15.5	17.2	18.0	19.2
Exports volumes	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Domestic Iron ore fines- realisation including royalty (INR/t)	5,587	3,989	4,253	4,672	4,552	4,552	4,313
Domestic Iron ore lumps realisation including royalty (INR/t)	7,620	5,371	5,571	6,050	5,810	5,810	5,631
Cost per tonne- ex royalty, export duty and railway freight (INR/t)	2,053	2,034	2,158	2,403	2,219	2,182	2,122
EBITDA/t – Iron ore (INR)	3,115	1,586	1,654	1,860	1,783	1,828	1,622

Source: Company, Nuvama Research

Exhibit 6: Changes in estimates

	Ol	d	Ne	w	Varian	ce (%)
INR mn	FY26E	FY27E	FY26E	FY27E	FY26E	FY27E
Sales volume(mt)	49.0	51.5	49.0	51.5	0.0	0.0
Realisation (INR/t)	5,014	5,014	4,993	4,993	-0.4	-0.4
Revenue	2,71,961	2,84,495	2,70,757	2,83,238	-0.4	-0.4
EBITDA	93,349	1,01,267	87,382	94,144	-6.4	-7.0
PAT	75,523	82,554	72,110	76,897	-4.5	-6.9
EPS (INR/share)	8.6	9.4	8.2	8.7	-4.6	-6.6

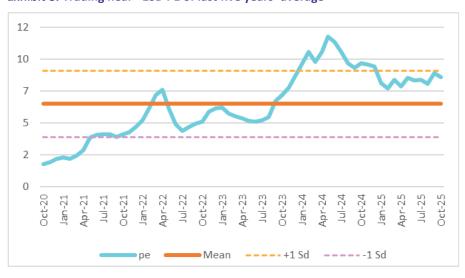
Source: Company, Nuvama Research

Exhibit 7: Valuation

Particulars (INR mn)	FY28E
EPS (INR)	8.7
P/E (x)	9.0
Target Price/share (INR)	79

Source: Nuvama Research, Company

Exhibit 8: Trading near +1SD PE of last five years' average



Source: Company, Nuvama Research

Company Description

NMDC Limited is the largest merchant iron ore miner in India with capacity of 55mtpa. It is also engaged in the production and sale of diamond, sponge iron and wind power. The company proposes to diversify into other commodities, such as steel-making raw materials (coking coal, manganese ore, nickel), fertiliser raw materials (rock phosphate potash), and thermal coal.

Investment Theme

We see iron ore prices hover around current levels. That said, we believe additional volumes from Chhattisgarh and Karnataka sector from FY26 would spur sales volume growth.

Key Risks

- Lower-than-expected volume amid logistics constraints
- Deflation in global iron ore prices
- Competition in domestic market from other miners
- Any imposition of duty/additional royalty on iron ore

Additional Data

Management

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Director - Technical	Mr vinay kumar

Recent Company Research

Date	Title	Price	Reco
13-Aug-25	Volume growth to continue; <i>Result Update</i>	71	Buy
28-May-25	Volume growth underway; <i>Result</i> Update	73	Buy
06-Feb-25	In-line result; receivables on the rise; Result Update	65	Buy

Holdings – Top 10*

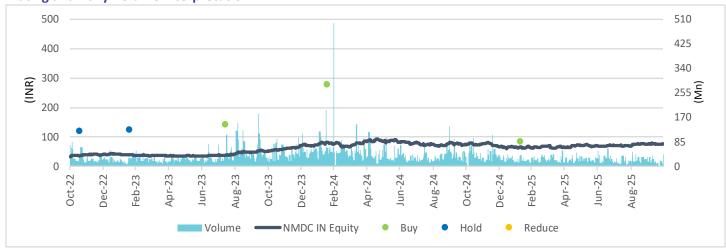
	% Holding		% Holding
LIC of India	5.53	Aditya Birla AM	0.95
Vanguard Inc	1.61	UTI AMC	0.71
Mirae Assets	1.46	Dimentional Fun	0.68
SBI Funds	1.44	Bandhan AMC	0.52
Blackrock	1.27	ICICI Pru	0.43

^{*}Latest public data

Recent Sector Research

Date	Name of Co./Sector	Title
29-Oct-25	Jindal Steel	Weak prices and high CoP hit earnings; Result Update
18-Oct-25	JSW Steel	Resilient earnings amid adverse macro; <i>Result Update</i>
17-Oct-25	Hindustan Zinc	Price-driven growth; Result Update

Rating and Daily Volume Interpretation



Source: Bloomberg, Nuvama research

Rating Rationale & Distribution: Nuvama Research

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Rating	Expected absolute returns over 12 months	Rating Distribution
Buy	15%	205
Hold	<15% and >-5%	68
Reduce	<-5%	37

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