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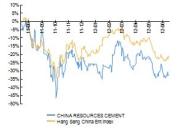
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# 下行周期,成本取胜 华润水泥(1313 HK)

#### Market Data: Jun,18 Closing Price (HK\$) 5.30 Price Target (HK\$) HSCEI 9,745 HSCCI 3,851 7.94/4.11 52-week High/Low (HK\$) Market Cap (USD Mn) 4.453 Market Cap (HK\$ Mn) 34.552 Shares Outstanding (Mn) 6.519 Exchange Rate (RMB-HK\$) 1.23

#### **Price Performance Chart:**



Source: Bloomberg

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#### 投资要点:

- **摘要**:我们最近进行了一次华润水泥公司调研,拜访了相关水泥行业的专家以及公司管理层。我们认为,华润水泥的竞争优势在于最低的"门到门费用"和最高的售价,这也是华润水泥在竞争对手中脱颖而出的原因。
- 有别于大众的认识:
- 较低的综合成本:在华南地区,由于华润水泥沿西江布局采用了水路运输和中转库的中转方式(Figure 2, 3),它的"门到门"物流成本比安徽海螺水泥低 20-30 元/吨,因此导致华润水泥的总成本比海螺水泥低 10-25 元/吨(Figure 1)。在当前大部门水泥加工厂处于盈亏平衡甚至亏损的情况下,相对较低的综合成本将无疑成为华润水泥盈利的重要驱动力。
- ■比同行更高的售价: 华润水泥的水泥产品享有比其他同行更高的售价(Figure 5, 6)。我们认为其中的原因除了华润水泥有更节省的物流运输系统之外,还有以下三点原因: 1) 华润水泥的石灰石的氧化钙含量更高,所以它的水泥产品质量更高(Figure 4)。2) 华润水泥在华南市场的先行优势为其产品带来了更高的品牌认知度(Figure 7, 8)。3) 华润水泥在华南市场拥有最高的市场份额(28%),从而也拥有最强的定价能力(Figure 9)。
- **股价表现催化剂**:我们认为,政府出台包括银根放松和财政刺激在内的一系列需求拉动 的政策还需要时间积累。由于第四季度旺季和刺激政策的共同推动,我们预期在今年 的第四季将会有一个需求回升。
- 投资风险:市场由于华润水泥的管理水平和良好的经营记录而对其有较高预期,但是在 行业下行周期中,系统性的风险导致公司的基本面有下行趋势。我们认为中期业绩将 低于预期概率较大。

#### **Investments Highlights:**

- Summary: We met industry experts and senior management of CRC during our recent field trip to South China. We believe CRC's competitive advantages are lowest door-to-door cost and highest selling prices, which distinguish the company from peers in South market.
- Where we differ from consensus:
- Lower cost makes difference. Due to transshipment through waterways and siloterminals in South China (Figure 2, 3), CRC's door-to-door logistics cost is around RMB20-35/T lower than Anhui Conch's, with results in overall cost savings of RMB10~25/T (Figure 1). We believe this is a key earnings driver for CRC as most cement mills are close to breakeven level or are actually loss-making.
- **Higher selling cost vs. peers.** CRC enjoys higher sales prices (RMB10-50/T, VAT incl.) for its cement products (Figure 5, 6), and apart from a better logistics system, we attribute this to: the higher CaCO3 grade of its limestone, which indicates higher product quality (Figure 4); greater brand recognition due to its position in South China market (Figure 7, 8); and highest market share (28%), which allows for the strongest pricing power (Figure 9).
- Catalysts: It will take time for government policies supporting demand to have an effect, and as such we expect a demand recovery in 4Q12 on both positive policies and seasonal strength.
- **Risk:** Street generally has high expectations for CRC due to its management quality and track record. However, during the current industry down-cycle the company's fundamentals are trending down as a result of systemic risks. We therefore believe that interim results will be lower than expected.

# **Appendix**

Figure 1: CRC's logistic cost to cement end markets would be 20-30 lower vs. Conch

| Cement end markets       |            |       |             |     |       |            |     |       |       |
|--------------------------|------------|-------|-------------|-----|-------|------------|-----|-------|-------|
|                          | Shenzhen深圳 |       | Guangzhou广州 |     |       | Dongguan东莞 |     |       |       |
|                          | CRC        | Conch | Diff.       | CRC | Conch | Diff.      | CRC | Conch | Diff. |
| Production cost          | 207        | 198   | 9           | 207 | 198   | 9          | 207 | 198   | 9     |
| Door-to-door cost        | 60         | 95    | -35         | 30  | 50    | -20        | 45  | 70    | -25   |
| Prod.+ Door-to-door cost | 267        | 293   | -26         | 237 | 248   | -11        | 252 | 268   | -16   |

Source: SWS On the Ground

Figure 2: CRC's silo-terminals in Xijiang river.



Source: SWS On the Ground

Figure 3: CRC's silo-terminals in Xijiang river.



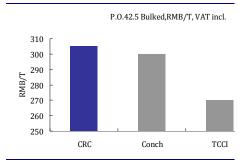
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Figure 4: CRC's products enjoys better quality due to higher CaCO3 grade of its limestone

|                  | CaCO3 grade | Clinker strength (Mpa) |
|------------------|-------------|------------------------|
| CRC GX/GD        | 53%         | 58-70                  |
| Conch Yingde     | 46-48%      | 56-62                  |
| Industry average | 40%-45%     | 55-59                  |

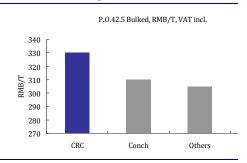
Source: SWS On the Ground

Figure 5: CRC's selling prices are higher by RMB10-40/T vs. peers in GX



Source: SWS On the Ground

Figure 6: CRC's selling prices are higher by RMB20-50/T vs. peers in GD



Source: SWS On the Ground

Figure 7: "红水河" is a famous brand in Guangxi market



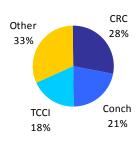
Source: SWS On the Ground

Figure 8: "CRC" is a brand used since its inception in Dongguaan in 2003



Source: SWS On the Ground

Figure 9: CRC has highest market share in Guangxi/Guangdong



Source: Digital Cement, SWS On the Ground

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