

# NMDC (NMDC IN)

Rating: ACCUMULATE | CMP: Rs73 | TP: Rs80

# August 13, 2025

# Q1FY26 Result Update

☑ Change in Estimates | ☑ Target | ■ Reco

### **Change in Estimates**

	Cur	rent	Pre	vious
	FY26E	FY27E	FY26E	FY27E
Rating	ACCU	1ULATE	ACCUI	MULATE
Target Price	8	80	7	73
Sales (Rs bn)	290	342	283	325
% Chng.	2.3	5.4		
EBITDA (Rs bn)	98	117	88	108
% Chng.	12.0	8.1		
EPS (Rs.)	8.5	10.2	7.6	9.4
% Chna.	11.4	8.5		

#### **Key Financials - Standalone**

Y/e Mar	FY24	FY25	FY26E	FY27E
Sales (Rs. bn)	213	239	290	342
EBITDA (Rs. bn)	73	81	98	117
Margin (%)	34.2	34.1	33.9	34.2
PAT (Rs bn)	58	65	75	90
EPS (Rs.)	19.7	7.4	8.5	10.2
Gr. (%)	24.3	(62.2)	14.5	19.6
DPS (Rs.)	7.3	3.3	3.0	3.3
Yield (%)	10.0	4.5	4.1	4.5
RoE (%)	23.9	23.6	23.3	23.8
RoCE (%)	32.4	31.8	31.0	31.8
EV/Sales (x)	0.5	2.3	1.8	1.5
EV/EBITDA (x)	1.4	6.8	5.4	4.4
PE (x)	3.7	9.8	8.5	7.1
P/BV (x)	0.8	2.1	1.8	1.6

Key Data	NMDC.BO   NMDC IN
52-W High / Low	Rs.83 / Rs.60
Sensex / Nifty	80,540 / 24,619
Market Cap	Rs.638bn/ \$ 7,298m
Shares Outstanding	8,792m

Rs.1601.03m

### **Shareholding Pattern (%)**

3M Avg. Daily Value

Promoter's	60.79
Foreign	12.21
Domestic Institution	14.48
Public & Others	12.52
Promoter Pledge (Rs bn)	

### Stock Performance (%)

	1M	6M	12M
Absolute	5.1	14.9	(3.0)
Relative	7.7	8.6	(4.9)

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# Strong start to FY26, execution is the key

### **Quick Pointers:**

- NMDC has guided for ~55mt of sales volume for FY26.
- Moderate increase in employee cost and lower ramp up of KIOCL pellet plant aided NMDC to deliver an EBITDA/t of Rs2,152.

NMDC reported a strong Q1FY26 operating performance, driven by robust volume growth and better-than-expected pricing. Volumes grew 14% YoY supported by strong domestic steel demand supported by increased Gol spending and a lower base (volumes impacted by strike). Realizations rose 7.4% QoQ, led by price hikes undertaken for lump and fines from May'25. Moderate increase in employee cost and lower ramp up of KIOCL pellet plant aided NMDC to deliver an EBITDA/t of Rs2,152. Receivables from RINL/NSL continue to remain elevated, keeping the cash conversion cycle under pressure. The Karnataka Mineral Rights and Bearing Land Tax Bill remains a major uncertainty for NMDC, which is still pending at President of India.

Management aims to utilize maximum EC limits and produce ~55mt in FY26, though execution will be key given the monsoon in Karnataka and rising imports by domestic steel players. Anticipating sustained demand, NMDC raised iron ore prices from Aug'25, which should support EBITDA/t in Q2FY26. Legacy operations are expected to remain profitable in FY26, and the pellet plant, targeted for completion by FY26-end, should aid performance going forward. We maintain 50/55mt volumes for FY26/27E and expect NMDC to deliver Revenue/EBITDA/PAT CAGR of 20%/20%/17% respectively. At CMP, the stock is trading at 5.4x/4.4x EV of FY26/27E EBITDA. Maintain 'Accumulate' with a revised TP of Rs80 (earlier Rs73) valuing it at multiple of 5x EV of Mar'27E EBITDA.

- Revenue aided by strong volume: Cons revenue grew 24% YoY to Rs67.3bn (down 4% QoQ; PLe 67.3bn) on strong 14% volume growth. Iron ore revenue grew 16% YoY to Rs62bn while pellet division revenue was Rs5.7bn (-13% QoQ). Iron ore sales volumes were up 14% YoY to 11.51mt while average ore realization improved 7.4% QoQ to Rs5,383/t (+2% YoY; better than PLe 5,213) on strong domestic iron ore pricing till Jun'25. NMDC cut its ore prices in Jul'25 by ~9% and again raised by 7-8% in August which should aid Q2.
- Cons EBITDA aided by lower employee costs and strong pricing: Cons EBITDA improved 6% YoY to Rs24.8bn (+21% QoQ; PLe 21.8bn) on lower employee costs. Other expenses per ton increased 48% YoY to Rs670/t, employees cost decreased 8% YoY to Rs357/t (due to higher volumes and moderate 7% YoY increase); while royalty and cess per ton inched up 16% YoY to Rs2,327/t. Freight costs per ton increased 7% YoY to Rs109 while consumption of stores & spare parts was higher at Rs182/t. Resultant, blended EBITDA/t declined 7% YoY to Rs2,152 (up 33% QoQ; PLe Rs 1,886/t). Reported cons PAT was flat YoY to Rs19.67bn (+33% QoQ; PLe Rs17.3bn).

## Other Highlights:

- The Karnataka Mineral Rights and Bearing Land tax bill is awaiting assent of President & KN Governor. If enacted NMDC is liable to pay taxes retrospectively and NMDC has considered Rs143bn as a contingent liability (amount increased by ~3bn QoQ).
- Post NMDC Steel demerger, Rs38.54bn (Rs36.6bn in Q4) is due on account of sale of iron ore and Rs1.52bn (Rs1.4bn in Q4) is due on account of employee services and purchase of HR Products as of 1QFY26. Another Rs39.95bn (Rs40.5bn in Q4) is due from RINL for supply of iron ore.
- As of June 30, 2025, NMDC's trade receivables from RINL stood at Rs40bn. With the CCEA's Rs114bn revival plan, lender support, and improved production, management expects full recovery. An expected credit loss of Rs0.47bn has been recognized based on the time value of money.
- One of the JV Company, NMDC-CMDC Limited, had issued letter of offer for Rights Issue mainly for capex for Deposit-4 and for Baloda Belmundi Diamond block. Company has subscribed to the issue amounting to Rs1.87bn and the shareholding remain unchanged. Accordingly, the total investment in the JV is Rs2.85bn (51% as on 30.06.2025).

Exhibit 1: Consolidated Q1FY26 Financial Performance (Rs bn)

Y/e March	1QFY26	1QFY25	YoY gr. (%)	1QFY26E	% Var.	4QFY25	QoQ gr. (%)	FY26E	FY25	YoY gr. (%)
Net Sales	67.4	54.1	24.5	67.3	0.1	70.0	(3.8)	289.8	239.1	21.2
Raw Material	2.7	1.1	156.0	5.9	(53.9)	2.8	(3.9)	7.6	10.3	(26.2)
% of Net Sales	4.0	2.0		8.7		4.0		2.6	4.3	
Staff Costs	4.1	3.9	5.9	4.5	(8.0)	5.5	(24.8)	19.5	18.0	8.6
% of Net Sales	6.1	7.2		6.6		7.8		6.7	7.5	
Royalty & cess	26.8	20.2	32.5	26.0	3.1	29.0	(7.7)	150.1	97.1	54.6
% of Net Sales	39.8	37.4		38.6		41.5		51.8	40.6	
Freight & Selling Expenses	1.3	1.0	23.0	1.1	11.8	1.6	(21.2)	6.0	5.4	11.1
% of Net Sales	1.9	1.9		1.7		2.3		2.1	2.3	
Other Expenses	7.7	4.5	69.7	8.1	(4.6)	10.6	(27.3)	8.4	26.8	(68.5)
% of Net Sales	11.4	8.4		12.0		15.1		2.9	11.2	
Total Expenduture	42.6	30.7	38.6	45.5	(6.5)	49.5	(14.0)	191.7	157.6	21.6
EBITDA	24.8	23.4	5.9	21.8	13.8	20.5	20.8	98.2	81.5	20.5
Margin (%)	36.8	43.2		32.4		29.3		33.9	34.1	
Depreciaton	1.1	0.7	47.3	0.4	190.4	1.4	(22.9)	5.7	4.2	34.8
Other income	3.0	3.6	(18)	2.7	10	4.9	(39.1)	12.1	15.9	(24)
EBIT	26.7	26.3	1.5	24.1	10.6	24.0	11.1	104.6	93.2	12.2
Interest	0.3	0.2	17.6	-		0.6	(58.2)	1.3	1.8	(26.5)
PBT	26.4	26.1	1.3	24.1	9.5	23.4	13.0	103.3	91.4	13.0
Extraordinary income/(expense)	-	-	NA	-		-	NA	-	-	NA
PBT (After EO)	26.4	26.1	1.3	24.1	9.5	23.4	13.0	103.3	91.4	13.0
Tax	6.8	6.4	4.8	6.8	(0.1)	8.5	(21.0)	28.4	26.0	9.1
% PBT	25.6	24.7		28.0		36.6		27.5	28.5	
Reported PAT	19.7	19.6	0.2	17.4	13.2	14.8	32.6	74.9	65.4	14.5
Adjusted PAT	19.7	19.6	0.2	17.4	13.2	14.8	32.6	74.9	65.4	14.5

Source: Company, PL

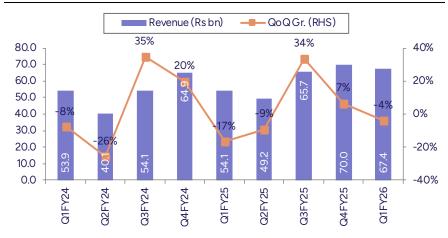


### **Exhibit 2: Operating matrix**

Particulars	1QFY26	1QFY25	YoY gr. (%)	1QFY26E	% Var.	4QFY25	QoQ gr. (%)	FY26E	FY25	YoY gr. (%)
Sales volume (mt)	11.52	10.08	14.3	11.55	(0.3)	12.67	(9.1)	50.0	44.4	12.6
Realization/t (Rs)	5,383	5,300	1.6	5,213	3.3	5,012	7.4	5,305	5,380	(1.4)
EBITDA/t (Rs)	2,152	2,342	(8.1)	1,886	14.1	1,619	32.9	1,962	1,834	7.0

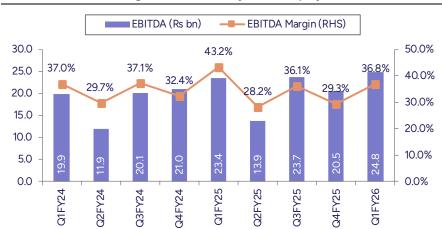
Source: Company, PL

Exhibit 3: Cons revenue grew 24% YoY aided by strong volume and pricing



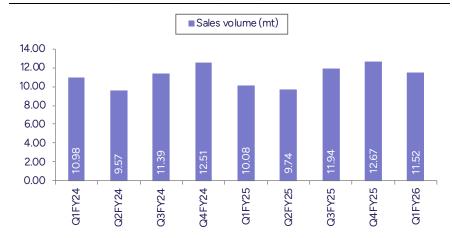
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Exhibit 4: Cons EBITDA grew 6% YoY led by lower employee costs



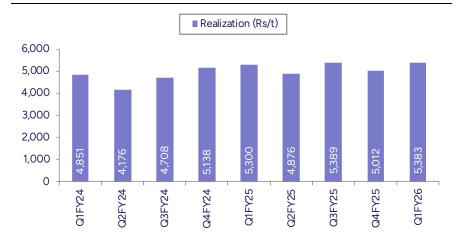
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Exhibit 5: Volume grew 14% YoY led by strong domestic steel demand



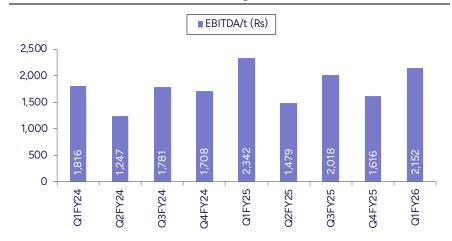
Source: Company, PL

Exhibit 6: Realization grew 7% QoQ on price hike undertaken in May'25



Source: Company, PL

Exhibit 7: EBITDA/t declined 7% YoY on higher volume



Source: Company, PL



# **Financials**

Income Statement (	(Rs bn)	)
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Y/e Mar	FY24	FY25	FY26E	FY27E
Net Revenues	213	239	290	342
YoY gr. (%)	20.6	12.2	21.2	18.1
Cost of Goods Sold	(1)	3	8	19
Gross Profit	214	236	282	323
Margin (%)	100.4	98.8	97.4	94.4
Employee Cost	16	18	20	21
Other Expenses	125	137	165	185
EBITDA	73	81	98	117
YoY gr. (%)	20.5	11.7	20.5	19.3
Margin (%)	34.2	34.1	33.9	34.2
Depreciation and Amortization	4	4	6	7
EBIT	69	77	93	110
Margin (%)	32.6	32.3	31.9	32.1
Net Interest	1	2	1	1
Other Income	14	16	12	15
Profit Before Tax	80	91	103	124
Margin (%)	37.3	38.3	35.6	36.1
Total Tax	24	26	28	34
Effective tax rate (%)	29.9	28.5	27.5	27.5
Profit after tax	56	65	75	90
Minority interest	-	-	-	-
Share Profit from Associate	-	-	-	-
Adjusted PAT	58	65	75	90
YoY gr. (%)	24.3	13.3	14.5	19.6
Margin (%)	27.1	27.4	25.8	26.2
Extra Ord. Income / (Exp)	(2)	-	-	-
Reported PAT	56	65	75	90
YoY gr. (%)	0.6	17.4	14.5	19.6
Margin (%)	26.2	27.4	25.8	26.2
Other Comprehensive Income	-	-	-	-
Total Comprehensive Income	56	65	75	90
Equity Shares O/s (bn)	3	9	9	9
EPS (Rs)	19.7	7.4	8.5	10.2

Source: Company Data, PL Research

Balance Sheet Abstract (Rs bn)

<b>Balance Sheet Abstract (Rs bi</b>	n)			
Y/e Mar	FY24	FY25	FY26E	FY27E
Non-Current Assets				
Gross Block	54	74	114	164
Tangibles	54	74	114	164
Intangibles	-	-	-	-
Acc: Dep / Amortization	20	24	30	37
Tangibles	20	24	30	37
Intangibles	-	-	-	-
Net fixed assets	34	50	85	127
Tangibles	34	50	85	127
Intangibles	-	-	-	-
Capital Work In Progress	32	47	47	57
Goodwill	-	-	-	-
Non-Current Investments	10	10	10	10
Net Deferred tax assets	3	3	3	3
Other Non-Current Assets	63	66	66	66
Current Assets				
Investments	-	-	-	-
Inventories	28	26	33	39
Trade receivables	35	77	79	94
Cash & Bank Balance	124	101	126	134
Other Current Assets	-	-	-	-
Total Assets	354	407	475	556
Equity				
Equity Share Capital	3	9	9	9
Other Equity	254	288	337	397
Total Networth	257	297	346	406
Non-Current Liabilities				
Long Term borrowings	16	16	16	16
Provisions	-	-	-	-
Other non current liabilities	-	-	-	-
Current Liabilities				
ST Debt / Current of LT Debt	-	-	-	-
Trade payables	81	93	113	133
Other current liabilities	3	4	4	4
Total Equity & Liabilities	354	407	475	556

Source: Company Data, PL Research



Cash Flow	

Y/e Mar	FY24	FY25	FY26E	FY27E
PBT	80	91	103	124
Add. Depreciation	4	4	6	7
Add. Interest	1	2	1	1
Less Financial Other Income	14	16	12	15
Add. Other	(10)	(16)	(12)	(15)
Op. profit before WC changes	73	81	98	117
Net Changes-WC	19	(33)	11	0
Direct tax	(18)	(26)	(28)	(34)
Net cash from Op. activities	74	23	81	83
Capital expenditures	(18)	(15)	(40)	(60)
Interest / Dividend Income	10	16	12	15
Others	(52)	-	-	-
Net Cash from Invt. activities	(61)	1	(28)	(45)
Issue of share cap. / premium	-	-	-	-
Debt changes	12	-	-	-
Dividend paid	(25)	(29)	(26)	(29)
Interest paid	(1)	(2)	(1)	(1)
Others	1	-	-	-
Net cash from Fin. activities	(13)	(31)	(28)	(30)
Net change in cash	0	(7)	25	8
Free Cash Flow	55	8	41	23

Source: Company Data, PL Research

## Quarterly Financials (Rs bn)

Y/e Mar	Q2FY25	Q3FY25	Q4FY25	Q1FY26
Net Revenue	49	66	70	67
YoY gr. (%)	22.5	21.4	7.9	24.5
Raw Material Expenses	7	-	3	3
Gross Profit	42	66	67	65
Margin (%)	86.3	100.5	96.0	96.0
EBITDA	14	24	21	25
YoY gr. (%)	16.4	18.2	(2.4)	5.9
Margin (%)	28.2	36.1	29.3	36.8
Depreciation / Depletion	1	1	1	1
EBIT	13	23	19	24
Margin (%)	26.1	34.6	27.3	35.2
Net Interest	-	1	1	-
Other Income	4	4	5	3
Profit before Tax	16	26	23	26
Margin (%)	32.8	39.3	33.4	39.2
Total Tax	4	7	9	7
Effective tax rate (%)	25.9	26.6	36.6	25.6
Profit after Tax	12	19	15	20
Minority interest	-	-	-	-
Share Profit from Associates	-	-	-	-
Adjusted PAT	12	19	15	20
YoY gr. (%)	16.7	14.4	3.5	0.2
Margin (%)	24.3	28.9	21.2	29.2
Extra Ord. Income / (Exp)	-	-	-	-
Reported PAT	12	19	15	20
YoY gr. (%)	16.7	29.0	4.8	0.2
Margin (%)	24.3	28.9	21.2	29.2
Other Comprehensive Income	-	-	-	-
Total Comprehensive Income	12	19	15	20
Avg. Shares O/s (bn)	3	9	9	9
EPS (Rs)	4.1	2.2	1.7	2.2

Source: Company Data, PL Research

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Y/e Mar	FY24	FY25	FY26E	FY27E
Per Share(Rs)				
EPS	19.7	7.4	8.5	10.2
CEPS	20.9	7.9	9.2	11.0
BVPS	87.6	33.8	39.3	46.2
FCF	18.9	0.9	4.6	2.6
DPS	7.3	3.3	3.0	3.3
Return Ratio(%)				
RoCE	32.4	31.8	31.0	31.8
ROIC	36.6	28.8	31.7	30.8
RoE	23.9	23.6	23.3	23.8
Balance Sheet				
Net Debt : Equity (x)	(0.4)	(0.3)	(0.3)	(0.3)
Net Working Capital (Days)	(32)	17	0	0
Valuation(x)				
PER	3.7	9.8	8.5	7.1
P/B	0.8	2.1	1.8	1.6
P/CEPS	3.5	9.2	7.9	6.6
EV/EBITDA	1.4	6.8	5.4	4.4
EV/Sales	0.5	2.3	1.8	1.5
Dividend Yield (%)	10.0	4.5	4.1	4.5

Source: Company Data, PL Research

## **Key Operating Metrics**

Y/e Mar	FY24	FY25	FY26E	FY27E
Sales volume (mt)	44.5	44.4	50.0	55.4
Realisation/t (Rs)	4,794	5,380	5,305	5,418
EBITDA/ton (Rs)	1,641	1,834	1,962	2,116

Source: Company Data, PL Research

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### **Analyst Coverage Universe**

Sr. No.	Company Name	Rating	TP (Rs)	Share Price (Rs)
1	ACC	BUY	2,543	1,890
2	Adani Port & SEZ	BUY	1,777	1,358
3	Ambuja Cement	BUY	685	593
4	Dalmia Bharat	Accumulate	2,395	2,270
5	Hindalco Industries	Accumulate	762	667
6	Jindal Stainless	Hold	678	683
7	Jindal Steel & Power	Accumulate	1,008	954
8	JSW Infrastructure	Accumulate	344	322
9	JSW Steel	Hold	1,068	1,034
10	National Aluminium Co.	BUY	228	187
11	NMDC	Accumulate	73	68
12	Nuvoco Vistas Corporation	Accumulate	422	390
13	Shree Cement	Hold	30,001	30,205
14	Steel Authority of India	Hold	133	126
15	Tata Steel	Accumulate	177	158
16	Ultratech Cement	Accumulate	13,634	12,561

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 Buy
 : > 15%

 Accumulate
 : 5% to 15%

 Hold
 : +5% to -5%

 Reduce
 : -5% to -15%

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 : < -15%</td>

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