



KOHC: 3QFY26 Result Review — Earnings decline due to lower offtakes

Kohat Cement Company Ltd. (KOHC) announced its 3QFY26 financial results, reporting earnings of Pkr1.9bn (EPS: Pkr2.0), compared to Pkr2.3bn (EPS: Pkr2.5) in SPLY, down 20%YoY, primarily due to decline in offtakes. Earnings came in line with our expectations.

- Revenue remained flat YoY at Pkr8.2bn, as higher retention prices offset the 4%YoY decline in offtakes.
- Gross margins contracted to 34.8% from 39.5% in SPLY, mainly attributed to higher coal prices following Afghan border closure.
- Other income reduced to Pkr621mn during 3QFY26 from Pkr921mn, down 33%YoY, primarily due to lower investment yields, despite 12%YoY increase in avg cash & ST investments.
- Finance cost declined by 41%YoY to Pkr36mn from Pkr61mn in SPLY, on the back of easing interest rates.
- Company recorded effective tax rate of 36% during 3QFY26, compared to 36% in SPLY and 35% in 2QFY26.
- This brings 9MFY26 profitability to Pkr7.4bn (EPS: Pkr8.1), down 20%YoY from Pkr9.2n (EPS: Pkr10.0) in SPLY.
- We maintain a 'BUY' stance on KOHC, with Dec'26 target price of Pkr194/sh, supported by i) demand recovery with improving macros, ii) stable coal prices, iii) improving cost efficiencies, and iv) lower royalty rates. Our Dec'26 target price is Pkr194/sh.

KOHC: Income Statement

(PkrMn)	3QFY26	3QFY25	YoY	2QFY26	QoQ	9MFY26	9MFY25	YoY
Sales	8,157	8,152	0%	10,457	-22%	28,901	28,816	0%
COGS	5,318	4,930	8%	7,068	-25%	19,186	16,814	14%
Gross Profit	2,839	3,223	-12%	3,389	-16%	9,715	12,001	-19%
Gross Margins	34.8%	39.5%		32.4%		33.6%	41.6%	
Opex	311	227	37%	257	21%	797	699	14%
Other Income	621	921	-33%	1,157	-46%	3,245	3,977	-18%
Finance Cost	36	61	-41%	42	-16%	118	270	-56%
PBT	2,917	3,632	-20%	4,012	-27%	11,416	14,221	-20%
Taxation	1,047	1,296	-19%	1,416	-26%	4,006	5,000	-20%
ETR	36%	36%		35%		35%	35%	
NPAT	1,870	2,336	-20%	2,596	-27.9%	7,410	9,221	-20%
EPS (Pkr)	2.03	2.54		2.82		8.06	10.03	

Source: PSX & AKD Research

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