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Zoomlion Heavy Industry - H (1157 HK)

Key takeaways from analyst call: Cost pressure under control; Solid guidance

In the post-results analyst call, Zoomlion maintained the full year revenue growth target of 30%, stable gross margin and expansion on net margin. Besides, Zoomlion believes the steel cost pressure is manageable and expects the gross margin to remain stable in 2Q21E versus 1Q21. We believe the guidance is solid and we maintain a positive view on Zoomlion. We have left our above-consensus earnings forecast unchanged. Maintain **BUY** with TP of HK\$16.8.

- Cost pressure to have limited impact on gross margin in 2Q21E. Direct steel cost (excluding components) accounts for ~20% of production cost. Steel cost increased ~20% YoY in 1Q21 and the actual impact on gross margin was around 1ppt. To ease the cost pressure, Zoomlion revised up the ASP of concrete mixer and mixing plants in Mar and Apr. Zoomlion expects potential price hike in Jul upon the implementation of NES VI. Zoomlion expects gross margin 2Q21E to be largely similar to that in 1Q21, helped by product price hike, product mix enhancement and continuous cost control.
- Strong growth of excavator to continue. Excavator sales surged 100% YoY in 1Q21 and gross margin reached 22%. ASP in 1Q21 increased by 15% YoY, driven by rising contribution of mid-to-large size models. Zoomlion will continue to enhance the product mix through developing mid-to-large size models. Zoomlion is confident of achieving higher-than-industry sales growth in 2Q21E. For the full year, Zoomlion targets to achieve RMB5bn revenue.
- Aerial working platform (AWP) development on good track. Zoomlion recognized revenue of RMB900mn from AWP sales in 1Q21 (including sales of RMB300mn brought forward from 2020). In terms of product mix, boom / scissor lift ratio is ~50/50. Zoomlion targets to achieve RMB2.5-3.0bn in 2021E and gross margin will potentially reach 25-30% in future.
- Concrete machinery and crane remain solid. Concrete mixer sales surged 1.4x YoY in 1Q21. Zoomlion has continued to deliver market share gain, given that the illegal models in the market are being phased out due to strict government policy. For crane, Zoomlion maintained solid market position in products such as large-size truck crane and crawler crane.
- Agricultural machinery recovery to continue. Revenue increased 100% YoY in 1Q21 while gross margin expanded 4ppt YoY. Zoomlion maintains the full year growth guidance of 30-40% but expects potential upside.

Earnings Summary

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(YE 31 Dec)	FY18A	FY19A	FY20A	FY21E	FY22E
Revenue (RMB mn)	28,697	43,307	65,109	86,459	101,722
YoY growth (%)	39.3	50.9	50.3	32.8	17.7
Net income (RMB mn)	2,031	4,381	7,296	9,829	11,870
EPS (RMB)	0.27	0.58	0.97	1.17	1.38
YoY growth (%)	51.5	119.2	65.9	20.9	18.3
Consensus EPS (RMB)	n/a	n/a	n/a	1.07	1.19
EV/EBITDA (x)	17.1	11.1	8.1	6.4	5.5
P/E (x)	34.9	16.3	9.7	7.7	6.5
P/B (x)	1.9	1.9	1.6	1.3	1.2
Yield (%)	2.7	0.0	5.7	5.1	6.2
ROE (%)	5.4	11.4	17.1	18.7	19.0
Net gearing (%)	33.6	31.3	9.9	Net cash	Net cash

Source: Company data, Bloomberg, CMBIS estimates

BUY (Maintain)

Target Price HK\$16.80 (Previous TP HK\$16.80) Up/Downside +56% Current Price HK\$10.76

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Stock Data

Mkt Cap (HK\$ mn)	117,230
Avg 3 mths t/o (HK\$ mn)	157
52w High/Low (HK\$)	13.98/5.65
Total Issued Shares (mn)	1,582 (H)
	7,073 (A)

Source: Bloomberg

Shareholding Structure

SASAC of Hunan Province	15%
Management team	8%
A share free float	82%
H share free float	18%

Source: HKEx, Shanghai Stock Exchange

Share Performance

	Absolute	Relative
1-mth	-7.7%	-8.2%
3-mth	1.3%	-0.2%
6-mth	57 5%	32 2%

Source: Bloomberg

12-mth Price Performance



Source: Bloomberg

Auditor: KPMG

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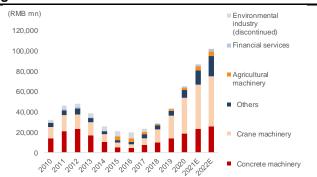


Figure 1: Key assumptions on Zoomlion

(RMB mn)	2018	2019	2020	2021E	2022E
Revenue					
Construction machinery	26,723	40,991	61,383	81,035	94,750
Concrete machinery	10,165	13,902	18,985	23,162	25,941
Crane machinery	12,472	22,147	34,897	43,621	48,856
Others	4,086	4,942	7,501	14,252	19,953
Agricultural machinery	1,477	1,583	2,644	3,834	4,984
Financial services	497	733	1,082	1,591	1,988
Total revenue	28,697	43,307	65,109	86,459	101,722
Revenue growth					
Construction machinery	49.1%	53.4%	49.7%	32.0%	16.9%
Concrete machinery	38.6%	36.8%	36.6%	22.0%	2.0%
Crane machinery	83.3%	77.6%	57.6%	25.0%	2.0%
Others	8.1%	20.9%	51.8%	90.0%	40.0%
Agricultural machinery	-35.6%	7.2%	67.0%	45.0%	30.0%
Financial services	26.8%	47.5%	47.6%	47.0%	25.0%
Total revenue growth	23.3%	50.9%	50.3%	32.8%	17.7%
Gross margin					
Construction machinery	26.9%	29.7%	27.9%	27.3%	27.3%
Concrete machinery	24.0%	27.4%	26.3%	26.3%	26.2%
Crane machinery	29.1%	32.8%	31.0%	30.9%	30.9%
Others	27.3%	22.8%	16.9%	18.0%	20.0%
Agricultural machinery	6.9%	4.3%	16.8%	19.0%	20.0%
Financial services	99.8%	99.9%	99.5%	99.5%	99.5%
A verage gross margin	27.1%	30.0%	28.6%	28.3%	28.4%

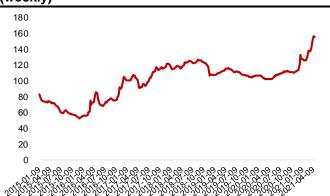
Source: Company data, CMBIS estimates

Figure 2: Zoomlion's revenue trend



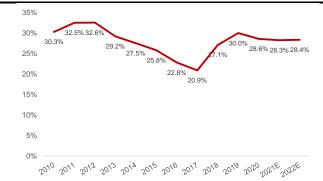
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Figure 4: China medium-thick steel plate price index (weekly)



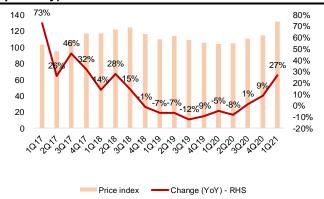
Source: Wind, China Iron and Steel Association, CMBIS

Figure 3: Zoomlion's gross margin trend



Source: Company data, CMBIS estimates

Figure 5: China medium-thick steel plate price index (quarterly)



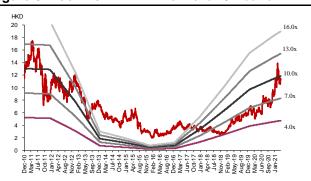
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Valuation

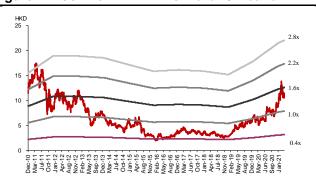
We forecast Zoomlion to deliver 35%/21% net profit growth in 2021E/22E. After taking into consideration of dilution from the share placement plan, we forecast 21%/18% EPS growth in 2021E/22E. Our target price of HK\$16.8 is based on 12x 2021E P/E. We benchmark our target multiple to the peak level in the previous upcycle (12-13x in 2011). We believe our target valuation is justified given that: (1) the upcycle at present is sustainable on the back of more structural factors; (2) there are a lot more growth drivers for Zoomlion compared with that in the previous cycle.

Figure 6: Zoomlion - H 12M forward P/E band



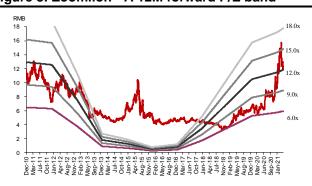
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Figure 7: Zoomlion - H 12M forward P/B band



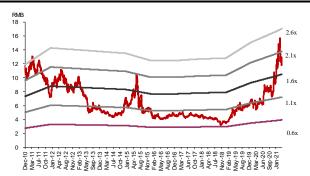
Source: Bloomberg, Company data, CMBIS estimates

Figure 8: Zoomlion - A 12M forward P/E band



Source: Bloomberg, Company data, CMBIS estimates

Figure 9: Zoomlion - A 12M forward P/B band



Source: Bloomberg, Company data, CMBIS estimates

■ Risk factors: (1) Unexpected weakness on infrastructure spending; (2) Slow recovery of property construction; (3) Risks of new business expansion; (4) Further increase in steel price.



Financial Summary

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Income statement						Cash flow summary					
YE 31 Dec (RMB mn)	FY18A	FY19A	FY20A	FY21E	FY22E	YE 31 Dec (RMB mn)	FY18A	FY19A	FY20A	FY21E	FY22E
Total revenue	28,697	43,307	65,109	86,459	101,722	Pretax profit	2,650	5,044	8,668	11,449	13,826
Cost of sales	(20,923)	(30,314)	(46,492)	(62,012)	(72,863)	Finance cost	1,451	1,704	750	996	861
Gross profit	7,774	12,993	18,617	24,447	28,859	Interest income	(347)	(539)	(596)	(1,255)	(1,488)
Other income	882	1,017	1,462	1,479	1,499	Profit or loss of associates	(222)	(188)	(182)	(220)	(235)
S&D expenses	(2,379)	(3,780)	(4,046)	(5,188)	(5,900)	Disposal of PP&E/business	(152)	0	0	0	0
Administrative expenses	(2,063)	(2,693)	(4,048)	(5,188)	(6,002)	Depreciation and amortization	837	867	823	963	1,043
R&D expenses	(581)	(1,516)	(3,345)	(4,582)	(5,493)	Income tax paid	(431)	(773)	(1,297)	(1,717)	(2,074)
EBIT	3,633	6,021	8,640	10,969	12,964	Change in working capital	1,152	442	(1,227)	(1,745)	(1,189)
Net finance income/(cost)	(1,205)	(1,165)	(154)	259	628	Others	(221)	(589)	483	0	0
Finance income	347	539	596	1,255	1,488	Cash flow from operation	4,717	5,968	7,422	8,470	10,744
Finance expenses	(1,552)	(1,704)	(750)	(996)	(861)	Net capex on PP&E	(272)	(1,082)	(1,192)	(2,646)	(2,500)
Other gains/(losses)	0	0	0	0	0	Investment in JV/associates	(4)	(301)	0	0	0
Profit of JV and associates	222	188	182	220	235	Investment in subsidiaries	0	(177)	0	0	0
Pretax profit	2,650	5,044	8,668	11,449	13,826	Investment in intangible assets	(103)	(128)	(110)	(100)	(100)
Income tax	(682)	(759)	(1,297)	(1,717)	(2,074)	Dividend received	4	45	0	0	0
After tax profit	1,968	4,285	7,371	9,731	11,752	Interest received	347	253	596	1,255	1,488
MI/discontinued operation	63	96	(75)	97	118	Others	(7,214)	11,374	1,491	0	0
Net profit	2,031	4,381	7,296	9,829	11,870	Cash flow from investing	(7,242)	9,984	785	(1,491)	(1,112)
D&A	837	867	823	963	1,043	Equity financing/(repurchase)	37	(2,145)	0	6,095	0
EBITDA	4,470	6,888	9,463	11,932	14,007	Net bank borrowings	6,817	(14,008)	(2,282)	(500)	(4,700)
						Dividend paid	(1,308)	(1,801)	0	(4,202)	(3,931)
						Interest paid	(1,428)	(1,707)	0	(996)	(861)
						Others	(16)	13	(962)	0	0
						Cash flow from financing	4,102	(19,648)	(3,244)	396	(9,492)
						Change in cash	1,577	(3,696)	4,963	7,375	140
						Cash at beginning of the year	7,148	8,754	5,073	10,086	17,461
						Exchange and others	29	15	50	0	0

Cash at the end of the year

8,754

5,073 10,086 17,461 17,602

Balance sheet						Key ratios					
YE 31 Dec (RMB mn)	FY18A	FY19A	FY20A	FY21E	FY22E	YE 31 Dec	FY18A	FY19A	FY20A	FY21E	FY22E
Non-current assets	28,657	37,979	49,287	54,810	63,285	Sales mix (%)					
PP&E	6,077	6,735	7,342	9,273	10,983	Concrete machinery	35%	32%	29%	27%	26%
Lease prepayment	1,943	2,433	3,068	3,018	2,968	Crane machinery	43%	51%	54%	50%	48%
JV/associates	3,500	3,909	3,388	3,608	3,843	Others machinery	14%	11%	12%	16%	20%
Finance lease receivables	3,656	7,771	13,008	14,469	17,859	Agricultural machinery	5%	4%	4%	4%	5%
Goodwill	2,046	2,017	2,054	2,054	2,054	Financial services	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%
Trade receivables	5,498	9,072	14,131	16,189	19,483	Environmental (discontinued)	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Intangible assets	2,153	2,043	1,965	1,867	1,764	Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Financial assets	2,379	2,644	2,703	2,703	2,703	Profit & loss ratio (%)					
Others	0	0	0	0	0	Gross margin	27.1	30.0	28.6	28.3	28.4
Deferred tax assets	1,276	1,271	1,453	1,453	1,453	EBIT margin	12.7	13.9	13.3	12.7	12.7
Deposits	129	84	175	175	175	Net profit margin	6.9	9.9	11.3	11.3	11.6
Current assets	64,762	54,052	66,956	82,467	84,396	Growth (%)					
Inventories	9,551	11,772	14,652	16,609	19,723	Revenue	39.3	50.9	50.3	32.8	17.7
Trade & other receivables	21,554	20,839	23,972	29,562	26,176	Gross profit	80.6	67.1	43.3	31.3	18.0
Finance lease receivables	8,835	9,229	10,365	10,954	13,014	EBIT	n/a	65.7	43.5	27.0	18.2
Financial assets at FVPL	13,787	4,311	4,284	4,284	4,284	Net profit	51.3	115.7	66.5	34.7	20.8
Others	1,097	1,413	1,374	1,374	1,374	Balance sheet ratio					
Pledged deposits	1,184	1,415	2,223	2,223	2,223	Current ratio (x)	1.6	1.6	1.4	1.5	1.3
Cash	8,754	5,073	10,086	17,461	17,602	Trade receivable turnover days	342	240	191	177	164
Current liabilities	39,623	34,569	46,928	56,338	63,121	Finance lease receivable turnover days	161	124	113	103	101
Trade and other payables	15,786	25,012	40,387	49,658	56,941	Inventory turnover days	161	128	104	92	91
Bank borrowings	22,044	7,312	2,964	2,464	1,964	Payable turnover days	268	246	257	265	267
Tax payable	151	186	710	710	710	Net debt / total equity (%)	33.6	31.3	9.9	Net cash	Net cash
Contract liabilities	1,602	1,934	2,777	3,416	3,416	Profitability (%)					
Others	40	125	90	90	90	ROA	2.3	4.7	7.0	7.8	8.3
Non-current liabilities	15,065	17,965	21,465	21,465	17,265	ROE	5.4	11.4	17.1	18.7	19.0
Bank borrowings	13,645	14,515	16,337	16,337	12,137	Per share data					
Deferred tax liabilities	429	455	490	490	490	EPS (RMB)	0.27	0.58	0.97	1.17	1.38
Others	991	2,995	4,638	4,638	4,638	BVPS (RMB)	4.89	4.93	5.93	6.81	7.73
Equity	38,731	39,497	47,850	59,474	67,294	DPS (RMB)	0.25	0.00	0.53	0.46	0.55
Shareholders' equity	38,164	38,827	46,706	58,427	66,365						
MI	567	670	1,144	1,047	929						

Note: We have modelled the dilution effect from upcoming fund-raising exercise in 2021E

Source: Company data, CMBIS estimates



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