Company Note

**Results Report** 

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# **Melewar Industrial Group Bhd**

Mar-Jun FY2007 Result Highlights

Stock Code: MELEWAR (3778)

KEY STOCK STATISTICS				
		2007#	2008F	
EPS (est.)	(sen)	20.3	25.8	
P/E (est.)	(x)	7.1	7.3	
Dividend/Share	(sen)	6.0		
NTA/Share	(RM)	3.01		
Book Value/Share	(RM)	2.74		
Issued Capital (mil	shares)	169.9		
52-weeks Share Price Range	(RM)	1.37/0.86		
Major Shareholders:	HDM Nominees (Tempatan) Sdn Bhd (23.29%)			
	EPF (14.01%)			
	HDM Nominees (Asing) Sdn Bhd (5.11)			

PER SHARE DATA						
FYE 31 Jun		2005**	2006**	2007#	2008F	2009F
Book Value	(RM)	2.2	2.8	3.0	3.3	3.5
Cash Flow	(sen)	15.3	22.2	32.4	38.3	38.0
Earnings	(sen)	20.5	20.7	20.3	25.8	28.3
Adjusted Earnings*	(sen)	20.4	20.7	20.3	25.8	28.3
Net Dividend	(sen)	9.4	3.0	3.0	8.0	9.0
Payout Ratio	(%)	46%	14%	15%	31%	32%
PER	(x)	7.2	7.1	7.3	5.7	5.2
Adjusted PER *	(x)	7.2	7.1	7.3	5.7	5.2
P/Cash Flow	(x)	9.7	6.7	4.6	3.9	3.9
P/Book Value	(x)	0.7	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.4
Dividend Yield	(%)	6.4%	2.0%	2.0%	5.4%	6.1%
ROE	(%)	13%	10%	10%	10%	11%
Net Gearing	(%)	27%	30%	44%	38%	35%

P&L ANALYSIS (RM mil)						
FYE 31 Jun		2005**	2006**	2007#	2008F	2009F
Revenue		598.7	566.9	810.2	644.2	676.4
Operating Profit		75.6	42.9	216.9	83.1	90.6
Depreciation		-15.4	-9.0	-15.0	-6.8	-10.1
Interest Expense		-3.0	-8.1	-12.7	-7.1	-7.8
Pretax Profit		72.7	35.5	189.2	78.9	86.7
Effective Tax Rate	(%)	25%	-16%	40%	26%	26%
Net Profit		46.5	46.9	114.4	58.4	64.2
Adjusted Net Profit	*	46.3	46.9	46.0	58.4	64.2
Operating Margin	(%)	12.6%	7.6%	9.4%	12.9%	13.4%
Pre-tax Margin	(%)	12.1%	6.3%	8.8%	12.3%	12.8%
Net Margin	(%)	7.8%	8.3%	3.2%	9.1%	9.5%

note: \* Adjusted for extraordinary gain on sale of investment \*\* FYE Jan # 17 months to June SHARE PRICE

Price : RM1.48

Target Price : RM2.70 Market Capitalisation : RM335.6m

Board : Main

Recommendation : BUY

Sector : Industrial Product

Source: Bloomberg

Nov 30

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## MAR-JUN FY2007 RESULT HIGHLIGHTS (RM/m)

Jan 31 - Feb 28

Mar 30

Apr 30 May 31 Jun 29

	Mar-Jun 2007	Mar - Jun 2006	% Change
Revenue	158.0	NA	NM
Operating Profit	137.5	NA	NM
Non cash item	65.1	NA	NM
Interest Expense	-3.7	NA	NM
Pre-tax Profit	132.2	NA	NM
Net Profit	67.3	NA	NM
Operating Margin	87.0%	NA	
Pre-tax Margin	83.7%	NA	
Net Margin	42.6%	NA	

### **Results Comments**

Melewar Industrial Group Berhad reported a net profit of RM104.4mn in the 17-month FY07 as compared to our earnings estimates of RM48.5mn. Upon further scrutinizing, the huge discrepancy between reported earnings and our estimate was due to recognition of investment surplus amounting to RM65.1mn following the adoption of FRS accounting standard. Stripping this off and adjusting the M3nergy's exceptional loss of about RM18.4mn (Melewar's portion is 22.6%), the group's FY07 core net earnings is estimated at RM45.9mn, which is still within the 5% variance.

The group's revenue for FY07 improved by 42.9% to RM810.2mn, (however note that this consists 17-month of revenue due to change in financial year end) as compared to last financial year revenue of RM566mn. Comparing apple to apple, the group's revenue growth were merely 0.9% YoY. On QoQ basis, revenue improved 3.1% following a much stronger growth of 17% QoQ registered in the last quarter. However, for the quarter, the profit from operation improved by 34.2% as we believe the pressure from sticky high raw material prices is finally dissipating.

Its associate performance remains volatile swinging from red to black and vice versa on quarterly basis. M3nergy's 4Q results were a major disappointment as the group registered a loss of RM11.4mn due to a write-off of goodwill in Maveric amounting to RM18.4mn. Earlier in the 2Q, M3nergy was hit by impairment loss of RM11.1mn. In the coming quarters, expect the group to report exceptional gain of RM17.8mn as a result of disposing its 28.7% associate company Malaysian Marine Merchant for RM35mn.

#### Outlook

Despite some hiccup in its associate companies, the outlook for Melewar is bright as the group has successfully diversified into several exciting industries, mainly oil and gas and power. Meanwhile, the group's bread and butter remained in the steel sector and is further enhanced upstream with the purchase of listed iron ore mining company, Gindalbie.

#### Recommendation

There is no change in our earnings estimate of RM58.4mn for FY08 and RM64.2mn for FY09 which translate to EPS of 25.8 sen and 28.3 sen respectively. Our target price remains at RM2.70 based on sum-of-parts. Based on the last closing price of RM1.48, the group offers a potential upside of 82.4%, which warrants a BUY recommendation.

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