China Railway (390.HK)

Benefit from re-acceleration of urban rail building!

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3Q12 Result Review

Rating: Accumulate | CP: HKD4.48 | TP: HKD5.2

Company Profile

CREG is one of global leading transportation infrastructure group, ranking 95th in world top 500, whose main business profile includes infrastructure, design consultation, manufacturing of equipment and parts as well as real estate. In 2011 CREG accounted for 50.6%, 53.4% and 12.6% in railway, urban rail expressway markets.

Summary

The Company is one of the leaders of China transportation infrastructure group. The approval of railway as well as urban rail projects by the government has its positive influence on the domestic capital construction sector and the Company performance is undergoing recovery. For the first nine months of 2012, the Company realized operating income of RMB319.6 billion, which decreased by 4.8% year-on-year, slightly better than the YOY 11% decline of H1. It realized RMB4.27 billion net profits attributable to the listed company, up by 17.8% YOY, much better than the YOY 2.2% decline of H1, and EPS was RMB0.20. Even after deducting profit and loss impact of non-recurring items, the Company profits still increased by about 8% YOY, better than its peers.

For the first three quarters, the Company gross margin rose by 0.8 percentage from the 6.7% of the same period of last year to 7.5%, and Q3 gross margin basically leveled off with Q2 considering the single quarter performance of Q3. Future gross margin is expected to stay stable with recovery of the Company railway orders. Meanwhile, as the Ministry of Railway started to speed up payment of arrears after September, the Company financial status somewhat improved, and amount receivable slightly declined by 2.7% to RMB93.77 billion from the beginning of the year. net outflows of operating activities drastically declined by 49% to RMB12.47 billion year-on-year.

For the first three quarters, the Company secured new orders of RMB450.6 billion, up by 26% YOY, taking a quarter-by-quarter rise trend. Non transport orders including municipal and housing sprang up, while traditional railway and highway orders dropped substantially. As of the end of Q3, the Company uncompleted orders had reached RMB1.17 trillion, 2.54 times of the same period of 2011, so ample orders suffice to support development of the Company in next two years.

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China Railway Rating 2.00 Accumulate - Previous Rating NA Not Rated Target Price (HKD) 5.2 - Previous Target Price (HKD) NA Closing Price (HKD) 4.48 Expected Capital Gains (%) 16.1% Expected Dividend Yield (%) 1.9% Expected Total Return (%) 18.0% Raw Beta (Past 2yrs weekly data) 1.97 Market Cap. (HKD bn) 79.518 Enterprise Value (HKD mn) 185,690 2.27 - 4.55 52 w eek range (HKD) Closing Price in 52 week range 0% 50% 100% 8.00 90 80 70 6.00 60 50 4.00 40 30 2.00 20 10 0.00 0 03-Dec-12 03-May-12 03-Jun-12 03-Aug-12 03-Oct-12 03-Jan-12 03-Feb-03-Mar-12 03-Apr-12 03-Jul-12 03-Sep-12 03-Nov-12 03-Dec-11 5 390 hk equity HSI Volume. mn

| Key Financial Summary | | | | |
|---------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| FYE | 12/10 | 12/11 | 12/12F | 12/13F |
| Revenue (RMB mn) | 456,162 | 442,216 | 463,618 | 500,823 |
| Net Profit, adj. (RMB mn) | 7,398 | 6,690 | 7,993 | 9,885 |
| EPS, adj. (RMB) | 0.35 | 0.31 | 0.38 | 0.46 |
| P/E (X),adj. | 10.5 | 11.6 | 9.6 | 7.8 |
| BVPS (RMB) | 3.14 | 3.37 | 3.81 | 4.47 |
| P/B (X) | 1.2 | 1.1 | 0.9 | 0.8 |
| DPS (RMB) | 0.06 | 0.05 | 0.05 | 0.07 |
| Div. Yield (%) | 1.5% | 1.3% | 1.4% | 1.9% |
| Source: Bloomborg DSP act | | | | |

Source: Bloomberg, PSR est.

*All multiples & yields based on current market price

Valuation Method

PE

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Counter-cyclical fluctuation is one of the features for urban rail and railway capital construction, and slack economy makes construction of such infrastructure construction more urgent, policies having been released in a concentrated fashion recently. With urbanization development as well as government further move to overhaul traffic jam and environmental pollution, we keep relatively optimistic about future development of the urban rail market. Against the background, tendering of a number of projects is expected to restart, which will drive growth of the Company new orders.

For valuation, we predict the diluted EPS of Company for 2012-2013 will reach RMB0.375 and RMB0.464, equivalent to HK\$0.47 and HK\$0.58. Comprehensively considering the Company advantageous position in the industry as well as promotion space of urban rail and housing business for the Company profitability, we grant 12-month target price of HK\$5.2, equivalent to an expected 9-time PE for the end of 2013, hence accumulate rating.

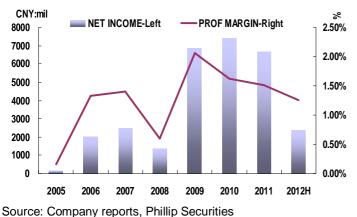
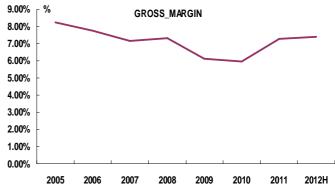


Fig 1. CREG's net income and profit margin

Fig 2. Gross Margin



Source: Company reports, Phillip Securities

Fig 3. Peer Comparison

| | | Mark | | Best | BEst | | | |
|-------------------|------------------------------|-------|------|-------|---------|-----|-------|------|
| | | Сар | Best | P/E | EV/BEst | | ROA | ROE |
| Ticker | Name | (USD) | P/E | (y+1) | EBITDA | P/B | LF(%) | (%) |
| CNY (7 securities | i) | | | | | | | |
| 601299 CH Equit | y CHINA CNR CORP LTD-A | 7059 | 14.1 | 12.0 | 10.0 | 1.3 | 2.8 | 12.3 |
| 601989 CH Equit | Y CHINA SHIPBUILDING INDUSTR | 9488 | 11.9 | 11.3 | 11.5 | 1.4 | 2.4 | 12.4 |
| 600170 CH Equit | y SHANGHAI CONSTRUCTION CO | 2593 | | | | 1.4 | 2.3 | 13.8 |
| 600150 CH Equit | y CHINA CSSC HOLDINGS LTD-A | 4311 | 18.1 | 20.7 | 12.5 | 1.5 | 2.0 | 13.3 |
| 601766 CH Equit | y CSR CORP LTD -A | 10777 | 16.0 | 13.6 | 11.9 | 2.1 | 3.8 | 18.5 |
| 600031 CH Equit | Y SANY HEAVY INDUSTRY COLTE | 10020 | 8.0 | 6.9 | 7.3 | 2.7 | 11.3 | 55.8 |
| 601669 CH Equit | y SINOHYDRO GROUP LTD-A | 4909 | 6.7 | 5.3 | | 1.1 | 2.5 | 19.0 |
| | | 7022 | 12 | 12 | 11 | 2 | 4 | 21 |
| HKD (12 securitie | es) | | | | | | | |
| 390 HK Equity | CHINA RAILWAY GROUP LTD-H | 10076 | 11.1 | 9.7 | 9.2 | 1.0 | 1.4 | 9.6 |
| 3311 HK Equity | CHINA STATE CONSTRUCTION | 4911 | 17.1 | 13.8 | 17.3 | 3.5 | 6.4 | 21.4 |
| 1157 HK Equity | ZOOMLION HEAVY INDUSTRY - | 9935 | 6.8 | 6.4 | 5.4 | 1.5 | 11.1 | 25.7 |
| 3898 HK Equity | ZHUZHOU CSR TIMES ELECTR | 3302 | 19.7 | 14.7 | 14.4 | 3.9 | 15.1 | 24.4 |
| 871 HK Equity | XIANGYU DREDGING HOLDING | 230 | 4.8 | 3.9 | 2.7 | 1.2 | | 36.4 |
| 1766 HK Equity | CSR CORP LTD - H | 10777 | 17.2 | 14.8 | | 2.1 | 3.8 | 18.5 |
| 2727 HK Equity | SHANGHAI ELECTRIC GRP CO | 6982 | 9.0 | 8.6 | 7.4 | 1.0 | 3.3 | 11.6 |
| 2338 HK Equity | WEICHAI POWER CO LTD-H | 7229 | 12.6 | 10.2 | 7.7 | 1.8 | 6.7 | 27.0 |
| 3339 HK Equity | LONKING HOLDINGS LTD | 989 | 9.5 | 7.1 | 6.4 | 1.0 | 5.4 | 29.7 |
| 1186 HK Equity | CHINA RAILWAY CONSTRUCTION | 10847 | 10.5 | 9.3 | 3.4 | 1.2 | 1.8 | 12.9 |
| 1072 HK Equity | DONGFANG ELECTRIC CORP L | 3647 | 7.9 | 8.1 | 5.4 | 1.4 | 3.3 | 24.6 |
| 1800 HK Equity | CCCC | 12140 | 7.9 | 7.1 | 6.0 | 1.1 | 2.9 | 17.6 |
| | | 6755 | 11 | 9 | 8 | 2 | 6 | 22 |
| Average | | 6862 | 12 | 10 | 9 | 2 | 5 | 21 |
| | | | | | | | | |

Source: Bloomberg, Phillip Securities



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| FYE DEC | FY09 | FY10 | FY11 | FY12F | FY13F |
|---------------------------|---------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Valuation Ratios | | | | | |
| P/E (X), adj. | 11.3 | 10.5 | 11.6 | 9.6 | 7.8 |
| P/B (X) | 1.3 | 1.2 | 1.1 | 0.9 | 0.8 |
| Dividend Yield (%) | 1.7% | 1.5% | 1.3% | 1.4% | 1.9% |
| Per share data (RMB) | | | | | |
| EPS, reported | 0.323 | 0.347 | 0.314 | 0.375 | 0.464 |
| EPS, adj. | 0.323 | 0.347 | 0.314 | 0.375 | 0.464 |
| DPS | 0.063 | 0.055 | 0.048 | 0.05 | 0.07 |
| BVPS | 2.87 | 3.14 | 3.37 | 3.81 | 4.47 |
| Growth & Margins (%) | | | | | |
| Growth | | | | | |
| Revenue | 48.40% | 36.56% | -3.06% | 4.84% | 8.02% |
| EBIT | 221.90% | 18.32% | 18.18% | -0.88% | 23.41% |
| Net Income, adj. | 409.30% | 7.61% | -9.57% | 19.48% | 23.67% |
| Margins | | | | | |
| Gross margin | 6.1% | 6.0% | 7.3% | 7.3% | 7.4% |
| EBIT margin | 3.0% | 2.6% | 2.9% | 3.1% | 3.5% |
| Net Profit Margin | 2.1% | 1.6% | 1.5% | 1.7% | 2.0% |
| Income Statement (RMB mn) | | | | | |
| Revenue | 334045 | 456162 | 442216 | 463618 | 500823 |
| Gross profit | 20442 | 27143 | 32253 | 34030 | 36911 |
| EBIT | 9951 | 11774 | 12684 | 14580 | 17556 |
| Profit before tax | 8682 | 10548 | 9998 | 11826 | 14756 |
| Тах | 1286 | 2337 | 2758 | 3288 | 4058 |
| Profit for the period | 7396 | 8211 | 7240 | 8538 | 10698 |
| Minority interests | 521 | 813 | 550 | 545 | 813 |
| Total capital share | 21300 | 21300 | 21300 | 21300 | 21300 |
| Net profit | 6875 | 7398 | 6690 | 7993 | 9885 |

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