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# China Shenhua Energy - H (1088 HK)

2014 results in-line; weak 2015 likely to see Street downgrades

Shenhua's FY14 net profit of RMB38.7bn (-14% y/y) was in line with its preliminary results. However, its sharply lower 2015 targets – implying FY15 pretax profits should fall 37%, along with a downbeat assessment of coal markets – suggests material Street downgrades ahead. Near-term, we see valuation support from its declared FY14 dividend of RMB0.74/share, implying a dividend yield of 4.6%. That said, FY15 dividends should also fall accordingly (implied yield 3.1%) based on Shenhua's 40% payout policy. We are Neutral rated.

• **FY14 results in-line with guidance.** Shenhua's FY14 net profit of RMB38.7bn (-14% y/y) was in line with its preliminary results announcement (NP RMB38.5bn) announced a month ago. Revenue declined 12% y/y to RMB248bn as a result of lower coal sales (-12% y/y), coal ASP (-10% y/y) and power output dispatch (-5% y/y).The key positives, in our view, were **a**) **solid cost performance** with reduced unit coal cost (-3% y/y) and unit power output dispatch (-7% y/y), **b**) **improved profit mix** with non-coal (Power, Rail and Port and Coal to Chemicals) now accounting for 59% of pretax profits, versus 50% in 2013, and c) **strong FCF of RMB23bn**, pushing net gearing (ND/E) lower to 15.2% (2013 15.6%). That said, non-coal pretax profits (+5% y/y) were not sufficient to cushion against lower Coal earnings (-27% y/y), resulting in a 12% decline in overall pretax profits. Meanwhile, Shenhua declared a final DPS of RMB0.74/share, implying a little reduced full-year payout ratio of 38% (FY13: 40%).

• **2015 guidance for a 37% fall in pre-tax profits.** Shenhua provided a downbeat outlook statement, noting that China's slower economic growth, structural change in energy consumption pattern (reduced fossil fuel mix and national energy intensity) alongside coal oversupply will keep coal prices under pressure. The company reiterated its lower 2015 business targets and capex plans announced <u>earlier</u> (tabled below). On production, Shenhua expects commercial coal output to fall by 11% y/y (coal sales -10% y/y) but power output is targeted to rise by 7%. On P/L items, the company expects a 15% fall in revenues (implies coal ASP to fall -6% y/y), cost of sales to fall by 10% and SG+A and finance costs to rise by 18% y/y. Capex is forecast to fall by 18% to Rmb37B, with 82% devoted to the Power and Transport segment (coal capex 13% of total).

• Sharp consensus downgrades cuts ahead. By our estimates, Shenuha's guidance points to a 37% y/y fall in pretax to RMB38.7bn, 27% below the Street's RMB53.2bn. This suggests sharp consensus downgrades ahead, even accounting for Shenhua's conservative guidance history (2014 NP actual 15% above guidance). We estimate FY15 dividend could fall to RMB0.50/share based on Shenhua's FY15 financial guidance.

# **Stock impact**

• We see sharp earnings downgrade ahead but near-term valuation support from its declared FY14 dividend (implied yield 4.6%).

# 22 March 2015 Neutral

# Price: HK\$20.05 20 Mar 2015 Price Target: HK\$24.00 PT End Date: 31 Dec 2015

# **Investor Briefing**

Shenhua will host an investor briefing in Hong Kong. Full details below:
Date: 23 March 2015 (Monday)
Time: 9:30am – 11:00am
Venue: Atrium, 39/F, Island Shangri-la Hong Kong, Pacific Place, Supreme Court Road, Central, HK
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# Table 1: Shenhua FY15 business targets

	2014 target	Actual 2014	Actual versus guidance	Guidance 2015	Yoy Chg
Commercial coal production	305.4	306.6	0%	273.6	-10.8%
Coal sales	444.4	451.1	2%	404.3	-10.4%
3rd party coal	139.0	144.5	4%	130.7	-9.6%
Power output dispatch	200.0	199.4	0%	212.8	6.7%
Revenues	245.7	248.4	1%	210.0	-15.4%
Cost of revenues	181.0	174.8	-3%	156.3	-10.6%
Gross Profit (implied)	64.7	73.5	14%	53.7	-27.0%
SG+A and net finance costs	13.5	12.7	-6%	15.0	17.7%
Others	0.0	(0.2)	0%	0.0	-100.0%
Pre tax profit (implied)	51.2	60.9	19%	38.7	-36.5%
Income tax (at 2014 tax rate)	9.8	12.6	28%	8.0	-36.5%
Minorities (at 2014 %)	7.6	9.7	27%	5.6	-41.8%
Net profit (implied)	33.7	38.7	15%	25.1	-35.2%
Capital Expenditure (RMBbn) – Assume 2014 target	48.6	44.8	-8%	36.9	-24.1%
ASP (implied)	553	551	0%	519	-5.6%
Unit costs (implied)	407	388	-5%	387	-0.2%
GP/t (implied)	146	163	12%	133	-18.5%
SG+A/t (implied)	30	28	-7%	37	31.3%
EBT/t (implied)	115	135	17%	96	-29.1%

Source: Company data, J.P. Morgan estimates

# Table 2: Shenhua 2014 results (IFRS)

Profit and loss		, ,									QoQ	YoY%	YoY%
(RMB mils)	Q113	Q213	Q313	Q413	2013	1Q14	2Q14	3Q14	4Q14	2014	4Q14	4Q14	2014
Total revenues	60,994	67,668	71,041	84,094	283,797	60,929	68,268	61,245	57,918	248,360	-5%	-31%	-12%
Total cost	-41,031	-45,642	-51,821	-63,937	-202,431	-41,888	-47,213	-44,644	-41,098	-174,843	-8%	36%	14%
Gross Profit	19,963	22,026	19,220	20,157	81,366	19,041	21,055	16,601	16,820	73,517	1%	-17%	-10%
SG & A	-2,105	-2,118	-2,286	-3,609	-10,118	-2,067	-1,943	-2,228	-3,221	-9,459	45%	11%	7%
Others	-282	-555	-906	-577	-2,320	-774	-793	-267	-3,113	-3,113	1066%	-440%	-34%
Other op expense	243	-373	-54	-536	-720	70	-153	141	-291	-233	nm	46%	68%
Sub-total SG&A	-1,862	-2,491	-2,340	-4,145	-10,838	-1,997	-2,096	-2,087	-3,512	-9,692	68%	15%	11%
Net op profit	18,101	19,535	16,880	16,012	70,528	17,044	18,959	14,514	13,308	63,825	-8%	-17%	-10%
Financing costs	-609	-701	-546	-332	-2,188	-893	-1,022	-226	-1,149	-3,290	408%	-246%	-50%

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Investment income	0	338	-338	0	0	0	293	-293	0	0	-100%	nm	nm
Profits of assocs	84	181	32	291	588	49	89	111	161	410	45%	-45%	-30%
Profit before tax	17,576	19,353	16,028	15,971	68,928	16,200	18,319	14,106	12,320	60,945	-13%	-23%	-12%
Тах	-3,129	-3,714	-3,368	-3,493	-13,704	-2,804	-4,062	-2,972	-2,724	-12,562	-8%	22%	8%
Profit after tax	14,447	15,639	12,660	12,478	55,224	13,396	14,257	11,134	9,596	48,383	-14%	-23%	-12%
MI	-2,375	-2,416	-2,974	-2,380	-10,145	-2,317	-2,561	-2,486	-2,330	-9,694	-6%	2%	4%
Net profit	12,072	13,223	9,686	10,098	45,079	11,079	11,696	8,648	7,266	38,689	-16%	-28%	-14%
EPS (Rmb)	0.607	0.665	0.487	0.508	2.266	0.557	0.588	0.435	0.365	1.945	-16%	-28%	-14%
DPS (Rmb)					0.91					0.74			
Ratio													
Gross profit	33%	33%	27%	24%	29%	31%	31%	27%	29%	30%	2pps	5pps	1pps
Net OP profit	30%	29%	24%	19%	25%	28%	28%	24%	23%	26%	-1pps	4pps	1pps
Profit before tax	29%	29%	23%	19%	24%	27%	27%	23%	21%	25%	-2pps	2pps	0pps
Profit after tax	20%	20%	14%	12%	16%	18%	17%	14%	13%	16%	-2pps	1pps	0pps
Tax rate	18%	19%	21%	22%	20%	17%	22%	21%	22%	21%	1pps	0pps	1pps
Dividend payout					40%					38%			
Cash flow analysis													
Operating CF	13,963	4,820	17,570	17,935	54,288	6,035	26,046	30,489	4,941	67,511	-84%	-72%	24%
Investing CF	-5,846	-14,241	-8,531	-19,155	-47,773	-5,020	-13,237	-11,545	-13,361	-43,163	16%	30%	10%
Capex	-7,974	-13,576	-10,555	-19,043	-51,148	-5,723	-12,159	-11,849	-14,537	-44,268	23%	24%	13%
FCF	5,989	-8,756	7,015	-1,108	3,140	312	13,887	18,640	-9,596	23,243	nm	-766%	640%

Source: Company data, J.P. Morgan estimates

# **Investment Thesis**

China Shenhua Energy (Shenhua) is China's largest coal miner with world class coal assets and integrated infrastructure and power assets. The company reported resilient FY13 earnings with coal and non-coal businesses providing equal EBIT contributions. While the company's integrated model provides shields the company from the current oversupply in coal markets, Shenhua is not immune. For 2015, the company guides for lowered volume, persistent cost inflation and higher capex, which we estimate implies a 35% fall in FY14 profits.

# Valuation

Our Dec-15 price target for Shenhua-H is HKD24.00. This is based on a blended average of: 1) PB-ROE valuation of HKD18.05 (assuming 1.0x PBV), 2) HKD28.2 using a EV/EBITDA multiple of 7.1x, 3) HKD26.6 using a PE multiple of 11.5x and 4) DCF-based NPV of HKD24.6.

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Upside risks to our rating and price target include:

- Stronger-than-expected coal prices and power tariffs
- Lower-than-expected unit cost/capex
- Faster-than-expected additions in coal production and power generation

Downside risks include:

- Weaker-than-expected coal prices and power tariffs
- Higher-than-expected cost pressure/capex

• Slower-than-expected additions in coal production and power generation

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	08-Jun-07	OW	25.10	31.00
	26-Jul-07	OW	31.40	36.50
	24-Aug-07	OW	31.45	35.00
	25-Sep-07	OW	45.80	50.90
	30-Jan-08	OW	42.55	52.90
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	13-Jun-08	OW	31.65	43.40
http://gps-app.emea.jpmchase.net:6080/server/console/chart/?	20-Jun-08	OW	32.50	42.60
	02-Sep-08	OW	26.35	38.10
shareClassId=503779&shareClassServerId=4&chartDesignation=1&actionType=C	23-Sep-08	Ν	22.00	23.40
	29-Oct-08	Ν	10.00	15.00
	25-Nov-10	Ν	33.00	31.50
	16-Dec-10	Ν	31.20	33.50
	08-Oct-11	OW	30.80	40.00
	30-Oct-11	OW	36.20	43.50
	29-Apr-12	OW	34.45	42.00
	20-May-12	OW	28.65	36.00
	20-Aug-12	OW	30.25	35.00
	26-Jun-13	OW	21.55	30.00
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	14-Oct-13	WO	23.50	26.50
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