

FLASH NOTE: Company Visit WIKA/WTON

Yesterday, we attended WIKA/WTON's analyst meeting. Here are our main takeaways and views:

- **WIKA: Excellent 1H15 new order book and expansions overseas.** In 1H15, WIKA recorded 48% YoY growth in new contracts (worth Rp10.6tn from Rp7.2tn) . This figure accounted for 35% of the company's FY15 new contract guidance (v.s. industry's average 43%). These numbers do not include domestic contracts that WIKA have obtained, including involvements in consortiums in toll roads around Palembang, spanning a distance of ~120 km. Furthermore, WIKA has started to expand overseas into Malaysia, Myanmar and East Timor, and is currently awaiting license approval for expansions into Saudi Arabia. In this regard, the company forecasts overseas expansions to account for an additional Rp6-7tn in new contracts for WIKA in FY15.
- **WIKA: Remain reserved over financial feasibility of overseas projects and Jakarta-Bandung high-speed railway (HSR) uncertainties.** While the overseas projects will help WIKA diversify away from domestic construction concerns, we will choose to adopt a wait-and-see stance on their expansions to further evaluate the financial feasibility of conducting projects abroad. Meanwhile, we raise our concerns on the economic feasibility of the Jakarta-Bandung HSR project, worth up to Rp70tn, as we await the government's decision over the awardee of the project. Should China be the awardee, a joint venture will be set up with WIKA to gain at least 33% share of the new JV responsible for the construction and operation of the HSR. With no ticket tariff subsidy or APBN allocation in place for the HSR, questions remain as to whether this project would be financially beneficial for WIKA in the longer term.
- **WTON: Rapidly losing market share to competitors, yet locations ex-Java still present exciting growth opportunities.** Over the past two years, WTON has gone from prominently enjoying 60-65% market share to a company under massive threat of losing a significant portion. As of 1H15, 44% of WTON's sales have gone to infrastructure projects nationwide. Among the 44%, 26% of sales have gone to the larger state-owned contractors (i.e. ADHI, PTPP, WSKT, WIKA) with WIKA responsible for 8% of sales. This leaves 18% of sales to other state-owned contractors, all three of which now have the capability to produce very similar products to WTON's. The company forecasts that it will have to regain 12-13% of this 18% in the future as the company expects to continue to lose market share, especially in Java where other producers have multiple plants. However, outside Java, it is still currently cheaper for other contractors to buy WTON materials than to produce materials themselves. This presents very promising growth opportunities for WTON outside Java, especially with the government focusing on more rural areas.
- **Overall, we rate WIKA as a short term buy and a longer term neutral while we remain negative on WTON.** WIKA has posted very strong new order book numbers and this will help both their top and bottom line figures in the coming future. Overseas expansions will also help them mitigate domestic risks. In this regard we rate WIKA as a short term buy due to positive sentiment from its new contract numbers. **However, we still maintain a wait-and-see attitude towards developments of the HSR project and its potential impact to WIKA. As for WTON, we raise our utmost concerns over the company losing a great amount of its market share in the coming future.**

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