

# **Azovstal**

## **Notes from AGM**

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**Tickers** 

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## Market information

0.15
631.6
1.23/0.15
4,204.0
2.3%
14.5

#### **Corporate Governance**

Concorde Rating\* AA

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## **Shareholders**

Metinvest	97.7%
Other	2.3%

## Ratios 2008E

EBITDA margin	20.5%
Net margin	12.0%

## Current price: USD 0.15 12M Target: U/R

BUY

At their AGM last Saturday, Azovstal shareholders approved a USD 263.3 mln dividend payout, 36% of 2007 net income and 50% of 2006 net income. Dividends will be paid from December 15, 2008 to October 24, 2011. Ex-dividend date is December 15, 2008. This dividend payment implies a 39% dividend yield to today's mid-market price (UAH 0.31 dividend per share). Our notes from the meeting:

- Azovstal CEO Dmytro Livshyts said that despite current industry trends, the company is not changing its strategic development plan (targeting 8 mln mt of steel annually by 2018, from 6.3 mln mt in 2007). Only shortterm plans will be revised: the company now will focus on manufacturing more value-added products (rolled flat and long steel) and optimize costs
- According to Livshyts, Azovstal recently signed an agreement with Austrian Voestalpine to construct two additional blast furnaces, #7 and #8, in 2009-2010, which will have a total capacity of 2.8 mln mt of annual pig iron production (equal to 51% of the company's 2007 production)

## Stock performance, 12M





Sector performance, YTD

ENMZ DMP7

-100%



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-75%

-63%

-88%

## Key financials & ratios, USD mln

	Revenue	EBITDA	Net income	EV/S	EV/EBITDA	P/E
2007	3,243	595	420	0.2	1.3	1.5
2008E	4,724	969	567	0.2	0.8	1.1
2009E	5,209	1,042	599	0.2	0.8	1.1



# **Appendix - Disclosures**

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**AZST** ratings history

Date	12M target price, USD	Market price, USD	Rating	Action
04-Jan-05	0.40	0.55	SELL	Initiating
23-Sep-05	0.45	0.65	SELL	Maintain
22-Mar-06	0.55	0.59	HOLD	Upgrade
05-May-06	U/R	0.47	U/R	Suspend
18-Aug-06	0.51	0.47	BUY	Upgrade
14-Jun-07	0.87	0.72	BUY	Maintain
19-Oct-07	1.35	1.09	BUY	Maintain
05-Dec-07	1.35	1.07	BUY	Maintain
04-Apr-07	1.45	0.97	BUY	Maintain
13-Oct-08	U/R	0.22	BUY	Maintain
27-Oct-08	U/R	0.15	BUY	Maintain

## AZST target price history, USD per share





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Sell	0	0%
Under Review	0	0%
Total	7	100%

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