Flash Note

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Chemicals

Engro Polymer & Chemicals Limited (EPCL)

Earnings for the 3qCY20 increased by +45% y/y to PKR 2.06/share

- Engro Polymer & Chemicals (EPCL) announced its financial results for 3QCY20 with un-consolidated earnings clocking in at PKR 1.8bn (EPS: PKR 2.06) as compared to PKR 1.2bn (EPS: PKR 1.42) in the same period last year. On a cumulative basis, for 9MCY19 earnings have dropped by 28% y/y to PKR 2.04bn (EPS: PKR 2.25). The bank did not announce any cash dividend.
- Net sales for the quarter increased by +9% y/y to PKR 10.0bn owing to increase in local PVC prices by 9% y/y to USD 913/ton.
- Gross margins increase by 0.08bps y/y to 32%, owing to removal of GIDC. In addition, healthy PVC core delta (488 USD/ton) provide much needed breather for EPCL.
- Finance cost decreased by mere 2% y/y to PKR 0.45bn during 3QCY20 owing to low interest rates regime.

| Exhibit: Engro Polymer & Chemica | Is Limited (EPCL) | | | | | |
|----------------------------------|-------------------|--------|------|--------|--------|------|
| Period end (Dec) - PKRmn | 3qCY20 | 3qCY19 | YoY | 9mCY20 | 9mCY19 | YoY |
| Net Sales | 10,057 | 9,234 | 9% | 22,932 | 27,834 | -20% |
| Cost of Sales | 6,840 | 7,064 | -3% | 17,809 | 21,780 | -23% |
| Gross Profits | 3,217 | 2,169 | 48% | 5,123 | 6,054 | -13% |
| Gross Margins | 32% | 23% | | 22% | 22% | |
| Selling & Dist. Costs | 85 | 79 | 7% | 176 | 229 | 1% |
| Admin. Costs | 122 | 142 | -14% | 369 | 425 | 22% |
| Other Op. Income | 223 | 270 | -17% | 840 | 702 | -79% |
| Other Op. Expense | 101 | 6 | n/m | 740 | 1,083 | 39% |
| EBIT | 3,133 | 2,212 | 42% | 4,679 | 5,019 | -34% |
| Finance Costs | 454 | 465 | -2% | 1,821 | 1,192 | 4% |
| Pre-Tax Profits | 2,679 | 1,747 | 53% | 2,858 | 3,827 | -40% |
| Taxation | 811 | 461 | 76% | 810 | 989 | -44% |
| Effective Tax Rate | 30% | 26% | | 28% | 26% | |
| Profit After Tax | 1,868 | 1,287 | 45% | 2,048 | 2,838 | -38% |
| EPS | 2.06 | 1.42 | | 2.25 | 3.12 | |

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