

Oil & Gas Exploration Companies

POL: Earnings Clocked in at PKR 9.17/share, up by +7%YoY in 3QFY16

- The Company's profitability augmented by +7%YoY to PKR 2.2bn (EPS PKR 9.17) in 3QFY16 as compared to PKR 2.0bn (EPS PKR 8.54) in the corresponding period last year, largely owing to 22%YoY drop in amortization of Development and Decommissioning costs to PKR 0.6bn in 3QFY16.
- POL's earning for 9MFY16 now stands at PKR 5.8bn (EPS PKR 24.69) as compared to PKR 7.4bn (EPS PKR 31.14) in same period last year.
- Revenues declined by 3%YoY to PKR 6.3bn in 3QFY16 on the back of 42%YoY plunge in oil price.
- Although profit before tax was down by 2%YoY in 3QFY16, company's net earnings posted a +7%YoY rise owing to lower effective tax rate of 20% as compared to 27% in the same period last year.
- Company's other income shrunk by 40%YoY to PKR 0.25bn owing to lower interest rate environment, which was partly offset by 30%YoY drop in finance cost to PKR 0.19bn.

Recommendation

We currently have a strong "**BUY**" call on POL with our Dec-16 TP of PKR 338/share, offering +28% upside from its last closing of PKR 265/share. The company is currently trading at a FY16E P/E of 11.1x and offers a healthy dividend yield of 9.5%.

Exhibit: Financial Highlights						
PKRmn	3QFY16	3QFY15	YoY	9MFY16	9MFY15	YoY
Net Sales	6,318	6,481	-3%	18,561	24,404	-24%
Operating Costs	2,183	2,286	-5%	6,651	6,568	1%
Royalty	502	528	-5%	1,479	2,089	-29%
Amortization of D&D Cost	580	748	-22%	1,987	2,281	-13%
Gross Profit	2,988	2,856	5%	8,245	13,275	-38%
Exploration Costs	76	18	336%	1,273	3,104	-59%
Administration Expenses	79	43	83%	155	120	30%
Finance Cost	193	275	-30%	837	797	5%
Other Income	254	419	-40%	1,345	1,360	-1%
PBT	2,724	2,784	-2%	6,904	9,964	-31%
PAT	2,169	2,020	7%	5,840	7,367	-21%
EPS (PKR)	9.17	8.54		24.69	31.14	
DPS (PKR)	-	-		15.00	15.00	

Source: IGI Research and Company Financials

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Valuation Methodology

The analyst^ has used following valuation methodology to arrive at the target price of the said security (ies):

Asset Based Valuation

Time Horizon

Dec-16

Risk

- Changes in State Bank of Pakistan Policy Rate
- Changes in USD/PKR
- Change in Oil price





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