## Flash Note

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### Oil & Gas - Exploration Companies

## **Pakistan Oilfields Limited (POL)**

# Lower tax rate and PKR depreciation lifts 2QFY20 EPS to PKR 16.07 despite lower production and oil prices; DPS PKR 20.0

- Pakistan Oilfields Limited (POL) announced its financial results for 2QFY20 with earnings clocking in at PKR 4.56bn (EPS: PKR 16.07) as compared to PKR 4.02bn (EPS: PKR 14.17) in the same period last year, up +13%YoY. On sequential basis, earnings are up by +14%QoQ. This brings total profitability for 1HFY20 to PKR 8.57bn (EPS PKR 30.19) up by +9%YoY compared to PKR 7.89bn (EPS PKR 27.79) in the similar period last year.
- POL announced cash dividend of PKR 20.0/share along with the result.
- We attribute this impressive growth in earnings during 2QFY20 to a) 16%YoY PKR depreciation despite 5%YoY drop in oil prices and lower oil/gas/LPG production, b) lower amortization cost and, c) effective tax rate of 26% compared to 42.2% in same period last year. However, earnings growth was limited by +5xYoY higher exploration cost amid higher seismic activity despite no dry well cost booked during the quarter.
- Net revenues dropped by 2%YoY to PKR 11.46bn during 2QFY20, likely on the back of 3%/5%/11% drop in gas/LPG/oil production and 5%YoY decline in oil prices despite 16%YoY PKR depreciation.
- Exploration expense augmented by +5.3xYoY to PKR 0.42bn during 2QFY20 compared to PKR 0.08bn in the corresponding period last year likely owing to higher prospecting expense booked during the quarter as POL acquired higher seismic data in Ikhlas block and increased activity was witnessed in Tal block operated by MOL. There was no dry well cost booked during the quarter, in our view.
- Finance cost dropped by 77% YoY to PKR 0.31bn during 2QFY20 likely on account of lower exchange losses.
- Other income also plummeted by 69% YoY to PKR 0.71bn during 2QFY20 likely in the absence of exchange gains.
- Effective tax rate dropped down to 26.0% during 2QFY20 compared to 42.2% (1QFY20: 30.8%) reported in the corresponding period last year, bringing total effective tax rate for 1HFY20 to 28.3% compared to 34.8% in the same period last year.

#### Exhibit:

#### **POL Financial Highlights**

PKRmn	2QFY20	2QFY19	YoY	1QFY20	QoQ	1HFY20	1HFY19	YoY
Net Sales	11,461	11,639	-2%	10,251	12%	21,712	22,209	-2%
Operating Costs	2,798	2,726	3%	2,251	24%	5,049	5,504	-8%
Royalty	1,221	1,160	5%	1,118	9%	2,339	2,245	4%
Amortization of D&D Cost	732	1,029	-29%	513	43%	1,246	1,803	-31%
Gross Profit	6,637	6,646	0%	6,295	5%	12,932	12,502	3%
Exploration Costs	415	79	426%	376	10%	791	810	-2%
Finance Cost	309	1,347	-77%	139	123%	448	1,749	-74%
Other Income	707	2,286	-69%	467	51%	1,174	3,127	-62%
PBT	6,160	6,962	-12%	5,793	6%	11,953	12,096	-1%
PAT	4,560	4,022	13%	4,008	14%	8,568	7,889	9%
EPS (PKR)	16.07	14.17		14.12		30.19	27.79	
DPS (PKR)	20.00	20.00		-		20.00	20.00	

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