

Day Break

Tuesday, 30 October 2018

COMPANY UPDATE

Pakistan State Oil Company Limited

Oil & Gas Marketing Companies

Recommendation	BUY
Target Price:	340.6
Last Closing: 29-Oct-18	278.2
Upside:	22.4
Valuation Methodology:	Discounted Cash Flow (DCF)

Time Horizon: Jun-19

Market Data

Bloomberg Tkr.	PSO PA
Shares (mn)	391.2
Free Float Shares (mn)	146.7
Free Float Shares (%)	37.5%
Market Cap (PKRbn USDmn)	108.9 817.6
Exchange	KSE ALL
Price Info.	90D 06M 12M
Abs. Return	(5.7) (10.9) (13.8)
Lo	213.7 213.7 213.7
Hi	293.4 293.4 297.7

Key Company Financials

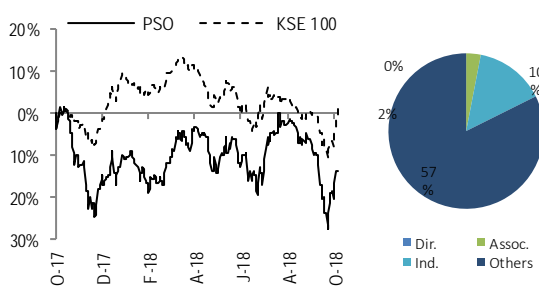
Period End: Jun

PKRbn	FY18A	FY19E	FY20F	FY21F
Total Revenue	1,056.9	1,336.6	1,138.5	1,194.2
Net Income	15.5	16.6	14.6	18.4
EPS (PKR)	39.5	42.5	37.2	47.1
DPS (PKR)	15.0	16.0	14.0	18.0
Total Assets	392.4	402.6	419.1	432.2
Total Equity	110.5	121.5	130.5	141.9

Key Financial Ratios

ROE (%)	14.0	13.7	11.2	13.0
P/E (x)	7.0	6.6	7.5	5.9
P/B (x)	1.4	1.0	0.9	0.8
DY (%)	5.4	5.8	5.0	6.5

Relative Price Performance



About the Company

Pakistan State Oil was incorporated in Pakistan in 1976. The principal activities of the Company are procurement, storage and marketing of petroleum and related products. It also blends and markets various kinds of lubricating oils.

Source: Bloomberg, PSX & IGI Research

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Oil & Gas – Marketing Companies

PSO: Analyst Briefing Takeaway 1QFY19

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- On quarterly basis, profitability is up by +87%QoQ to PKR 4.18bn likely on the back of lower exchange losses, higher inventory gains on HSD, increased margins on MS/HSD/FO and lower effective tax rate of 36.6% compared to 67% in the same period last year,
- We maintain a 'BUY' call on PSO with Jun-19 TP of PKR 340.6/share offering an upside of +22% from its last close. The company is currently trading at FY19E P/E of 6.6x and dividend yield of 5.8%.

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Exhibit:

Financial Highlights

PKRmn	1QFY19	1QFY18	YoY	4QFY18	QoQ
Net Sales	280,028	258,645	8%	312,261	-10%
Gross Profit	10,906	9,172	19%	10,742	2%
Operating Costs	3,581	3,368	6%	5,124	-30%
Other Income	970	2,213	-56%	2,416	-60%
EBIT	8,296	8,018	3%	8,035	3%
Finance Cost	1,826	756	142%	1,437	27%
Profit Before Taxation	6,590	7,420	-11%	6,745	-2%
Taxation	2,409	2,390	1%	4,491	-46%
Profit After Taxation	4,181	5,029	-17%	2,237	87%
EPS (PKR)	12.82	15.43		8.23	
EPS (PKR) – Diluted @ 391.2mn shares	10.69	12.86		5.72	
DPS (PKR)	-	-		-	

Source: IGI Research, Company Financials

No of Shares: 391.23mn

Receivables Position for PSO

PKR'bn	Oct-18	Sep-18	Jun-18
Power Sector	180.4	184.1	199.9
LNG	19.7	21.0	15.9
PIA	14.0	13.2	13.0
PDC	9.6	9.6	9.6
Exchange loss on FE-25	17.0	11.5	9.7
Total	223.7	227.9	238.4
LPS	92.7	93.2	87.2
Total Including LPS	316.4	321.1	325.6

MS, HSD and FO Margins

PKR	Oct-18	1QFY19	1QFY18
MS (per ltr)	2.64	2.70	2.45
HSD (per ltr)	2.64	2.53	2.34
FO (per Mton)	2,362	2,251	1,090

Exhibit: White oil Market Share-Company wise (1QFY19)

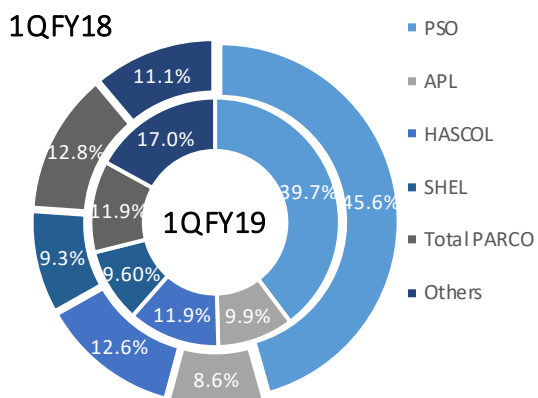
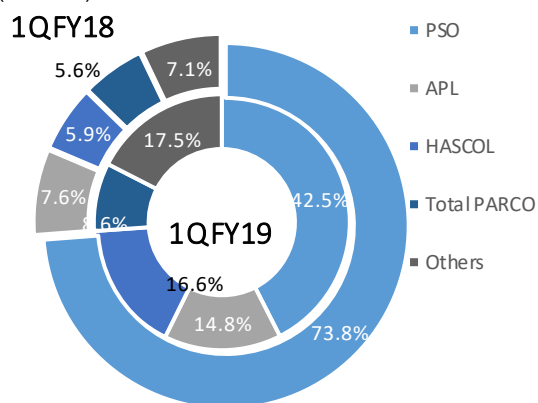


Exhibit: Black oil Market Share - Company wise (1QFY19)



Major takeaways from analyst briefing as stated by the management

Key financial highlights:

- Effective tax rate stood at 36.6% during 1QFY19 compared to 32.3% reported in the corresponding period last year due to application of super tax and deferred tax in respect of difference between corporate tax rate in Finance Bill 2017-18 and 2018-19;
- PSO FE-25 borrowing cost stood at PKR 1.0bn, however the Company did not book any exchange loss on these borrowings in income statement as GoP has guaranteed the payment and subsequently PSO has recorded the amount as other receivables in balance sheet;
- PSO booked in inventory gain of PKR 1.23bn during the 1QFY19 which was mostly due to inventory gain of PKR 2.0bn on HSD. However the Company booked inventory loss on MS leading to net inventory gain of PKR 1.23bn as the company maintained inventory days of 12-15 days on MS while 30 days of inventory on HSD;
- Inventory loss on MS was due to lower inventory days as result of insufficient storage capacity for MS;
- Lubricant sales dropped due to supply chain issues which the Company can manufacturer and supply disruptions in base oil which is expected to be resolved in FY19;
- Other income was lower due to drop in penal interest income realized during quarter;
- Gross profit contribution from LNG increased to PKR 1.8bn during 1QFY19 owing to 6% rise in LNG sales and increase in LNG price.

Management's business outlook included:

- The Company's management is hopeful of positive reforms in power sector to resolve circular debt under the new Government;
- LNG business is likely to stay with PSO for some time until notified by GoP to switch to Pakistan LNG terminals;
- HSD smuggling has been on a rise since Dec-17 leading to overall drop in industry sales. Company is in talks with GoP to ensure resolution of the matter;
- Conversion of FO storage can only be done for HSD due to safety requirements;
- FO demand in the future will only be certain after 2 years once GoP fully realizes the demand and supply gap during the year. Thus for now FO plants are operating on as and when basis;
- PSO has increased its stake in PRL to 52.7% from 24.1% previously and will incur capex to improve efficiency in order for the refinery to remain viable. Setting up refinery in Gwadar will be undertaken as well however it is still in very initial stage;
- Shell Pakistan Limited (SHEL) lost its market share to other OMCs after Ahmedpur incident as SHEL pulled out to ensure all tanker met safety requirements. Post normalization of the matter PSO and other OMCs are likely to witness cut in market share;
- The Company expects to add further 70 new retail outlets in FY19 compared to 68 in FY18 along with revamping of old outlets in remote areas. And as a result of this PSO expects a 2-3% increase in market share in retail segment in FY19.

Source: Company Financials, IGI Research

Outlook

The company further expects to increase its retail outlets by 70 outlet per year to cater rising demand and under performance of company compared to industry growth. Furthermore, increase in average FO margin (up by +2.1xYoY in 1QFY19) is expected to lift profitability as margins are deregulated and linked with landed cost price. The Company is expected to increase its storage capacity by 250k MTons in the coming years which is expected to reduce PSO's vulnerability to heavy inventory loss/gain and ease storage concerns especially for MS. PSO is also focusing on reducing operating cost especially administrative cost. Furthermore, with the incumbent Government focusing on reforming power sector, we believe the circular debt resolution may be eminent either through one off payment or measures to stop accumulation. This in turn would allow PSO's working capital to ease off whereas any lower FO sales would most likely keep a lid on accumulation of circular debt. We expect continuation of LNG business (1QFY19 volume up by +6%YoY to 1.17mn Mtons), increased volumes of JP-1 and MS, and recovery of overdue Late Payment Surcharge (LPS) income to partially offset decline in other income and reduced FO sales going forward.

Recommendation

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