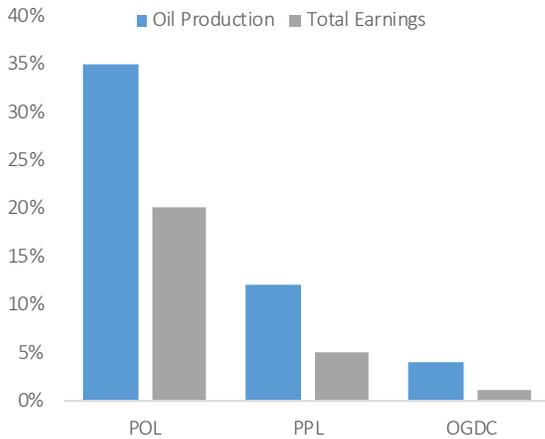


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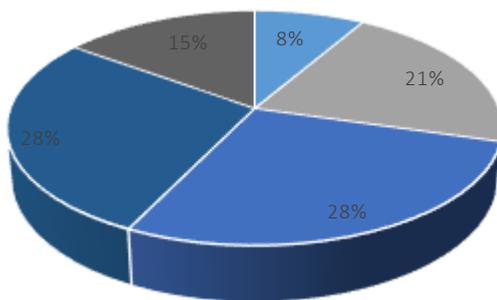
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OGDC, PPL and POL new oil discoveries on PP12

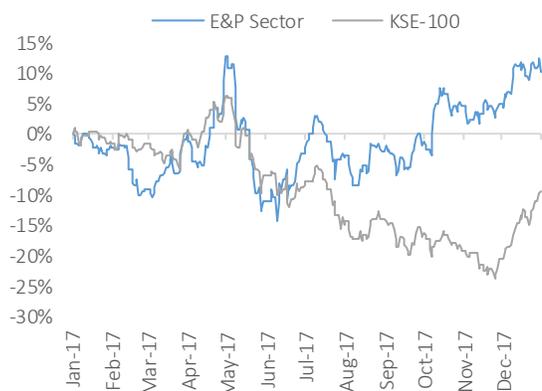


Working Partners in Tal Block

■ MOL (Operator) ■ POL ■ PPL ■ OGDC ■ GHPL



E&P Sector Relative Performance to KSE 100



Source: Bloomberg, PSX & IGI Research

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Oil & Gas Exploration Companies

Imposition of windfall levy on oil; POL most affected while OGDC and PPL to bear minimum burn

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- Considering if OGDC and PPL opt to reverse the revenue earned from price incentive on Tal block like POL until resolution of the matter, we estimate minimal impact on earnings for OGDC (2%-3%) and PPL (5%-6%) while POL would be most affected by 12%-13% downside.
- Having said that we await completion of 90days time period allowed by GoP to finalize the SA, and thus have not yet revised our investment case for OGDC, PPL and POL. It is pertinent to mention here that MARI would remain unaffected at this point in time

Amendments in Petroleum Policy and imposition of windfall levy on oil

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The impact of Tal block reversal may not be as widespread

We believe working partners in Tal block (OGDC, PPL, POL, MOL and GHPL) will challenge the decision in court and hold reasonable basis to challenge the decision. Considering if OGDC and PPL opt to reverse prices back to PP97 for Tal block like POL until resolution of the matter, we estimate minimal impact on earnings for OGDC (2%-3%) and PPL (5%-6%) while POL would be most affected by 12%-13% downside.

A brief background on Supplemental Agreements signed previously

To recall, back in 2015, the government of Pakistan (GoP) awarded conversion to different concessions to PP12 (including TAL Block) under the supplemental agreements. As a result of these concessions awarded newer discoveries which were to be priced under PP12 wellhead gas price mechanism, allowing for roughly ~50-70% higher prices. For Tal Block which falls under PP01, wellhead gas prices for Maramzai/Mamikhel/Makori East were further awarded conversion to PP07 and PP09. This entitled working partners in Tal block to retrospectively receive higher gas price incentive since Nov-07.

Company wise OGDC, PPL, POL and GHPL hold 27.8%, 27.8%, 21% and 15% stake respectively in Tal block while MOL operator of Tal block holds 8.42% working interest. The retrospective amount from Nov-07 to Jun-15 in respect of revision in wellhead price for Tal block as stated by respective management of companies stood at PKR 3.9bn each for OGDC and PPL while PKR 2.9bn for POL.

Two fold impact on E&Ps

We have subdivided the implication of the decision to impose windfall levy in to two aspects which are as follows:

- a) **Tal block and retrospective impact:** Exclusively for Tal block the price incentive was applicable since Nov-07 for revision in wellhead gas price for Maramzai, Mamikhel and Makori East to PP07/PP09, while PP12 price was offered for any new discoveries post 2015. As per the notice now the windfall levy will also be applicable retrospectively, and that the SA needs to be finalized within 90 days else the price incentive will be forgone and Tal block will revert back to wellhead prices under PP97 (capped at USD 36/bbl), which is almost ~64% lower than PP12.
- b) **Windfall levy on oil/condensate:** Petroleum concessions converted to PP12 will now be charged windfall levy on oil/condensate production. This will also apply to old blocks which were granted PP12 price incentive for newer discoveries.

What this means for local E&Ps

Considering the impact of this on Tal block, the amount stated by POL for retrospective amount up until Dec-17 of windfall levy stands at PKR 13,687mn while revenue amount stands at PKR 6,404mn. Taking 21.05% stake for POL in Tal block, the aggregate amount of windfall levy till Dec-17 comes at PKR 30,419mn while total retrospective revenue is foreseen at PKR 65,013mn (based on our estimates). As a result we believe OGDC, PPL and POL to realize a net expense of PKR 2.23/share/ PKR 4.87/share and PKR 30.79/share, respectively.

Exhibit:

Retrospective amount of windfall levy and revenue from Tal block

	Stake (%)	Income* (PKRmn)	Windfall (PKRmn)	Net (PKRmn)	No. of Shares	PKR/Share
POL	21.1%	6,404.0	13,687.0	-7,283.0	236.6	-30.8
PPL	27.8%	8,445.0	18,050.0	-9,604.0	1,971.7	-4.9
OGDC	27.8%	8,445.0	18,050.0	-9,604.0	4,300.9	-2.2
MOL	8.4%	2,562.0	5,475.0	-2,913.0		
GHPL	15.0%	4,563.0	9,752.0	-5,189.0		
Total	100.0%	30,419.0	65,013.0	-34,594.0		

Source: IGI Research, PSX, *This includes the retrospective amount from Nov-07 till Jun-15 and from Jul-15 to Dec-17

Company wise impact of reversal of Tal block; OGDC and PPL likely to follow

Assuming this, we believe E&P companies would opt to forego the price incentive for Tal block and wellhead price for Tal block would revert back to PP97. As POL in its 2QFY18 result reported a reversal of price incentive realized since Jul-15 of PKR 3,011mn and effectively reverted prices back to PP01 price for Tal block. Based on this, we believe OGDC and PPL will likely follow the lead and reverse the price incentive.

POL to be most affected amongst our coverage companies

POL holds nearly 21.05% stake in Tal block while Tal block contributes nearly 63%/74% to oil/gas production and 89% of total revenue (81% after reversion in price). We expect POL to witness earning compression of 12%-13% as a result of reversion of wellhead gas price to PP01. Besides Tal block, Ikhlas block was also granted conversion to PP12 from which recent discovery of Jhandial will be subjected to windfall levy on oil/condensate. (To view our 2QFY18 result preview on POL click [here](#))

PPL to be least affected on other blocks converted to PP12

PPL holds nearly 27.76% stake in Tal block while Tal block contributes nearly 40%/11% to oil/gas production and 19% of total revenue (14% after reversion in price). We expect PPL's earning to shed by 5%-6% as a result of reversion of wellhead gas price to PP01. As PPL has already booked retrospective amount during 1QFY18 we believe the reversal amount of PKR 3.92bn in respect of Tal block would be entire PKR 8.45bn having earnings impact of PKR 3.01/share. However, beside Tal block, PPL has discovered major portion of gas compared to oil from blocks converted to PP12 such as Gambat South. If implemented, PPL does not currently hold significant portion of oil from converted blocks and according to PP12 is already paying windfall levy on gas production.

OGDC to be least affected by Tal block while portion of new oil discoveries remain insignificant to total production

OGDC holds nearly 27.76% stake in Tal block while Tal block contributes nearly 13%/7% to oil/gas production and 14% of total revenue (10% after reversion in price). We expect OGDC's earning to depress by 2%-3% as a result of reversion of wellhead gas price to PP01. We believe similar to POL, OGDC is yet to book the retrospective amount thus the latter may only reverse amount of PKR 4.25bn (PKR 0.69/share) during 2QFY18. As new discoveries of oil from converted blocks only account for 4% of total oil production and contributes only 1% to total earnings, the imposition of windfall levy would have minimal impact on OGDC.

Exhibit:

Earnings impact of reversal of Tal block to PP01

PKR/share	Change in FY18 EPS	% Change	Change in FY19 EPS	% Change
POL	7.66	11.9%	8.80	12.6%
PPL	1.17	5.1%	1.33	5.5%
OGDC	0.48	2.4%	0.55	2.8%

Source: IGI Research, PSX

Future oil discoveries from converted blocks will result in lower value addition

If the decision is implemented, we believe the earnings impact of new oil discoveries will be reduced owing to windfall levy hence result in lower value addition. However, if offering of new concessions is implemented we estimate this would compensate for the loss of revenues in windfall levy on oil production to a certain extend.

Concerns and likely stance of the respective companies' management

As per POL; the company's management believes that the SA signed under Conversion package offered higher gas price and windfall levy on oil/condensate was not applicable. In addition the management argues that if GoP amends any policy, it does not have the authority to apply the law retrospectively. Based on this,

the management of the company will be challenging the decision in court of law and as such PPL and OGDC are likely to follow suit.

Although we believe the respective companies' have solid grounds to challenge the decision in court but the resolution of the said matter could take some time. In meantime likewise of POL, OGDC and PPL are likely to reverse the gas price incentive on Tal block on prudent basis, which on the outlook would lead to a loss of income for these companies.

Recommendation

Having said that we await completion of 90 days time period allowed by GoP to finalize the SA, and thus have not yet revised our investment case for OGDC, PPL and POL. It is pertinent to mention here that MARI would remain unaffected at this point in time as gas production and revenue contributes nearly 98% and 95% to total production and revenue, respectively. However, based on this we recommend a cautious stance on POL while keeping our BUY stance intact on PPL, OGDC and MARI, respectively.

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