

Miscellaneous

PABC: CY24 Management Call Takeaways

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Key highlights from management conference call

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- In 1QCY25, revenue reached PKR 4.65Bn, slightly up from PKR 4.60Bn in the same period last year. Gross margin saw a modest improvement. Net profit rose to PKR 1.3Bn from PKR 903Mn, boosting the net margin to 27% from 19%. Consequently, EPS increased to PKR 3.54/share from PKR 2.50/share.
- The management reported a 21% increase in local sales year-on-year, driven by stronger domestic demand. However, export sales dropped 18% due to the Torkham border closure from February to March 2025, limiting exports to Afghanistan. The company will remain tax-exempt under SEZ status until 2026. Management expressed concern over recurring border closures and tariff pressures on the aluminium sector.
- PABC is expanding capacity from 1.2Bn to 1.3Bn cans per year, with the project expected to be operational within six months. Management forecasts CY25 revenue of PKR 22Bn on sales volume of 890Mn cans.

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- The margins are expected to remain under pressure during the current year as per the management.
- During CY24, local sales rose to 302Mn cans from 297Mn in the prior year, but Management noted they still fell short of the markets full potential.

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