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Nishat Power Limited 2QFY16- Result Review

Power Generation & Distribution

NPL posted earnings of PKR 2.07/share in 2QFY16

Nishat Power Limited (NPL) announced its half-yearly results today, posting profit after tax (PAT) of PKR 734mn (EPS: PKR 2.07) during 2QFY16 (down 21% QoQ), taking the cumulative profitability for 1HFY16 to PKR 1,664mn (EPS: PKR 4.70), down 13% YoY. Along with the results, the company also announced an interim cash dividend of PKR 2.0/share (cumulative dividend thus far: PKR 3.0/share).

| Exhibit: Financial Highlights | | | | | | |
|-------------------------------|---------|---------|------|---------|---------|------|
| PKR mn | 2QFY16A | 1QFY16A | QoQ | 1HFY16A | 1HFY15A | YoY |
| Net Sales | 3,962 | 4,529 | -13% | 8,490 | 13,438 | -37% |
| Cost of Sales | 2,969 | 3,312 | -10% | 6,281 | 10,612 | -41% |
| Gross Profit | 993 | 1,217 | -18% | 2,210 | 2,826 | -22% |
| Administrative Expenses | 49 | 51 | -5% | 100 | 90 | 11% |
| Profit from Operations | 944 | 1,166 | -19% | 2,110 | 2,736 | -23% |
| Finance Cost | 220 | 242 | -9% | 463 | 840 | -45% |
| PAT | 734 | 930 | -21% | 1,664 | 1,903 | -13% |
| EPS @ 354mn Shares | 2.07 | 2.63 | | 4.70 | 5.37 | |
| DPS | 2.00 | 1.00 | | 3.00 | 2.75 | |

Sources; Company Financials, AHL Research

Result Highlights

- The company recorded net sales of PKR 3,962mn during 2QFY16, down 13% QoQ, on the back of 13.5% QoQ drop in Furnace oil prices.
- Total electricity generation clocked-in at 370 GWh during the period under review, up 11.3% QoQ.
- While gross margins dipped down by 181bps to 25.1% in the current quarter, attributable to mainly higher O&M expenses.

Recommendation

Currently, we recommend "BUY" on NPL with our DDM based Dec'16 target price of PKR 55.9/share, offering a total return of 21.2% (DY FY16E: 13.5%).

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| BUY | Total return* of subject security(ies) is more than +10% from last closing of market price(s) |
| HOLD | Total return* of subject security(ies) is between -10% and +10% from last closing of market price(s) |
| SELL | Total return* of subject security(ies) is less than -10% from last closing of market price(s) |

^{*} Total return for Power Generation Companies is target price upside plus dividend yield.

Equity Valuation Methodology

Following valuation technique(s) are used to arrive at the target price of subject security (ies);

Dividend Discount Model (DDM)

Risks

The following risks may potentially impact our valuations of subject security (ies);

- > Interest Rate Risk
- > Exchange Rate (Currency) Risk

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