

Result Update – Q1FY21

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Lockdown impacted LNG Volumes; Margin improvement led by lower gas price

CMP Target Potential Upside Market Cap (INR Mn) Recommendation Sector INR 250 INR 319 27.8% 375,000 BUY Oil & Gas

Result highlights

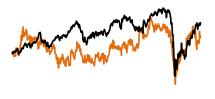
- Net revenue was reported at INR 48,836 Mn, down 43.3% YoY (-43% QoQ) mainly due to lower capacity utilization in Q1FY21 on account of COVID-19 related nationwide lockdown. Total volume processed stood at 190 TBTU (-16% YoY, -13% QoQ) –Dahej/Kochi at 181/9 TBTU with a capacity utilization of 81/7%
- EBITDA stood at INR 9,099 Mn, down 11.1% YOY (+30.5% QoQ). EBITDA margin was at 18.6%, up 675 bps YoY (up 1049 bps QoQ) driven by decrease in raw material price by 756 bps YoY and 823 QoQ as proportion of sales
- PAT at INR 4,998 Mn, was down 11.1% YoY and up 34% QoQ. Sequentially higher PAT was led by better operating performance, lower depreciation & amortization expenses and reduction in finance cost. PAT margin was 10.2%, up 371 bps YoY (+588 bps QoQ).
- Other income stood at INR 684 Mn, down 34.5% YoY (-21% QoQ) due to lower interest on investment
- EPS for the quarter stood at INR 3.3 (as against INR 3.8 in Q1FY20)

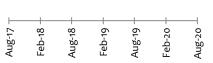
MARKET DATA

Shares outs (Mn)	1500
Equity Cap (INR Mn)	15000
Mkt Cap (INR Mn)	375,000
52 Wk H/L (INR)	302/171
Volume Avg (3m K)	4089
Face Value (INR)	10
Bloomberg Code	PLNG IN

SHARE PRICE PERFORMANCE







MARKET INFO

38,220
11,385
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Key Financials

Particulars (INR mn)	FY18	FY19	FY20	FY21E	FY22E
Net Revenues	305,986	383,954	354,520	288,472	412,689
EBITDA	33,124	32,935	39,895	36,091	52,262
Adj.PAT	21,104	22,306	27,034	22,614	34,226
EPS Diluted (Rs.)	14.07	14.87	18.02	15.08	22.82
OPM (%)	10.8%	8.6%	11.3%	12.5%	12.7%
NPM (%)	6.9%	5.8%	7.6%	7.8%	8.3%
P/E (x)	17.8	16.8	13.9	16.6	11.0

Source: Company, KRChoksey Research

Lockdown impacted sales volume; Improvement in Gross margin due to lower gas price: For Q1 FY21, Company's total volume stood at 190 TBTU (as against 219 TBTU in Q4FY20 and 226 TBTU in Q1FY20) and overall capacity utilization at ~66%. Dahej terminal operated at a capacity utilization of ~81% and processed 181 TBTU as against 206 TBTU in the previous quarter. Kochi terminal operated at a capacity utilization of ~7% processed 9 TBTU for Q1FY21 as against 13 TBTU in the previous quarter. The overall decline in volume was mainly due to lower capacity utilization in Q1FY21 on account of COVID-19 related nationwide lockdown. Since July PLNG operational at 104/17% capacity for Dahej/Kochi terminal. We estimate 2-year volume CAGR at 6% over FY20-22E. While, PLNG reported significant improvement in Gross margin of 756 bps YoY and up 824 bps QoQ to 21.4% in Q1FY21 due to low spot LNG prices. The drop in the global oil price is structurally positive for PLNG, as all its long-term LNG contracts are oil-linked. So, a lower oil price scenario brings down its energy cost as well as reduces the premium of long-term contracts over the spot prices. Hence, We expect Gross margins for FY21/22E is 15.3/15.4% (as compared with 14% in FY20).

Kochi utilization to improve on new pipeline commissioning: PLNG's Kochi terminal is expected to see higher capacity utilization post completion of Kochi-Mangalore pipeline. The pipeline is expected to be commissioned in August. This will help increase utilization, going forward. We expect Kochi terminal capacity utilization level could reach to 30-35% in FY22E from current ~17%. We expect PLNG to drive revenues through increased capacity utilization led by higher LNG imports and subsequent demand from off-takers.

Major projects in the pipeline: During conference call with management, PLNG's Management indicated on their upcoming projects which includes recently completed the pre-feed studies along with Japanese Consortium and Sri Lanka Gas Terminal Company Limited for setting up a Floating Storage & Regasification terminal at Colombo, Sri Lanka and South Andaman. Capex guidance for FY21 is INR 348 cr. with INR 130 cr. for small scale LNG and INR 70 cr. for new corporate office.

SHARE HOLDING PATTERN (%)

Particulars	June-20	Mar-20	Dec-19
Promoters	50	50	50
FIIs	29.15	29.31	28.61
DIIs	7.85	7.80	9.16
Others	12.99	12.88	12.24
Total	100	100	100

7.9%

Revenue CAGR between FY 20 and FY 22E

14.5%

PAT CAGR between FY 20 and FY 22E

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Valuation & Outlook: PLNG's management specified that in the current environment of cheaper global gas prices; low priced LNG could also available in future without making upstream investment. With India's continuing shortage of LNG supply, Petronet will benefit as the primary play on increasing usage of LNG. While volumes were impacted during the lockdown, currently Dahej/Kochi terminals are operating at 104/17% capacity. We have largely maintained our estimates for revenue/EBITDA to grow at CAGR of 7.9/14.5% over FY20-FY22E. PLNG's longer term earnings visibility remains optimistic backed by long-term contracts and expected volume ramp-up at Kochi terminal. Management expects the Kochi-Mangalore pipeline to be commissioned by end-August, 2020, as it has been deferred from earlier July 2020 guidance due to issues in Chandragiri river. While Company has signed an MoU with Gujarat Gas to set up five LNG dispensing stations along the Delhi-Mumbai highway. At CMP, stock is trading at PE of 16.6x on FY21E EPS of 15.08 and P/E of 11x on FY22E EPS of 22.82. We conservatively apply a multiple of 14x on FY22E EPS and arrive a target price of INR 319 (potential upside of 27.8%). We retain our rating to BUY.

Q1FY21 Key Concall Highlights:

- 1) For Q1FY21, Dahej plant delivered throughput of 181 TBTU vs. 217 TBTU in the previous year same quarter. Overall throughput stood at 190 TBTU vs 226 TBTU in the corresponding quarter.
- 2) Q1FY20 volume was affected due to nationwide lockdown. Dahej terminal utilization was ~81% and overall utilization for Q1FY21 was 66%.
- 3) Current utilization levels for Dahej/Kochi terminal are at 104/17%.
- 4) No progress on Tellurian LNG deal, as the Board is yet to take a final call.
- 5) Employee cost for the quarter stood at INR 360 Mn, which is up 22.8% YOY and up 24.5% QoQ, which includes INR 50 Mn of one-time item as a leave encashment and INR 20 Mn for salary increment.
- 6) On Kochi regasification tariffs have been revised downward to INR 79.14/mmbtu from INR 104/mmbtu.
- 7) Kochi-Mangalore pipeline expected to be commissioned by end-August 2020, it's been delayed by one month due to some issues in Chandragiri river. Capacity utilization would be 30-35% once the pipeline is commissioned.
- 8) In July, PLNG received 23 cargos and expected volume would be normalized in this quarter.
- 9) For FY21, capex will be INR 348 cr with INR 130 cr for Small scale LNG and INR 70 cr for new corporate office.
- 10) Ragas income for Q1FY21 stood at INR 500 cr vs. INR 516 cr for previous year same quarter and INR 523 cr for previous quarter.
- 11) Other expenses declined by 29% YoY (-75% QoQ) to INR 101 cr for Q1FY21 due to lower power, fuel and repair & maintenance expenses on account of COVID-19 related lockdown.
- 12) PLNG has signed an MoU with Gujarat Gas to set up five LNG dispensing stations along the Delhi-Mumbai highway. IGL has three such stations on the same highway, taking the total to eight.
- 13) Industrial demand in Mangalore is around 0.8–1.2mmtpa and further growth could come from CGDs. PLNG expects overall demand from the CGD sector in the country to double after the incubation period of the 9–10th CGD round is over.

Quarterly Performance (Consolidated):

(INR Mn)	Q1FY21	Q4FY20	Q-o-Q	Q1FY20	Y-o-Y
Revenue from Operations	48,836	85,672	-43.0%	86,134	-43.3%
Expenses:					
Cost of material consumed	38,365	74,360	-48.4%	74,182	-48.3%
Employee benefit expenses	360	289	24.5%	293	22.8%
Other expenses	1,011	4,048	-75.0%	1,421	-28.8%
EBITDA	9,099	6,975	30.5%	10,239	-11.1%
EBITDA Margin (%)	18.6%	8.1%	1049 bps	11.9%	675 bps
Depreciation and amortisation expenses	1,936	1,942	-0.3%	1,899	1.9%
EBIT	7,164	5,033	42.3%	8,340	-14.1%
Other income	684	865	-20.9%	1,044	-34.5%
Finance Cost	881	1,035	-14.9%	1,005	-12.3%
Profit/Loss before exceptional items	6,966	4,863	43.3%	8,379	-16.9%
Share of profit of associates & JVs	-204	142	-244.1%	17	-1324%
Exceptional item	0	0		0	
Profit before Tax (PBT)	6,762	5,004	35.1%	8,396	-19.5%
Total Tax expense	1,764	1,272	38.6%	2,777	-36.5%
PAT	4,998	3,732	33.9%	5,619	-11.1%
PAT Margin (%)	10.2%	4.4%	588 bps	6.5%	371 bps
Basic EPS	3.3	2.5	33.7%	3.8	-11.2%
Diluted EPS	3.3	2.5	33.7%	3.8	-11.2%

Source: Company, KRChoksey Research

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Income Statement (Consolidated):

Particulars (INR mn)	FY18	FY19	FY20	FY21E	FY22E
Revenue from Operations	305,986	383,954	354,520	288,472	412,689
Cost of Materials consumed	266,902	344,170	304,959	244,453	349,135
Employee benefit expenses	912	1,259	1,258	1,321	1,655
Other expenses	5,049	5,592	8,408	6,607	9,637
Total Operating Expense	272,863	351,020	314,625	252,381	360,427
EBITDA	33,124	32,935	39,895	36,091	52,262
EBITDA Margin (%)	10.8%	8.6%	11.3%	12.5%	12.7%
Depreciation	4,117	4,112	7,761	7,032	7,384
EBIT	29,007	28,822	32,134	29,059	44,878
Finance Cost	1,630	989	4,032	2,877	3,613
Other Income	3,174	4,458	3,636	3,231	4,170
Profit before Tax (PBT) before exceptional items	30,551	32,291	31,737	29,414	45,435
Share of profit of associates & JVs	326	796	148	147	227
Exceptional items	0	o	-721	О	o
Profit before Tax (PBT)	30,877	33,087	31,164	29,561	45,662
Total Tax expense	9,773	10,782	4,131	6,947	11,436
Profit after Tax (PAT)	21,104	22,306	27,034	22,614	34,226
PAT Margin (%)	6.9%	5.8%	7.6%	7.8%	8.3%
EPS Basic (INR)	14.07	14.87	18.02	15.08	22.82

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Balance Sheet:

Particulars (INR mn)	FY18	FY19	FY20	FY21E	FY22E
EQUITY AND LIABILITIES					
Equity					
Share capital	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000
Reserves and surplus	83,113	87,306	96,209	103,696	115,028
Total Equity	98,113	102,306	111,209	118,696	130,028
Non-current liabilities					
Long term borrowings	7,334	1,012	644	612	581
Long term provisions	78	111	149	121	173
Deferred & other non-current liabilities	23,318	24,221	52,431	50,539	54,098
Total non-current liabilities	30,730	25,344	53,224	51,271	54,852
Current liabilities					
Financial Liabilities	24,013	19,806	18,974	15,439	22,087
Short term provisions	121	168	181	147	211
Other Current liabilities	4,468	4,870	5,081	4,135	5,915
Total current liabilities	28,602	24,844	24,236	19,721	28,213
SOURCES OF FUNDS	157,445	152,493	188,669	189,689	213,093
ASSETS					
Non-current assets					
Net Block	82,499	80,133	77,014	80,864	84,907
Investment in JVs	2,552	3,289	3,323	3,323	3,323
Financial Assets	1,324	8,390	767	677	879
Other non-current assets	799	1,064	37,077	37,120	37,165
Total non-current assets	87,174	92,875	118,181	121,984	126,274
Current Assets					
Inventories	4,911	5,694	4,809	3,913	5,598
Financial Assets	56,094	23,810	20,958	17,053	24,396
Cash and Bank balances	8,625	29,603	44,320	46,412	56,357
Other current assets	641	511	402	327	467
Total current assets	70,271	59,618	70,488	67,705	86,819
APPLICATION OF FUNDS	157,445	152,493	188,669	189,689	213,093

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Cash Flow Statement:

Particulars (INR mn)	FY18	FY19	FY20	FY21E	FY22E
Profit before Tax (PBT)	30,877	33,087	31,164	29,561	45,662
Operating profit before working capital changes	33,977	34,070	42,171	39,470	56,660
Cash Generated from/(used in) operations	36,924	29,547	38,207	37,957	59,347
Less: Income Tax Paid (net of refunds)	-6,968	-8,133	-9,576	-6,947	-11,436
Net Cash generated from/(used in) operating activities	29,956	21,414	28,631	31,010	47,911
Net Cash Used In Investing Activities	-12,776	-715	9,410	-10,883	-11,427
Net Cash Used in Financing Activities	-13,347	-25,476	-30,547	-18,036	-26,539
Net Increase/(Decrease) in Cash and Cash Equivalents	3,833	-4,777	7,494	2,092	9,945
Cash and Cash Equivalents at the beginning of the year	3,210	7,043	2,266	9,760	11,852
Cash and Cash Equivalents at the end of the year	7,043	2,266	9,760	11,852	21,797
Add: Bank balance	1,582	27,337	34,560	34,560	34,560
Cash & Bank balance	8,625	29,603	44,320	46,412	56,357

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Ratio Analysis:

Particulars	FY18	FY19	FY20	FY21E	FY22E
<u>Profitability</u>					
Return on Assets (%)	13.4%	14.6%	14.3%	11.9%	16.1%
Return on Capital (%)	27.5%	27.9%	28.7%	24.4%	34.4%
Return on Equity (%)	21.5%	21.8%	24.3%	19.1%	26.3%
Margin Trend					
Gross Margin (%)	12.8%	10.4%	14.0%	15.3%	15.4%
EBITDA Margin (%)	10.8%	8.6%	11.3%	12.5%	12.7%
Net Margin (%)	6.9%	5.8%	7.6%	7.8%	8.3%
<u>Liquidity</u>					
Current Ratio	2.5	2.4	2.9	3.4	3.1
Quick Ratio	0.9	1.7	2.5	3.0	2.7
Debtor Days	19	13	16	16	16
Inventory Days	6	5	5	5	5
Creditor Days	19	12	12	12	12
Working Capital Days	6	6	9	9	9
Solvency					
Total Debt / Equity	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Interest Coverage	18	29	8	10	12
Valuation Ratios					
EV/EBITDA	11.5	10.7	8.5	9.3	6.3
P/E	17.8	16.8	13.9	16.6	11.0
P/B	3.8	3.7	3.4	3.2	2.9

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Petronet LNG	Ltd.		Rating Legend		
Date	CMP (INR)	TP (INR)	Recommendation	Our Rating	Upside
20-Aug-20	250	319	BUY		
03-July-20	257	319	BUY		
12-Feb-20	264	354	BUY	Buy	More than 15%
31-Oct-19	285	401	BUY		
13-Aug-19	238	317	BUY	A	59/ 459/
17-May-19	224	317	BUY	Accumulate	5% – 15%
04-Feb-19	209	317	BUY	11-14	0 59/
23-May-18	213	285	BUY	Hold	o – 5%
09-Feb-18	248	480	BUY	Reduce	F% 0
09-Nov-17	269	480	BUY	Reduce	-5% – 0
18-Nov-16	347	400	BUY	Sell	Less than – 5%

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