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Q2FY21 Result Update

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Change in Estimates

	Cu	rrent	Pre	vious
	FY22E	FY23E	FY22E	FY23E
Rating	Е	BUY	ı	BUY
Target Price	3	399		384
Sales (Rs. m)	4,45,445	4,58,199	4,45,445	4,58,199
% Chng.	-	-		
EBITDA (Rs. n	n) 50,084	53,896	48,656	52,390
% Chng.	2.9	2.9		
EPS (Rs.)	21.8	24.4	21.0	23.9
% Chng.	3.8	2.3		

Key Financials - Standalone

Y/e Mar	FY20	FY21E	FY22E	FY23E
Sales (Rs. m)	3,54,520	3,83,241	4,45,445	4,58,199
EBITDA (Rs. m)	39,895	44,253	50,084	53,896
Margin (%)	11.3	11.5	11.2	11.8
PAT (Rs. m)	26,417	27,421	32,699	36,664
EPS (Rs.)	17.6	18.3	21.8	24.4
Gr. (%)	22.6	3.8	19.2	12.1
DPS (Rs.)	12.5	14.6	16.3	18.3
Yield (%)	5.2	6.1	6.8	7.6
RoE (%)	27.2	26.5	29.6	30.8
RoCE (%)	33.1	34.8	37.0	36.7
EV/Sales (x)	0.9	0.8	0.7	0.6
EV/EBITDA (x)	8.2	7.1	5.9	5.1
PE (x)	13.7	13.2	11.1	9.9
P/BV (x)	3.6	3.4	3.2	2.9

Key Data	PLNG.BO PLNG IN
52-W High / Low	Rs.285 / Rs.170
Sensex / Nifty	43,594 / 12,749
Market Cap	Rs.361bn/ \$ 4,859m
Shares Outstanding	1,500m
3M Avg. Daily Value	Rs.1967.35m

Shareholding Pattern (%)

Promoter's	50.00
Foreign	28.07
Domestic Institution	8.43
Public & Others	13.50
Promoter Pledge (Rs bn)	-

Stock Performance (%)

	1M	6M	12M
Absolute	10.5	2.9	(14.9)
Relative	2.6	(25.5)	(21.2)

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Petronet LNG (PLNG IN)

Rating: BUY | CMP: Rs241 | TP: Rs399

Robust performance

Quick Pointers:

- Sharp demand revival post Q1 lows, closure of Dabhol terminal for monsoon aided PLNG's strong earnings growth in Q2.
- PLNG exploring multiple LNG contracts globally to procure from the cheapest source
- Lowest tariffs, superb pipeline network and well-entrenched reach in the domestic LNG markets to help PLNG compete with new terminals.

We increase our FY21E estimates by 9% to factor in strong H1 performance, delay in commissioning of the Kochi-Mangalore pipeline and make other changes. PLNG is a play on India's rising LNG imports supported by soft spot LNG prices. We like PLNG's business model given high earnings visibility. We see limited competition to PLNG's well-entrenched reach in the LNG business. Reiterate BUY with a DCF based PT of Rs399 (Rs384) on roll over.

- Record volumes, margins drive earnings beat: Petronet LNG (PLNG) reported Q2FY21 EBITDA and PBT of Rs13.6bn (PLe Rs 10.2bn; +17% YoY) and Rs12.4bn (PLe Rs8.1bn; +30% YoY) respectively. PAT was at Rs9.2bn (-21%YoY; PLe Rs6.0bn) due to tax write back in Q2FY20. Operationally better results were due to record volumes, blended tariffs and inventory gains of Rs700m. Shutdown of competing Dabhol LNG terminal due to monsoon also aided better performance from PLNG.
- Dahej terminal remains the star: During the quarter, regassification volumes were at 254tbtu (250 tbtu in Q2FY20; PLe 224). Dahej regassified volumes were at 243tbtu (240tbtu in Q2FY20) while Kochi volumes were at 11tbtu. PLNG's Q2 blended tariffs were at Rs59.7/tbtu against Rs53.5 in Q2FY20 and Rs55.1 in Q1FY21.
- The Kochi-Mangalore pipeline will be commissioned by December 2020 and utilization levels are expected to double from current 17%. Accordingly, Kochi tariffs have been fixed at Rs83.1 for FY21. At this rate there will be no impairment of the Kochi terminal value.
- Multiple projects at exploratory stage: Management clarified that they are exploring multiple capex options like the Sri Lanka FSRU LNG terminal and opportunities on East Coast of India. While PLNG has signed a nonbinding agreement with Tellurian, project economics will decide about any investment.
- Limited threat from new terminals: PLNG management seems quite confident of maintaining their pre dominant stature despite start of competing Mundra and Ennore LNG terminals given their low cost operations. Additionally, high growth opportunities from CGD and power sector ramp up will spur demand for gas in the country, which will necessitate more infrastructure coming on stream.



Exhibit 1: Q2FY21 Result Overview (Rs mn)

Y/e March	Q2FY21	Q2FY20	YoY gr. (%)	Q1FY21	H1FY21	H1FY20	YoY gr. (%)
Sales	55,578	87,302	(36.3)	43,836	99,414	1,67,916	(40.8)
Regassification services	6,780	6,310		5,000	11,780	11,830	(0.4)
Net sales	62,358	93,612	(33.4)	48,836	1,11,194	1,79,746	(38.1)
Total expenditure	48,726	82,007	(40.6)	39,736	88,462	1,57,902	(44.0)
Raw material	47,199	80,229	(41.2)	38,365	85,565	1,54,411	(44.6)
Staff cost	338	268	26.2	360	698	561	24.4
Other expenditure	1,188	1,510	(21.3)	1,011	2,199	2,930	(25.0)
Forex	-	-		-	-	-	
Operating profit	13,633	11,605	17.5	9,099	22,732	21,844	4.1
Other income	1,596	975	63.7	684	2,280	2,019	12.9
Interest	850	1,051	(19.1)	881	1,732	2,057	(15.8)
Depreciation	1,952	1,960	(0.4)	1,936	3,888	3,859	0.7
PBT	12,426	9,568	29.9	6,966	19,392	17,948	8.0
Tax	3,153	(2,184)	(244.4)	1,764	4,916	593	729.2
Tax rate (%)	25.4	(22.8)		25.3	25.4	3.3	
Net profit	9,274	11,752	(21.1)	5,202	14,476	17,355	(16.6)

Source: Company, PL

Exhibit 2: PLNG quarterly volume and tariffs

	Q2FY19	Q3FY19	Q4FY19	Q1FY20	Q2FY20	Q3FY20	Q4FY20	Q1FY21	Q2FY21
Volumes (tbtu)	217.0	202.0	205.1	226.0	250.0	233.0	226.6	190.0	254.0
Blended regas margins (Rs/tbtu)	48.4	49.4	41.2	52.9	53.5	55.4	49.9	55.1	59.7

Source: Company, PL

Conference Call Highlights

- PLNG is exploring multiple opportunities to source the cheapest gas source.
 They are eyeing LT contract at spot prices going forward.
- Tariff negotiation for Kochi terminal is likely to be finalized in Q3FY21, which will decide any asset impairment going ahead. Operational breakeven for this terminal stands at 25%.
- PLNG's long term capex plans includes setting up two storage tanks for Rs12bn, a jetty at Dahej for Rs13bn. Srilanka FSRU project is likely to cost USD300m.
- Management remains confident of steady gas demand growth going ahead and next tariff hikes will be in January 2021.



Financials

ncome	Statement	(Rs m)

Income Statement (Rs m)				
Y/e Mar	FY20	FY21E	FY22E	FY23E
Net Revenues	3,54,520	3,83,241	4,45,445	4,58,199
YoY gr. (%)	(7.7)	8.1	16.2	2.9
Cost of Goods Sold	3,04,959	3,33,194	3,88,679	3,97,184
Gross Profit	49,561	50,047	56,766	61,015
Margin (%)	14.0	13.1	12.7	13.3
Employee Cost	1,258	1,383	1,522	1,674
Other Expenses	-	-	-	-
EBITDA	39,895	44,253	50,084	53,896
YoY gr. (%)	21.1	10.9	13.2	7.6
Margin (%)	11.3	11.5	11.2	11.8
Depreciation and Amortization	7,761	8,213	9,178	10,178
EBIT	32,134	36,039	40,906	43,718
Margin (%)	9.1	9.4	9.2	9.5
Net Interest	4,032	3,500	3,000	2,500
Other Income	3,726	4,105	5,792	7,779
Profit Before Tax	31,828	36,645	43,697	48,997
Margin (%)	9.0	9.6	9.8	10.7
Total Tax	5,411	9,223	10,999	12,332
Effective tax rate (%)	17.0	25.2	25.2	25.2
Profit after tax	26,417	27,421	32,699	36,664
Minority interest	-	-	-	-
Share Profit from Associate	-	-	-	-
Adjusted PAT	26,417	27,421	32,699	36,664
YoY gr. (%)	22.6	3.8	19.2	12.1
Margin (%)	7.5	7.2	7.3	8.0
Extra Ord. Income / (Exp)	-	-	-	-
Reported PAT	26,417	27,421	32,699	36,664
YoY gr. (%)	22.6	3.8	19.2	12.1
Margin (%)	7.5	7.2	7.3	8.0
Other Comprehensive Income	-	-	-	-
Total Comprehensive Income	26,417	27,421	32,699	36,664
Equity Shares O/s (m)	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500
EPS (Rs)	17.6	18.3	21.8	24.4

Source: Company Data, PL Research

Balance Sheet Abstract (Rs	s m)			
Y/e Mar	FY20	FY21E	FY22E	FY23E
Non-Current Assets				
Gross Block	1,02,284	1,04,284	1,06,284	1,08,284
Tangibles	1,02,284	1,04,284	1,06,284	1,08,284
Intangibles	-	-	-	-
Acc: Dep / Amortization	22,805	31,019	40,197	50,375
Tangibles	22,805	31,019	40,197	50,375
Intangibles	-	-	-	-
Net fixed assets	79,478	73,265	66,087	57,909
Tangibles	79,478	73,265	66,087	57,909
Intangibles	-	-	-	-
Capital Work In Progress	2,000	2,000	1,000	1,000
Goodwill	-	-	-	-
Non-Current Investments	-	-	-	-
Net Deferred tax assets	(14,959)	(16,854)	(19,113)	(21,646)
Other Non-Current Assets	-	-	-	-
Current Assets				
Investments	-	-	-	-
Inventories	7,785	8,415	9,781	10,061
Trade receivables	17,438	18,850	21,910	22,537
Cash & Bank Balance	34,019	48,091	67,742	87,833
Other Current Assets	530	530	530	530
Total Assets	1,47,011	1,56,913	1,72,812	1,85,632
Equity				
Equity Share Capital	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000
Other Equity	85,839	91,324	99,498	1,08,664
Total Networth	1,00,839	1,06,324	1,14,498	1,23,664
Non-Current Liabilities				
Long Term borrowings	-	-	-	-
Provisions	-	-	-	-
Other non current liabilities	-	-	-	-
Current Liabilities				
ST Debt / Current of LT Debt	-	-	-	-
Trade payables	31,147	33,670	39,135	40,256
Other current liabilities	66	66	66	66
Total Equity & Liabilities	1,47,011	1,56,913	1,72,812	1,85,632

Source: Company Data, PL Research

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Cash Flow (Rs m)				
Y/e Mar	FY20	FY21E	FY22E	FY23E
PBT	31,828	36,645	43,697	48,997
Add. Depreciation	7,761	8,213	9,178	10,178
Add. Interest	4,032	3,500	3,000	2,500
Less Financial Other Income	3,726	4,105	5,792	7,779
Add. Other	-	-	-	-
Op. profit before WC changes	43,621	48,358	55,875	61,675
Net Changes-WC	38,012	(12,892)	(34,936)	(106)
Direct tax	(5,411)	(9,223)	(10,999)	(12,332)
Net cash from Op. activities	76,222	26,242	9,941	49,236
Capital expenditures	(39,557)	(3,768)	(5,384)	(5,000)
Interest / Dividend Income	-	-	-	-
Others	-	-	-	-
Net Cash from Invt. activities	(39,557)	(3,768)	(5,384)	(5,000)
Issue of share cap. / premium	1,202	(1,509)	-	-
Debt changes	(368)	(184)	(460)	-
Dividend paid	(18,750)	(21,937)	(24,524)	(27,498)
Interest paid	(4,032)	(3,500)	(3,000)	(2,500)
Others	-	-	-	-
Net cash from Fin. activities	(21,948)	(27,130)	(27,984)	(29,998)
Net change in cash	14,718	(4,656)	(23,427)	14,238
Free Cash Flow	36,665	22,474	4,557	44,236

Source: Company Data, PL Research

Quarterly Financials (Rs m)

Y/e Mar	Q3FY20	Q4FY20	Q1FY21	Q2FY21
Net Revenue	89,102	85,672	48,836	62,358
YoY gr. (%)	(11.8)	2.2	(43.3)	(33.4)
Raw Material Expenses	76,189	74,360	38,365	47,199
Gross Profit	12,913	11,312	10,470	15,159
Margin (%)	14.5	13.2	21.4	24.3
EBITDA	11,076	6,975	9,099	13,633
YoY gr. (%)	30.6	11.2	(11.1)	17.5
Margin (%)	12.4	8.1	18.6	21.9
Depreciation / Depletion	1,960	1,942	1,936	1,952
EBIT	9,116	5,033	7,164	11,681
Margin (%)	10.2	5.9	14.7	18.7
Net Interest	940	1,035	881	850
Other Income	842	865	684	1,596
Profit before Tax	9,017	4,863	6,966	12,426
Margin (%)	10.1	5.7	14.3	19.9
Total Tax	2,265	1,272	1,764	3,153
Effective tax rate (%)	25.1	26.2	25.3	25.4
Profit after Tax	6,752	3,590	5,202	9,274
Minority interest	-	-	-	-
Share Profit from Associates	-	-	-	-
Adjusted PAT	6,752	3,590	5,202	9,274
YoY gr. (%)	19.4	(18.4)	(7.1)	(15.9)
Margin (%)	7.6	4.2	10.7	14.9
Extra Ord. Income / (Exp)	-	-	-	-
Reported PAT	6,752	3,590	5,202	9,274
YoY gr. (%)	19.4	(18.4)	(7.1)	(15.9)
Margin (%)	7.6	4.2	10.7	14.9
Other Comprehensive Income	-	-	-	-
Total Comprehensive Income	-	-	-	-
Avg. Shares O/s (m)	-	-	-	-
EPS (Rs)	-	-	-	-

Source: Company Data, PL Research

ey Financial Metrics

FY20	FY21E	FY22E	FY23E
17.6	18.3	21.8	24.4
22.8	23.8	27.9	31.2
67.2	70.9	76.3	82.4
24.4	15.0	3.0	29.5
12.5	14.6	16.3	18.3
33.1	34.8	37.0	36.7
28.4	33.1	38.9	44.7
27.2	26.5	29.6	30.8
(0.3)	(0.5)	(0.6)	(0.7)
(6)	(6)	(6)	(6)
13.7	13.2	11.1	9.9
3.6	3.4	3.2	2.9
23.5	24.5	28.8	32.2
8.2	7.1	5.9	5.1
0.9	0.8	0.7	0.6
5.2	6.1	6.8	7.6
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Source: Company Data, PL Research

Key Operating Metrics

Y/e Mar	FY20	FY21E	FY22E	FY23E
Dahej contract volume (MTPA)	16.5	16.0	16.8	16.8
Dahej spot volume (MTPA)	0.5	1.0	1.8	1.8
Kochi contract volume (MTPA)	0.7	0.3	1.0	1.5
Kochi spot volume (MTPA)	0.1	0.8	1.0	1.0
Dahej contract tariff (Rs/tbtu)	49.9	52.4	55.0	57.7
Dahej spot tariff (Rs/tbtu)	25.0	50.0	20.0	20.0
Kochi contract tariff (Rs/tbtu)	72.9	76.6	80.4	84.4

Source: Company Data, PL Research

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Sr. No.	Company Name	Rating	TP (Rs)	Share Price (Rs)
1	Aarti Industries	Accumulate	1,024	1,007
2	Bharat Petroleum Corporation	BUY	479	342
3	GAIL (India)	Accumulate	108	90
4	Gujarat Gas	BUY	403	301
5	Hindustan Petroleum Corporation	BUY	280	186
6	Indian Oil Corporation	BUY	118	78
7	Indraprastha Gas	BUY	590	384
8	Mahanagar Gas	BUY	1,226	829
9	NOCIL	BUY	169	143
10	Oil & Natural Gas Corporation	BUY	96	71
11	Oil India	Accumulate	110	89
12	Petronet LNG	BUY	384	219
13	Reliance Industries	BUY	2,232	2,055

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