

# **Mahanagar Gas**

Buy

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Bloomberg	MAHGL IN
Equity Shares (m)	99
M.Cap.(INRb)/(USDb)	79 / 1.1
52-Week Range (INR)	1284 / 781
1, 6, 12 Rel. Per (%)	-7/-37/-44
12M Avg Val (INR M)	653

### Financials & Valuations (INR b)

Y/E March	FY22	FY23E	FY24E
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Sales	35.6	54.9	48.5
EBITDA	9.2	12.2	12.8
Adj. PAT	6.0	8.0	8.2
Adj. EPS (INR)	60.4	81.1	83.3
EPS Gr. (%)	-3.6	34.3	2.6
BV/Sh.(INR)	364.2	412.9	462.8
Ratios			
Net D:E	-0.1	-0.3	-0.3
RoE (%)	17.5	20.9	19.0
RoCE (%)	17.5	20.9	19.1
Payout (%)	38.1	40.0	40.0
Valuation			
P/E (x)	12.7	9.5	9.2
P/BV (x)	2.1	1.9	1.7
EV/EBITDA (x)	7.7	5.3	5.0
Div. Yield (%)	3.0	4.2	4.3
FCF Yield (%)	3.4	13.0	4.0

## Shareholding pattern (%)

As On	Mar-22	Dec-21	Mar-21
Promoter	32.5	32.5	32.5
DII	27.3	29.1	27.2
FII	25.0	25.3	31.1
Others	15.2	13.1	9.2

FII Includes depository receipts

## Margin pressure persists, volume recovery on track

**CMP: INR764** 

■ MAHGL reported a miss on our estimates. Although total volumes were in line at 3.2mmscmd (+10% YoY, -4% QoQ), EBITDA/scm was higher at INR7.6 (est. INR10.1 and INR3.4 in 3QFY22). EBITDA stood at INR2.2b (27% lower than our estimate, -32% YoY).

TP: INR1, 000 (+31%)

- Sales volumes were lower due to the impact of COVID-19 in Jan'22 and high LNG prices on account of geopolitical tensions in Europe. A recovery in sales volumes was seen in Mar'22 as it rose 14% v/s Jan'22 levels.
- Spot LNG prices fell to USD24.5/mmBtu in Apr'22 v/s USD29.4/mmBtu in 3QFY22 and USD35.4/mmBtu in Mar'22. Cooling of these prices will result in a further volume recovery, with an improvement in EBITDA/scm from FY22 levels. The company raised CNG prices in Jan'22.
- We reiterate that margin in the CNG segment will come under pressure:
  - ➤ The APM gas price revision for 1HFY23 stands at USD6.1/mmBtu the highest since the adoption of the gas pricing formula in CY14. Moreover, there is likely to be a further increase in APM gas prices in 2HFY23E.
  - OMCs demanding higher single-digit commissions on CNG sales will further test its ability to pass on the price increase to its end-consumers. Notably, ~65% of CNG volumes for MAHGL accrue from OMC outlets.
  - > Due to likely infusion of high-cost non-APM gas for priority sector sales.
- Considering the above, it is unlikely that MAHGL will maintain EBITDA margin at higher levels (of FY21). We keep our FY23-24 margin assumption unchanged at INR10/scm. We revise our FY23/FY24 revenue estimates upwards by 22%/17% due to better per unit realizations, led by better price pass through (due to an increase in gas costs).
- The stock trades at 9x FY24E EPS of INR83. Valuing it at 12x FY24E EPS, we arrive at our TP of INR1,000 per share. We maintain our Buy rating on MAHGL owing to its relatively cheaper valuations.

## Volumes and revenue in line, miss on margin

- Total volumes were in line at 3.2mmscmd (+10% YoY, -4% QoQ). CNG volumes stood at 2.3mmscmd (5% lower than our estimate, +13% YoY, -5% QoQ). Total PNG volumes stood at 0.9mmscmd (6% higher than our estimate, +3% YoY, -2% QoQ).
- EBITDA/scm was below our estimate (of INR10.1) at INR7.6. EBITDA was also a miss v/s our estimate at INR2.2b (27% lower than our estimate, -32% YoY, +109% QoQ). Reported PAT stood at INR1.3b (31% lower than our estimate, -38% YoY, +132% QoQ).
- EBITDA stood at INR9.2b (flat YoY), with EBITDA/scm at INR8.4 in FY22 (v/s INR11.6 in FY21). Reported PAT stood at INR6b (-4% YoY). Total volumes stood at 3mmscmd (+36% YoY). CNG volumes stood at 2.1mmscmd (+49% YoY), and total PNG volumes stood at 0.9mmscmd (+11% YoY).
- The company declared a final dividend of INR15.5/share in FY22 (in addition to the INR9.5/share of the interim dividend already declared).

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## Valuation and view

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- The company added 14 new CNG stations (taking its total count to 290), 107 PNG-I/C customers (taking its total count to 4,339) and 125km of steel and PE pipeline (a total of 6,221km). For Raigad GA, 23 CNG stations are operational, with 26.4km of the pipeline laid in 4QFY22 (taking its total to 346km).
- MAHGL completed the MWP targets set by PNGRB in 4QFY22. It is currently the only company to meet its target set by PNGRB for new GAs.
- The stock trades at 9x FY24E EPS of INR83. Valuing it at 12x FY24E EPS, we arrive at our TP of INR1,000. We maintain our **Buy** rating.

(INR m)

Y/E March		FY2	21			FY	22		FY21	FY22E	FY22	Var.
	1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q	1Q	2Q	3Q	4QE			4Q	(%)
Net Sales	2,618	5,067	6,664	7,177	6,155	8,301	10,278	10,868	21,525	35,602	11,118	-2
YoY Change (%)	-65.4	-35.3	-10.5	4.5	135.1	63.8	54.2	51.4	-27.6	65.4	54.9	
EBITDA	800	2,211	3,167	3,162	3,040	3,018	1,031	2,155	9,340	9,243	2,938	-27
EBITDA/SCM	7.9	11.6	12.4	12.1	13.9	10.5	3.4	7.6	11.6	8.4	10.1	-25
Margins (%)	30.6	43.6	47.5	44.1	49.4	36.4	10.0	19.8	43.4	26.0	26.4	
Depreciation	423	425	441	448	453	473	482	555	1,737	1,963	499	11
Interest	15	20	17	19	17	20	15	23	72	75	19	
Other Income	245	184	204	172	186	226	218	227	805	857	131	73
РВТ	607	1,950	2,913	2,866	2,756	2,751	752	1,804	8,336	8,063	2,552	-29
Tax	155	507	741	738	716	708	184	486	2,140	2,093	644	-25
Rate (%)	25.5	26.0	25.4	25.8	26.0	25.7	24.5	26.9	25.7	26.0	25.2	
Reported PAT	453	1,443	2,172	2,128	2,041	2,043	568	1,318	6,196	5,970	1,908	-31
Adj. PAT	453	1,443	2,172	2,128	2,041	2,043	568	1,318	6,196	5,970	1,908	-31
YoY Change (%)	-73.4	-46.7	16.7	27.7	351.0	41.5	-73.9	-38.1	-21.9	-3.6	-10.3	
Margins (%)	17.3	28.5	32.6	29.6	33.2	24.6	5.5	12.1	28.8	16.8	17.2	
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PNG - Industrial/Commercial

**CNG** 

PNG - Domestic

PNG - Total

**Total Volumes** 

Standalone quarterly earnings

1QFY21	2QFY21	3QFY21	4051/04						
		JULIET	4QFY21	1QFY22	2QFY22	3QFY22	4QFY22	YoY (%)	QoQ (%)
0.48	1.28	1.88	2.02	1.55	2.23	2.39	2.28	13	-5
-78%	-42%	-15%	2%	223%	75%	27%	13%		
0.63	0.80	0.89	0.87	0.85	0.89	0.91	0.89	3	-2
-21%	0%	7%	8%	34%	12%	3%	3%		
1.11	2.07	2.77	2.89	2.40	3.12	3.30	3.17	10	-4
-62%	-31%	-9%	4%	115%	51%	19%	10%		
7.9	11.6	12.4	12.1	13.9	10.5	3.4	7.6	-38	123
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## Key takeaways from the management meet

## **Operational Highlights**

- The adverse residual effect of COVID-19 along with the geopolitical tensions in Europe affected the performance in 4QFY22 for MAHGL.
  - With imported R-LNG prices at new highs.
  - > Lower sales volumes were seen in 4QFY22.
  - But recovery was seen in Mar'22 as gas sales volumes rose by 14% v/s Jan'22.
- APM gas allocation to the priority sector was 15-17% less which was met by purchasing gas at the market price for 4QFY22.
- For FY22, shortfall for the priority sector allocation was 8-9%.
- An upward revision of domestic CNG and PNG prices were done by the company in Jan'22.
- From INR63.50/kg to INR66.0/kg and to INR39.5/scm respectively; currently CNG prices stand at INR76/kg.

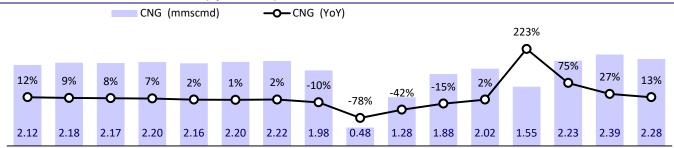
## 4QFY22 updates

- It Added 14 new CNG stations (290 in total now), 107 PNG-I/C customers (4,339 in total now) and 125km of steel and PE pipeline (6,221km in total now).
  - For Raigad GA: 23 CNG stations are operational, 26.4km of the pipeline laid in 4QFY22 (346km in total now).
- MAHGL is in the process of granting LOIs for three Composite Dispensing Units (CDUs). These should be completed in six-to-eight months once LOIs is granted.
- The company completed its MWP targets set by PNGRB in 4QFY22.
  - MAHGL would be the only company to meet its target set by PNGRB for the new GAs at the moment.
- To reduce dependence on spot LNG, the company had entered into a term contract of 18 months during 3QFY22.
  - ➤ It has also entered into 2 other term contract for a period of 5 years and 6 years in 4QFY22.
  - > The gas contracts are for domestic gas with RIL, one with GSPC and the 3rd with GAIL.

## Other highlights and capex guidance for FY23

- Price realizations are likely to recover due to cooling of spot LNG prices and pooling of prices as announced by the Government of India.
- Average PNG I/C prices for FY22 were at INR47/scm and INR55-60/scm respectively.
- Current BEST fleet stands at 2500 buses and additional 600 buses are from private operators
- Management has guided for a volume growth of 7-8% in FY23E.
- Capex for FY22 the company incurred INR6b.
  - > **For FY23,** guidance stands at INR6-7b.

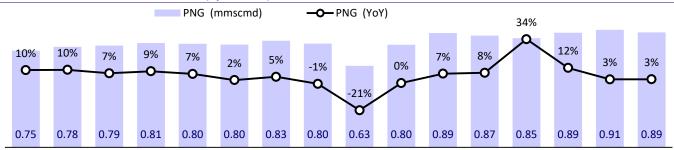
Exhibit 1: CNG volumes down 5% QoQ (up 13% YoY) to 2.28mmscmd



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Source: Company, MOFSL

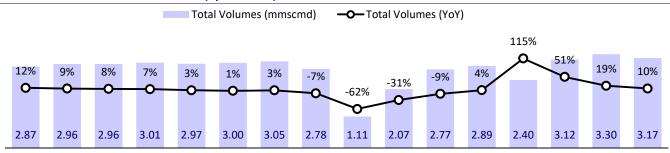
Exhibit 2: PNG volumes down 2% QoQ (up 3% YoY) to 0.89mmscmd



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Source: Company, MOFSL

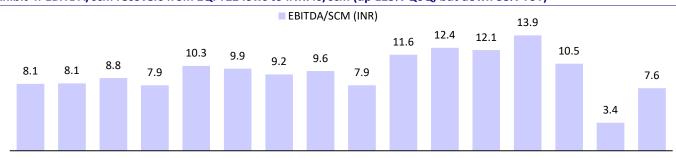
Exhibit 3: Total volumes down 4% QoQ (up 10% YoY) to 3.17mmscmd



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Source: Company, MOFSL

Exhibit 4: EBITDA/scm recovers from 2QFY22 lows to INR7.6/scm (up 123% QoQ, but down 38% YoY)

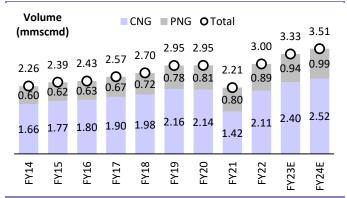


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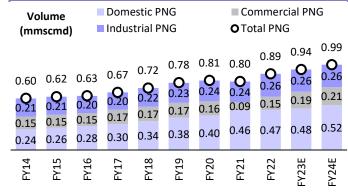
# **Story in charts**

**Exhibit 5: Volume growth snapshot** 



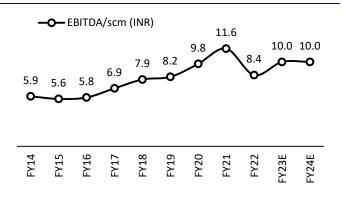
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**Exhibit 6: PNG segment-wise volumes** 



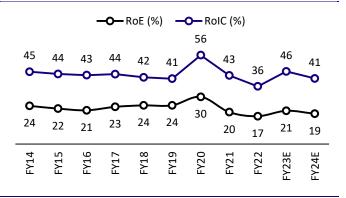
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Exhibit 7: Expect EBITDA/scm to be ~10mmscmd over FY23-24



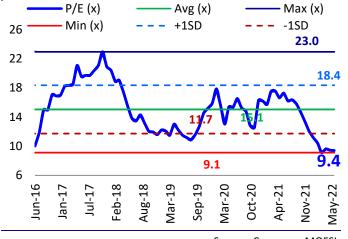
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Exhibit 8: RoE to hover ~20%



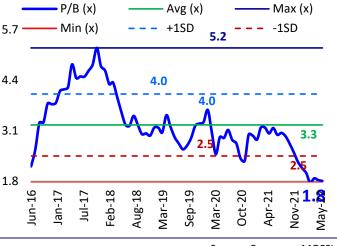
Source: Company, MOFSL

Exhibit 9: One-year forward P/E trades at a 38% discount to its long-term average of 9.4x



Source: Company, MOFSL

Exhibit 10: One-year forward P/B trades at a discount of ~45% to its long-term average of 3.3x



Source: Company, MOFSL

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# **Financials and valuations**

Standalone - Income Statement								(INR m)
Y/E March	FY17	FY18	FY19	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23E	FY24E
Total Income from Operations	20,340	22,330	27,911	29,721	21,525	35,602	54,949	48,492
Change (%)	-2.1	9.8	25.0	6.5	-27.6	65.4	54.3	-11.8
EBITDA	6,442	7,806	8,855	10,528	9,340	9,243	12,159	12,805
Margin (%)	31.7	35.0	31.7	35.4	43.4	26.0	22.1	26.4
Depreciation	951	1,112	1,259	1,617	1,737	1,963	2,152	2,432
EBIT	5,490	6,694	7,595	8,911	7,603	7,281	10,006	10,373
Int. and Finance Charges	10	3	3	65	72	75	83	83
Other Income	527	574	777	990	805	857	789	706
PBT bef. EO Exp.	6,007	7,265	8,369	9,835	8,336	8,063	10,712	10,995
PBT after EO Exp.	6,007	7,265	8,369	9,835	8,336	8,063	10,712	10,995
Total Tax	2,072	2,487	2,905	1,900	2,140	2,093	2,696	2,768
Tax Rate (%)	34.5	34.2	34.7	19.3	25.7	26.0	25.2	25.2
Reported PAT	3,934	4,779	5,464	7,935	6,196	5,970	8,016	8,228
Adjusted PAT	3,934	4,779	5,464	7,935	6,196	5,970	8,016	8,228
Change (%)	26.5	21.5	14.3	45.2	-21.9	-3.6	34.3	2.6
Margin (%)	19.3	21.4	19.6	26.7	28.8	16.8	14.6	17.0

Standalone - Balance Sheet								(INR m)
Y/E March	FY17	FY18	FY19	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23E	FY24E
Equity Share Capital	988	988	988	988	988	988	988	988
Total Reserves	17,413	19,966	23,001	28,539	31,336	34,985	39,795	44,731
Net Worth	18,400	20,954	23,989	29,527	32,324	35,973	40,783	45,719
Total Loans	27	12	0	176	168	206	206	206
Deferred Tax Liabilities	1,376	1,748	2,048	1,607	1,773	2,008	2,008	2,008
Capital Employed	19,804	22,714	26,037	31,310	34,264	38,187	42,996	47,933
Gross Block	14,775	18,159	21,732	25,024	27,918	34,048	41,476	46,961
Less: Accum. Deprn.	1,727	2,839	4,098	5,716	7,452	9,415	11,568	14,000
Net Fixed Assets	13,047	15,320	17,634	19,309	20,466	24,633	29,908	32,962
Capital WIP	4,115	3,566	3,697	4,865	5,603	6,159	3,732	3,246
Total Investments	4,667	6,877	6,540	11,215	10,250	10,883	10,883	10,883
Rights to use assets	0	0	0	1,183	1,228	1,504	1,504	1,504
Curr. Assets, Loans&Adv.	4,413	4,340	6,539	4,708	8,465	9,158	19,027	18,590
Inventory	238	240	191	186	222	275	446	372
Account Receivables	945	914	996	685	1,275	1,840	2,841	2,507
Cash and Bank Balance	1,361	919	2,988	2,295	5,119	4,652	12,050	12,454
Cash	74	150	265	154	282	825	8,223	8,627
Bank Balance	1,287	769	2,723	2,141	4,837	3,827	3,827	3,827
Loans and Advances	1,869	2,268	2,364	1,543	1,850	2,391	3,690	3,257
Curr. Liability & Prov.	6,439	7,389	8,373	9,971	11,747	14,151	22,058	19,252
Account Payables	1,201	1,100	1,524	1,318	1,559	2,719	4,413	3,681
Other Current Liabilities	5,031	6,089	6,637	8,390	9,839	11,076	17,095	15,086
Provisions	207	199	212	263	350	356	549	485
Net Current Assets	-2,026	-3,049	-1,834	-5,263	-3,282	-4,993	-3,030	-662
Appl. of Funds	19,804	22,714	26,037	31,310	34,264	38,187	42,997	47,933

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# **Financials and valuations**

Ratios								
Y/E March	FY17	FY18	FY19	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23E	FY24E
Basic (INR)								
EPS	39.8	48.4	55.3	80.3	62.7	60.4	81.1	83.3
Cash EPS	49.5	59.6	68.1	96.7	80.3	80.3	102.9	107.9
BV/Share	186.3	212.1	242.8	298.9	327.2	364.2	412.9	462.8
DPS	19.0	21.5	20.0	35.0	23.0	23.0	32.5	33.3
Payout (%)	57.4	53.5	43.5	52.4	36.7	38.1	40.0	40.0
Valuation (x)								
P/E	19.3	15.9	13.9	9.6	12.3	12.7	9.5	9.2
Cash P/E	15.6	12.9	11.3	8.0	9.6	9.6	7.5	7.1
P/BV	4.1	3.6	3.2	2.6	2.4	2.1	1.9	1.7
EV/Sales	3.7	3.4	2.6	2.5	3.3	2.0	1.2	1.3
EV/EBITDA	11.6	9.6	8.3	7.0	7.6	7.7	5.3	5.0
Dividend Yield (%)	2.5	2.8	2.6	4.5	3.0	3.0	4.2	4.3
FCF per share	28.1	38.8	32.6	56.6	47.2	26.0	100.2	31.1
Return Ratios (%)								
RoE	23.4	24.3	24.3	29.7	20.0	17.5	20.9	19.0
RoCE	23.3	24.3	24.3	29.8	20.1	17.5	20.9	19.1
RoIC	43.9	41.9	41.0	55.8	43.1	36.2	45.6	41.2
Working Capital Ratios								
Fixed Asset Turnover (x)	1.4	1.2	1.3	1.2	0.8	1.0	1.3	1.0
Asset Turnover (x)	1.0	1.0	1.1	0.9	0.6	0.9	1.3	1.0
Inventory (Days)	4	4	3	2	4	3	3	3
Debtor (Days)	17	15	13	8	22	19	19	19
Creditor (Days)	22	18	20	16	26	28	29	28
Leverage Ratio (x)								
Current Ratio	0.7	0.6	0.8	0.5	0.7	0.6	0.9	1.0
Net Debt/Equity	-0.1	0.0	-0.1	-0.1	-0.2	-0.1	-0.3	-0.3
Standalone - Cash Flow Statement								(INR m)
Y/E March	FY17	FY18	FY19	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23E	FY24E
OP/(Loss) before Tax	6,007	7,265	8,369	9,835	8,336	8,063	10,712	10,995
Depreciation	951	1,112	1,259	1,617	1,737	1,963	2,152	2,432
Direct Taxes Paid	-1,861	-2,284	-2,709	-2,380	-2,065	-2,122	-2,696	-2,768
(Inc)/Dec in WC	601	822	366	1,369	602	1,640	5,436	-1,964
Others	-385	-395	-443	-655	-627	-583	-789	-706
CF from Operations	5,323	6,521	6,846	9,852	8,055	9,037	14,899	8,073
(Inc)/Dec in FA	-2,545	-2,692	-3,625	-4,258	-3,395	-6,473	-5,000	-5,000
Free Cash Flow	2,778	3,829	3,221	5,594	4,660	2,563	9,899	3,073
(Pur)/Sale of Investments	-674	-2,042	474	-4,316	1,287	-357	0	0
Others	585	547	-1,234	1,026	-2,331	1,440	789	706
CF from Investments	-2,633	-4,187	-4,385	-7,548	-4,439	-5,390	-4,211	-4,294
Dividend Paid	-2,816	-2,236	-2,330	-2,183	-3,221	-2,810	-3,206	-3,291
CF from Fin. Activity	-2,838	-2,258	-2,346	-2,416	-3,488	-3,103	-3,289	-3,374
Inc/Dec of Cash	-148	76	115	-112	128	543	7,398	404
Opening Balance	222	74	150	265	154	282	825	8,223
Closing Balance	74	150	265	154	282	825	8,223	8,627

## NOTES

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