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Company update and earnings revision

Oil&Gas and Petrochemicals

Target price: Rs375

Earnings revision

(%)	FY23E	FY24E
Sales	↓ 6.7	↓ 5.2
EBITDA	↓ 7.1	↓ 4.0
EPS	↓ 10.7	↓ 5.2

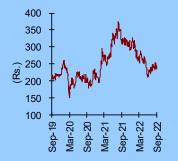
Target price revision Rs375 from Rs340

Shareholding pattern

	Dec	Mar	Jun
	'21	'22	'22
Promoters	37.6	37.6	37.6
Institutional			
investors	38.2	38.5	38.3
MFs and others	20.6	22.0	21.5
Fls/ Banks	0.0	0.0	0.0
Insurance	0.1	0.0	0.0
FIIs	17.5	16.4	16.8
Others	24.2	23.9	24.1

Source: www.nseindia.com

Price chart



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Weak demand, but tariff and expansion issues to be resolved over FY23E

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We met with the senior management of GSPL (Exec Director, gas business) for an update on business and the outlook ahead. Key takeaways:

- ▶ Demand remains depressed: Demand prospects remain muted in Gujarat across sectors, be it power or CGD. As a result, contracted transmission flows have shrunk to <27mmscmd in Q2FY23-TD and are unlikely to see much traction in the near term. Lack of traction would be due to: 1) the widening differential between LPG and gas, and 2) weak economics of gas usage for power at current LNG rates. Nevertheless, 'use or pay' charges and some opportunistic trading of cargoes bought in Jun'22 at <US\$30/mmbtu (in an environment of US\$40-45/mmbtu spot prices) are likely to help keep earnings resilient over the near term.
- ▶ Regulatory environment has improved: In recent months, the reconstituted PNGRB has moved ahead on long-pending issues with respect to GSPL tariff and capex inclusions. A longer ramp-up now allowed (10 years vs 5 earlier), likely inclusion of 'system use gas' (SUG) @0.2% and allowing the inclusion of expansion capex of some new pipelines [e.g. the HPCL Chhara connectivity to Londhpur (Rs7bn)] in the network tariff are all material positives. These changes imply that the anticipated 20% reduction in net tariff post the new tariff order (due to volume- and tax-related adjustments) may now be negligible and can materially alter the NPV of GSPL's pipeline network over the life of the assets.
- Capex plans are now moving ahead with some urgency: Post the forward movement being seen on the regulatory front, GSPL has 5 projects lined up, big and small, in the following order of priority: 1) Jamnagar-Dwarka pipeline, 2) HPCL Chhara connectivity, 3) expansion project for connecting new capacity at PLNG Dahej to Bhadbhut, 4) Anjar Palanpur, and 5) Swan energy terminal connectivity. Cumulatively therefore, GSPL has aggressive plans to invest >Rs20bn in various pipeline expansions and utilisation of even 30% of the expansions can net 20-21mmscmd of transmission volumes by end of FY25E (vs the current base of 28-32mmscmd).
- ▶ A solid play in the long-term perspective: With a high probability of negligible tariff decline even post the revision order expected in the next few months, GSPL's standalone business value itself can see an appreciation of Rs40/sh as per our rough-cut estimates. While consolidated earnings may remain muted due to weak demand for both GSPL transmission volumes as well weaker prospects for subsidiary GGL at least in FY23E, valuations at <9x FY24E EPS and just 3.2x EV/EBITDA remain extremely skewed towards reward from a risk-reward perspective. We revise our FY23E and FY24E EPS by -11/-5% while longer-term volume and tariff adjustments drive a 10% increase in the target price to Rs375/sh. Reiterate BUY.

Market Cap	Rs125bn/US\$1.5bn
Reuters/Bloomberg	GSPT.BO / GUJS IN
Shares Outstanding (m	nn) 564.2
52-week Range (Rs)	328/212
Free Float (%)	55.0
FII (%)	16.8
Daily Volume (US\$/'00	0) 2,897
Absolute Return 3m (%	6) 4.3
Absolute Return 12m (%) (29.9)
Sensex Return 3m (%)	8.7
Sensex Return 12m (%	(3.6)

Year to March	FY21	FY22	FY23E	FY24E
Revenue (Rs mn)	1,17,260	1,83,220	1,94,065	2,29,389
Net Income (Rs mn)	16,068	16,383	13,939	14,281
EPS (Rs)	28.5	29.2	24.7	25.3
% Chg YoY	24%	2%	-15%	2%
P/E (x)	7.8	7.6	9.0	8.8
CFPS (Rs)	44.7	32.5	39.7	39.2
EV/E (x)	3.7	3.7	3.8	3.2
Dividend Yield (%)	1%	1%	1%	1%
RoCE (%)	17%	15%	11%	10%
RoE (%)	29%	23%	16%	15%

Table 1: Quarterly snapshot

Rs mn	Q1FY23	Q1FY22	YoY chg (%)	Q4FY22	QoQ chg (%)
Sales	4,818	5,272	(8.6)	4,331	11.2
EBITDA	3,602	3,744	(3.8)	3,062	17.6
PAT	2,355	2,333	0.9	2,020	16.5
Adj. PAT	2,355	2,346	0.4	2,020	16.5
Adj. EPS	4.2	4.2	0.4	3.6	16.5
Depreciation	479	481	(0.4)	494	(3.1)
Interest	14	140	(89.7)	34	(57.6)
Volumes mmscmd (adjusted)	29.5	36.8	(20.0)	29.3	0.6
Tariff/mcm (adjusted)	1,523	1,282	18.8	1,394	9.2
Transmission cost/mcm	400	418	(4.2)	427	(6.2)

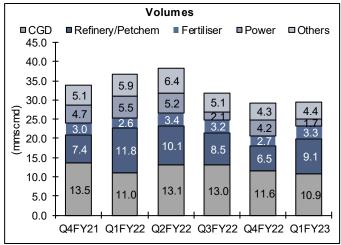
Source: Company data, I-Sec research

Table 2: Change in earnings estimates – Sharply lower volumes and lower GGL earnings lead to downgrades

In Mns	Old Estim	ates	New Esti	mates	% Cha	inge
Standalone	FY23E	FY24E	FY23E	FY24E	FY23E	FY24E
Revenue	21,068	19,978	18,130	18,532	-13.9%	-7.2%
EBITDA	14,805	13,299	12,401	12,290	-16.2%	-7.6%
Recurring PAT	9,831	8,324	8,157	7,688	-17.0%	-7.7%
Recurring EPS (INR/sh)	17.4	14.8	14.5	13.6	-17.0%	-7.7%
Volumes mmscmd	35.0	38.0	30.0	34.0	-14.3%	-10.5%
Tariff (Rs/TCM)	1,610	1,401	1,610	1,449	0.0%	3.4%
Consolidated						
EBITDA	33,983	35,788	31,568	34,372	-7.1%	-4.0%
PAT	15,617	15,058	13,939	14,281	-10.7%	-5.2%
EPS (INR/sh)	27.7	26.7	24.7	25.3	-10.7%	-5.2%
Target Price INR/sh	340		375		10.3	%

Source: Company data, I-Sec research

Chart 1: Transmission volumes muted in Q1FY23



Source: Company data, I-Sec research

Chart 2: Expect 0.3% volume CAGR over FY22-FY24E

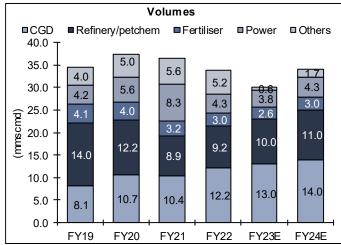
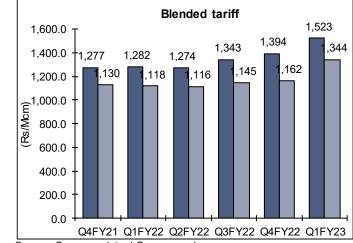
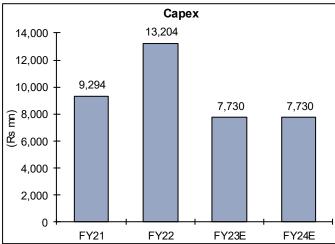


Chart 3: Blended tariffs remained healthy till Q1FY23



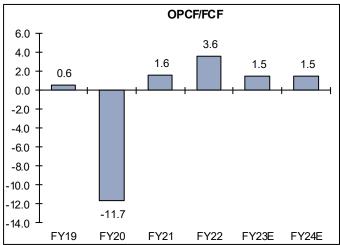
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Chart 5: Capex to remain material over FY23E-24E



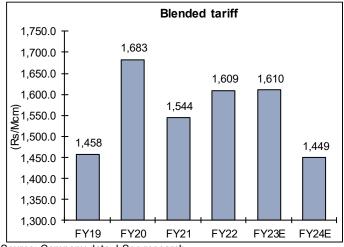
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Chart 7: Operating Cash flow/Free Cash Flow to remain at comfortable levels



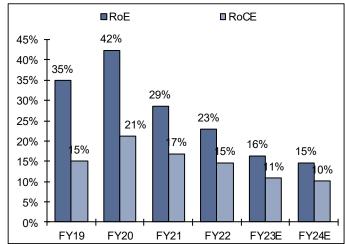
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Chart 4: We now factor-in only 10% lower tariffs post FY24E, due to SUC/Capex adjustments



Source: Company data, I-Sec research

Chart 6: Return ratios to moderate



Source: Company data, I-Sec research

Chart 8: Profitability to take a hit from lower tariffs

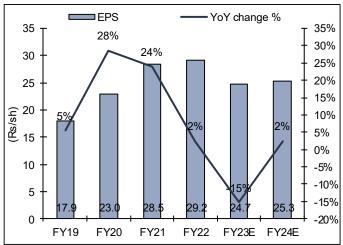
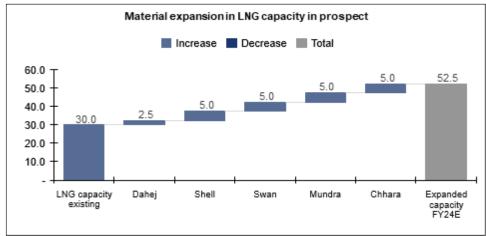


Chart 9: LNG capacity to reach 52.5mtpa by FY24E



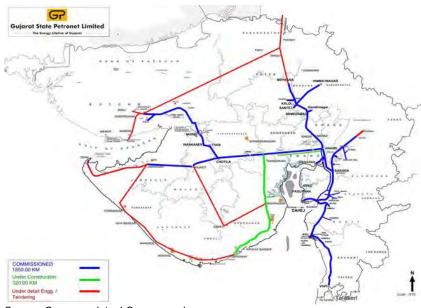
Source: Company data, I-Sec research

Table 3: GSPL pipeline expansion likely to pick up pace

Standalone	Capacity (mmscmd)	Operating Length (km)	Completion Target
A) Fully Operational Common Carrier Natural Gas Pipelines	,		
Low Pressure Gujarat Gas Grid	12	57	
High Pressure Gujarat Gas Grid	31	2,637	
Total A	43	2,695	
B) Under Construction Tie-in connectivities			
Jamnagar –Dwarka pipeline	3	100	Dec-24
HPCL Chhara connectivity	18	85	Dec-23
Expansion project for connecting new capacity at PLNG Dahej to Bhadbhut	14.8	39	Dec-24
Anjar Palanpur	18	274	Dec-23
Swan energy terminal connectivity	18	3	Dec-24
Total B	71.8	501	
Total A+B	114.8	3,196	

Source: Company data, I-Sec research

Chart 10: GSPL's pipeline network



Valuations: **BUY**, target price of Rs375/sh implies 69% upside

We value GSPL's core business by the DCF methodology, using a WACC of 11.2%, DER of 20%, long-term EBITDA assumption of Rs0.99/scm and terminal growth rate of 0.9%. This is complemented by the addition from GGL stake valued at 30% discount to our estimated fair value of Rs535/sh – this delivers a target price of Rs375/sh for GSPL, offering 69% upside from CMP. Reiterate **BUY**.

Table 4: Valuation summary

	Assumptions	
Cost of Equity	12.5%	
Cost of Debt	8.0%	
Average D/E ratio	20%	
WACC	11.2%	
Terminal Growth Rate	0.9%	
Average NPV potential (Rs mn) (FY23/FY24E average)	80,992	
GGL's stake at 30% discount to FV	231	
Target Price	375	
CMP	222	
Upside	69%	

Source: I-Sec research

Key Risks i) Sharper decline in transmission volumes even from current levels; ii) longer delay in getting all regulatory clearances for the new pipelines and announcement of the revised tariff order; iii) sharper than expected tariff decline in the new tariff order

Financial summary

Table 5: Profit and Loss statement

(Rs mn, year ending March 31)

	FY21	FY22	FY23E	FY24E
Operating Income (Sales)	1,17,260	1,83,220	1,94,065	2,29,389
Operating Expenses	81,517	1,48,219	1,62,497	1,95,016
EBITDA	35,743	35,001	31,568	34,372
% margins	30%	19%	16%	15%
Depreciation & Amortisation	5,418	5,795	6,471	7,292
Gross Interest	2,266	1,118	818	1,108
Other Income	911	1,056	935	828
Recurring PBT	28,971	29,025	25,213	26,801
Less: Taxes	7,432	7,256	6,584	7,020
Share of Associates	385	541	541	541
Net Income (Reported)	16,068	16,383	13,939	14,281
Recurring Net Income	16,068	16,383	13,939	14,281

Source: Company data, I-Sec research

Table 6: Balance sheet

(Rs mn, year ending March 31)

The rim, year erraing maren err	FY21	FY22	FY23E	FY24E
Assets				
Total Current Assets	17,598	23,249	26,961	30,546
of which cash & cash eqv.	4,089	1,077	16,920	25,855
Total Current Liabilities &	31,071	28,185	33,989	37,844
Provisions				
Net Current Assets	(13,472)	(4,935)	(7,028)	(7,299)
Investments	15,495	16,700	19,700	22,700
Net Fixed Assets	94,973	99,460	1,00,718	1,01,156
Capital Work-in-Progress	9,531	12,454	12,454	12,454
Total Assets	1,10,617	1,24,756	1,42,764	1,54,866
Liabilities				
Borrowings (Includes cash	10,946	5,365	11,342	11,072
deposits)				
Deferred Tax Liability	15,084	14,217	14,217	14,217
Equity Share Capital	5,642	5,642	5,642	5,642
Face Value per share (Rs)	10	10	10	10
Reserves & Surplus	54,227	69,507	81,538	93,911
Net worth	63,908	79,187	91,218	1,03,591
Total liabilities	1,10,617	1,24,756	1,42,764	1,54,866

Source: Company data, I-Sec research

Table 7: Quarterly trend

(Rs mn, year ending March 31)

	Sep'21	Dec'21	Mar'22	Jun'22
Net sales	5,885	4,712	4,331	4,818
% growth (YoY)	11.6%	-19.9%	-8.1%	11.2%
EBITDA	3,806	3,365	3,062	3,602
Margin (%)	64.7%	71.4%	70.7%	74.8%
Other income	904	39	64	40
Add: Extraordinaries	-27	348	-	-
Net profit	3,277	2,481	2,020	2,355

Source: Company data, I-Sec research

Table 8: Cashflow statement

(Rs mn, year ending March 31)

	FY21	FY22	FY23E	FY24E
Operating Cashflow	21,941	21,310	20,411	21,573
Working Capital Changes	(1,951)	3,060	(2,093)	(270)
Operating Cash flow	23,892	18,250	22,504	21,843
Capital Commitments	9,294	13,204	7,730	7,730
Cashflow from Investing	(13,590)	(14,409)	(10,730)	(10,730)
Activities				
Inc (Dec) in Borrowings	12,838	5,581	(5,977)	271
Dividend paid	1,272	1,272	1,908	1,908
Cash flow from Financing	(14,110)	(6,854)	4,069	(2,179)
Activities				
Chg. in Cash & Bank	(3,808)	(3,013)	15,843	8,935
balance				

Source: Company data, I-Sec research

Table 9: Key ratios

(Year ending March 31)

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-	FY21	FY22	FY23E	FY24E
Per Share Data (in Rs.)				
EPS(Basic Recurring)	28.5	29.2	24.7	25.3
Recurring Cash EPS	38.1	39.3	36.2	38.2
Dividend per share (DPS)	2.0	2.0	3.0	3.0
Book Value per share (BV)	113.3	140.4	161.7	183.6
Growth Ratios (%)				
Operating Income	-6%	56%	6%	18%
EBITDA	11%	-2%	-10%	9%
Recurring Net Income	-7%	2%	-15%	2%
Recurring EPS	24%	2%	-15%	2%
Recurring CEPS	-4%	3%	-8%	6%
Valuation Ratios (% YoY)				
P/E	7.8	7.6	9.0	8.8
P/CFPS	5.0	6.8	5.6	5.7
P/BV	2.0	1.6	1.4	1.2
EV / EBITDA	3.7	3.7	3.8	3.2
EV / FCF	4.6	5.5	4.7	4.3
Operating Ratios				
Other Income / PBT (%)	3%	4%	4%	3%
Effective Tax Rate (%)	26%	25%	26%	26%
D/E Ratio (%)	17%	7%	12%	11%
Return/Profitability Ratios (%)				
Recurring Net Income Margins	14%	9%	7%	6%
RoCE	16.8%	14.7%	11%	10%
RoNW	28.5%	22.9%	16%	15%
Dividend Payout Ratio	7%	7%	12%	12%
Dividend Yield	0.9%	0.9%	1.3%	1.3%
EBITDA Margins	30%	19%	16%	15%

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