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Q1FY25 Result Update

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Change in Estimates

	Current		Previous	
	FY25E	FY26E	FY25E	FY26E
Rating	REDUCE		REDUCE	
Target Price	269		269	
Sales (Rs. bn)	4,205	4,100	4,071	4,092
% Chng.	3.3	0.2		
EBITDA (Rs. bn)	214	201	210	196
% Chng.	2.0	2.3		
EPS (Rs.)	25.6	24.0	25.2	23.9
% Chng.	1.7	0.4		

Key Financials - Consolidated

Y/e Mar	FY23	FY24	FY25E	FY26E
Sales (Rs. bn)	4,732	4,481	4,205	4,100
EBITDA (Rs. bn)	109	441	214	201
Margin (%)	2.3	9.8	5.1	4.9
PAT (Rs. bn)	33	271	111	104
EPS (Rs.)	7.5	62.5	25.6	24.0
Gr. (%)	(69.1)	733.0	(59.0)	(6.3)
DPS (Rs.)	10.0	42.8	11.5	10.6
Yield (%)	3.3	14.2	3.8	3.5
RoE (%)	6.2	42.0	13.9	12.0
RoCE (%)	4.1	31.7	11.4	9.6
EV/Sales (x)	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4
EV/EBITDA (x)	17.4	3.9	8.1	8.7
PE (x)	40.3	4.8	11.8	12.6
P/BV (x)	2.5	1.7	1.6	1.5

Key Data

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52-W High / Low	Rs.344 / Rs.166
Sensex / Nifty	80,623 / 24,529
Market Cap	Rs.1,313bn / \$ 15,690m
Shares Outstanding	4,339m
3M Avg. Daily Value	Rs.5520.53m

Shareholding Pattern (%)

Promoter's	52.98
Foreign	15.03
Domestic Institution	21.31
Public & Others	10.68
Promoter Pledge (Rs bn)	-

Stock Performance (%)

	1M	6M	12M
Absolute	(1.7)	25.8	57.4
Relative	(5.7)	11.9	31.0

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Weak GRMs and GMMs impact earnings

Quick Pointers:

- Singapore GRM continues to remain weak at ~US\$4/bbl in Q2FY25-TD led by falling product cracks
- BPCL recognized loss of Rs20bn on LPG under-recovery in P&L

Bharat Petroleum Corporation (BPCL) reported lower than expected Q1FY25 results with an EBITDA of Rs56.5bn (down 38.7% QoQ, PLe: Rs61.7bn). Adj PAT came in at Rs30.1bn (down 45.9% QoQ, PLe: Rs33.1bn). The company reported a GRM at US\$7.9/bbl. GMMs as per our calculation came in at Rs4.8/ltr. Consol debt stands at Rs427bn with a cash of Rs150bn. Going ahead, given the weak Singapore GRM and factoring in demand concerns in the long term we build in a GRM of US\$6.5/6/bbl for FY25/26E. On the marketing front, we estimate a gross marketing margin of Rs4.5/4.1/ltr for FY25/26E. The stock is currently trading at 1.6/1.5x FY25/26 P/BV. We maintain 'Reduce' rating with a TP of Rs269 based on 1.3x FY26 P/BV.

- **Operating performance declines QoQ:** BPCL's operating profit at Rs56.5bn fell 38.7% QoQ on account of weak refining and gross marketing margins. Adj PAT came in at Rs30.1bn, down 45.9% QoQ. On a YoY basis, EBITDA/PAT declined by 64%/71%.
- **Refining margins come in at US\$7.9/bbl:** Refining throughput stood at 10.1 mmt, down 2% QoQ. Reported GRM came in at US\$7.9/bbl (PLe: US\$5.6/bbl). GRM was down 37%/38% QoQ/YoY. Singapore GRM continues to remain weak in the current quarter and is averaging at US\$4/bbl. Given the new capacity additions in China, India and Middle East and weak demand prospects we expect GRMs to remain weak in the long term. Going ahead, we anticipate average GRM of US\$6.5/6/bbl for FY25/26E.
- **Gross marketing margins decline sharply YoY:** Marketing sales for Q1 were 13.2mmt, flat QoQ. Implied gross marketing margins came in at Rs4.8/ltr (PLe: Rs5.4/ltr), down 17% QoQ. Marketing inventory gain was Rs4bn in Q1. On a YoY basis, marketing margins fell sharply by 48% owing to higher international petrol and diesel prices. In the current quarter, marketing margins on petrol/diesel are averaging at Rs7.2/2.7/ltr. Accordingly, we build in a GMM of Rs4.5/4.1/ltr for FY25/26E.
- **Concall Highlights:** **1)** BPCL added 171 new ROs in Q1 and achieved ethanol blending of 14.13%. **2)** Russian crude accounted for 39% of the throughput with a discount of US\$3.5-4/bbl. **3)** Capex guidance for FY25 is Rs164bn (refinery/petchem-Rs43bn, E&P-Rs22.5bn, marketing infrastructure-Rs71bn, CGD-Rs28bn) and capex incurred in Q1 was Rs26bn. **2)** Kochi refinery will go for planned turnaround for 45 days in Sept-Oct. Similarly, Bina refinery to go for 15 days' turnaround in Aug-Sept. **3)** The project cost for Bina refinery's expansion is Rs490bn, and is expected to be commissioned by FY28-29. FY25/26 capex guidance at Rs20/70bn. Capex on refinery to elevate FY27 onwards.

Exhibit 1: BPCL's Quarterly Income Statement

(Rs bn)	Q1FY25	Q4FY24	QoQ gr.	Q1FY25E	% Var	Q1FY24	YoY gr.
Revenue	1,131.0	1,165.6	-3.0%	1,006.1	12.4%	1,129.8	0.1%
YoY Change (%)	0.1	-1.3		-10.9		-6.7	
Total Expenditure	1,074.5	1,073.4	0.1%	944.5	13.8%	971.7	10.6%
EBITDA	56.5	92.1	-38.7%	61.7	-8.4%	158.1	-64.3%
Margins (%)	5.0	7.9		6.1		14.0	
Depreciation	4.4	5.2	-15.4%	5.4	-17.3%	6.8	-34.7%
Interest	5.1	4.7	7.8%	5.4	-6.4%	4.9	2.8%
Other Income	40.3	74.4	-45.8%	44.2	-8.8%	140.1	-71.2%
Extra-ord Expense	0.0	18.0	-100.0%	0.0	NA	0.0	NA
PBT	40.3	56.4	-28.6%	44.2	-8.8%	140.1	-71.2%
Tax	10.2	14.2	-28.3%	11.1	-8.6%	34.6	-70.6%
Rate (%)	25.2	25.1		25.2	0.2%	24.7	
PAT	30.1	42.2	-28.6%	33.1	-8.9%	105.5	-71.4%
Adj PAT	30.1	55.7	-45.9%	33.1	-8.9%	105.5	-71.4%
Margins (%)	2.7	4.8		3.3		9.3	

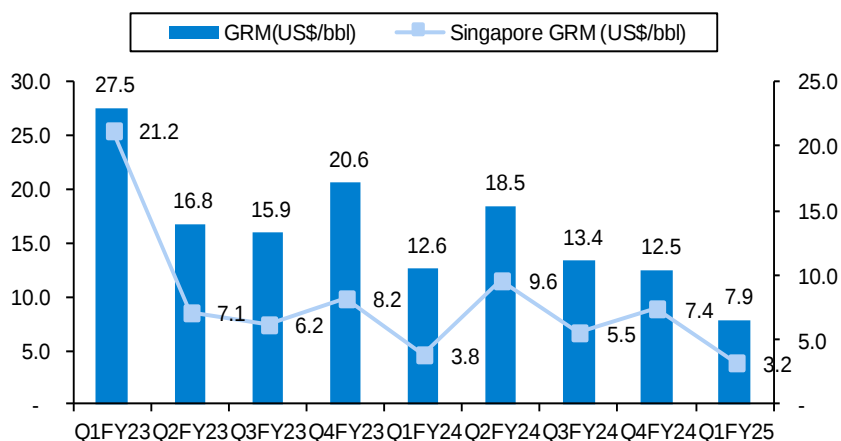
Source: Company, PL

Exhibit 2: Operating performance

Operating Performance	Q1FY25	Q4FY24	QoQ gr.	Q1FY25E	% Var	Q1FY24	YoY gr.
Refining throughput (mmt)	10.1	10.4	-2.4%	10.4	-2.7%	10.4	-2.4%
Reported GRM (USD/bbl)	7.9	12.5	-37.0%	5.6	40.4%	12.6	-37.8%
Marketing sales volume excld exports (mmt)	13.2	13.2	-0.2%	13.3	-0.8%	12.8	3.2%
Marketing GM (Rs/ltr)	4.8	5.8	-17.0%	5.4	-11.1%	9.2	-48.1%

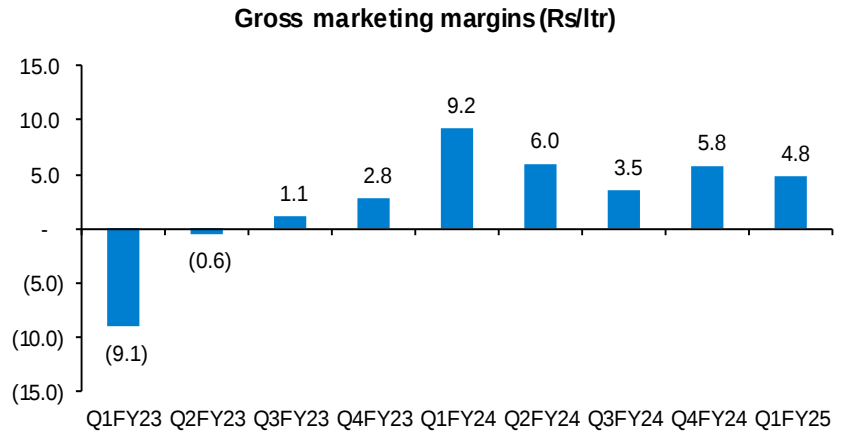
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Exhibit 3: GRM falls 37% QoQ to US\$7.9/bbl



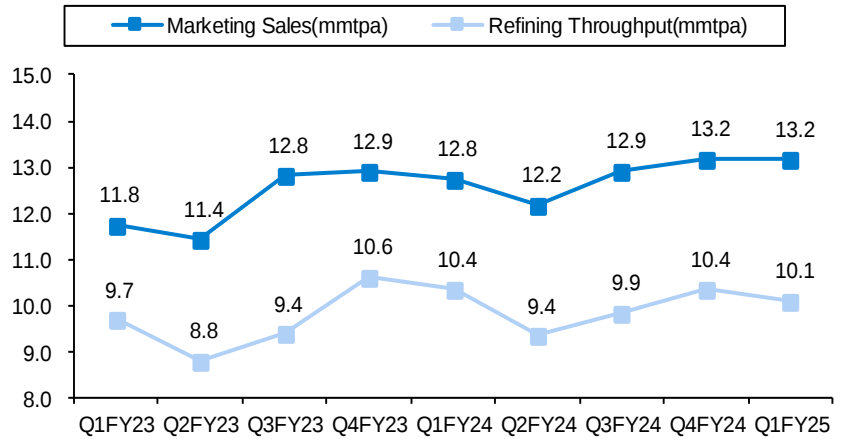
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Exhibit 4: GMM fall sharply by 48% YoY



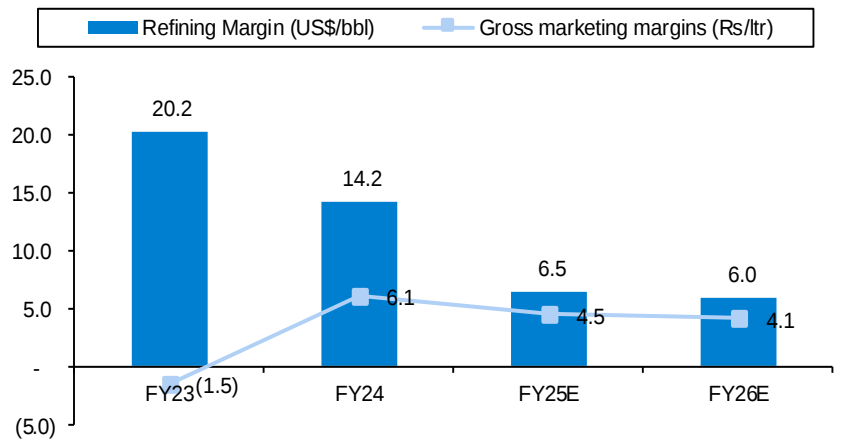
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Exhibit 5: Refining throughput fell 2.4% QoQ



Source: Company, PL

Exhibit 6: GRM estimated at US\$6.5/6/bbl for FY25/26E



Source: PL



Financials

Income Statement (Rs bn)

Y/e Mar	FY23	FY24	FY25E	FY26E
Net Revenues	4,732	4,481	4,205	4,100
YoY gr. (%)	36.4	(5.3)	(6.2)	(2.5)
Cost of Goods Sold	4,332	3,761	3,748	3,663
Gross Profit	400	720	457	437
Margin (%)	8.4	16.1	10.9	10.7
Employee Cost	-	-	-	-
Other Expenses	291	279	242	236
EBITDA	109	441	214	201
YoY gr. (%)	(42.3)	304.9	(51.4)	(6.3)
Margin (%)	2.3	9.8	5.1	4.9
Depreciation and Amortization	64	68	70	71
EBIT	45	373	144	129
Margin (%)	1.0	8.3	3.4	3.2
Net Interest	43	41	34	32
Other Income	15	22	20	23
Profit Before Tax	6	351	131	121
Margin (%)	0.1	7.8	3.1	2.9
Total Tax	7	93	33	30
Effective tax rate (%)	109.7	26.6	25.2	25.2
Profit after tax	(1)	258	98	90
Minority interest	(22)	(11)	(13)	(14)
Share Profit from Associate	-	-	-	-
Adjusted PAT	33	271	111	104
YoY gr. (%)	(69.1)	733.0	(59.0)	(6.3)
Margin (%)	0.7	6.1	2.6	2.5
Extra Ord. Income / (Exp)	(11)	(3)	-	-
Reported PAT	21	269	111	104
YoY gr. (%)	(81.8)	1,160.4	(58.6)	(6.3)
Margin (%)	0.5	6.0	2.6	2.5
Other Comprehensive Income	-	-	-	-
Total Comprehensive Income	21	269	111	104
Equity Shares O/s (bn)	4	4	4	4
EPS (Rs)	7.5	62.5	25.6	24.0

Source: Company Data, PL Research

Balance Sheet Abstract (Rs bn)

Y/e Mar	FY23	FY24	FY25E	FY26E
Non-Current Assets				
Gross Block	1,651	1,708	1,780	1,840
Tangibles	1,651	1,708	1,780	1,840
Intangibles	-	-	-	-
Acc: Dep / Amortization	567	635	717	789
Tangibles	567	635	717	789
Intangibles	-	-	-	-
Net fixed assets	1,084	1,074	1,063	1,050
Tangibles	1,084	1,074	1,063	1,050
Intangibles	-	-	-	-
Capital Work In Progress	162	202	308	399
Goodwill	-	-	-	-
Non-Current Investments	51	61	61	61
Net Deferred tax assets	(79)	(80)	(80)	(80)
Other Non-Current Assets	-	-	-	-
Current Assets				
Investments	-	-	-	-
Inventories	381	428	328	320
Trade receivables	67	83	60	58
Cash & Bank Balance	26	63	50	34
Other Current Assets	-	-	-	-
Total Assets	1,881	2,024	1,982	2,036
Equity				
Equity Share Capital	21	21	43	43
Other Equity	514	735	796	854
Total Network	535	756	840	898
Non-Current Liabilities				
Long Term borrowings	605	455	478	478
Provisions	-	-	-	-
Other non current liabilities	-	-	-	-
Current Liabilities				
ST Debt / Current of LT Debt	-	-	-	-
Trade payables	633	700	545	532
Other current liabilities	29	33	40	48
Total Equity & Liabilities	1,881	2,024	1,982	2,036

Source: Company Data, PL Research



Cash Flow (Rs bn)

Y/e Mar	FY23	FY24	FY25E	FY26E
PBT	18	387	131	121
Add. Depreciation	64	68	70	71
Add. Interest	-	-	-	-
Less Financial Other Income	15	22	20	23
Add. Other	37	11	13	14
Op. profit before WC changes	119	466	214	206
Net Changes-WC	6	4	(24)	4
Direct tax	(7)	(93)	(33)	(30)
Net cash from Op. activities	118	377	157	180
Capital expenditures	(144)	(97)	(165)	(150)
Interest / Dividend Income	-	-	-	-
Others	1	(10)	-	-
Net Cash from Invt. activities	(143)	(107)	(165)	(150)
Issue of share cap. / premium	-	-	-	-
Debt changes	45	(150)	23	-
Dividend paid	(43)	(186)	(50)	(46)
Interest paid	-	-	-	-
Others	27	103	22	-
Net cash from Fin. activities	29	(233)	(5)	(46)
Net change in cash	3	37	(13)	(16)
Free Cash Flow	(27)	280	(8)	30

Source: Company Data, PL Research

Quarterly Financials (Rs bn)

Y/e Mar	Q2FY24	Q3FY24	Q4FY24	Q1FY25
Net Revenue	1,030	1,155	1,166	1,131
YoY gr. (%)	(10.3)	(3.1)	(1.3)	0.1
Raw Material Expenses	838	1,019	995	1,006
Gross Profit	192	136	170	125
Margin (%)	18.7	11.8	14.6	11.0
EBITDA	129	62	92	57
YoY gr. (%)	539.3	42.3	(17.4)	(64.3)
Margin (%)	12.5	5.4	7.9	5.0
Depreciation / Depletion	16	18	17	17
EBIT	113	44	75	40
Margin (%)	11.0	3.8	6.4	3.5
Net Interest	8	5	5	4
Other Income	8	7	5	5
Profit before Tax	113	46	56	40
Margin (%)	11.0	4.0	4.8	3.6
Total Tax	28	12	14	10
Effective tax rate (%)	24.8	25.8	25.1	25.2
Profit after Tax	85	34	42	30
Minority interest	-	-	-	-
Share Profit from Associates	-	-	-	-
Adjusted PAT	85	34	42	30
YoY gr. (%)	(2,894.9)	73.4	(34.8)	(71.4)
Margin (%)	8.3	2.9	3.6	2.7
Extra Ord. Income / (Exp)	-	-	-	-
Reported PAT	85	34	42	30
YoY gr. (%)	(2,894.9)	73.4	(34.8)	(71.4)
Margin (%)	8.3	2.9	3.6	2.7
Other Comprehensive Income	-	-	-	-
Total Comprehensive Income	85	34	42	30
Avg. Shares O/s (bn)	4	4	4	4
EPS (Rs)	19.6	7.8	9.7	6.9

Source: Company Data, PL Research

Key Financial Metrics

Y/e Mar	FY23	FY24	FY25E	FY26E
Per Share(Rs)				
EPS	7.5	62.5	25.6	24.0
CEPS	22.2	78.1	41.8	40.5
BVPS	123.4	174.3	193.5	206.9
FCF	(6.1)	64.5	(1.8)	7.0
DPS	10.0	42.8	11.5	10.6
Return Ratio(%)				
RoCE	4.1	31.7	11.4	9.6
ROIC	2.4	19.0	7.5	6.5
RoE	6.2	42.0	13.9	12.0
Balance Sheet				
Net Debt : Equity (x)	1.1	0.5	0.5	0.5
Net Working Capital (Days)	(12)	(9)	(10)	(10)
Valuation(x)				
PER	40.3	4.8	11.8	12.6
P/B	2.5	1.7	1.6	1.5
P/CEPS	13.6	3.9	7.2	7.5
EV/EBITDA	17.4	3.9	8.1	8.7
EV/Sales	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4
Dividend Yield (%)	3.3	14.2	3.8	3.5

Source: Company Data, PL Research

Key Operating Metrics

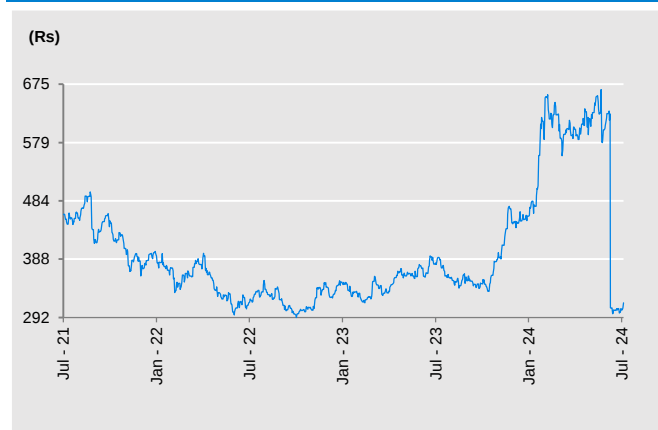
Y/e Mar	FY23	FY24	FY25E	FY26E
Crude (US\$/bbl)	96	83	85	85
Refining Throughput (mmt)	10	10	10	10
GRM (US\$/bbl)	20	14	6	6
Marketing Sales (mmt)	12	13	13	14
Gross Marketing Margin (Rs/ltr)	(1)	6	4	4

Source: Company Data, PL Research



Price Chart

Recommendation History



No.	Date	Rating	TP (Rs.)	Share Price (Rs.)
1	07-Jul-24	Reduce	269	307
2	11-May-24	Reduce	547	619
3	09-Apr-24	Sell	504	592
4	22-Feb-24	Sell	513	633
5	30-Jan-24	Sell	381	504
6	08-Jan-24	Sell	371	453
7	30-Nov-23	Reduce	365	429
8	30-Oct-23	Hold	365	347
9	06-Oct-23	Hold	353	347
10	22-Aug-23	Hold	353	352

Analyst Coverage Universe

Sr. No.	Company Name	Rating	TP (Rs)	Share Price (Rs)
1	Aarti Industries	Reduce	634	718
2	Ashok Leyland	Accumulate	249	230
3	Bajaj Auto	Accumulate	10,326	9,718
4	Bharat Forge	Hold	1,615	1,672
5	Bharat Petroleum Corporation	Reduce	269	307
6	Bharti Airtel	Accumulate	1,618	1,430
7	CEAT	Accumulate	3,017	2,693
8	Clean Science and Technology	Hold	1,489	1,482
9	Deepak Nitrite	Reduce	2,268	2,677
10	Divgi Torqtransfer Systems	Accumulate	831	742
11	Eicher Motors	BUY	5,335	4,737
12	Endurance Technologies	Hold	2,664	2,735
13	Exide Industries	Hold	559	568
14	Fine Organic Industries	Accumulate	5,685	5,337
15	GAIL (India)	Sell	170	223
16	Gujarat Fluorochemicals	Reduce	2,775	3,250
17	Gujarat Gas	Accumulate	623	645
18	Gujarat State Petronet	BUY	409	311
19	Hero Motocorp	Accumulate	5,914	5,558
20	Hindustan Petroleum Corporation	Sell	280	332
21	Indian Oil Corporation	Reduce	151	171
22	Indraprastha Gas	Sell	374	522
23	Jubilant Ingrevia	Hold	592	586
24	Laxmi Organic Industries	Sell	206	264
25	Mahanagar Gas	Sell	1,303	1,685
26	Mahindra & Mahindra	BUY	3,250	2,881
27	Mangalore Refinery & Petrochemicals	Sell	135	218
28	Maruti Suzuki	BUY	14,432	12,104
29	Navin Fluorine International	Accumulate	3,883	3,659

PL's Recommendation Nomenclature (Absolute Performance)

Buy	: > 15%
Accumulate	: 5% to 15%
Hold	: +5% to -5%
Reduce	: -5% to -15%
Sell	: < -15%
Not Rated (NR)	: No specific call on the stock
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