

Petronet LNG PLNG IN

Target price: $Rs147.00 \rightarrow Rs162.00$

Up/downside: +9.2%

Share price (19 Jul): Rs148.30

Buy

2 Outperform (unchanged)

3 Hold

Underperform

5 Sell

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- The 1Q FY12 net profit beat our forecast by a wide margin
- Capacity expansion plans suggest the expectation of an expanding market
- Earnings forecasts, target price revised; maintain Outperform

■ What's new

Petronet processed 133tn British thermal units (BTU) of LNG regassification volumes in 1Q FY12 which supported its strong performance for the quarter. As a result, we have revised up our FY12 volume assumption, leading to earnings and target-price upgrades.

■ What's the impact

Petronet LNG recorded a net profit of Rs2.56bn for 1Q FY12, driven by high regassification volumes. This was well ahead of our forecast (Rs1.99bn) as well as the Bloomberg-consensus forecast.

Strong volume growth. LNG regassification volumes for 1Q FY12 stood at 133.4tn BTU (up 40% YoY and 6.1% QoQ) ahead of our forecast of 127tn BTU. As a follow-through, we have revised up our FY12 and FY13 LNG regassification volume forecasts from 9.8mt and 10.3mt to 10.2mt and 10.45mt, respectively. We expect FY12 regassification volumes to comprise 7.5mt on long-

term contracts, 1.5mt on short-term contracts, and 1.2mt re-gas services.

Marketing margins provided support. We believe the 1Q FY12 results were also supported by healthy marketing margins on the short-term contracts of 1.5mt. Most of this volume is being supplied to companies in the Refinery and Petrochemical Sector. We forecast an average marketing margin of US\$0.26¢ on short-term LNG regassification volumes for FY12-13.

Further capacity expansion.

The company plans to assess the feasibility of a new LNG terminal with a capacity of 5mt on the east coast of India. It is also studying expanding the Dahej terminal by a further 5mt. These moves indicate that Petronet senses a long-term opportunity for itself in the expanding market for gas in India. We forecast the demand-supply gap in India's gas market to widen from 60mmscmd currently to 135mmscmd by FY15.

Following the changes to our forecasts for regassification volumes and marketing margins, we have revised up our FY12 and FY13 EPS forecasts from Rs9.7 and Rs10.0 to Rs11.2 and Rs11.6, respectively.

■ What we recommend

We have raised our DCF-based sixmonth target price from Rs147 to Rs162. Our target price is based on a WACC of 10.2%, long-term (FY20E) LNG regassification volumes of 16mt and a growth rate of 1%.

We think the stock may continue to trade at high FY12-13 PERs because of the relatively low risk to its earnings, the sanguine business outlook, and expectations of strong quarterly results. We retain our

Outperform (2) rating. The tie-up of any new LNG supply contract (short-term or long-term) would be a catalyst for the stock over the next year. We would see the inability to tie up a long-term contract and high dependence on short-term contracts as the key risk to the stock.

■ How we differ

Unlike the consensus, we believe that even if domestic gas output rises, the demand for imported gas will stay strong. We forecast a 6% CAGR in the company's LNG processing volume over FY11-20.

Forecast revisions (%)

Year to 31 Mar	12E	13E	14E
Revenue change	4.9	0.4	n.a.
Net-profit change	15.6	15.2	n.a.
EPS change	15.6	15.2	n.a.

Source: Daiwa forecasts

Share price performance



12-month range	81.00-153.50
Market cap (US\$bn)	2.50
Average daily turnover (US\$m)	5.71
Shares outstanding (m)	750
Major shareholder	GAIL India (12.5%)

Financial summary (Rs)

Year to 31 Mar	12E	13E	14E
Revenue (m)	167,052	188,865	223,488
Operating profit (m)	14,234	15,141	13,845
Net profit (m)	8,420	8,668	7,067
Core EPS	11.226	11.558	9.423
EPS change (%)	35.9	3.0	(18.5)
Daiwa vs Cons. EPS (%)	13.3	11.1	-22.8
PER (x)	13.2	12.8	15.7
Dividend yield (%)	2.3	2.3	1.9
DPS	3.368	3.467	2.827
PBR (x)	3.4	2.9	2.6
EV/EBITDA (x)	9.1	8.3	7.9
ROE (%)	28.5	24.7	17.6

Source: Bloomberg, Daiwa forecasts



■ Petronet: quarterly earnings (Rs m)



Source: Company

■ Petronet: one-year forward PER



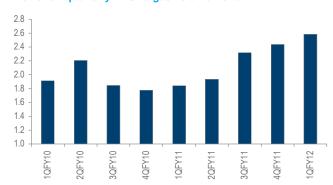
Source: Bloomberg, Daiwa estimates

■ Petronet: quarterly financials

Period		1Q FY11	4Q FY10	1Q FY12	YoY (%)	QoQ (%)
Sales Qty	(tn BTU)	89	112	115		
Regassified Qty	(tn BTU)	6	14	19		
Total	(tn BTU)	9	126	133	40	6
Sales	(Rs m)	25,260	39,860	46,233	83	16
Total expenditure	(Rs m)	22,782	36,347	41,852		
EBITDA	(Rs m)	2,477	3,513	4,381	77	25
Depreciation	(Rs m)	461	455	458		
Interest	(Rs m)	498	431	464		
PBT	(Rs m)	1,644	2,941	3,722	126	27
Tax	(Rs m)	530	878	1,155		
PAT	(Rs m)	1,114	2,063	2,567	130	24
EPS	(Rs/share)	1.48	2.75	3.42	130	24
EBITDA margin	(%)	9.8	8.8	9.5		
Net margin	(%)	4.4	5.2	5.6		

Source: Company

■ Petronet: quarterly LNG re-gas volume trend



Source: Company

■ Petronet: one-year forward PBR



Source: Bloomberg, Daiwa estimates

■ Petronet: key business assumptions

Volumes		FY11	FY12E	FY13E	FY14E
Dahej	(m tonnes)	8.6	10.2	10.2	10.00
Kochi	(m tonnes)	0.0	0.0	0.3	1.11
Total	(m tonnes)	8.6	10.2	10.4	11.1
Re gas margins					
Dahej	(Rs/mmbtu)	32.2	33.8	35	35

Source: Company, Daiwa forecasts



Financial summary

■ Key assumptions								
Year to 31 Mar	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012E	2013E	2014
LNG (000t)	5,600	6,300	6,290	7,550	8,640	10,195	10,445	11,110
- Profit and Lace (Po m)								
■ Profit and loss (Rs m) Year to 31 Mar	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012E	2013E	2014E
R-LNG	55,090	65,553	84,287	106,491	131,973	167,052	188.865	223.488
none	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Others	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total revenue	55,090	65,553	84,287	106,491	131,973	167,052	188,865	223,488
Other income	0	05,555	04,207	0	0	0	0	223,400
COGS	(47,465)	(55,664)	(73,756)	(96,648)	(118,012)	(148,991)	(169,134)	(203,406)
SG&A	0	(55,004)	(73,730)	(30,040)	(110,012)	(140,331)	(103,134)	(200, 4 00)
Other op. expenses	(2,165)	(2,249)	(2,543)	(2,987)	(3,645)	(3,828)	(4,590)	(6,236)
Operating profit	5,460	7,640	7,988	6,856	10,316	14,234	15,141	13,845
Net-interest inc./(exp.)	(704)	(488)	(247)	(861)	(1,252)	(1,477)	(2,007)	(3,138)
Assoc/forex/extraord./others	0	0	0	0	(1,202)	0	(2,001)	(0,100)
Pre-tax profit	4,756	7,152	7,740	5,995	9,064	12,757	13,134	10,708
Tax	(1,623)	(2,405)	(2,556)	(1,950)	(2,868)	(4,337)	(4,466)	(3,641)
Min. int./pref. div./others	(1,023)	(2,403)	(2,550)	(1,330)	(2,000)	(4,557)	(4,400)	(3,041)
Net profit (reported)	3,133	4,747	5,184	4,045	6,196	8,420	8,668	7,067
Net profit (adjusted)	3,133	4,747	5,184	4,045	6,196	8,420	8,668	7,067
EPS (reported) (Rs)	4.177	6.329	6.913	5.393	8.262	11.226	11.558	9.423
EPS (adjusted) (Rs)	4.177	6.329	6.913	5.393	8.262	11.226	11.558	9.423
EPS (adjusted fully-diluted) (Rs)	4.177	6.329	6.913	5.393	8.262	11.226	11.558	9.423
DPS (Rs)	1.250	1.500	1.750	1.750	2.478	3.368	3.467	2.827
EBIT	5,460	7,640	7,988	6,856	10,316	14,234	15,141	13,845
EBITDA	6,481	8,661	9,013	8,465	12,163	16,084	17,473	17,598
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■ Cash flow (Rs m)								
Year to 31 Mar	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012E	2013E	2014E
Profit before tax	4,756	7,152	7,740	5,995	9,064	12,757	13,134	10,708
Depreciation and amortisation	1,020	1,022	1,025	1,609	1,847	1,850	2,332	3,752
Tax paid	(524)	(1,693)	(2,656)	(1,640)	(2,179)	(3,955)	(4,072)	(3,319)
Change in working capital	(710)	492	(3,384)	3,026	(1,079)	(1,218)	(142)	107
Other operational CF items	671	1,444	119	1,289	1,422	1,477	2,007	3,138
Cash flow from operations	5,214	8,416	2,844	10,279	9,075	10,911	13,260	14,385
Capex	(3,666)	(6,043)	(7,883)	(10,470)	(8,750)	(12,309)	(7,009)	(2,509)
Net (acquisitions)/disposals	(1,211)	(2,780)	2,473	(1,886)	(56)	0	0	0
Other investing CF items	326	(414)	713	(2)	(5,960)	452	461	468
Cash flow from investing	(4,551)	(9,237)	(4,697)	(12,358)	(14,766)	(11,857)	(6,548)	(2,041)
Change in debt	1,233	1,944	7,039	2,181	7,163	5,777	2,500	(3,500)
Net share issues/(repurchases)	0	0	0	0	(1,806)	0	0	0
Dividends paid	0	0	(1,316)	(1,536)	(1,531)	(1,743)	(2,955)	(3,043)
Other financing CF items	(997)	(942)	(878)	(1,739)	0	(1,929)	(2,468)	(3,606)
Cash flow from financing	236	1,002	4,845	(1,094)	3,826	2,104	(2,923)	(10,149)
Forex effect/others	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Change in cash	899	181	2,992	(3,173)	(1,865)	1,159	3,788	2,196
Free cash flow	1,547	2,373	(5,039)	(191)	325	(1,398)	6,251	11,876

Source: Company, Daiwa forecasts



Financial summary continued ...

	(Rs m	

As at 31 Mar	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012E	2013E	2014E
Cash & short-term investment	3,405	3,586	6,578	3,405	1,540	2,699	6,487	8,683
Inventory	2,099	909	3,856	2,223	2,480	3,204	3,426	3,939
Accounts receivable	3,313	3,330	6,712	5,035	8,472	10,618	12,189	13,557
Other current assets	2,066	3,651	952	1,554	1,383	1,383	1,383	1,383
Total current assets	10,883	11,476	18,097	12,216	13,875	17,903	23,485	27,562
Fixed assets	21,273	26,293	33,156	42,012	49,053	59,512	64,189	62,945
Goodwill & intangibles	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other non-current assets	2,780	5,473	3,043	5,386	11,649	11,649	11,649	11,649
Total assets	34,936	43,242	54,295	59,614	74,576	89,064	99,323	102,156
Short-term debt	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Accounts payable	3,125	3,388	5,715	6,043	8,317	9,969	11,621	13,609
Other current liabilities	856	900	1,650	1,406	2,031	2,030	2,030	2,030
Total current liabilities	3,981	4,287	7,365	7,449	10,348	12,000	13,651	15,639
Long-term debt	13,832	15,776	22,817	24,998	32,161	37,938	40,438	36,938
Other non-current liabilities	4,368	6,993	4,279	4,819	5,266	6,860	7,342	7,101
Total liabilities	22,181	27,057	34,461	37,266	47,775	56,798	61,431	59,678
Share capital	7,500	7,500	7,500	7,500	7,500	7,500	7,500	7,500
Reserves/R.E./others	5,255	8,685	12,334	14,849	19,302	24,766	30,392	34,978
Shareholders' equity	12,755	16,185	19,834	22,349	26,802	32,266	37,892	42,478
Minority interests	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total equity & liabilities	34,936	43,242	54,295	59,614	74,577	89,064	99,323	102,156
EV	125,552	127,316	131,364	136,718	145,746	150,364	149,076	143,380
Net debt/(cash)	10,427	12,191	16,239	21,593	30,621	35,239	33,951	28,255
BVPS (Rs)	17.007	21.581	26.446	29.798	35.735	43.021	50.522	56.637
Key ratios (%)								
Year to 31 Mar	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012E	2013E	2014E
Sales (YoY)	n.a.	19.0	28.6	26.3	23.9	26.6	13.1	18.3
EBITDA (YoY)	n.a.	33.7	4.1	(6.1)	43.7	32.2	8.6	0.7
Operating profit (YoY)	n.a.	39.9	4.6	(14.2)	50.5	38.0	6.4	(8.6)
Net profit (YoY)	n.a.	51.5	9.2	(22.0)	53.2	35.9	3.0	(18.5)
EPS (YoY)	n.a.	51.5	9.2	(22.0)	53.2	35.9	3.0	(18.5)
Gross-profit margin	13.8	15.1	12.5	9.2	10.6	10.8	10.4	9.0
EBITDA margin	11.8	13.2	10.7	7.9	9.2	9.6	9.3	7.9
Operating-profit margin	9.9	11.7	9.5	6.4	7.8	8.5	8.0	6.2
ROAE	24.6	32.8	28.8	19.2	25.2	28.5	24.7	17.6
ROAA	9.0	12.1	10.6	7.1	9.2	10.3	9.2	7.0
ROCE	20.5	26.1	21.4	15.2	19.4	22.0	20.4	17.6
ROIC	15.5	19.7	16.6	11.6	13.9	15.0	14.3	12.8
Net debt to equity	81.7	75.3	81.9	96.6	114.3	109.2	89.6	66.5
Effective tax rate	34.1	33.6	33.0	32.5	31.6	34.0	34.0	34.0
Accounts receivable (days)	22.0	18.5	21.7	20.1	18.7	20.9	22.0	21.0

Source: Company, Daiwa forecasts

Payables (days)

Net interest cover (x)

Net dividend payout

Company profile

20.7

7.8

29.9

18.1

15.7

23.7

19.7

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25.3

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