

Stock Information

Market Cap. (INR mn)	1,01,489
Shares O/S (mn)	99
Face Value	10
Free Float (%)	38
52 - WK HI/LO (INR)	1067/756
3M Avg Daily Volume (mn)	0.41
Equity Capital (INR mn)	988
Bloomberg Ticker	MAHGL IN

Source: Bloomberg

Share Holding Pattern (%)

	Dec 18	Sep 18	June 18
Promoters	42.5	42.5	56.5
FII / NRI	22.2	19.6	13.3
FI / MF	13.4	14.3	7.7
Retail	9.5	10.1	9.6
Others	12.4	13.5	12.9

Source: BSE

Stock Performance (%)

	1M	3M	12M	YTD
Absolute	14.3	14.8	7.2	13.6
Rel. to Nifty	6.2	6.5	(8.1)	(1.8)

Source: Bloomberg

Valuation Summary (%)

	TTM	FY19E	FY20E	FY21E
EPS (INR)	52.4	57.5	76.6	94.7
P/E (x)	17.3	29.0	24.4	21.3
EV/EBITDA (x)	10.4	10.1	6.9	6.0
EBITDA/scm (Rs)	8.0	8.4	10.6	10.9

Source: Ashika Institutional Research

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Mahanagar Gas (MGL), owned by GAIL, Govt. of Maharashtra and BG Gas (Shell) where Shell is planning to exit MGL causing overhang to the stock performance since long. Once lock-in period is over in July 2019, we expect this overhang to get over post stake sell by Shell. It is expected to also increase free float of shares in market giving an opportunity to market participants to enter in company which generates best RoE in Industry at inexpensive multiples. Its EBITDA/scm remains the strongest among CGD players due to better product-mix, higher realization along with effective cost management led by limited capex in existing areas of operations. We expect MGL's volume and CFs to improve led by improving penetration (~30%) in its operational area. Exclusivity of business in high density areas and CFOs enough to cover its planned capex, makes MGL a very attractive Investment.

- **Lower Penetration & High Density in Areas of Operation is Positive:** MGL has an advantage of operating in one of the most densely populated markets of India like Mumbai. Also having presence in Greater Mumbai, Thane and Raigarh district. It is currently serving to ~1.2mn residential consumers, ~3,700 industrial and commercial units and ~0.67mn vehicles. It has potential of adding ~2mn residential consumers, 8,800 industrial & commercial units and ~1.33mn vehicles. We expect MGL to add incremental volumes at 9% CAGR over FY19-28E.
- **Favorable Pricing Environment - Augurs Well:** PNG and CNG prices for each of the segment are currently at significantly discounted rates to its alternative fuels. CNG prices are currently at discount of >30% to diesel and 55% to petrol, which makes it the most economic source of fuel. Mumbai having premium rates for petrol and diesel in India which is making MGL on very sweet spot. Further, PNG pricing for residential (non subsidized) and commercial consumers is also at discounted rates. MGL can enjoy dual benefit of rising crude oil prices and declining LNG prices due to oversupply in market. This will make CNG more attractive source of fuel and may give further room for company to increase CNG prices. We expect increase in Realisation/scm to grow by 4% CAGR and EBITDA/scm to cross Rs.9/scm from current Rs. 8.8/scm.
- **Limited Capex & Strong OCFs to Generate Higher Returns:** MGL has expanded its network in adjoining areas and hence additional capex requirement to expand its network is limited compared to other CGD players. The Company is generating healthy CFs to meet its financial needs for the future capex. With almost debt free balance sheet, MGL is expected to generate better returns for its shareholders. We expect FCF of the company to grow by 10% CAGR over FY19-28E led by the volume and pricing growth.

Outlook & Valuation

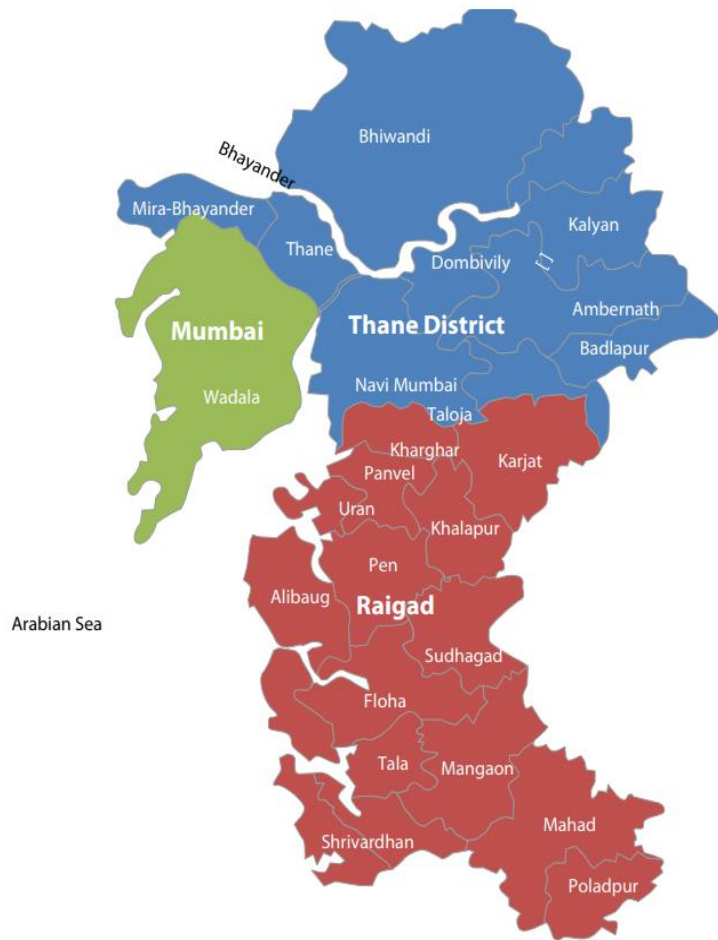
Operating in business capital of India, Mumbai one of the densely populated market, MGL has huge growth potential, as its current penetration stands at ~30%. Further, favorable regulatory framework also supports its expansion plans. We expect strong free cash flows to continue to generate value for the shareholders. **Valuing the stock with DCF methodology (FY28E) considering Cost of Equity at 8.6% and terminal growth rate of 3%, we initiate coverage on MGL with a BUY rating and a Target Price of Rs1,301, which implies 27% upside from the current level.**

Key Financials (Rs mn)	FY17	FY18	FY19E	FY20E	FY21E	Key Ratios (%)	FY17	FY18	FY19E	FY20E	FY21E
Revenue	20,340	22,330	28,326	36,086	40,430	EV/EBITDA	13.5	12.1	10.1	6.9	6.0
EBITDA	6,428	7,801	9,148	12,814	14,325	EBITDA/scm	6.9	7.9	8.4	10.6	10.9
EBITDA (%)	31.6	34.9	32.3	35.5	35.4	PE (x)	24.9	29.2	29.0	24.4	21.3
PAT	3,934	4,779	5,682	7,566	9,358	Adj. RoCE (%)	31.9	32.3	28.4	28.7	27.7
PAT (%)	19.3	21.4	20.1	21.0	23.1	Adj. RoA (%)	15.3	14.9	13.0	13.0	12.4
Adj. EPS	39.8	48.4	57.5	76.6	94.7	Adj. RoE (%)	21.0	20.8	18.3	18.5	17.9

Source: Company Fillings, Ashika Institutional Research

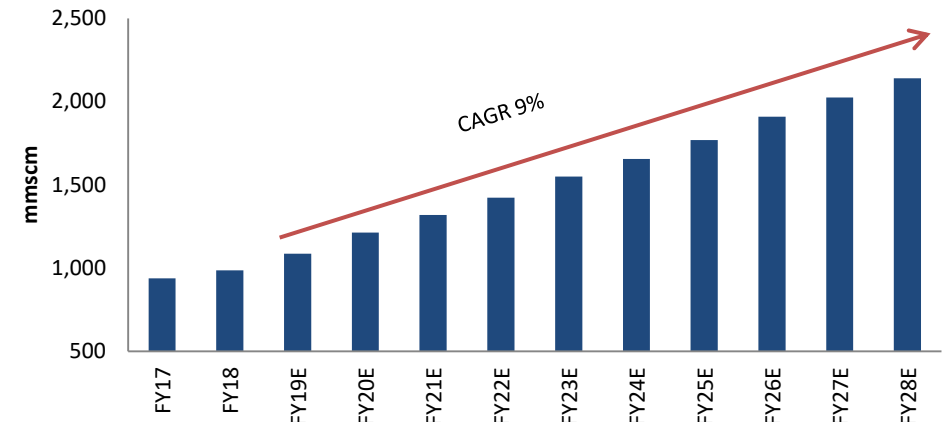
Key Investment Rational

Exhibit 1: MGL has CGD license exclusivity over Mumbai (till 2020), Thane (till 2030) and Raigarh (till 2040) with further extension of exclusivity in blocks for 10 years. Overall estimated combined market size is ~3mn for residential, ~12,000 for commercial, ~600 industrial connections and ~2mn vehicle in its operational area



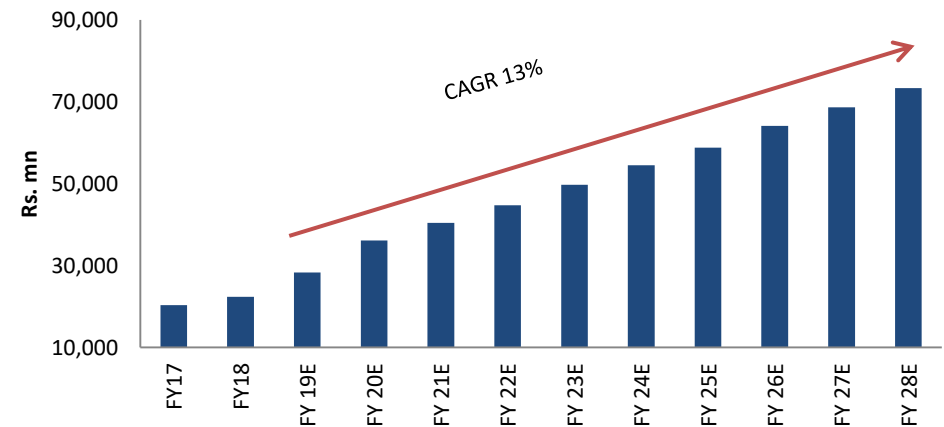
Source: Company Filings, Ashika Institutional Research

Exhibit 2: Volumes to boost at 9% CAGR with Higher Penetration & Expansion from rise in CNG and PNG infrastructure and government regulations support



Source: Company Filings, Ashika Institutional Research

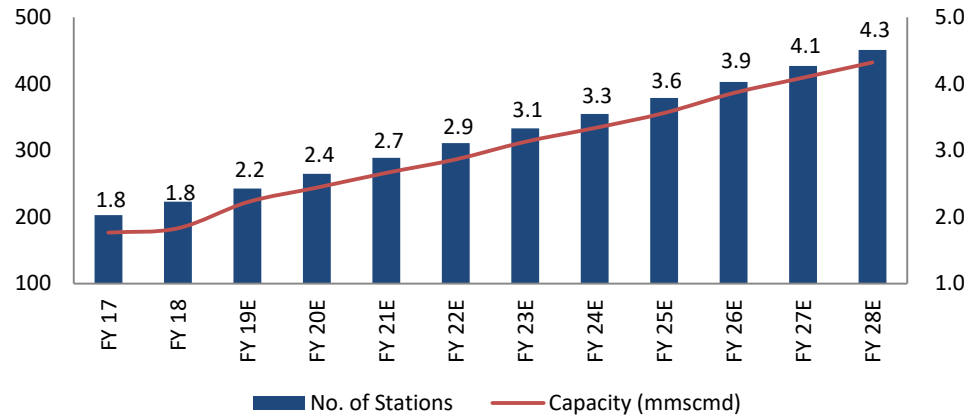
Exhibit 3: Revenue Expected to Grow at 13% CAGR in Tandem with Volume Growth in CNG capacity expansion, vehicle conversions as well as PNG connections



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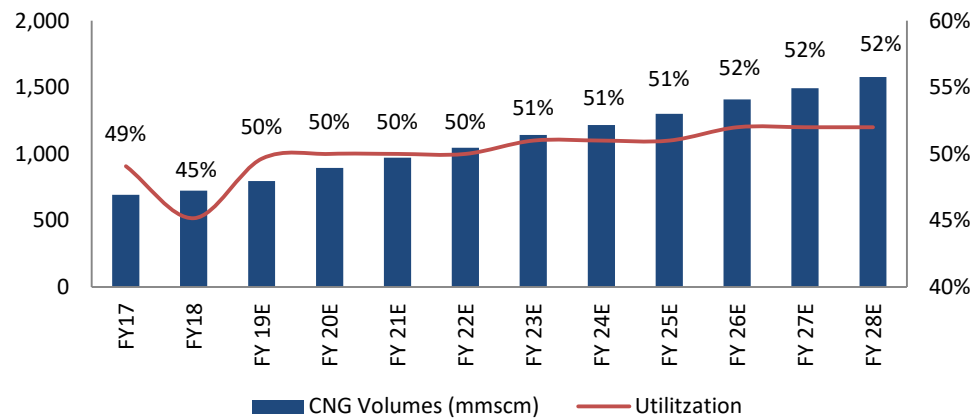
Key Investment Rational (contd...)

Exhibit 4 : Plan to add min. 20 CNG stations annually thereby adding capacities to reduce traffic at CNG stations; currently stations are serving more than 2,500 vehicles /station compared to capacity of 1,500



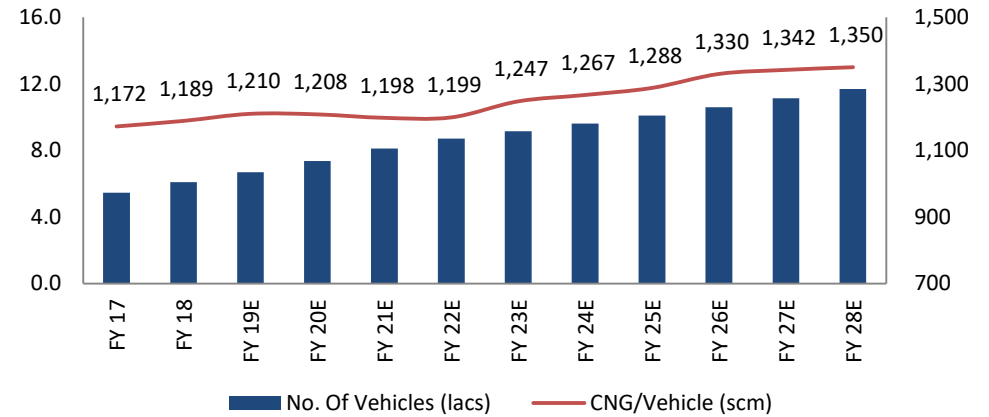
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Exhibit 6: Increase in vehicle conversions with better infrastructure and stricter norms to boost volume at 8% CAGR and utilisation to remain above 50%



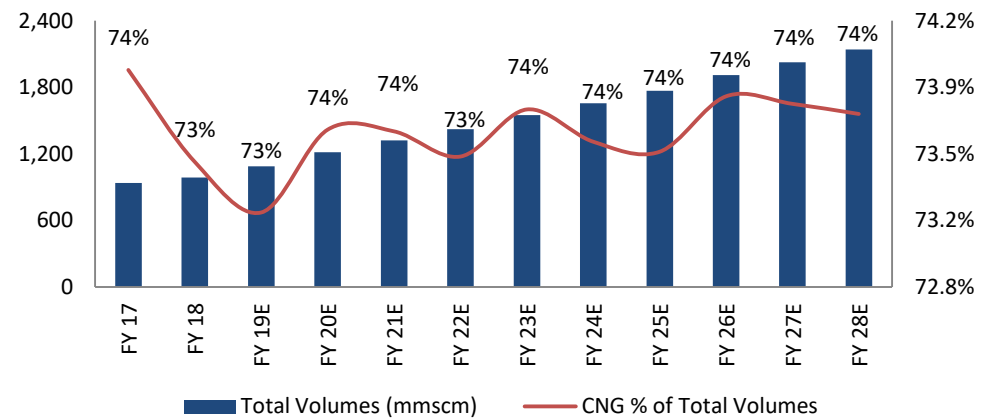
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Exhibit 5: Conversions of Vehicles to CNG is Expected to Rise at 6% CAGR with Stricter Emission Norm and reduction in traffic with increase in CNG stations



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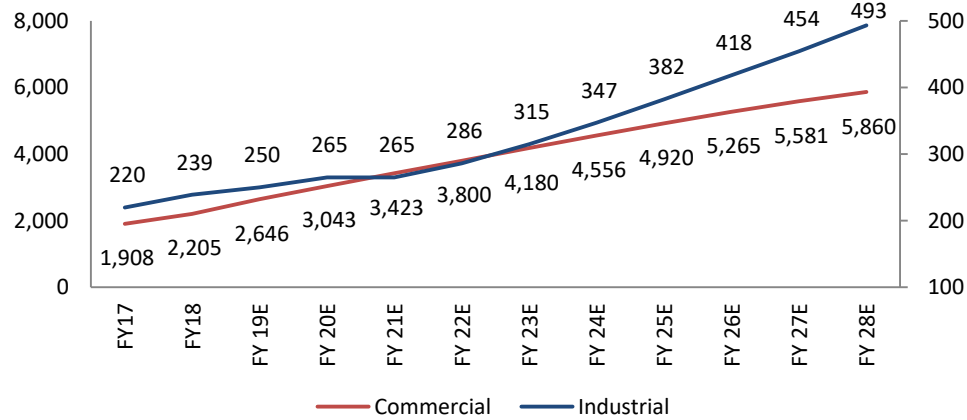
Exhibit 7: Contribution of higher margin CNG is expected to increase in volume mix (CNG is higher margin product considering its premium pricing with similar procurement cost to PNG price)



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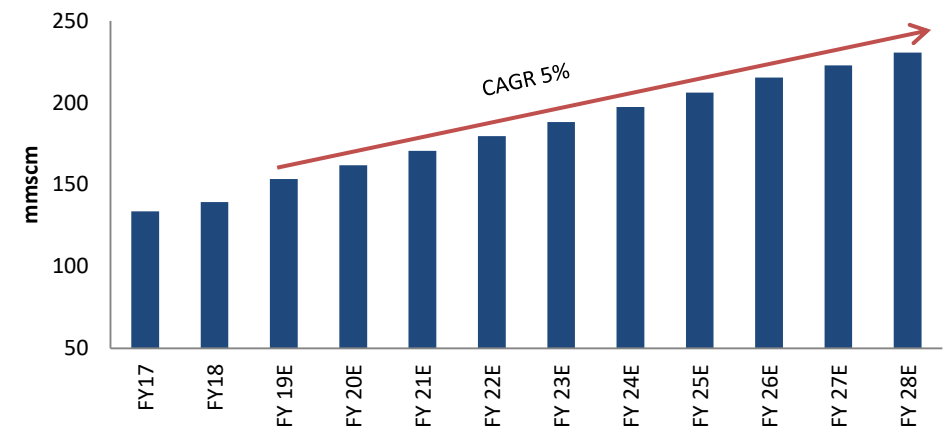
Institutional Research **Key Investment Rational (contd...)**

Exhibit 8: With addition of Raigarh, Industrial Connections Expected to Grow Steadily (with only 30% Penetration), Commercial Connections are Expected to Rise as well



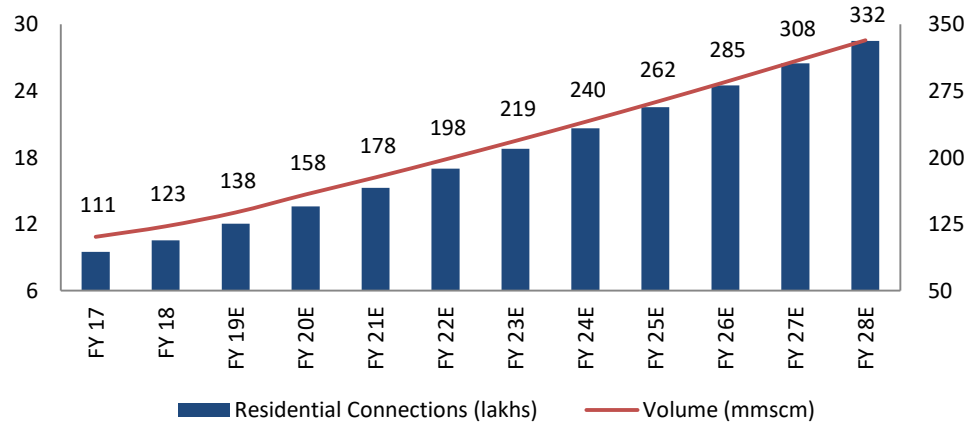
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Exhibit 9: Industrial and Commercial Volumes to Increase Further at 5% CAGR with rising industrial and commercial connections and better pricing and ease of use against alternative fuels



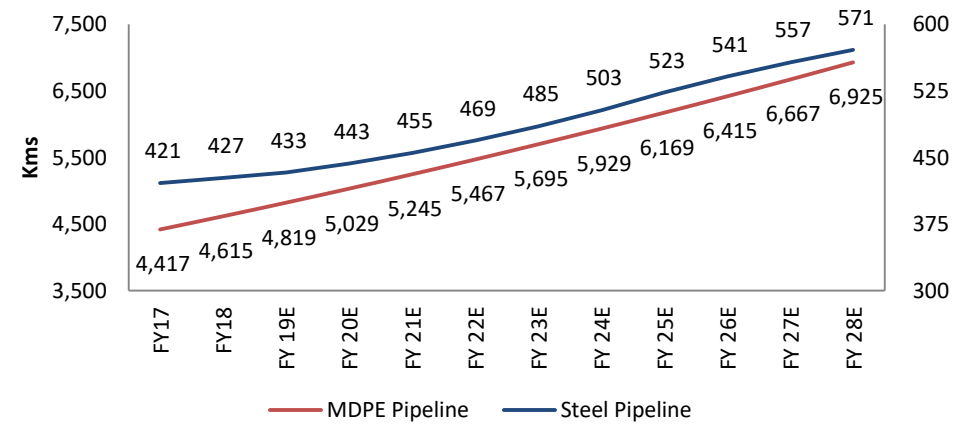
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Exhibit 8: Domestic PNG Connections & Volumes Expected to Grow with company plans to add minimum of 1,50,000 connections per year with scope to expand further 2 mn connections



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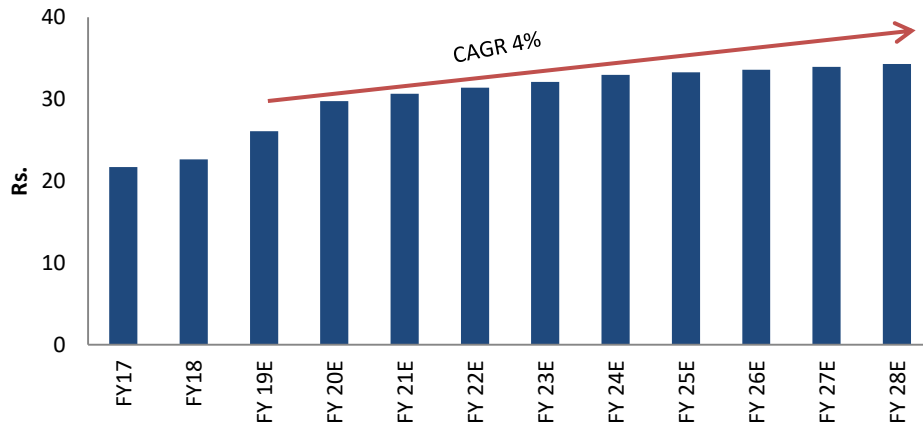
Exhibit 9: PNG Pipeline Infrastructure Expected to Grow at Steady Rate with expansion of reach to industrial, commercial and residential connections



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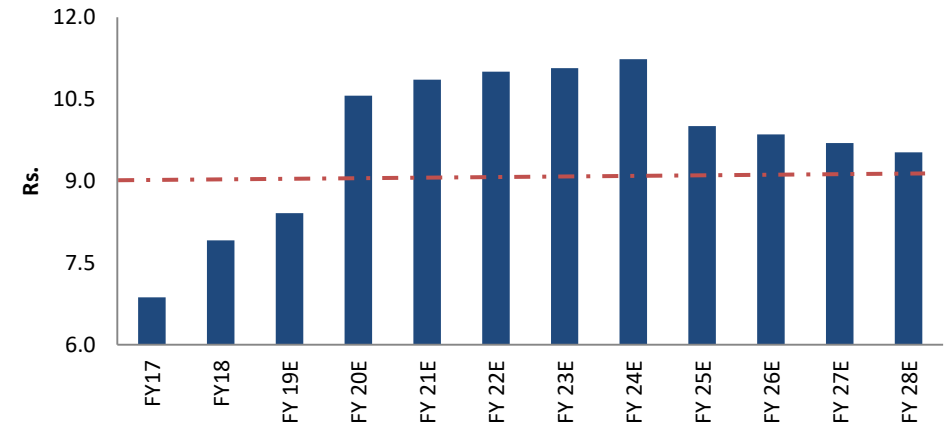
Key Investment Rational (contd...)

Exhibit 10: Revenue realization/scm expected to rise at 4% CAGR with expected increase in prices and better product mix



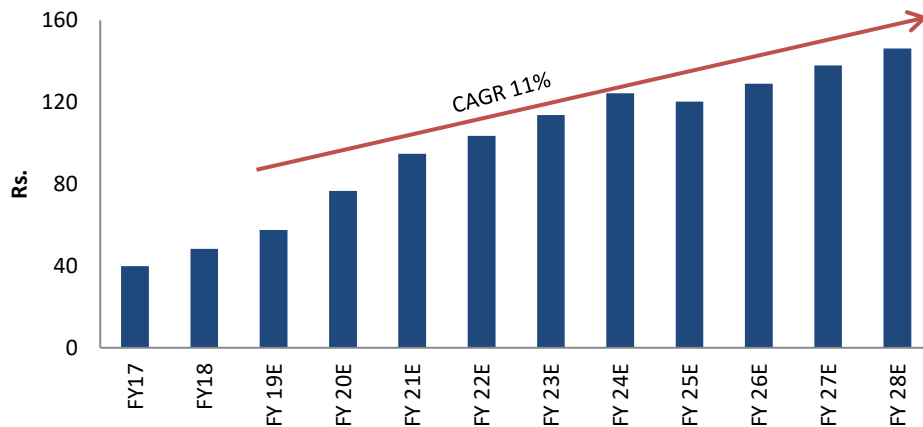
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Exhibit 11: EBITDA/scm Expected to Maintain well above Rs9/scm level for most of the Projection Period due to exclusivity in transfer of price rise or decline on immediate basis



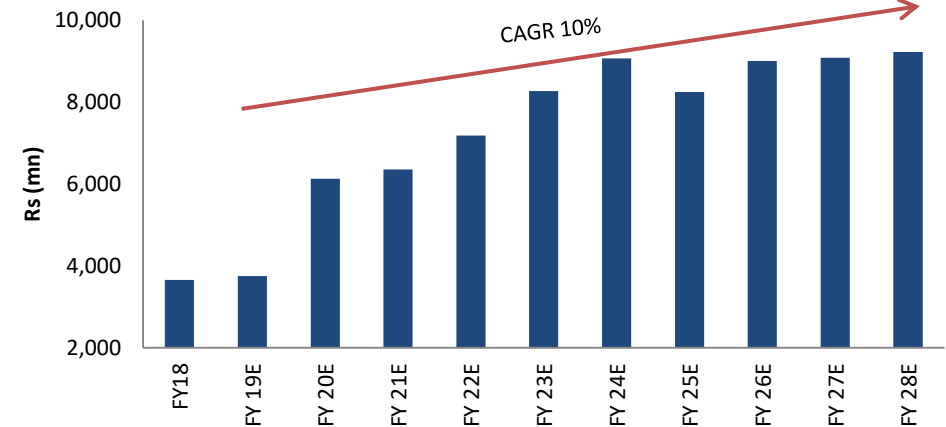
Source: Company Fillings, Ashika Institutional Research

Exhibit 12: EPS is Expected to Grow at double digit 11% CAGR led by Volume Growth along with balanced pricing in tandem with cost



Source: Company Fillings, Ashika Institutional Research

Exhibit 13: We expect Free Cash Flows to grow at 10% CAGR with growth in earnings and limited capital expenditure with almost no leverage



Source: Company Fillings, Ashika Institutional Research

Peer Comparison

Exhibit 14: Financial Comparison

Company	Revenue (Mn)			EBITDA (Mn)			PAT (Mn)			EPS (Rs.)			Revenue CAGR	EPS CAGR
	FY19E	FY20E	FY21E	FY19E	FY20E	FY21E	FY19E	FY20E	FY21E	FY19E	FY20E	FY21E	FY 19-21E	FY 19-21E
MGL	30,990	39,553	44,322	9,148	12,814	14,325	5,682	7,566	9,358	57.5	76.6	94.7	21.8%	25.1%
GGL	78,165	87,231	96,673	10,118	11,715	13,384	3,897	4,827	5,989	6.1	7.5	9.3	16.1%	29.9%
IGL	63,166	89,735	1,00,545	12,240	18,466	20,383	7,006	10,853	12,016	10.0	11.9	13.6	17.7%	11.1%

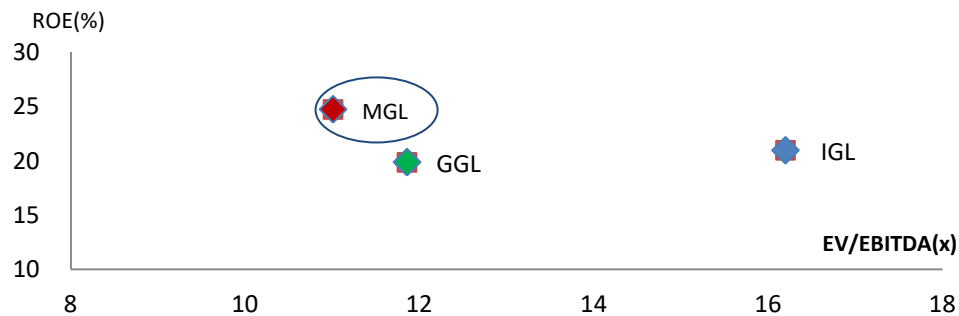
Source: Company Data, Bloomberg, Ashika Institutional Research

Exhibit 15: Valuation Comparison

	M.Cap	FCF (INR mn)			EBITDA/Scm(INR)			RoCE (%)			RoE (%)		
	(INR Bn)	FY19E	FY20E	FY21E	FY19E	FY20E	FY21E	FY19E	FY20E	FY21E	FY19E	FY20E	FY21E
MGL	101	3,754	6,127	6,358	10.1	6.9	6.0	17.2	18.7	18.9	24.9	27.4	27.4
GGL	103	3,256	3,711	5,384	12.2	10.6	9.2	5.9	6.4	6.7	19.7	20.4	20.6
IGL	211	8,844	16,241	17,482	16.0	10.4	9.2	13.0	16.5	14.8	18.3	23.4	21.1

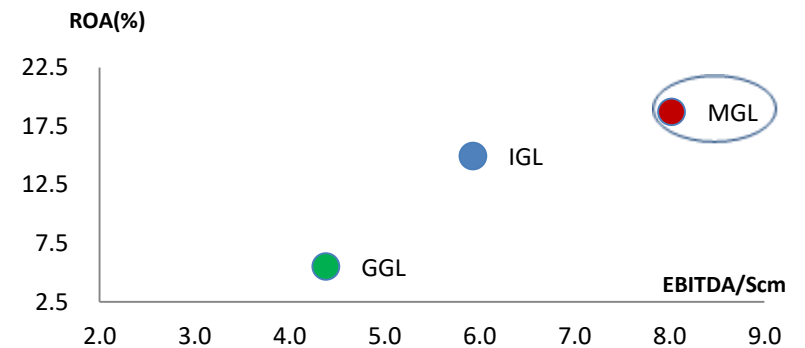
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Exhibit 16: Peer Comparison (RoE vs EV/EBITDA)



Source: Company Fillings, Ashika Institutional Research

Exhibit 17: Peer Comparison (RoA vs EBITDA/Scm)



Source: Company Fillings, Ashika Institutional Research

Outlook & Valuation

MGL is one of the biggest City Gas Distribution players in India after IGL and GGL, having exclusive license in commercial capital of India with enormous growth potential. PNG market has potential of >3.2mn households, while its commercial and industrial connections stand at 12,000 and 534, respectively. It also has market potential of >2mn vehicles for CNG conversions. Discounted pricing to petrol/diesel prices makes CNG an attractive proposition for every potential user. The Company is looking to expand PNG domestic connections by 1,50,000 and 15 CNG stations annually. With highest RoE and EBITDA/scm, MGL make MGL an attractive investment proposition. At CMP, the stock is trading at attractive valuations vis-à-vis its peers. Valuing the stock on DCF methodology, we initiate coverage on MGL with a BUY rating and a Target Price of Rs1,301, which implies 27% upside from the current level.

Exhibit 17: Key Assumptions

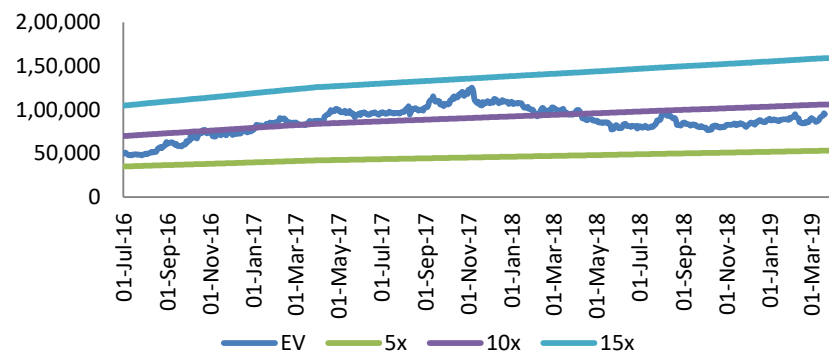
Year Ending (March)	FY 17	FY 18	FY 19E	FY20E	FY 21E
Gas Volumes (MMScm)	938	986	1,087	1,213	1,320
YoY Growth (%)	5.4%	5.1%	10.2%	11.6%	8.8%
CNG Utilisation (%)	49	45	50	50	50
Gas Realisations/Scm	21.7	22.6	26.1	27.3	27.8
YoY Growth (%)	-7.1	4.4	15.1	4.6	2.0
EBITDA/scm (Rs.)	6.9	7.9	8.4	8.7	8.3

Source: Company Fillings, Ashika Institutional Research

Risks:

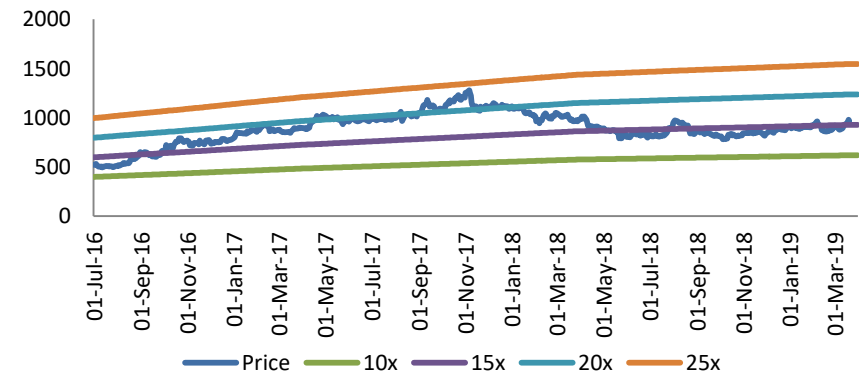
- (1) Higher-than-expected penetration of EVs; and
- (2) Lack of expansion into other geographies.

Exhibit 18: EV/EBITDA (Rolling 1 -Year Fwd)



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Exhibit 19: P/E (Rolling 1 -Year Fwd)

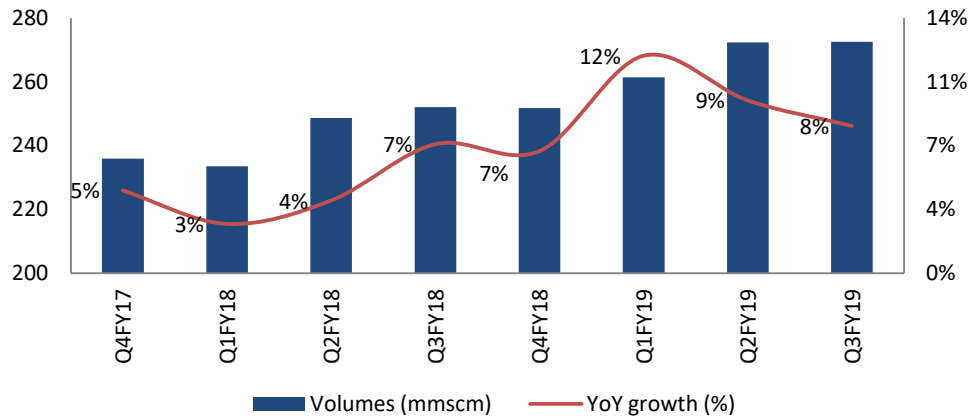


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Operating & Quarterly Performance Analysis

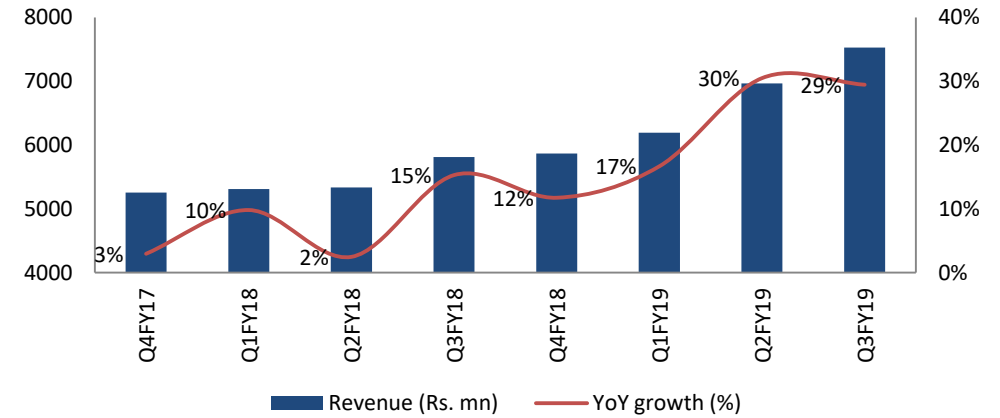
MGL has reported strong 29.5% YoY growth in Revenue to Rs7.5bn driven by volumes growth in addition to increase in prices. Total volumes have increased by 8.1% to 273 MMScm on YoY basis. CNG and PNG volumes have increased by 8.3% and 7.5% to 200mmscm and 73 mmscm respectively during same period. Company's EBITDA/ PAT growth continue to be strong with 19.0%/19.6% YoY growth to Rs.2.4bn/Rs.1.5bn respectively.

Exhibit 20: Upward Volume Growth Trajectory Continues



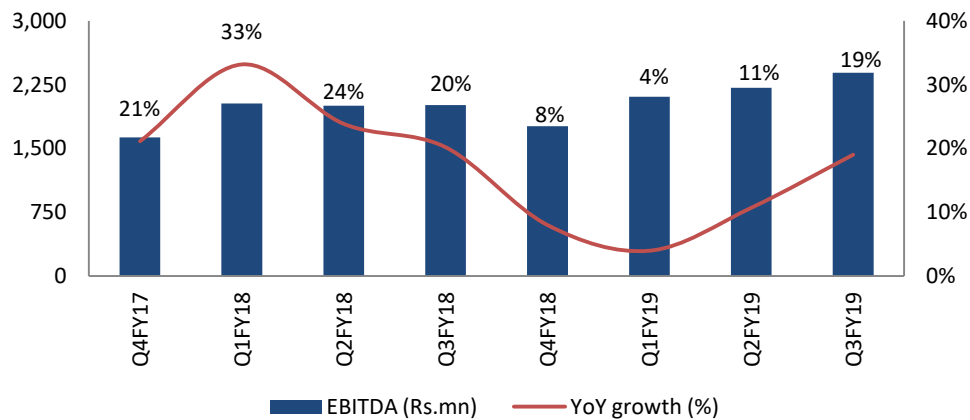
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Exhibit 21: Revenue Growth Rate on Increasing Trajectory



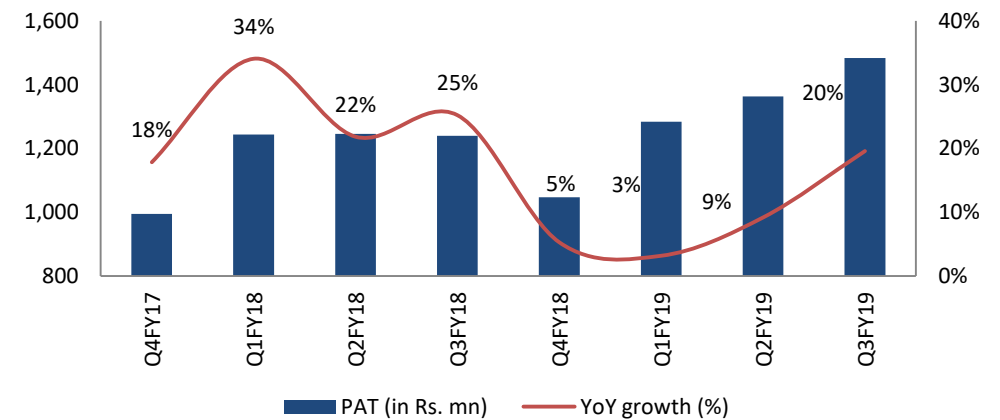
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Exhibit 22: Quarterly EBITDA Margin Trend Continues to Remain Strong



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Exhibit 23: PAT Trend Shows Strong Signs of Improvement

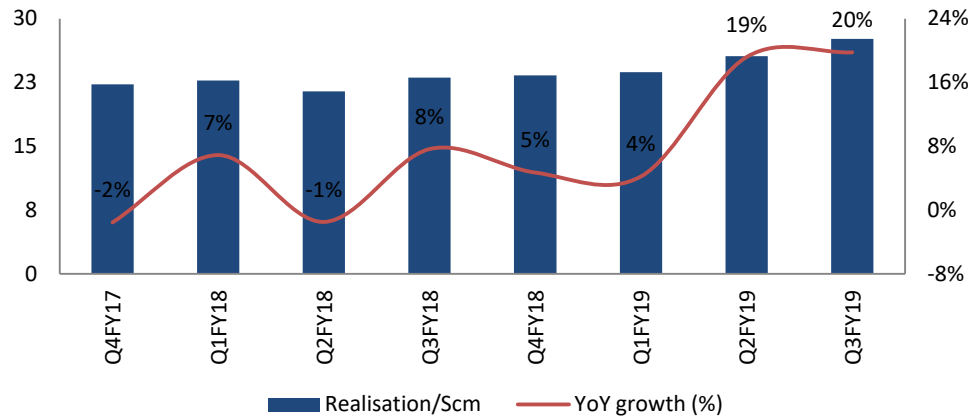


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Operating & Quarterly Performance Analysis (Contd...)

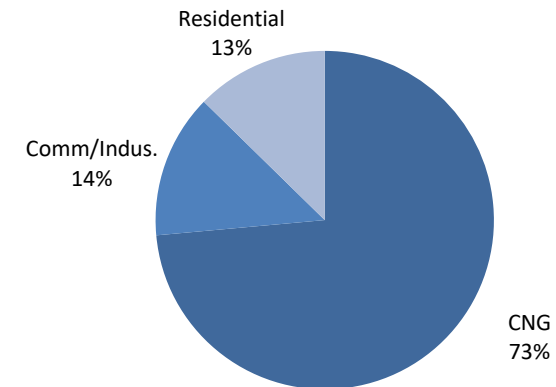
Rising realisations on the back of increase in gas prices and weak INR have increased MGL's realisation/scm by 19.5% to Rs30.3 in 3QFY19. CNG continues to dominate the volume-mix on the back of stricter emission norms. The Company's CNG and PNG volume for cheap domestic gas procurement forms ~86% of its total volumes. Hence, MGL's cost for gas remains on lower side thereby improving its EBITDA/scm to Rs8.8/scm.

Exhibit 24: Unitary Realisation Getting Stronger



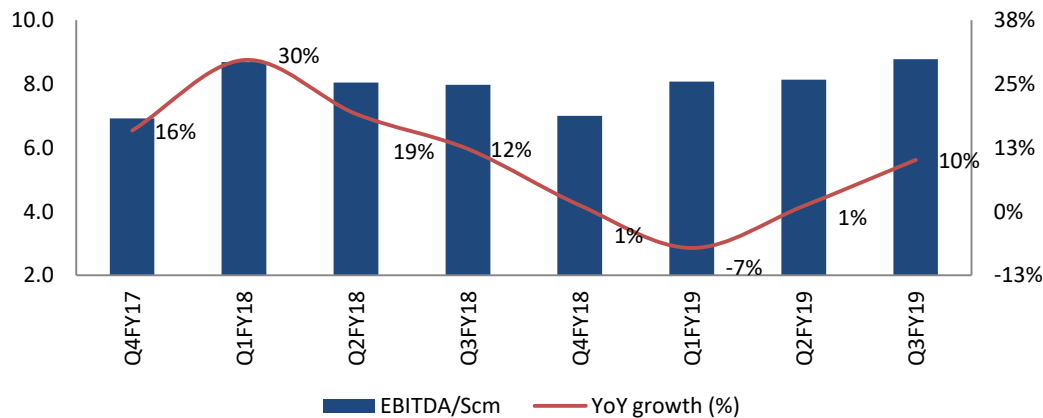
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Exhibit 25: CNG Dominates Total-mix



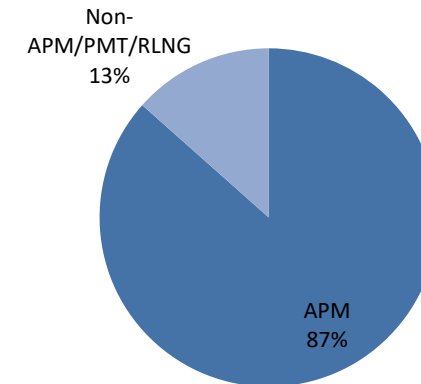
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Exhibit 26: EBITDA/scm on Northward Move



Source: Company Fillings, Ashika Institutional Research

Exhibit 27: Gas Procurement-mix



Source: Company Fillings, Ashika Institutional Research

Operating & Quarterly Performance Analysis (Contd...)

Exhibit 28: Quarterly Financial Results

	Q3 FY 19	Q3 FY 18	YoY (%)	Q2 FY18	QoQ (%)
Net Sales	753	581	29.5	697	8.1
Raw Material Expenses	384	270	42.2	356	7.7
Stock Adjustments	(0)	(0)	166.7	0	(500.0)
Employee Expense	17	17	4.0	18	(3.1)
Others	113	94	19.9	101	11.8
EBITDA	239	201	19.0	221	8.0
EBITDA Margin (%)	31.8	34.6	(16bps)	31.8	(38bps)
Interest	0	0	800.0	0	(25.0)
Depreciation	33	27	22.4	31	6.4
Other Income	20	14	44.9	18	12.1
PBT	227	188	20.4	209	8.6
Tax	78	64	21.8	72	8.1
PAT	148	124	19.6	136	8.8
PAT Margin (%)	19.7	21.3	(5 bps)	19.6	(9 bps)
Adjusted EPS	15.0	12.6	19.6	13.8	8.8

Source: Company Fillings, Ashika Institutional Research

Exhibit 29: Quarterly Operational Results

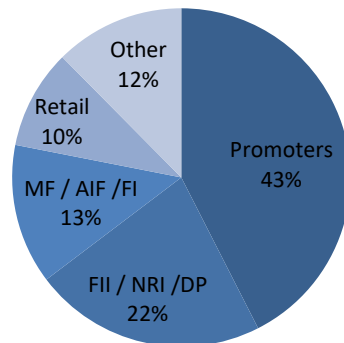
	Q3 FY 19	Q3 FY 18	YoY (%)	Q2 FY18	QoQ (%)
CNG Volume	200	185	8.3	200	(0.3)
PNG Volume	73	68	7.5	72	1.2
Total Volume	273	252	8.1	272	0.1
Realisation/Scm	30.3	25.3	19.5	28.0	8.0
Operating Cash Cost/Scm	21.5	17.3	23.8	19.9	8.0
EBITDA/Scm	8.8	8.0	10.1	8.1	7.9

Source: Company Fillings, Ashika Institutional Research

Corporate Factsheet

MGL – incorporated in 1995 – has become one of the India’s largest City Gas Distribution companies. GAIL (India), Government of Maharashtra and BG Asia Pacific Holdings (Royal Dutch Shell Group) jointly built foundation of the Company. Initially, MGL started gas distribution business in Mumbai, and expanded its operations to the adjoining districts i.e. Greater Mumbai, Thane and Raigarh. The Company currently caters to >1mn PNG domestic users, 0.7mn CNG vehicles, >3,700 industrial and commercial customers. It has >5,150 of pipeline network and 224 CNG filling stations.

Exhibit 28: Shareholding Pattern



Source: Company Filings, Ashika Institutional Research

Exhibit 29: Top Fund Holding

Name	% Holding
Aditya Birla Sun Life Trustee Private Limited A/C Aditya Birla Sun Life Equity Fund	1.33
Bajaj Allianz Life Insurance Company Limited	1.01
Eastspring Investments India Equity Open Limited	1.04
Governor of Maharashtra	10
Itpl - Invesco India Contra Fund	1.03
L&T Mutual Fund Trustee Limited-L&T Emerging Businesses Fund	1.76
Mirae Asset Emerging Bluechip Fund	1.53
SBI Life Insurance Co. Limited	2.21
Schroder International Selection Fund Emerging Asia	4.49

Source: Company Filings, Ashika Institutional Research

Key Financials

Profit & Loss (Standalone)

Y/E Mar	FY17	FY18	FY 19E	FY 20E	FY 21E
Net Sales	20,340	22,330	28,326	36,086	40,430
% Change	(2.1)	9.8	26.9	27.4	12.0
Total Expenditure	13,911	14,529	19,178	23,273	26,105
% Sales	68.4	65.1	67.7	64.5	64.6
EBITDA	6,428	7,801	9,148	12,814	14,325
% Sales	31.6	34.9	32.3	35.5	35.4
Depreciation	951	1,112	1,219	1,240	1,496
Interest	10	1	3	-	-
Other Income	540	577	767	1,022	1,487
PBT	6,007	7,265	8,693	12,596	14,317
Tax	2,072	2,486	3,011	4,009	4,959
APAT	3,934	4,779	5,682	8,586	9,358

Balance Sheet (Standalone)

As on 31 st Dec.	FY17	FY18	FY 19E	FY 20E	FY 21E
Share Capital	988	988	988	988	988
Reserves & Surplus	17,413	19,966	23,771	29,459	36,940
Net Worth	18,400	20,953	24,758	30,447	37,928
Deferred Liabilities	1,376	1,748	2,117	2,819	3,487
Others Liabilities	142	156	196	247	276
Total Loans	27	12	-	-	-
Total Liabilities	19,946	22,870	27,071	33,513	41,690
Net Block	13,048	15,319	17,851	20,611	23,115
Cap. WIP	4,115	3,566	3,566	3,566	3,566
Other assets	1,134	1,462	1,733	2,076	2,509
ST Investments	4,667	6,877	9,377	10,877	13,627
Sundry Debtors	945	913	1,154	1,473	1,651
Cash & Bank Bal	1,361	919	1,180	4,674	8,091
Loans & Advances	262	230	230	230	230
Inventories	238	240	332	423	474
Other Current Asset	473	576	727	928	1,040
Current Assets	7,946	9,755	13,000	18,606	25,113
Curr.Liab& Prov.	6,297	7,233	9,079	11,346	12,614
Net Current Assets	1,649	2,522	3,921	7,260	12,500
Total Assets	19,946	22,870	27,071	33,513	41,690

Key Financials

Ratios (Standalone)

Y/E Mar.	FY17	FY18	FY 19E	FY 20E	FY 21E
Return Ratios (%)					
ROA	15.8	17.0	17.2	18.7	18.9
ROE	22.1	24.3	24.9	27.4	27.4
ROCE	30.6	34.0	34.7	41.9	37.5
Per Share Data (Rs.)					
Adj. EPS	8.2	9.6	10.0	11.9	13.6
Adj. CEPS	10.5	12.2	13.0	15.4	17.6
BVPS	41.8	50.2	59.0	69.7	82.1
Valuations (X)					
EV / EBITDA	13.5	12.1	10.1	6.9	6.0
P/B	4.8	4.5	3.8	3.1	2.5
P/E	22.5	19.9	16.5	12.4	10.0
Profitability					
Gross Margin/scm	10.8	12.2	13.0	15.3	15.9
EBITDA/scm	6.9	7.9	8.4	10.6	10.9
Dupont Analysis					
Net Profit Margin (%)	19.3	21.4	20.1	21.0	23.1
Asset Turnover Ratio (x)	0.78	0.74	0.78	0.80	0.74
Equity Multiplier (x)	1.43	1.44	1.46	1.47	1.43

Cash Flows (Standalone)

Y/E Mar.	FY17	FY18	FY 19E	FY 20E	FY 21E
PBT					
PBT	6,007	7,265	8,693	11,575	14,317
Depreciation	951	1,112	1,219	1,240	1,496
Change in tax	(1,862)	(2,284)	(2,642)	(3,307)	(4,291)
Chg in Working cap	601	822	1,131	1,364	523
Others	(375)	(394)	(764)	(1,022)	(1,487)
Cash flow from operations	5,323	6,521	7,637	9,849	10,557
Chg in Gross Block	(2,545)	(2,689)	(3,750)	(4,000)	(4,000)
Chg in Investments	(425)	(1,838)	(2,500)	(1,500)	(2,750)
Chg in others	337	340	767	1,022	1,487
Cash flow from investing	(2,633)	(4,187)	(5,483)	(4,478)	(5,263)
Chg in debt	(18)	(15)	(12)	-	-
Chg in Equity	(2,816)	(2,236)	(1,877)	(1,877)	(1,877)
Others	(3)	(7)	(3)	-	-
Cash flow from financing	(2,838)	(2,258)	(1,892)	(1,877)	(1,877)
Chg in cash	(148)	76	261	3,494	3,417
Cash at start	1,509	843	919	1,180	4,674
Cash at end	1,361	919	1,180	4,674	8,091

Exhibit 30: Discounted Cash Flow Valuation & Cost of Equity

Discounted Cash Flow Calculations

Terminal Cash Flow (INR mn)	922
Terminal Growth Rate	3.0%
Cost of Equity	8.6%
PV of Terminal Value (INR mn)	7,991
PV of FCF (INR mn)	4,768
Enterprise Value (INR mn)	12,758
Net Debt (INR mn)	91
Equity Value (INR mn)	12,849
Target Price	1,300.8

Cost of Equity Calculations

Risk Free Rate	7.3%
Equity Risk Premium	1.3%
Beta	0.32
Country Premium	4.2%
Cost of Equity	8.6%

Source: Ashika Institutional Research, Bloomberg

Exhibit 31: Cost of Equity

Sensitivity Analysis		Terminal Growth Rate				
		2.0%	2.5%	3.0%	3.5%	4.0%
Cost of Equity	8.0%	1,301.7	1,378.1	1,469.9	1,582.0	1,722.1
	8.5%	1,198.4	1,260.8	1,334.4	1,422.8	1,530.9
	8.6%	1,172.3	1,231.3	1,300.8	1,383.8	1,484.7
	9.0%	1,109.8	1,161.3	1,221.4	1,292.4	1,377.6
	9.5%	1,033.0	1,076.0	1,125.7	1,183.6	1,252.0
	10.0%	965.7	1,002.0	1,043.5	1,091.3	1,147.2

Source: Ashika Institutional Research, Bloomberg

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