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**RESULT REPORT Q4 FY21** | Sector: Energy

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## **Petronet LNG Ltd**

BUY CMP Rs228 Target Rs330 Upside 45%

#### Result Highlights- PLNG announces significant Capex program

- ✓ 4QFY21 Profitability: The PAT stood at Rs 6.2bn (+73.6% YoY; -28% QoQ) and the operating profit (EBITDA) stood at Rs 10.9bn (+56% YoY; -18% QoQ). The profitability was sequentially lower on QoQ, 8% lower throughput and ~50% higher operating expense.
- ✓ FY21 Profitability: The FY21 Ebitda at Rs 47bn stood 18% higher YoY, even as LNG throughput stood 3% YoY lower, on higher Re-gas tariff (5% escalation at Dahej terminal) and YoY lower operating expenses, as FY20 was market by one-off forex loss and CSR expenses.
- ✓ 4Q LNG throughput: The total throughput at 218mmbtu stood 0.5% YoY & 7.2% QoQ lower, below our estimates. The decline primarily stemmed from lower utilization of 91% (3Q: 100%) at Dahej terminal. The domestic LNG import also declined by 8.2% QoQ during the quarter and accordingly PLNG was also impacted. For the quarter the cargo mix included 113tbtu (3Q: 121tbtu) of Long Term (LT) and 7tbtu (3Q: 7tbtu) of short term (ST) cargo while 98tbtu(3Q: 107tbtu) was re-gas (RS) service volume, across Dahej and Kochi terminals
- FY21 LNG throughput: The total throughput for the year stood 3.3% YoY lower at 897tbtu, comprising of LT: 431tbtu (-1.6% YoY), ST: 26tbtu (19% YoY) and RS: 458tbtu (-4% YoY). While ample availability and weaker LNG price helped boost imports in 4QFY20, the revers in 4QFY21 impeded the imports.
- ✓ Dahej Terminal: Dahej throughput for the 4Q stood at 204tbtu (3Q: 222tbtu) and 850 tbtu (-4% YoY) for the FY21, implying a utilization of 91% for 4Q and 95% for FY21 (FY20: 103%) respectively.
- ✓ **Kochi Terminal:** Kochi throughput for the quarter stood at 14tbtu (3Q: 13tbtu) and 47tbtu for FY21(FY20: 43tbtu), implying a utilization of 22% for the 4Q and 18% for FY21 (FY20: 17%).
- ✓ Capex: PLNG incurred a capex of Rs 5.3bn for FY21, the same is expected to be in excess of Rs 10bn for FY22, as PLNG embarks on a significant (Rs 183bn) capex program spread over next five-six years.
- ✓ **Dividend:** PLNG declared a final dividend of Rs 3.5, thereby leading to a dividend of Rs 11.5/sh for FY21 (FY20: Rs 12.5/sh)

#### View & Valuation

The 4QFY21 earnings for PLNG stood below our and street estimates, the miss on our estimates stemmed primarily from lower than estimated LNG throughput and higher operating expense. Abnormally higher spot LNG prices during the quarter, due to supply disruptions, impacted LNG imports in India, leading to weaker utilization for PLNG as well.

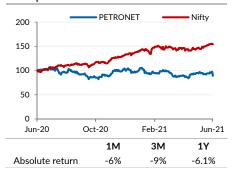
However, we believe that near term disruptions won't impact the long-term prospects for growth in LNG consumption in the country. As per IEA, LNG imports in India are set to rise by 1.5x by 2025.

In that backdrop PLNG has decided to undertake a significant capex program of Rs 183bn, spread over next 5-6 years, including a) Rs 47.5 bn towards capacity expansion, b) Rs 15.4bn towards a green-field terminal at Gopalpur, c) Rs 40bn towards setting up of Compressed Bio Gas plants and d) Rs 80bn towards setting up almost 1000 Auto LNG terminals, along national highways, with the intent to expand market for LNG consumption in the country. We therefore maintain our BUY rating on PLNG with a TP of Rs 330/sh as we find the stock attractively valued, trading at just 9.5x FY23e.

#### Stock data (as on Jun 09, 2021)

Sensex:	15,635
52 Week h/I (Rs)	275 / 201
Market cap (Rs/USD mn)	342450 / 4693
Outstanding Shares	1,500
6m Avg t/o (Rs mn):	1,085
Div yield (%):	1.5
Bloomberg code:	PLNG IN
NSE code:	PETRONET

#### Stock performance



#### Shareholding pattern (As of Dec'20 end)

Promoter	50.0%
FII+DII	36.5%
Others	13.5%

#### **Financial Summary**

(Rs bn)	FY21	FY22e	FY23e
Net Revenue	354.5	260.2	389.3
YoY Growth (%)	(7.7)	(26.6)	49.6
EBIDTA	39.9	47.0	48.8
YoY Growth (%)	21.1	17.8	3.9
PAT	27.0	29.5	32.7
YoY Growth (%)	28.5	6.5	11.0
ROE	21.8	26.4	26.1
EPS	18.5	19.7	21.8
P/E	12.7	11.6	10.4
BV	73.0	77.7	85.0
P/BV	3.0	2.8	2.6

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### **Exhibit 1: Comparison with estimates**

(Rs mn)	Actual	YES Estimate	%Variance	Consensus Estimate	% Variance
Revenue	75,753	75,509	0.3	88,204	(14.1)
EBITDA	10,911	13,260	(17.7)	11,437	(4.6)
PBT	8,561	11,405	(24.9)	9,066	(5.6)
Adj net income	6,234	8,531	(26.9)	7,262	(14.2)
FDEPS (Rs)	4.2	5.7	(26.9)	4.8	(14.2)

### **Exhibit 2: Earnings snapshot**

(Rs mn)	4QFY21	4QFY20	% Chg YoY	3QFY21	% Chg QoQ	FY21	FY20	% Chg YoY
Revenue	75,753	85,672	(11.6)	73,282	3.4	260,229	354,520	(26.6)
Expenditure	64,842	78,696	(17.6)	59,929	8.2	213,234	314,625	(32.2)
Operating profit	10,911	6,975	56.4	13,353	(18.3)	46,995	39,895	17.8
Other income	492	865	(43.2)	997	(50.7)	3,768	3,726	1.1
Interest	813	1,036	(21.5)	815	(0.3)	3,360	4,032	(16.7)
Depreciation	2,028	1,942	4.4	1,925	5.4	7,841	7,761	1.0
Extraordinary item	-	-	n.a.	-	n.a.	-	721	n.a.
PBT	8,561	4,862	76.1	11,610	(26.3)	39,563	31,106	27.2
Tax	2,328	1,272	82.9	2,939	(20.8)	10,183	4,131	146.5
Reported PAT	6,234	3,590	73.6	8,671	(28.1)	29,380	26,976	8.9
Adjusted PAT	6,234	3,590	73.6	8,671	(28.1)	29,380	27,516	6.8
EBITDA margin (%)	14%	8%		18%		18%	11%	60.5
FDEPS (Rs)	4.16	2.39	73.6	5.78	(28.1)	19.6	18.0	8.9

### **Exhibit 3: Operating highlights**

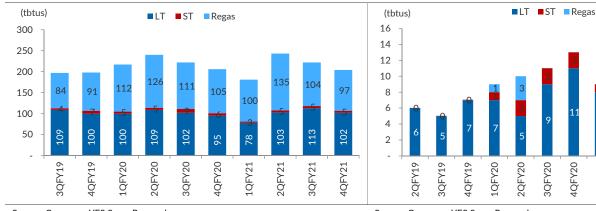
	4QFY21	4QFY20	% Chg YoY	3QFY21	% Chg QoQ	FY21	FY20	% Chg YoY
Total Volumes (tbtus)	218.0	219.0	(0.5)	235.0	(7.2)	897.0	928.0	(3.3)
Dahej Terminal								
Long Term (tbtus)	102.0	95.0	7.4	113.0	(9.7)	396.0	406.0	(2.5)
Short Term/spot (tbtus)	5.0	6.0	(16.7)	5.0	-	18.0	25.0	(28.0)
Re-gas only (tbtus)	97.0	105.0	(7.6)	104.0	(6.7)	436.0	454.0	(4.0)
Utilization -Dahej	91%	92%		100%		95%	103%	
Kochi Terminal								
Long Term (tbtus)	11.0	11.0	-	8.0	37.5	35.0	32.0	9.4
Short Term/spot (tbtus)	2.0	2.0	-	2.0	-	8.0	7.0	14.3
Re-gas only (tbtus)	1.0	-	n.a.	3.0	(66.7)	4.0	4.0	-
Utilization -Kochi	22%	20%		20%		18%	17%	
Opr. Profit (Rs/mmbtu)	50.1	31.9	57.1	56.8	(11.9)	52.1	42.8	21.8
Implied Marketing Margins ( US\$/mmbtu)	0.9	(0.6)	n.a.	1.4	n.a.	1.6	0.2	n.a.



### **CHARTS**

Exhibit 4: Dahej: Volumes drop sequentially to 204tbtu on higher spot LNG prices

Exhibit 5: Kochi: throughput almost sequentially flat at 14tbtu



Source: Company, YES Sec - Research

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Exhibit 6: Overall throughput for PLNG at YoY & QoQ lower at 218tbtu

Exhibit 7: Dahej terminal utilization drops QoQ to 94% even as tariff increases to Rs 54.3/mmbtu

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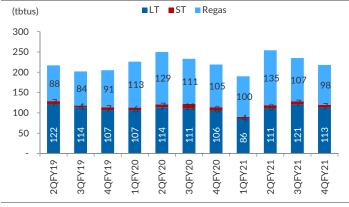
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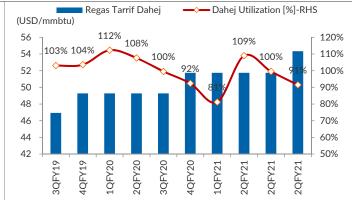
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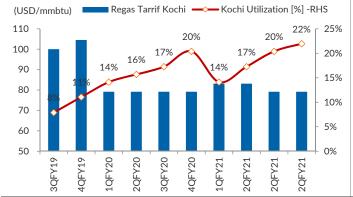
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**Exhibit 8: Kochi terminal utilization improves marginally** to 22%, tariff at Rs 79.1/mmbtu, under negotiation

Exhibit 9: Marketing margins on trading cargo stood at USD 1.1/mmbtu as per estimates



Source: Company, YES Sec - Research



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## CONFERENCE CALL HIGHLIGHTS

- ▼ The volume throughput for PLNG stood at 218tbtu (3Q: 235tbtu), implying a utilization of 76% (3Q: 82%) for the company.
- ▼ The throughput at Dahej terminal stood at 204tbtu (3Q: 222tbtu), implying a utilization of 91% (3Q: 100%) for the terminal.
- ✓ The throughput at Kochi terminal stood at 14tbtu (3Q: 13tbtu), implying a utilization of 22%; the utilization is set to improve to 30% and above with recent commissioning of Kochi-Mangalore pipeline and expected commissioning of Bangalore section of the pipeline in next one to one and half years.
- ✓ PLNG declared a final dividend of Rs 3.5/sh leading to a full year dividend of Rs 11.5 (FY20: Rs 12.5/sh)
- ✓ The discussion around negotiation of Kochi tariff are still on with offtakers. In the meantime, PLNG has raised the tariff to Rs 83.1/mmbtu from Apr'21 (previously Rs 79.1/mmbtu)
- ▼ The Kochi terminal had just 200bps of sequential improvement in utilization on account of high spot LNG price inhibiting demand
- ✓ Significant capex plans charted out for next five-year period

S No.	Project	Capex (Rs mn)	Timeline
1	Two additional tanks at Dahej	12,400	2024
2	Additional Jetty at Dahej	17,000	2025
3	Dahej Terminal De-bottlenecking to 20mmt	2,200	2025
4	Further expansion to 22.5mmt	8,900	2025
5	1000 Auto LNG retailing Station	80,000	
6	Compressed Bio-Gas Plant	40,000	
7	East Coast terminal at Gopalpur	15,400	
8	Additional Tank at Kochi terminal	7,000	2025-26
	Total	182,900	

- PLNG is looking to foray in the Auto-LNG retail business and is willing to undertake the investment on its own, in a departure from earlier strategy of joint development with other stakeholders
- Bio-Gas from CBD plants will be bought at Rs 46/kg by off-takers as assured by Govt; PLNG has received LoI from GAIL, HPCL and CGD companies;
- PLNG intends to put up-to four CBP plants in Haryana, key requirement and constraints however is feed stock.

## **VIEW & VALUATION**

#### Maintain BUY with a TP of Rs 330/sh.

We maintain our BUY rating on PLNG with revised TP of Rs 330 /sh (from Rs 340/sh), as we maintain our expectation of continued volume traction for PLNG but adjust for a revised higher capex trajectory.

PLNG has announced significant capex program to tap into the opportunity for growth in the domestic LNG import and also to develop the market for consumption of Automotive LNG. With the announced capex program, over next five years, the terminal at Dahej would be expanded to 22.5mmt (from 17.5mmt), a new green-field terminal would get commissioned at Gopalpur and also with additional tanks at both Dahej and Kochi, PLNG shall have significant flexibility in operation.

We expect continued volume traction for PLNG, despite incremental domestic production and commissioning of competing LNG terminals as discussed in detail in our previous piece (Link: Natural Gas Utilities -(E)fficient (S)afe (G)rowing). and therefore estimate a DCF based fair value of Rs 330/sh.

### **Exhibit 10: Cashflow analysis**

	FY20	FY21	FY22e	FY23e	FY24e	FY25e	FY26e	FY27e	FY28e	FY29e	FY30e
EBIT *(1-T)	30,480	32,191	33,933	37,711	37,374	38,153	39,933	43,664	50,792	57,325	63,261
Depreciation	7,761	7,841	7,379	7,104	7,301	8,193	8,669	8,502	8,354	8,223	8,108
Change in WC	1,099	3,892	11,000	11,003	11,203	12,503	13,508	13,513	13,518	13,523	13,528
Capex	46,948	-3,908	6,189	4,858	-743	779	820	2,225	1,947	-720	-670
FCFF	84,091	32,231	36,500	38,669	32,729	34,621	35,913	40,878	47,575	51,305	57,171

### **Exhibit 11: Valuation table**

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	Rs mn	USD mn	Rs/sh
PV of Cash flow (FY23-FY26e)	194,699	2,596	130
PV of Terminal Value	224,004	2,987	149
Net Debt/(Cash)	(73,466)	(980)	(49)
DCF Valuation	492,169	6,562	328
INR /USD	75		
Shares o/s (m)	1500		
Long term Rate of Growth	3%		
Discounting rate of Cash flows	13%		



### **Exhibit 12: Key assumptions**

	FY15	FY16	FY17	FY18	FY19	FY20	FY21e	FY22e	FY23e	FY24e	FY25e
Dahej LNG Terminal											
Re-gas volumes (mmt)	10.3	11.1	14.2	16.0	16.1	17.4	16.4	16.9	17.8	17.0	17.0
Effective Re-gas charges (Rs/mmbtu)	39.0	40.4	43.8	44.9	47.2	49.5	52.2	52.6	53.8	55.3	56.8
Trading Margins (Rs/mmbtu)	(10.0)	5.0	10.0	(5.8)	(7.0)	49.6	30.0	30.0	30.0	30.0	30.0
Kochi LNG Terminal											
Re-gas volumes (mmt)	0.2	0.4	0.3	0.6	0.5	0.8	1.2	1.5	1.8	2.0	2.2
Re-gas charges (Rs/mmbtu)	68.0	65.0	70.0	70.0	75.0	79.1	79.1	79.1	75.0	70.0	65.0
Trading Margins (Rs/mmbtu)	-	-	-	-	5.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Exchange Rate (Rs/US\$)	62.5	65.5	67.1	64.4	70.3	70.9	75.0	75.0	75.0	75.0	75.0



## **FINANCIALS**

**Exhibit 13: Balance sheet** 

Y/e 31 Mar (Rs mn)	FY17	FY18	FY19	FY20	FY21	FY22E	FY23E	FY24E	FY25E
Equity capital	7,500	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000
Reserves	74,284	82,205	85,661	94,530	101,495	115,348	132,436	148,622	165,003
Net worth	81,784	97,205	100,661	109,530	116,495	130,348	147,436	163,622	180,003
Debt	28,358	20,170	11,873	644	230	230	230	230	230
Deferred tax liab (net)	7,302	10,481	13,360	8,883	8,806	8,806	8,806	8,806	8,806
Capital Employed	117,444	127,856	125,894	119,057	125,531	139,384	156,472	172,657	189,039
Fixed assets	84,671	82,475	80,122	77,012	73,063	76,684	80,584	84,486	88,797
Intangible Assets	45	24	11	34,917	30,324	30,324	30,324	30,324	30,324
Investments	31,924	42,317	9,893	3,491	15,496	17,496	19,496	21,496	23,496
Net working capital	803	3,041	35,868	3,637	6,649	14,881	26,069	36,352	46,422
Inventories	5,405	4,911	5,694	4,809	3,372	5,332	5,873	5,804	5,922
Sundry debtors	12,108	16,505	13,825	16,026	18,745	15,997	17,619	17,411	17,767
Cash & Bank Balance	3,273	8,625	29,603	44,320	43,423	57,844	73,890	83,430	94,279
Other current assets	1,709	1,680	11,701	6,416	4,904	5,149	5,407	5,677	5,961
Sundry creditors	21,532	28,481	24,676	67,784	62,812	68,410	75,636	74,831	76,312
Other liabilities	160	199	278	149	983	1,032	1,084	1,138	1,195
Application of Funds	117,444	127,857	125,894	119,057	125,531	139,384	156,472	172,657	189,039

**Exhibit 14: Income statement** 

Y/e 31 Mar (Rs mn)	FY17	FY18	FY19	FY20	FY21	FY22E	FY23E	FY24E	FY25E
Revenue	245,508	305,986	383,954	354,520	260,229	389,264	428,724	423,664	432,331
Total Expense	220,238	272,863	351,020	311,925	213,234	340,449	376,167	372,248	379,715
Operating Profit	25,270	33,124	32,935	39,895	46,995	48,815	52,557	51,416	52,617
Other Income	3,466	3,174	4,503	3,726	3,882	3,929	4,963	5,851	6,582
Depreciation	(3,691)	(4,117)	(4,112)	(7,761)	(7,841)	(7,379)	(7,104)	(7,301)	(8,193)
EBIT	25,046	32,181	33,325	35,859	43,036	45,365	50,416	49,965	51,007
Interest	(2,097)	(1,630)	(989)	(4,032)	(3,360)	(2,780)	(2,505)	(2,257)	(2,034)
Extraordinary Item	-	-	-	(720)	-	-	-	-	-
PBT	22,949	30,551	32,336	31,107	39,677	42,585	47,911	47,708	48,972
Tax	(6,545)	(9,773)	(10,782)	(4,131)	(10,183)	(10,731)	(12,074)	(12,022)	(12,341)
PAT	16,404	20,779	21,554	26,977	29,494	31,853	35,838	35,686	36,631
Adj. PAT	16,404	20,779	21,554	27,697	29,494	31,853	35,838	35,686	36,631
Eps	10.9	13.9	14.4	18.0	19.7	21.2	23.9	23.8	24.4



**Exhibit 16: Cash flow statement** 

Y/e 31 Mar (Rs mn)	FY17	FY18	FY19	FY20	FY21	FY22E	FY23E	FY24E	FY25E
PBT	22,949	30,551	32,336	31,107	39,677	42,585	47,911	47,708	48,972
Depreciation & amortization	3,691	4,117	4,112	7,761	7,841	7,379	7,104	7,301	8,193
Interest expense	2,097	1,630	989	4,032	3,360	2,780	2,505	2,257	2,034
(Inc)/Dec in working capital	1,763	3,114	(11,850)	46,948	(3,908)	6,189	4,858	(743)	779
Tax paid	(5,129)	(6,593)	(7,895)	(8,600)	(10,250)	(10,731)	(12,074)	(12,022)	(12,341)
Less: Interest/Dividend Income Received	(3,466)	(3,174)	(4,503)	(3,726)	(3,882)	(3,929)	(4,963)	(5,851)	(6,582)
Other operating Cash Flow									
Cash flow from operating activities	21,905	29,645	13,190	77,523	32,837	44,272	45,341	38,650	41,055
Capital expenditure	(4,820)	(1,921)	(1,760)	(4,650)	(3,892)	(11,000)	(11,003)	(11,203)	(12,503)
Inc/(Dec) in investments	(27,793)	(10,371)	32,438	(28,505)	(7,412)	(2,000)	(2,000)	(2,000)	(2,000)
Add: Interest/Dividend Income Received	3,466	3,174	4,503	3,726	3,882	3,929	4,963	5,851	6,582
Cash flow from investing activities	(29,147)	(9,118)	35,181	(29,429)	(7,422)	(9,071)	(8,040)	(7,353)	(7,921)
Inc/(Dec) in share capital	0	(O)	-	(O)	(O)	-	-	-	-
Inc/(Dec) in debt	(7,971)	(8,188)	(8,298)	(11,229)	(414)	-	-	-	-
Dividend Paid	(4,358)	(7,844)	(17,430)	(18,750)	(17,250)	(18,000)	(18,750)	(19,500)	(20,250)
Others	1,016	856	(1,666)	(3,398)	(8,647)	(2,780)	(2,505)	(2,257)	(2,034)
Cash flow from financing activities	(11,313)	(15,175)	(27,393)	(33,377)	(26,312)	(20,780)	(21,255)	(21,757)	(22,284)
Net cash flow	(18,556)	5,352	20,978	14,717	(897)	14,421	16,046	9,540	10,850
Ending Cash Balance	3,273	8,625	29,603	44,320	43,423	57,844	73,890	83,430	94,279

### Exhibit 17: Du-pont analysis

Y/e 31 Mar (Rs mn)	FY17	FY18	FY19	FY20	FY21	FY22E	FY23E	FY24E	FY25E
Tax burden (x)	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.9	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7
Interest burden (x)	0.9	0.9	1.0	0.9	0.9	0.9	1.0	1.0	1.0
EBIT margin (x)	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Asset turnover (x)	1.9	2.1	2.5	2.3	1.7	2.3	2.2	2.0	1.9
Financial leverage (x)	1.8	1.7	1.6	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.3
RoE (%)	22.1	23.2	21.8	25.7	26.1	25.8	25.8	22.9	21.3



**Exhibit 18: Ratio analysis** 

Y/e 31 Mar	FY17	FY18	FY19	FY20	FY21	FY22E	FY23E	FY24E	FY25E
Growth matrix (%)									
Revenue growth	(9.3)	24.3	25.5	(7.7)	(26.6)	49.6	10.1	(1.2)	2.0
Op profit growth	63.0	27.8	(0.6)	21.1	17.8	3.9	7.7	(2.2)	2.3
EBIT growth	75.2	30.5	(0.6)	11.5	21.8	5.8	9.7	(2.9)	0.7
Net profit growth	86.6	21.8	3.7	28.5	6.5	8.0	12.5	(0.4)	2.7
Profitability ratios (%)									
ОРМ	10.3	10.8	8.6	11.3	18.1	12.5	12.3	12.1	12.2
EBIT margin	10.2	10.5	8.7	10.1	16.5	11.7	11.8	11.8	11.8
Net profit margin	6.7	6.8	5.6	7.6	11.3	8.2	8.4	8.4	8.5
RoCE	25.9	29.4	29.0	30.6	35.2	34.2	34.1	30.4	28.2
RoE	23.0	23.2	21.8	26.4	26.1	25.8	25.8	22.9	21.3
RoA	12.9	14.1	14.0	18.3	19.0	18.9	18.8	16.9	16.1
Per share ratios									
EPS	10.9	13.9	14.4	18.0	19.7	21.2	23.9	23.8	24.4
Dividend per share	2.9	5.2	11.6	12.5	11.5	12.0	12.5	13.0	13.5
Cash EPS	13.8	16.6	17.1	23.6	24.9	26.2	28.6	28.7	29.9
Book value per share	54.5	64.8	67.1	73.0	77.7	86.9	98.3	109.1	120.0
Valuation ratios									
P/E	20.8	16.5	15.9	12.7	11.6	10.7	9.5	9.6	9.3
P/CEPS	16.5	13.3	12.9	9.3	8.8	8.4	7.7	7.7	7.4
P/B	4.2	3.4	3.3	3.0	2.8	2.5	2.2	2.0	1.8
EV/EBIDTA	14.5	10.7	9.8	7.5	6.4	5.8	5.1	5.0	4.7
Payout (%)									
Dividend payout	27%	38%	81%	70%	58%	57%	52%	55%	55%
Tax payout	29%	32%	33%	13%	26%	25%	25%	25%	25%
Liquidity ratios									
Debtor days	18.9	20.7	13.8	17.7	29.9	15.0	15.0	15.0	15.0
Inventory days	8.4	6.2	5.7	5.3	5.4	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0
Creditor days	16.1	21.5	21.0	22.7	18.3	18.3	18.3	18.3	18.3



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