

Pakistan Oil & Gas Exploration

3QFY25 Previews: Profitability to decrease by 18% YoY

We preview ISL E&P universe 3QFY25 results, where we ISLE&P universe earning estimates estimate sector's profitability to decrease by 18% YoY to clock in at ~PKR84bn. The decrease is mainly attributable to lower oil prices coupled with decline in hydrocarbon production. Similarly, on QoQ basis, profits are expected to decline by 4% mainly attributable to decline in other income.

Revenue of our universe is expected to decrease by 12% YoY mainly due to decline in hydrocarbon and oil prices. On QoQ basis revenue is up by 2% amid slight increase in production and oil prices. Other income is expected to decrease by 20% QoQ amid absence of one off events this quarter. Company wise, we estimate 3QFY25 EPS for OGDC/PPL/MARI/POL at PKR9.9/8.9/9.1/22.0, respectively. We expect OGDC/PPL to announce a DPS of PKR3.5/2.0.

OGDC PA: 3QFY25 EPS expected to clock in at PKR9.9

We expect company to post earnings of PKR9.9/sh in 3QFY25, down by 11% YoY amid lower oil prices coupled with lower hydrocarbon production. Topline is expected to decrease by 10% due to aforementioned reason, while a slight increase in revenue is expected on QoQ basis. Other income is expected to increase by 19% YoY due to absence of FX losses. We expect company to announce cash dividend of PKR3.5/sh.

PPL PA: 3QFY25 EPS expected to clock in at PKR8.9

We expect company to post earnings of PKR8.9/sh in 3QFY25, down by 13% YoY mainly due to lower oil prices and decline in hydrocarbon production. On sequential basis, earnings are expected to decrease by 12% due to decline in other income amid absence of impairment reversal this quarter. Topline of the company is expected to decrease by 11% YoY to clock in at ~PKR66.6bn amid aforementioned reason. We expect company to announce cash dividend of PKR2.0/sh.

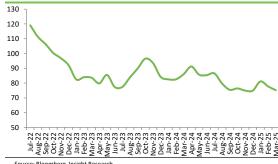
MARI PA: 3QFY25 EPS expected to clock in at PKR9.1

We expect company to post earnings of PKR9.1/sh in 3QFY25, down by 23%/3% YoY/QoQ due to lower gas production coupled with increase in royalty expense. To highlight, company has to pay 15% additional royalty on MARI field from Nov'24. Company is

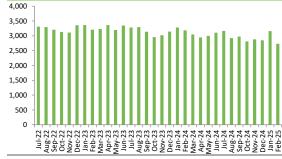
PKR/sh	3QFY25	YoY	QoQ 9	MFY25	9MFY24	YoY	DPS
OGDC	9.9	-11%	3%	29.1	39.8	-27%	3.5
PPL	8.9	-13%	-12%	27.6	35.4	-22%	2.0
MARI	9.1	-23%	-3%	34.3	43.0	-20%	-
POL	22.0	-49%	-17%	57.8	105.4	-45%	-

Source: Company Accounts, Insight Research

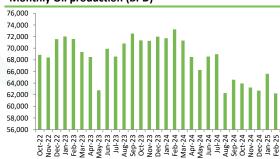
Monthly avg trend of Arab light (US\$/bbl)



Monthly Gas production (MMCFD)



Monthly Oil production (BPD)



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expected to post topline of ~PKR39.7bn, down by 20%/6% YoY/QoQ due to lower gas production coupled with absence of incremental revenue from MARI field. We don't expect company announce dividend this quarter.

POL PA: 3QFY25 EPS expected to clock in at PKR22.0

We expect company to post earnings of PKR22.0/sh in 3QFY25, down by 49%/17% YoY/QoQ mainly led by lower oil prices and hydrocarbon production coupled with decline in other income. We expect topline to decrease by 11% YoY to clock in at ~PKR14.5bn in 3QFY25 due to lower oil prices coupled with decline in oil production. We expect other income to decrease by 51% YoY amid decline in short term investment coupled with lower interest rates. On QoQ basis same is down by 58% primarily due to a one-off insurance claim recorded in the previous quarter. We don't expect company announce dividend this quarter.

ISL E&P sector preview

PKRbn	3QFY25	3QFY24	2QFY25	YoY	QoQ	9MFY25	9MFY24	YoY
Net sales	221	252	217	-12%	2%	672	765	-12%
Royalty	34	32	30	7%	12%	95	98	-3%
Operating costs	54	54	58	0%	-7%	163	160	2%
Gross Profit	133	166	129	-20%	3%	410	505	-19%
Exploration cost	12	23	14	-46%	-10%	42	41	3%
Other income	29	27	37	9%	-20%	105	74	42%
PBT	137	155	137	-11%	0%	430	490	-12%
Tax	54	53	49	2%	9%	172	141	23%
PAT	84	102	88	-18%	-4%	258	349	-26%

Source: Company Accounts, Insight Research



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TP	Target Price	DCF	Discounted Cash Flows	FCF	Free Cash Flows
FCFE	Free Cash Flows to Equity	FCFF	Free Cash Flows to Firm	DDM	Dividend Discount Model
SOTP	Sum of the Parts	P/E	Price to Earnings ratio	P/Bv	Price to Book ratio
P/S	Price to Sales	EVA	Economic Valued Added	BVPS	Book Value per Share
EPS	Earnings per Share	DPS	Dividend per Share	DY	Dividend Yield
ROE	Return on Equity	ROA	Return on Assets	CAGR	Compounded Annual Growth Rate



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