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December 6, 2011 TLLP-NYSE--Outperform (1) / V

Small Cap Pipeline MLPs

TLLP: Highlights from the Wells Fargo Energy Conference

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Tesoro Logistics L.P. Price as of 12/6/2011: \$29.53

Sector Rating: Small Cap Pipeline MLPs, Overweight

TLLP announced preliminary financial expectations for 2013. Net-net, the guidance is positive and above our prior expectations. In total, the partnership expects to generate \$100MM of EBITDA in 2013, which is above our previous estimate of \$83MM (excluding our assumed 2013 drop-down of \$100MM). Growth will be supported by a combination of organic growth expenditures and an expected 2012 drop-down of the Martinez Crude Oil Marine terminal from the GP sponsor Tesoro Corp. (TSO). While the size of the potential 2012 drop down appears to be smaller than our previous estimate (i.e. \$80MM assuming a 10x multiple versus our previous estimate of \$100MM), TLLP's growth capex budget for 2012-13 of \$100MM is well above our previous forecast of \$56MM. We maintain our positive outlook on TLLP and our Outperform rating.

First Drop-Down Identified. TLLP expects to acquire the Martinez Crude Oil Marine Terminal in 2012 as its first 2012 drop-down from sponsor TSO. Management anticipates additional drop-downs throughout 2012 and 2013. The acquisition will be funded through available capacity on the partnership's revolving credit facility. The Martinez Marine Terminal has a projected volume of 70,000 Bbl/d, a wharf capacity of 145,000 Bbl/d, storage capacity of 425,000 Bbl/d, and transportation pipelines connected to Tesoro's Martinez, CA Refinery. The partnership has contracted a ten-year commitment (i.e. two five-year renewals) with committed capacity equal to 90% of projected volumes. TLLP projects the asset will generate \$8MM in annual EBITDA with \$0.5MM of annual maintenance capital expenditures. Assuming the asset is sold to TLLP at a 10x EBITDA multiple, the drop down could total approximately \$80MM.

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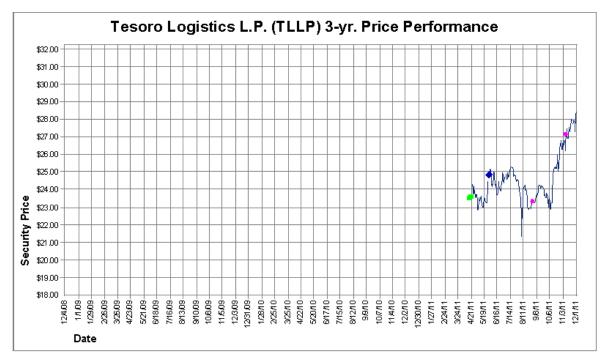
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FY 11 DCF/unit: \$1.81 FY 12 DCF/unit: \$1.98 Shares Out.: 30.5 MM Market Cap.: \$900.67 MM

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	5/31/2011		Lui			
•	5/31/2011	24.49	1	26.00	28.00	24.84
•	9/1/2011	23.44	1	25.00	27.00	23.30
•	11/10/2011	25.89	1	26,00	28.00	27.13

Source: Wells Fargo Securities, LLC estimates and Reuters data

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