

AHL Brief Note: Oil Marketing Companies

Pakistan State Oil Company Limited

Corporate Briefing Takeaways

The management of Pakistan State Oil Company Limited held a corporate briefing session on 24th Jun'24 to discuss the 9MFY24 financial result and future outlook.

Brief Takeaways

- Pakistan State Oil Company Limited (PSO) reported a profit after tax (PAT) of PKR 13.4bn (EPS: PKR 28.54) for 9MFY24, a 30% YoY increase from PKR 10.3bn (EPS: PKR 21.91) in the same period last year.
- PSO has a total storage capacity of ~1.23 MMTs and operates over 3,500 retail sites, 30 of which are company-operated. The company added 37 new outlets during this period, maintaining its position as the industry leader in market share.
- PSO's white oil market share increased to 52.4% in 9MFY24 from 51.1% in SPLY, despite a 2.4% YoY reduction in sales volumes, against an industry decline to 10,501 KMT (down 5% YoY).
- Out of PSO's total borrowings, 60% are FE-25 borrowings, with the remainder being local currency borrowings sensitive to local interest rates. As per recent accounts, PSO's short-term net borrowing stands at PKR 386bn.
- PSO's trade debts, including Late Payment Surcharge (LPS), total PKR 810bn, with over PKR 500bn owed by SNGPL, PKR 150bn by GENCO, and PKR 27bn by HUBCO and PIA. PSO anticipates no further debt accumulation from SNGPL following discussions between two companies in Feb'24.
- Management indicated that due to the significant increase in consumer gas prices, PSO's liquidity position is anticipated to improve.
- The Front-End Engineering Design (FEED) study for PRL, costing approximately PKR 12bn, is expected to complete by Oct'24. The refinery upgrade project, estimated to require USD 1.5bn to USD 2bn, will be primarily financed through foreign borrowing.
- Management clarified that Sinopec was never formally engaged or disengaged in the Greenfield refinery project. PSO is currently conducting a market review to assess demand.

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