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Attock Petroleum Limited (APL)

Earnings: Attock Petroleum Limited (APL) announced its 1QFY24 result. The Company reported 1QFY24 earnings of PKR 5.26bn (EPS PKR 42.27), up by +23%/y/y compared to PKR 4.29bn (EPS PKR 34.48) in the similar period last year. On quarterly basis, profitability is up by +2.0xy/y.

Dividend/Payout: The Company did not announce any cash dividend along with the result, in line with its payout policy.

Operating Performance: Earnings growth during 1QFY24 was primarily led by higher inventory gains, OMC margin increase and higher finance income. However, incline in earnings was restricted by higher tax and lower volumes. During the period under review, APL reported +10%/y/y jump in revenue during 1QFY24 on the back higher domestic prices despite lower volumes. Operating expense declined by 28%/y/y to PKR 2.7bn during 1QFY24. Other charges increased by +37%/y/y to PKR 0.65bn during 1QFY24 compared to PKR 0.47bn in the same period last year. Finance income augmented substantially to PKR 1.67bn during 1QFY24 compared to PKR 0.25bn in the similar period last year likely owing to higher mark-up income. On quarterly basis, earnings improved by +2.0xy/y mainly due to higher inventory gains. Effective tax stood at 40.1% during 1QFY24 (4QFY23: 53.3%) compared to 33.5% in the same period last year.

Exhibit: APL Financial Highlights					
For the period 1QFY24					
PKRmn	1QFY24	1QFY23	y/y	4QFY23	q/q
Net Sales	136,439	123,931	10%	123,103	11%
Gross Profit	10,274	9,991	3%	6,294	63%
Operating Expenses	2,705	3,733	-28%	2,052	32%
Impairment Loss / (Reversal)	7	34	-78%	(18)	n/m
Other Charges	647	471	37%	410	58%
Other Income	194	391	-50%	389	-50%
EBIT	7,755	6,615	17%	4,648	67%
Finance Income / (Cost)	1,668	248	5.7x	1,328	26%
Profit Before Taxation	8,773	6,451	36%	5,621	56%
Profit After Taxation	5,260	4,290	23%	2,625	2.0x
EPS (PKR)	42.27	34.48		21.09	
DPS (PKR)	0.00	0.00		15.00	
Source: IGI Research, PSX				No of Shares: 99.53mn	

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