Flash Note

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Fertilizer

Fauji Fertilizer Company Limited (FFC)

High prices and improved margins took 4QCY18 earnings up by +24%YoY to PKR 4.65/share; Dividend at PKR 3.90/share

- Fauji Fertilizer Company Limited (FFC) announced its financial results for 4QCY18 with unconsolidated earnings clocking at PKR 5.91bn (EPS: PKR 4.65) as compared to PKR 4.78bn (EPS: PKR 3.76) in the same period last year. On cumulative basis, company witnessed profitability of PKR 14.44bn (EPS: PKR 11.35), marking a significant growth of +35%YoY.
- The company also declared a cash dividend of PKR 3.90/share for the quarter, taking full year dividend to PKR 8.85/share.
- Net sales for the quarter have increased by +7%YoY to PKR 35.29bn, owing to increase in prices despite a drop of 18%YoY in urea sales.
- Other income decreased by 57%YoY to PKR 1.37bn on the back of removal of subsidy and nil dividend from AKBL and FCCL. However, dividend contribution from Fauji Wind Power during the quarter provided some respite, in our view.
- Finance cost decreased by 18%YoY to PKR 0.45bn owing to reduced debt repayments and borrowings.

Exhibit:

FFC: 4QCY18 Result Highlights

Period End Dec- PKRmn	4QCY18	4QCY17	YoY	CY18	CY17	YoY
Net Sales	35,287	32,964	7%	105,964	90,714	17%
Gross Profit	9,866	6,530	51%	27,979	18,093	55%
Selling / Dist.	2,122	2,039	4%	8,833	8,574	3%
Other Op. Income	1,374	3,208	-57%	6,283	10,324	-39%
EBIT	8,418	7,106	18%	23,320	18,212	28%
Finance Cost	454	553	-18%	1,637	2,471	-34%
Pre-Tax Profits	7,964	6,553	22%	21,683	15,741	38%
Taxation	2,051	1,775	16%	7,244	5,030	44%
Post-Tax Profits	5,913	4,778	24%	14,439	10,711	35%
EPS	4.65	3.76		11.35	8.42	
DPS	3.90	3.00		8.85	7.00	
Key Ratios						
Gross Profit Margins	28.0%	19.8%		26.4%	19.9%	
Ebit Margins	23.9%	21.6%		22.0%	20.1%	
Effective Tax Rate	25.8%	27.1%		33.4%	32.0%	

Source: IGI Research, Company Financials, PSX No. of shares: 1272mn

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