

BP Plastics Bhd
Results Note
Stock Code: 5100
Price: RM0.83
Market Capitalisation: RM99.7m
Board: Main Board
Sector: Industrial Products
Recommendation: Upgrade to HOLD
Key Stock Statistics

| <u>FYE Dec (RMm)</u> | <u>2006</u> | <u>2007F</u> |
|-----------------------------|-------------|--------------|
| EPS (sen) | 16.0 | 8.6 |
| P/E (x) | 5.2 | 10.0 |
| Dividend/Share (sen) | 5.0 | 5.0 |
| NTA/Share (RM) | 0.86 | 0.95 |
| Book Value/Share (RM) | 0.86 | 0.95 |
| Issued Capital (mil shares) | 120.0 | 120.0 |
| 52-weeks Share Price Range | 1.07 - 1.29 | |

Major Shareholders:

| | % |
|------------|------|
| LG Capital | 45.0 |

Per Share Data

| <u>FYE Dec (RMm)</u> | <u>2004</u> | <u>2005</u> | <u>2006</u> | <u>2007F</u> | <u>2008F</u> |
|----------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|
| Book Value (sen) | 0.5 | 0.7 | 0.9 | 0.9 | 0.9 |
| Cash Flow (sen) | 1.1 | 30.9 | 0.3 | 27.3 | 18.5 |
| Earnings (sen) | 12.3 | 17.1 | 16.0 | 8.6 | 12.2 |
| Dividend (sen) | - | 7.0 | 5.0 | 5.0 | 5.0 |
| Payout Ratio | - | 41.0 | 31.2 | 57.9 | 40.9 |
| PER (x) | 6.7 | 4.9 | 5.2 | 10.0 | 6.8 |
| P/Cash Flow (x) | - | 3.9 | 355.2 | 4.4 | 6.4 |
| P/Book Value (x) | 1.7 | 1.2 | 0.9 | 0.9 | 0.9 |
| Dividend Yield (%) | - | 5.9 | 4.2 | 4.2 | 4.2 |
| ROE (%) | - | 28.1 | 20.6 | 10.0 | 13.5 |
| Net Gearing (%) | - | (8.5) | Net Cash | Net Cash | Net Cash |

P&L Analysis (RM mil)

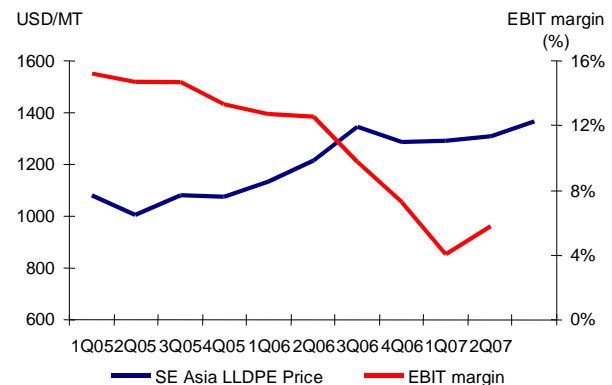
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|----------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|
| Revenue | 122.1 | 160.0 | 200.2 | 206.3 | 248.7 |
| Operating Profit | 17.3 | 22.0 | 19.9 | 12.1 | 16.1 |
| Depreciation | -3.2 | -3.7 | -4.7 | -5.1 | -5.4 |
| Interest Expenses | -0.3 | -0.4 | -0.4 | -0.4 | -0.4 |
| Pre-tax Profit | 17.9 | 23.4 | 21.1 | 12.2 | 17.0 |
| Effective Tax Rate | 17.7 | 12.4 | 9.1 | 15.0 | 14.0 |
| Net Profit | 14.7 | 20.5 | 19.2 | 10.4 | 14.7 |
| Operating Margin | 14.2 | 13.7 | 10.0 | 5.9 | 6.5 |
| Pre-tax Margin | 14.6 | 14.6 | 10.6 | 5.9 | 6.9 |
| Net Margin | 12.1 | 12.8 | 9.6 | 5.0 | 5.9 |

Results Review & Earnings Outlook

- BPP reported H107 net profit of RM2.4m (-58% yoy), which was 37% of our full-year forecast. However, we expect sequential earnings to improve in H207: (1) Q207 margins expanded by 180bps to 6% due to lower negotiated resin prices; (2) plant utilization and order-flow has improved. We maintain our EPS forecast.
- At this stage, we believe the main downside risk lies in higher resin costs rising in tandem with crude oil prices (+16% YTD). However, we think this risk is fully priced-in to the share price at current level.

Valuation & Recommendation

- Following this month's market sell-down BPP's share price has fallen -18% YTD. We raise our rating on the stock from a SELL to a **HOLD** with a revised price target of **RM0.86** based on 10x FY07 PE, in view of the mismatch between share price performance and BPP's improving business fundamentals.

Fig1: SE Asia LLDPE and EBIT margin trends


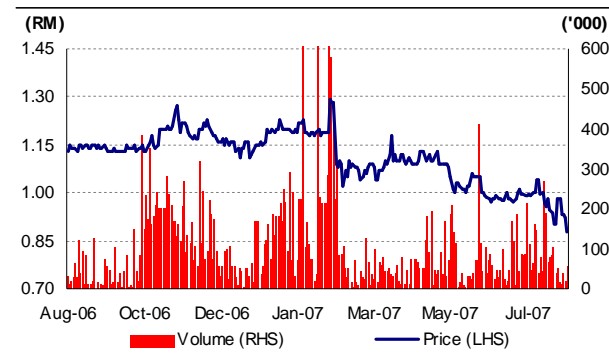
Source: Bloomberg, company

Figure 2: Quarterly results comparison

| | 2QFY06 | 1QFY07 | 2QFY07 | QoQ | YoY |
|------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Revenue | 52.2 | 40.6 | 46.7 | 15.1% | -10.5% |
| Operating Profit | 6.5 | 1.6 | 2.7 | 65.7% | -58.5% |
| Int expense | -0.2 | -0.1 | -0.1 | -15.4% | -58.5% |
| Int income | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 83.7% | -37.8% |
| Pre-tax Profit | 6.5 | 1.6 | 2.7 | 70.1% | -58.1% |
| Net Profit | 5.8 | 1.4 | 2.4 | 73.8% | -57.6% |
| Operating Margin | 12.5% | 4.0% | 5.8% | 44.0% | -53.7% |
| Pre-tax Margin | 12.5% | 3.9% | 5.8% | 47.8% | -53.2% |
| Net Margin | 11.0% | 3.5% | 5.2% | 51.1% | -52.6% |

Figure 3: Cumulative quarters results

| | FY06 | FY07 | Ytd Chg |
|------------------|-------|------|---------|
| Revenue | 100.3 | 87.4 | -12.9% |
| Operating Profit | 12.7 | 4.4 | -65.6% |
| Int expense | -0.3 | -0.1 | -53.5% |
| Int income | 0.3 | 0.1 | -61.4% |
| Pre-tax Profit | 12.7 | 4.3 | -65.8% |
| Net Profit | 11.1 | 3.8 | -65.3% |
| Operating Margin | 12.6% | 5.0% | -60.5% |
| Pre-tax Margin | 12.6% | 5.0% | -60.7% |
| Net Margin | 11.0% | 4.4% | -60.1% |

Figure 4: Cumulative quarters results


Source: Bloomberg

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| BUY | Total return is expected to exceed +15% over a 12-month period |
| TRADING BUY (TR BUY) | Total return is expected to exceed +15% over a 3-month period due to short-term positive development, but fundamentals are not strong enough to warrant a Buy call. This is to cater to investors who are willing to take on higher risks |
| ADD | Total return is expected to be between 0% to +15% over a 12-month period |
| REDUCE | Total return is expected to be between 0% to -15% over a 12-month period |
| TRADING SELL (TR SELL) | Total return is expected to be below -15% over a 3-month period due to short-term negative development, but fundamentals are strong enough to avoid a Sell call. This is to cater to investors who are willing to take on higher risks |
| SELL | Total return is expected to be below -15% over a 12-month period |
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