

## Oil & Gas - Q4FY24 Earnings Preview

### RIL, Gas Utilities & CGDs are major drivers

In Q4 our Oil and gas coverage universe showed strong growth YoY, with EBITDA likely to be up by +9% QoQ/+8% YoY to Rs786bn and PAT up +14% QoQ (down 5% YoY) to Rs392bn. Key factors contributing to growth (1) RIL's O2C to post jumbo profits on higher GRM with very minimal impact of SAED (>US\$0.1/bbl), higher refining throughput, and better Petrochemical spread; (2) gas utilities to benefit from peak gas demand in India with GAIL most likely to post bumper gas trading margins and PLNG's Dahej/Kochi terminal asset utilization to touch 98%/28%; (3) CGDs volume growth and GUJGA margin improvement (QoQ) to be major earning drivers; and (4) sequential improvement in GRM with inventory gain to support OMCs earnings. Our **Top Picks** are IGL, MAHGL, and GAIL. **Positive Surprise:** GUJGA may post better than expected unit EBITDA on softer spot LNG prices and GAIL may surprise on gas trading margins.

### CGDs & Gas utilities to deliver volume growth

**Gas Utilities:** Robust gas demand, driven by higher domestic production with softer LNG prices, is likely to drive a strong 2.6x YoY jump in EBITDA and a 1.7x YoY jump in PAT for three gas utilities. Softer LNG will act as a boon for GAIL's petrochemical and LPG segment may see stronger realizations supporting earnings. **GUJGA:** Among the CGDs, GUJGA can post a positive surprise on earnings, the biggest beneficiary of softer spot LNG price. As per channel check at Morbi, in Q4FY24, total gas (propane + PNG-L) demand was ~7mmcmd (+7% QoQ) mainly due to (1) revival in export of ceramic products from mid-Feb'24; and (2) all units at Morbi were operating ~ 90% utilization levels. **MAHGL:** CNG registration run rate of 8k/m largely remains the same QoQ, thereby, we expect MAHGL to post sales volume of 3.74mmcmd (+11% YoY, +2% QoQ). But there is sequential margin normalization on CNG price cut. **IGL:** Likely to post sales volume of 8.7mmcmd (+3% QoQ, +6% YoY), backed by strong growth momentum in CNG vehicle conversion with expansions in new geographies.

### RELIANCE IN: Improvement across segment QoQ

RIL is expected to post EBITDA of Rs439bn (+14% YoY, +8% QoQ) mainly due to (1) better GRM and crude inventory gain with less than US\$0.1/bbl impact of SAED on RIL GRM; (2) O2C earnings to be supported by better petchem spreads and higher refining throughput (Q3 had a shutdown at some refinery units); (3) net subscriber addition of 12mn QoQ, but moderation in ARPU to Rs180.6; (4) R- retail expected to add ~ 200 stores which may result in retail revenue growth of 25% YoY (incl. SSG).

### OMCs: Super normal marketing margins continues

HPCL's Vizag refinery commissioning to boost throughput by 21% YoY. Usual crude inventory valuations suggest gains of US\$1.6/US\$1/US\$1 per bbl for IOCL/BPCL/HPCL, however investors are perplexed by IOCL's inventory valuation method over last few quarters. GMM on auto fuel are at supernormal level.

### Exhibit 1: RIL's drivers = Better GRM + Subscriber growth +Retail

Particulars (Rs Mn)	Q4FY24E	Q3FY24	Q4FY23	QoQ (%)	YoY (%)
Revenue	24,27,455	22,50,860	21,29,450	7.8	14.0
EBITDA	4,39,496	4,06,560	3,84,400	8.1	14.3
PAT	1,92,118	1,72,650	1,92,990	11.3	(0.5)
EPS	28.4	25.5	28.5	11.3	(0.4)
<b>Operating metrics - assumption</b>					
Refinery Throughput - MMT	15.8	15.5	15.6	1.9	1.2
Jio Subscriber addition net (mn)	12.0	11.2	6.4	7.1	87.5
Jio ARPU (Rs)	180.6	181.7	178.8	(0.6)	1.0

Source: Company, DART

### BPCL IN: Sequential improvement in crude throughput

Our calculated BPCL GRM is US\$14.5/bbl (inclusive of US\$1/bbl inventory gain). Sequential improvement in crude throughput and supernormal GMM to support the earnings.

### Exhibit 2: BPCL's = Inventory gain + jump in throughput (QoQ)

Particulars (Rs Mn)	Q4FY24E	Q3FY24	Q4FY23	QoQ (%)	YoY (%)
Revenue	11,36,853	11,54,942	11,81,121	(1.6)	(3.7)
EBITDA	82,589	62,262	1,11,537	32.6	(26.0)
PAT	47,476	33,973	78,377	39.7	(39.4)
EPS	22.2	15.9	36.7	39.7	(39.4)
<b>Operating metrics - assumption</b>					
GRM - US\$/bbl (Incl. invt gain)	14.5	13.4	20.6	8.6	(29.5)
Refinery Throughput - MMT	10.1	9.9	10.6	2.4	(5.1)
Oil Product Sales volume - MMT	12.9	13.2	13.3	(2.1)	(2.5)
Auto fuel gross margins (Rs/ltr)	4.2	3.6	3.3	16.4	26.4

Source: Company, DART

### HPCL IN: Jump in throughput with inventory gain

Vizag refinery Feb'24 throughput suggests that the refinery has been fully commissioned for the capacity of 15MMTPA. We expect a sharp jump in crude throughput (+21% YoY, +13% QoQ) and supernormal GMM is the real earning driver. We also expect a crude inventory gain of US\$1/bbl.

### Exhibit 3: HPCL Jump in throughput with inventory gain

Particulars (Rs Mn)	Q4FY24E	Q3FY24	Q4FY23	QoQ(%)	YoY(%)
Revenue	9,16,196	11,13,063	10,79,278	(17.7)	(15.1)
EBITDA	44,124	21,636	47,986	103.9	(8.0)
PAT	22,575	5,290	32,226	326.7	(29.9)
EPS	15.9	3.7	22.7	326.7	(29.9)
<b>Operating metrics - assumption</b>					
GRM - US\$/bbl (Incl. invt gain)	12.1	8.5	14.0	42.5	(13.6)
Refinery Throughput - MMT	6.0	5.3	5.0	12.7	21.3
Oil Product Sales volume - MMT	11.9	11.9	11.1	0.0	7.1
Auto fuel gross margins (Rs/ltr)	4.2	3.6	3.3	16.4	26.4

Source: Company, DART

## IOCL IN: Perplexed about inventory valuations

Investors are perplexed about IOCL's inventory valuation methods compared to OMCs, in the last few quarters given surprises on inventory gain/loss. Our calculation suggests that IOCL will post inventory gains of US\$1.5/bbl in Q4. We expect EBITDA decline of 3% YoY mainly due to (1) fall in GRM; (2) Russian Crude discounts slumped to US\$1.9/bbl vs US\$6.8/bbl in Q4FY23; and (3) weak petrochemical margins - A rise in crude price led to higher feedstock cost which impacted petrochemical margins. However, discounts on Venezuela crude are much higher and Gross Marketing Margins (GMM) on auto fuel were still super normal ~Rs4.2/ltr in Q4FY24.

### Exhibit 4: IOCL = Weakness in GRM YoY + Lower crude throughput

Particulars (Rs Mn)	Q4FY24E	Q3FY24	Q4FY23	QoQ (%)	YoY (%)
Revenue	21,33,951	19,91,040	20,29,941	7.2	5.1
EBITDA	1,49,046	1,54,887	1,53,403	(3.8)	(2.8)
PAT	81,585	80,634	1,00,587	1.2	(18.9)
EPS	5.8	5.7	7.1	1.2	(18.9)
<b>Operating metrics - assumption</b>					
GRM - US\$/bbl (Incl. invt gain)	14.5	13.5	15.3	7.2	(5.1)
Refinery Throughput - MMT	17.8	18.5	19.2	(3.8)	(7.3)
Oil Product Sales volume - MMT	22.2	22.3	22.5	(0.5)	(1.4)
Auto fuel gross margins (Rs/ltr)	4.2	3.6	3.3	16.4	26.4

Source: Company, DART

## MAHGL IN: Robust volume growth but margins normalization

CNG registration run rate of 8k/m largely remains the same QoQ, Hence, we expect MAHGL to post sales volume of 3.74mmcmd (+11% YoY, +2% QoQ). In Q4FY24, APM gas shortfall touched ~30% a direct impact on the gas cost; we expect MAHGL unit EBITDA to normalize to Rs12.4/scm. However, 45% of the non-APM gas is linked to US H-H gas price which is corrected by 12% QoQ.

### Exhibit 5: MAHGL = Robust volume growth backed by CNG conversions

Particulars (Rs Mn)	Q4FY24E	Q3FY24	Q4FY23	QoQ (%)	YoY (%)
INR Revenue	16,026.7	15,687.6	16,104.8	2.2	(0.5)
EBITDA	4,277.4	4,486.9	3,897.0	(4.7)	9.8
PAT	2,957.6	3,171.8	2,688.1	(6.8)	10.0
EPS	29.9	32.1	27.2	(6.8)	10.0
<b>Operating metrics - assumption</b>					
Total Sales volume- mmcmd	3.7	3.7	3.4	1.8	10.8
EBITDA per unit - Rs/scm	12.4	13.3	12.8	(6.3)	(3.1)

Source: Company, DART

## IGL IN: Margin recovery on a soft non APM price

As per guidance, IGL is likely to post a total sales volume of 8.7mmcmd (+3% QoQ, +6% YoY) backed by strong growth momentum in CNG vehicle conversion with expansions in new geographies. Despite CNG price cut in Mar'24, we expect sequential improvement in margin mainly due to lower non APM gas cost (1) 12% sequential fall in HH gas price; and (2) 1% decline in crude prices (+ve for crude linked LNG). We expect IGL gross margins to be Rs12.8/scm and unit EBITDA to be Rs7.4/scm.

### Exhibit 5: IGL - CNG vehicle conversion to drive volume growth

Particulars (Rs Mn)	Q4FY24E	Q3FY24	Q4FY23	QoQ(%)	YoY(%)
Revenue	36,418.4	35,561.9	36,871.8	2.4	-1.2
EBITDA	5,869.8	5,641.4	4,662.8	4.0	25.9
PAT	4,098.7	3,920.7	3,297.5	4.5	24.3
EPS	5.9	5.6	4.7	4.5	24.3
<b>Operating metrics - assumption</b>					
Total Sales volume- mmscmd	8.7	8.5	8.3	2.6	5.4
EBITDA per unit - Rs/scm	7.4	7.2	6.3	2.5	18.1

Source: Company, DART

### GUJGA IN: Rebound in Volume

As per our channel check at Morbi, in Q4, total gas (propane + PNG-I) demand was ~7mmscmd (+7% QoQ) mainly due to (1) revival in export of ceramic products from mid-Feb'24; and (2) all units at Morbi operating at ~ 90% utilization levels. We expect GUJGA's overall EBITDA improve to Rs5.1/scm (vs. Rs4.8/scm in Q3). Overall sales volume to jump to 9.85mmscmd (+7% QoQ, +11% YoY).

### Exhibit 6: GUJGA – PNG(I) Price cut to be Volume Growth Driver

Particulars (Rs Mn)	Q4FY24E	Q3FY24	Q4FY23	QoQ(%)	YoY(%)
Revenue	39,362.0	39,291.0	39,285.7	0.2	0.2
EBITDA	4,515.6	4,006.8	5,603.2	12.7	(19.4)
PAT	2,604.9	2,203.4	3,692.2	18.2	(29.4)
EPS	3.8	3.2	5.4	18.2	(29.4)
<b>Operating metrics - assumption</b>					
Total Sales volume- mmscmd	9.8	9.2	8.9	7.5	11.1
PNG Industrial volume - mmscmd	6.0	5.5	5.4	8.5	11.9
EBITDA per unit - Rs/scm	5.1	4.8	7.0	7.0	(27.6)

Source: Company, DART

### GAIL IN: Transmission & Trading a key driver of earnings

India's gas consumption averaged 196mmscmd (+2% QoQ) in Q4FY24, while domestic gas production touched 103mmscmd, a multiyear high. GAIL will be the biggest beneficiary and likely report a jump in gas transmission volume to ~124mmscmd in Q4FY24. Despite continuous decline in APM gas allocation, GAIL's cash cost for the pipeline Biz has declined since Q4FY23. Hence, we do not see a substantial increase in cash cost in Q4FY24 on softer HH prices. The trading segment will continue to post better margins in Q4. We expect petrochemical facility to operate at ~100% in Q4 and is likely to report profitability on account of spot LNG prices being higher QoQ.

### Exhibit 7: GAIL – Transmission volume + Trading margins to drive Growth

Particulars (Rs Mn)	Q4FY24E	Q3FY24	Q4FY23	QoQ(%)	YoY(%)
Revenue	3,46,604.9	3,42,535.2	3,28,582.0	1.2	5.5
EBITDA	38,913.3	38,225.7	3,071.7	1.8	1,166.8
PAT	27,039.4	28,426.2	6,035.2	(4.9)	348.0
EPS	4.1	4.3	0.9	(4.9)	348.0
<b>Operating metrics - assumption</b>					
Gas Transmission volume - mmscmd	124.0	121.5	108.2	2.0	14.6
Gas Trading Volume - mmscmd	100.0	98.1	96.5	1.9	3.7
Petrochemical sales - KT	205.0	215.0	118.0	(4.7)	73.7

Source: Company, DART

## GUJS IN: Sharp recovery in volume

A sharp recovery in volume (+26% YoY, +9% QoQ) on softer LNG prices; Gas Power Plants and CGD will be the major consumer of gas during the quarter. PNGRB has not finalized tariffs on GUJS pipelines yet.

### Exhibit 8: Sharp recovery in volume on softer LNG price

Particulars (Rs Mn)	Q4FY24E	Q3FY24	Q4FY23	QoQ(%)	YoY(%)
Revenue	5,204.4	5,542.4	4,430.1	(6.1)	17.5
EBITDA	3,850.0	3,795.9	2,947.3	1.4	30.6
PAT	2,664.3	2,622.0	2,243.3	1.6	18.8
EPS	4.7	4.7	4.0	1.6	18.8
<b>Operating metrics - assumption</b>					
Gas Transmission volume - mmscmd	31.6	29.0	25.1	8.9	26.0
Transmission tariffs - Rs/scm	1.8	1.9	1.6	(5.8)	10.4

Source: Company, DART

## PLNG IN: India's LNG demand intact on softer LNG price

Petronet LNG is likely to report total re-gas volume of 238tbtu (+29% YoY & +3% QoQ). As per Bloomberg data, re-gas volume of the Dahej terminal will be 220tbu (+28% YoY). We expect Dahej/Kochi terminal utilization of 98%/28% in Q4FY24.

### Exhibit 9: Dahej Utilization 98%; Kochi to touch 28%

Particulars (Rs Mn)	Q4FY24E	Q3FY24	Q4FY23	QoQ(%)	YoY(%)
INR Revenue	1,29,802.2	1,47,472.1	1,38,739.3	-12.0	-6.4
EBITDA	13,802.0	17,059.9	9,430.7	-19.1	46.4
PAT	9,485.2	11,906.7	6,142.5	-20.3	54.4
EPS	6.3	7.9	4.1	-20.3	54.4
<b>Operating metrics - assumption</b>					
Total Re-gas Volume - tbtu	238.0	232.0	185.0	2.6	28.6
Dahej volume - tbtu	220.0	218.0	172.0	0.9	27.9
Kochi Volume - Tbtu	18.0	14.0	13.0	28.6	38.5

Source: Company, DART

## Oil & Gas Sector Preview

(Rs bn)	Revenue			EBITDA			EBITDA Margin (%)			PAT		
Company	Q4FY24E	YoY(%)	QoQ(%)	Q4FY24E	YoY(%)	QoQ(%)	Q4FY24E	YoY(bps)	QoQ(bps)	Q4FY24E	YoY(%)	QoQ(%)
GAIL	346.6	5.5	1.2	38.9	1166.8	1.8	11.2	1029	7	27.0	348.0	(4.9)
GSPL	5.2	17.5	(6.1)	3.9	30.6	1.4	74.0	745	549	2.7	18.8	1.6
GUJ GAS	39.4	0.2	0.2	4.5	(19.4)	12.7	11.5	(279)	127	2.6	(29.4)	18.2
IGL	36.4	(1.2)	2.4	5.9	25.9	4.0	16.1	347	25	4.1	24.3	4.5
MAH GAS	16.0	(0.5)	2.2	4.3	9.8	(4.7)	26.7	249	(191)	3.0	10.0	(6.8)
PLNG	129.8	(6.4)	(12.0)	13.5	42.8	(21.0)	10.4	358	(119)	9.2	50.4	(22.4)
RIL	2427.5	14.0	7.8	439.5	14.3	8.1	18.1	5	4	192.1	(0.5)	11.3
BPCL	1136.9	(3.7)	(1.6)	82.6	(26.0)	32.6	7.3	(218)	187	47.5	(39.4)	39.7
HPCL	916.2	(15.1)	(17.7)	44.1	(8.0)	103.9	4.8	37	287	22.6	(29.9)	326.7
IOC	2134.0	5.1	7.2	149.0	191.8	(3.8)	7.0	(57)	(79)	81.6	(18.9)	1.2

Source: Company, DART

## Valuation Matrix

Companies	CMP (Rs)	TP (Rs)	Rating	EPS				PE (x)				ROE (%)				ROCE (%)			
				FY23	FY24E	FY25E	FY26E	FY23	FY24E	FY25E	FY26E	FY23	FY24E	FY25E	FY26E	FY23	FY24E	FY25E	FY26E
GAIL	191	205	Accumulate	8.2	15.0	16.3	17.1	23.3	12.7	11.7	11.1	8.4	14.6	14.7	14.2	5.3	10.5	11.0	10.8
GSPL	375	385	Accumulate	16.8	22.3	21.5	23.4	22.4	16.8	17.4	16.0	10.7	13.0	11.5	11.5	10.6	12.9	11.4	11.5
GUJ GAS	548	470	SELL	22.2	15.3	20.1	22.9	24.7	35.9	27.3	23.9	24.1	14.2	16.7	17.0	23.7	14.2	16.7	17.0
IGL	460	500	Accumulate	20.6	24.2	23.8	25.1	22.3	19.0	19.4	18.3	20.6	22.9	20.7	20.3	20.4	22.7	20.6	20.2
MAH GAS	1,440	1,440	Accumulate	80.0	122.5	108.2	117.3	18.0	11.8	13.3	12.3	20.4	26.9	20.7	20.0	20.6	26.9	20.7	20.0
PLNG	278	227	SELL	22.3	23.4	25.9	25.7	12.5	11.9	10.7	10.8	23.6	22.2	22.0	19.9	25.3	23.5	22.9	20.4
RIL	2,920	3,010	Accumulate	98.6	114.2	131.9	154.5	29.6	25.6	22.1	18.9	8.3	8.5	8.7	9.4	7.4	7.6	8.0	8.6
BPCL	590	575	Reduce	15.1	124.1	46.4	49.2	39.0	4.8	12.7	12.0	6.2	43.3	13.5	13.2	6.4	27.4	10.1	10.1
HPCL	461	453	Reduce	(63.3)	95.6	54.8	60.7	nm	4.8	8.4	7.6	(27.0)	41.9	19.6	19.0	(8.1)	14.8	8.4	8.5
IOC	168	150	Reduce	6.3	28.1	14.5	15.4	26.6	6.0	11.6	10.9	6.5	26.5	12.4	12.4	5.9	15.5	8.3	8.4

Source: DART, Company



**DART RATING MATRIX**

Total Return Expectation (12 Months)

Buy	> 20%
Accumulate	10 to 20%
Reduce	0 to 10%
Sell	< 0%

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