Systematix Institutional Equities

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RESULT UPDATE				
Sector: Natural Gas	Rating: SELL			
CMP: Rs 545	Target Price: Rs 456			
Stock Info				
Sensex/Nifty	73,466/ 22,303			
Bloomberg	GUJGA IN			
Equity shares (mn)	688			
52-wk High/Low	Rs 621/397			
Face value	Rs 2			
M-Cap	Rs 375bn/ USD 4.5bn			
3-m Avg value	USD 8.2mn			

Financial Snapshot (Rs bn)

Y/E Mar	FY24	FY25E	FY26E
Sales	157	144	154
EBITDA	19	23	24
PAT	11	14	15
EPS (Rs)	15.8	20.3	21.7
PE (x)	34.5	26.9	25.1
EV/EBITDA (x)	19.6	15.8	14.5
RoE (%)	14.9	16.4	15.9
RoCE (%)	15.8	18.1	17.5
Dividend yield (%)	1.0	1.3	1.4

Shareholding Pattern (%)

	Sep'23	Dec'23	Mar'24
Promoter	60.9	60.9	60.9
FII	3.8	3.3	3.7
DII	13.1	13.9	15.1
Others	22.2	21.9	20.3

Stock Performance (1-year)



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Gujarat Gas

above our and consensus estimates on the back of higher volumes and better than expected gross margin. Total volume rose 6% QoQ to 9.7mmscmd on the back of improvement across segments. DPNG/CPNG volumes attained a 20%/7% QoQ jump to 0.9mmscmd/0.2mmscmd while IPNG volumes bounced back 5% to 5.8mmscmd due to competitive pricing in the Morbi region. CNG volumes recorded the highest-ever volume to reach 2.9mmscmd (4% QoQ/14% YoY) led by deeper penetration from new GAs. Spot LNG price averaged at \$9.4/mmbtu in Q4FY24 (vs \$15.8/mmbtu in Q3FY24) which led to a sharp increase of 29% in gross margin to Rs10.8/scm and a 41% rise in EBITDA/scm to Rs6.7. Reported PAT was up 86% QoQ to Rs 4.1bn but includes exceptional income of Rs556 mn about writeback of provisions for trade margin on settlement with OMCs. Adjusted PAT increased 67% to Rs 3.7 bn, significantly beating our estimates.

Gujarat Gas reported robust Q4FY24 results where EBITDA/PAT were significantly

Result beats estimates while risk to earning persists

GUJGAS continues to focus on developing its CNG business in new GAs to gain additional volumes. Overall the company maintained its volume guidance of growing by 8-10%/p.a. but factors like EV policy and fall in propane prices can pose risk to the volume. EBITDA margin guidance remains between Rs4.5-5.5/scm, however, we raise our EBITDA/scm estimate to Rs5.9/6.0 from earlier Rs5.3/5.5 on the back of higher contribution from high-margin CNG business. We raised our volume estimates by 1.6%/1% for FY25E/FY26E due to higher CNG volume. Consequently, we revise our EBITDA/PAT forecast upwards for FY25E by 16.5%/21.8% and 13.5%/18.2% for FY26E while we anticipate volume CAGR of 6.5% during FY24-FY26E. Consequently, we revised our TP upwards to Rs456 from earlier Rs404 based on PER of 21x on FY26E but continue to maintain SELL on the stock. Valuation seems quite rich given the current volatility in LNG price and risk on volume due to lower propane price in the near term.

Volume improvement and moderation in spot LNG provide growth visibility

Gujarat gas reported strong volumes in Q4FY24 of 9.7mmscmd (up 5.8% QoQ/ 9% YoY). For FY24, volumes stood at 9.3mmscmd (vs 8.4mmscmd in FY23), IPNG volumes jumped 12.5% YoY to 5.8mmscmd (vs 5.1mmscmd in FY23) also CNG volumes rose 12.1% YoY to 10.9mmscmd while DPNG/CPNG continued to grow at marginal rate. Spot LNG averaged at \$9.4/mmbtu in Q4FY24 (vs \$15.8/mmbtu in Q3FY24) while \$12.2/mmbtu in FY24 (vs \$30.9/mmbtu in FY23), ongoing decline in JKL linked spot LNG shall result in a lower gas cost for the company which shall boost EBITDA/scm further from current levels.

Maintain SELL with a revised TP of Rs456; trading expensive at 25.1x FY26E

We have revised our volume estimates by +1.6%/1.0% for FY25E/FY26E and raised EBITDA/scm estimate to Rs5.9/6.0 from earlier Rs5.3/5.5. Consequently, we recalibrated our EBITDA/PAT forecast for FY25E by 16.5%/21.8% and 13.5%/18.2% for FY26E. Total sales volume is expected to jump 6.5% CAGR FY24-26E mainly led by CNG and DPNG volumes (11.2%/16.2% CAGR). The stock has been trading expensive at 25.1x on FY26E. We maintain SELL with a revised TP of Rs456.

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Q4FY24 Concall Highlights

Clientele addition: Added 50,800 new DPNG connections (total 2.12mn+ customers), 271 CPNG (total 15,200+ customers) and commissioned 76 IPNG customers (total 4,390+) with cummulative volume sale of 9.7mmscmd while the company has signed 0.8mmscmd volume and is yet to commission. Achieved highest ever CNG volumes of 2.9mmscmd (14% YoY) during the quarter.

Capex plan: Will spend Rs10 bn/yearly for next 2-3 years on pipeline and Infrastructure (Rs 8.1bn capex incurred in FY24), largely through internal accruals. For the last three years capex have primarily been incurred on CNG stations, returns will grow over a period of time in long run from here onwards. Capex run rate reduced in Q4FY24 as installation of CNG stations under FDODO scheme will be on third party. GGL capex on CNG stations will be mostly in new GAs.

Margin guidance: GGL has maintained its volume guidance of 8-10%/p.a. as Morbi region demand fluctuates on a seasonal level (60% volume depends on IPNG business). CNG growth rate will be higher ~12-14% compared to I/C PNG business. EBITDA guidance is Rs4.5-5.5/mmscmd for FY25E.

New Initiative: Good response for EOI in Morbi region, latest by next month 150 EOI scrutiny will be done. In many areas natural gas is new and customer education workshop, industrial association connection, etc is progress. Interest from ~20% of 700-800 industries from Morbi region is seen. Pricing will be at par so that any discounts IPNG customers get from propane will continue to get here. The selling price is provided in a formula, gas will be sourced in a way that it will protect margins. EOI is for existing customers, tender is for 5.5mmscmd natural gas customers. Contract duration will be 1yr, and formula is linked to propane price.

IPNG Sales: IPNG segment achieved 8% increase in volumes to 5.8mmscmd in Q4FY24. Ceramic and non-ceramic total volumes is 3.82mmscmd. Other GAs: Dadra & Nagar, Thane, Ahmedabad rural, Kutch west, Tissampura (near Indore) are in advance stage of development, expecting 0.2-0.3mmscmd volume uptick from these regions for IPNG sales.

Morbi Pricing: Morbi demand is subject to Spot LNG/ Propane price, which are influenced by the overall macro environment. The company has been able to compete with propane in the Morbi market by offering competitive pricing. GGL's current price in Morbi is Rs42/scm, in other industrial areas IPNG price is Rs44/scm and CPNG is Rs64/scm (excl. VAT).

Misc: Started pilot Biogas project into GGL system rolled out project in 3 different locations. LNG procurement cost is \$11.5-\$12/mmbtu in Q4FY24, earlier to this cost was higher due to significantly higher Spot LNG prices. Propane is cyclically lower priced in Q1, GGL wants stability in the volume and wants to provide the price which should practically be a best alternative. Hence it may hurt upcoming margins to gain volume and maintain market share. Realization/scm has gone up in Q4FY24 due to two main factors a) price at which it is procured, and discount given to customers. Signed MoUs with OMCs key areas are liquid fuels provided from OMCs to GGL outlets providing additional sales. Details on gas sourcing: 30% APM, 42% short term and 28% long term.

Exhibit 1: Actual vs Estimates

(Rs mn)	Actual	Estimates	Variance
Revenue	41,342	38,639	7.0%
EBITDA	5,911	4,201	40.7%
EBITDA margin (Rs/scm)	6.7	4.8	39.6%
РАТ	3,681	2,398	53.5%
EPS	5.3	3.5	53.5%

Source: Company, Systematix Institutional Research

Exhibit 2: Quarterly Highlights

Rs mn	Q4FY23	Q1FY24	Q2FY24	Q3FY24	Q4FY24	YoY%	QoQ%
Net Revenues	39,286	37,815	38,454	39,291	41,342	5%	5%
Total COGS	30,797	30,945	30,535	32,230	31,846	3%	-1%
Gross Profit	8,489	6,870	7,919	7,061	9,496	12%	34%
Employee Cost	495	520	507	481	481	-3%	0%
Other Expenses	2,391	2,470	2,446	2,573	3,103	30%	21%
OPEX	2,886	2,990	2,953	3,054	3,585	24%	17%
Total Expenditure	33,683	33,935	33,488	35,284	35,431	5%	0%
EBITDA	5,603	3,880	4,966	4,007	5,911	5%	48%
Depreciation & Amortisation	1,094	1,151	1,179	1,201	1,212	11%	1%
EBIT	4,509	2,729	3,787	2,806	4,699	4%	67%
Interest & Finance Charges	61	74	78	72	69	15%	-4%
Other Income	318	239	298	230	311	-2%	35%
PBT Before Exceptionals	4,766	2,894	4,007	2,964	4,940	4%	67%
Exceptional Items	-	-	-	-	557	-	-
РВТ	4,766	2,894	4,007	2,964	5,497	15%	85%
Total Tax	1,074	743	1,029	761	1,402	30%	84%
Reported PAT	3,692	2,151	2,978	2,203	4,095	11%	86%
Adjusted PAT	3,692	2,151	2,978	2,203	3,681	0%	67%
Reported EPS (Rs.)	5.4	3.1	4.3	3.2	5.9	11%	86%
Adjusted EPS (Rs.)	5.4	3.1	4.3	3.2	5.3	0%	67%
Volumes (mmscm)							
Sales Volume (mmscmd)	8.9	9.2	9.3	9.2	9.7	9%	6%
Industrial PNG	5.4	5.9	5.9	5.5	5.8	8%	5%
Commercial PNG	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2	7%	7%
Domestic PNG	0.8	0.6	0.7	0.7	0.9	2%	20%
CNG	2.5	2.6	2.6	2.78	2.9	14%	4%
Average Realisation (Rs./scm)	49.3	45.1	44.8	46.6	46.9	-5%	1%
Gas cost (Rs./scm)	38.6	36.9	35.6	38.2	36.1	-6%	-6%
Gross Margin (Rs./scm)	10.6	8.2	9.2	8.4	10.8	1%	29%
Opex (Rs./scm)	3.6	3.6	3.4	3.6	4.1	12%	12%
EBITDA/scm (Rs.)	7.0	4.6	5.8	4.8	6.7	-5%	41%

Exhibit 3: Change in estimates

Key Parameters		FY25E		FY26E		
(Rs mn)	Old	New	%Chg	Old	New	%Chg
Volume (mmscmd)	9.9	10.1	1.6	10.5	10.6	1.0
Revenue	1,43,817	1,43,765	(0.0)	1,54,965	1,54,049	(0.6)
EBITDA	19,567	22,798	16.5	21,445	24,347	13.5
Net Profit	11,456	13,950	21.8	12,653	14,957	18.2
EPS (Rs)	16.6	20.3	21.8	18.4	21.7	18.2

Source: Company, Systematix Institutional Research

Exhibit 4: Volumes up 5.8% QoQ to 9.7mmscmd



Exhibit 5: Industrial PNG volumes jump 4.9% QoQ



Source: Company, Systematix Institutional Research



Exhibit 6: CNG Volumes (mmscmd) jump as a % of total volumes

Source: Company, Systematix Institutional Research





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Exhibit 8: Net Realisation gains 0.6% QoQ to Rs46.9/scm Exhibit 9: Gross margin jumps sharply to Rs10.8/scm (28.5% QoQ) 70 14 58.3 56.7 54.9 52.5 60 10.4 12 49.3 49.1 46.9 46.6 44.8 45.1 50 10 34. 40 33. 8 30 6 20 4 10 2 0 0 Q2FY22 Q1FY23 Q2FY23 Q1FY24 Q2FY24 Q3FY24 Q4FY22 Q4FY23 Q4FY24 Q3FY22 Q3FY23 Q1FY22 Q1FY22

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Source: Company, Systematix Institutional Research



Exhibit 11: Gas cost was down by 5.6% QoQ to Rs36.1/scm

Q1FY23

Q2FY23

Q3FY23

Q4FY23

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Q3FY24

Source: Company, Systematix Institutional Research

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Profit & Loss Statement

Y/E Mar (Rs mn)	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24E	FY25E		
Net revenue	1,64,562	1,67,594	1,56,902	1,43,765	1,54,049		
Raw Material & purchases	1,34,369	1,32,734	1,25,557	1,07,776	1,15,872		
Gross Profit	30,194	34,860	31,345	35,989	38,177		
Employee cost	1,909	1,956	1,989	2,068	2,151		
Other expenses	7,522	8,984	10,593	11,122	11,679		
EBITDA	20,763	23,920	18,764	22,798	24,347		
Depreciation	3,849	4,283	4,743	5,146	5,539		
EBIT	16,914	19,637	14,021	17,652	18,808		
Interest Cost	568	404	293	246	201		
Other Income	907	1,013	1,078	1,185	1,327		
PBT Before Exceptionals	17,253	20,247	14,805	18,591	19,934		
Exceptional Items	-119	0	557	0	0		
РВТ	17,134	20,247	15,362	18,591	19,934		
Тах	4,278	4,992	3,934	4,641	4,977		
Reported PAT	12,856	15,255	11,428	13,950	14,957		
Adjusted PAT	12,946	15,255	10,871	13,950	14,957		
Reported EPS (Rs)	18.7	22.2	16.6	20.3	21.7		
Adjusted EPS (Rs)	18.8	22.2	15.8	20.3	21.7		

Source: Company, Systematix Institutional Research

Cash Flow

Y/E Mar (Rs mn)	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24E	FY25E
Pre-Tax Profit	17,134	20,247	15,362	18,591	19,934
Depreciation	3,849	4,283	4,743	5,146	5,539
Change in Working Capital	-95	4,052	-227	432	128
Tax Paid	-4,363	-4,608	-3,227	-4,016	-4,345
Other Operating Activities	93	-194	-311	-939	-1,127
Operating Cash Flow	16,618	23,780	16,340	19,215	20,130
Capital Expenditure	-13,265	-10,912	-8,409	-7,782	-7,782
Change in Investments	0	0	-999	0	0
Other Investing Activities	329	499	622	1,185	1,327
Investing Cash Flow	-12,935	-10,413	-8,787	-6,597	-6,454
Free Cash Flow	3,682	13,366	7,554	12,618	13,676
Equity raised/(repaid)	0	0	0	0	0
Debt raised/(repaid)	-4,378	-5,024	-293	0	0
Other Financing Activities	-1,906	-1,744	-4,810	-5,980	-6,349
Financing Cash Flow	-6,284	-6,768	-5,103	-5,980	-6,349
Change in Cash	-2,602	6,599	2,451	6,638	7,327
Opening Cash Balance	2,813	211	6,810	9,261	15,899
Closing Cash Balance	211	6,810	9,261	15,899	23,226

Source: Company, Systematix Institutional Research

Key Assumptions

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Y/E Mar	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24E	FY25E
Total volume (mmscmd)	10.7	8.4	9.3	10.1	10.6
CNG (mmscmd)	2.0	2.4	2.7	3.1	3.4
Industrial PNG (mmscmd)	7.9	5.1	5.8	6.0	6.1
Domestic PNG (mmscmd)	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.9	1.0
Commercial PNG (mmscmd)	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2
Net Realization (Rs/scm)	42.0	54.5	45.6	38.7	39.5
Gross Margin (Rs/scm)	7.5	11.1	8.9	9.5	9.6
EBITDA/scm (Rs)	5.1	7.5	5.2	5.9	6.0

Source: Company, Systematix Institutional Research

Y/E Mar (Rs mn)	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24E	FY25E
Share Capital	1,377	1,377	1,377	1,377	1,377
Reserves & Surplus	54,616	68,579	75,516	83,732	92,541
Networth	55,993	69,956	76,893	85,109	93,918
Short + Long Term Debt	6,289	1,523	1,503	1,503	1,503
Deferred Tax Liabilities	8,077	8,461	9,174	9,799	10,431
Other Long Term Liabilities	1,226	1,261	1,256	1,294	1,333
Capital Employed	71,585	81,201	88,825	97,705	1,07,185
Gross Block	88,898	99,888	1,08,943	1,17,643	1,26,251
Accumulated Depreciation	25,168	29,095	33,838	38,984	44,523
Net Block	63,730	70,793	75,105	78,659	81,728
Capital WIP	9,923	9,831	9,180	8,262	7,436
Total Fixed Assets	73,653	80,624	84,285	86,921	89,164
Long Term Inv. & Others	8,024	8,535	10,010	10,010	10,010
Current Assets	13,876	19,792	22,288	28,079	36,186
Short Term Investments	0	0	0	0	0
Inventories	534	612	587	538	576
Sundry Debtors	9,301	10,212	10,298	9,436	10,111
Cash & Bank Balance	211	6,810	9,261	15,899	23,226
Short Term Loans & Adv.	29	38	30	31	32
Others	3,802	2,120	2,112	2,175	2,241
Current Liabilities & Prov.	23,968	27,750	27,758	27,306	28,175
Creditors	4,456	7,156	7,002	6,132	6,574
Other Current Liabilities	19,512	20,594	20,756	21,174	21,600
Net Current Assets	-10,092	-7,958	-5,470	774	8,011
Total Assets	71,585	81,201	88,825	97,705	1,07,185

Source: Company, Systematix Institutional Research

Ratios (Consolidated)

Y/E Mar	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24E	FY25E
Growth					
Revenue growth	66.8%	1.8%	-6.4%	-8.4%	7.2%
EBITDA growth	-0.4%	15.2%	-21.6%	21.5%	6.8%
Adjusted PAT growth	1.4%	18.7%	-25.1%	22.1%	7.2%
Margins					
Gross margin	18.3%	20.8%	20.0%	25.0%	24.8%
EBITDA margin	12.6%	14.3%	12.0%	15.9%	15.8%
PBT margin	10.4%	12.1%	9.8%	12.9%	12.9%
Effective Tax rate	25.0%	24.7%	25.6%	25.0%	25.0%
Adjusted PAT margin	7.8%	9.1%	7.3%	9.7%	9.7%
Operating Cycle					
Inventory days	1	1	1	1	1
Debtor days	21	22	24	24	24
Creditor days	11	18	19	19	19
Working Capital Cycle	11	5	7	7	7
Return Ratios					
ROE	23.0%	21.8%	14.9%	16.4%	15.9%
Pre-tax ROCE	23.6%	24.2%	15.8%	18.1%	17.5%
Capex/revenue	6.7%	6.5%	5.4%	5.4%	5.1%
Net debt / Equity	0.1	-0.1	-0.1	-0.2	-0.2
Yield Analysis					
CFO Yield	12.2%	14.2%	17.0%	17.0%	17.0%
FCF Yield	1.4%	3.2%	1.8%	2.9%	3.2%
Dividend Yield	0.4%	1.2%	1.0%	1.3%	1.4%
Valuation					
P/E (x)	29.0	24.6	34.5	26.9	25.1
P/B (x)	6.7	5.4	4.9	4.4	4.0
EV/Sales (x)	2.3	2.2	2.3	2.5	2.3
EV/EBITDA (x)	18.4	15.5	19.6	15.8	14.5

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