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Solid unit revenues delivery in 3Q19P; positive one-offs drive 3Q19P EBITDA margin up

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3Q19 preliminary results review

PKP Cargo disclosed 9M19 preliminary financial figures pointing to revenues at PLN1.19bn (-10.4% y/y) and EBITDA at PLN263mn (-5.7%) in 3Q19, we calculate. Based on our estimates, the net profit stood at PLN50.8mn in 3Q19.

At the occasion of 9M19P estimates release, PKP Cargo decreased its FY19E EBITDA guidance to PLN925mn from PLN1,151mn previously (the forecast dated March 2019), down by ca. 20%.

The 3Q19P reported figures came above the market expectations. We point, however, the 3Q19P EBITDA was inflated by a (1) PLN24.4mn one-off attributable to tax provision write up and (2) IFRS16 impact (positive PLN34mn in 3Q19P vs. 3Q18). Taking into account the two aforementioned items, the adjusted 3Q19P EBITDA settled at ca. PLN204mn (-27% y/y). Nevertheless, taking into account approx. 17% y/y contraction of the PKP Cargo's transport turnover in 3Q19 (based on the UTK data), the 10% y/y decrease of the revenues may reflect continuing positive trends of the unit revenues y/y performance in 3Q19. We estimate the y/y dynamic of 3Q19E unit revenues at 7% (+7.5% on average in1H19). The latter, in our view, should be interpreted positively. From the transport mix point of view, we reckon the company might have suffered from lowered fossil fuels, aggregates and metals & ores transportation volumes in 3Q19 (the trends observed already in 2Q19).

The decrease of the FY19E EBITDA guidance came in line with our expectations. We were, however, a bit hungry for more as our PLN926mn FY19E EBITDA forecast did not include the reported PLN24.4mn one-off.

The full financial statement will be made public on November 21st, 2019.

Fig. 1. PKP Cargo: 3Q19* preliminary results review

PLNmnn	4Q17	1Q18	2Q18	3Q18	4Q18	1Q19	2Q19	3Q19P	y/y	q/q	SANe	Cons.
Sales	1,278	1,216	1,294	1,329	1,344	1,261	1,164	1,191	-10.4%	2.3%	1,233	1,229
EBITDA	170.4	200.3	222.3	279.0	205.4	258.5	191.6	263.0	-5.7%	37.3%	221.0	230.9
EBITDA margin	13.3%	16.5%	17.2%	21.0%	15.3%	20.5%	16.5%	22.1%	1.1	5.6	17.9%	18.8%
EBIT	52.5	63.3	70.7	141.8	1.9	86.9	15.0	80.9	-42.9%	439.3%	49.0	52.6
EBIT margin	4.1%	5.2%	5.5%	10.7%	0.1%	6.9%	1.3%	6.8%	-3.9	5.5	4.0%	4.3%
Net profit	42.2	35.6	53.9	104.7	-10.3	53.1	-5.2	50.8	-51.5%	n.a.	25.3	32.9
Net margin	3.3%	2.9%	4.2%	7.9%	-0.8%	4.2%	-0.4%	4.3%	-3.6	n.a.	2.1%	2.7%

Source: Company data, Santander Brokerage Poland, *3Q19P operating margins not adjusted for one-offs

Fig. 2. PKP Cargo: FY19 guidance adjustment

	PKP Cargo (as of Nov 19)	PKP Cargo (as of Mar19)	% chng.	SANe	% dev.	Consensus	% dev.
Sales	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	5,019	n.a.	5,244	n.a.
EBITDA	925	1,151	-20%	926	0%	954	-3.1%
EBITDA margin	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	18.4%	n.a.	18.2%	n.a.
Capex	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	869	n.a.	937	n.a.

Source: Company data, Santander Brokerage Poland

Fig. 3. PKP Cargo: valuation multiples summary

PLNmnn	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019E	2020E	2021E
P/E (x)	32.9	n.a.	43.7	13.3	7.1	4.5	5.3
EV/EBITDA (x)	6.8	6.8	5.8	3.9	3.7	3.3	3.2
DY	3.1%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	6.3%	0.0%	0.0%

Source: Company data, Santander Brokerage Poland

Financial summary

Fig. 4. PKP Cargo: Income statement forecasts

PLNmnn	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019E	2020E	2021E
Operating revenue	4554	4411	4739	5237	5019	5385	5280
Operating expenses	4498	4543	4584	4960	4781	5036	4977
Depreciation	649	622	547	629	688	711	722
Raw materials & supplies	697	675	706	781	759	859	831
External services	1501	1573	1573	1725	1415	1490	1418
Employee benefits	1485	1442	1509	1651	1746	1785	1817
Other operating expenses	166	231	248	174	172	191	188
EBITDA	705	490	702	907	926	1060	1025
EBITDA adjusted*	637	553	702	907	808	942	907
Operating profit	56	-132	155	278	238	350	303
Operating profit adjusted*	165	-33	128	250	221	333	286
Net financials	-52	-22	-39	-42	-74	-76	-77
Financial revenue	15	39	20	16	13	12	13
Financial expenses	66	61	60	58	88	88	89
Share in the profit of associates	4	3	1	4	4	4	4
One-off items	2	0	0	4	4	4	4
PBT	11	-151	116	244	172	281	235
PBT adjusted*	120	-52	89	216	155	264	218
Income tax	-20	-17	35	60	33	54	45
Minority interest	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Net profit	30	-134	82	184	138	227	190
Net profit adjusted*	107	-110	59	162	150	239	202

Source: Company data, Santander Brokerage Poland, * excluding IFRS16 impact (2019 onward) and one-offs (2015-18)

Fig. 5. PKP Cargo: financials margins / momentum

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019E	2020E	2021E
EBITDA margin	15.5%	11.1%	14.8%	17.3%	18.5%	19.7%	19.4%
Operating margin	1.2%	-3.0%	3.3%	5.3%	4.7%	6.5%	5.7%
Net profit margin	0.7%	-3.0%	1.7%	3.5%	2.8%	4.2%	3.6%
Sales growth	6.5%	-3.1%	7.4%	10.5%	-4.2%	7.3%	-2.0%
EBITDA growth	39.9%	-30.6%	43.4%	29.2%	2.1%	14.4%	-3.3%
Operating profit growth	-53.8%	-336.2%	-217.4%	79.1%	-14.3%	46.9%	-13.2%
Net profit growth	-61.6%	-544.7%	-161.1%	125.1%	-24.7%	64.1%	-16.5%

Source: Company data, Santander Brokerage Poland

Fig. 6. PKP Cargo: Balance sheet forecasts

PLNm	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019E	2020E	2021E
Current assets	1,089.1	1,547.9	1,694.2	1,619.0	1,285.5	1,363.5	1,426.5
Cash and equivalents	276.2	755.9	516.8	447.3	205.2	219.1	300.5
Other financial assets	4.0	0.9	263.7	203.7	203.7	203.7	203.7
Other non-financial assets	13.3	27.3	35.6	118.7	31.2	33.5	32.9
Inventories	128.5	121.2	148.5	161.6	154.9	166.2	163.0
Trade and other receivables	664.3	639.9	729.5	684.6	687.5	737.8	723.4
Income tax receivables	2.7	2.8	0.1	3.0	2.9	3.1	3.1
Fixed assets	4,979.5	4,942.9	4,947.4	5,187.2	6,246.6	6,536.0	6,581.2
PPE	4,719.7	4,700.6	4,688.0	4,946.8	5,995.8	6,274.9	6,323.1
Intangibles	66.4	55.8	43.9	34.6	55.8	55.8	55.8
Investment in affiliates	39.8	40.8	53.6	47.4	47.4	47.4	47.4
Goodwill	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other financial assets	9.8	8.6	10.5	7.7	7.7	7.7	7.7
Other non-financial assets	39.0	29.5	17.8	15.1	14.5	15.5	15.2
Long-term deferred charges	104.6	107.6	133.6	135.6	125.5	134.6	132.0
Assets for sale	44.1	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Total assets	6,112.7	6,490.8	6,641.6	6,806.3	7,532.1	7,899.5	8,007.8
Current liabilities	1,172.7	1,171.8	1,213.1	1,353.7	1,277.7	1,463.7	1,432.6
Bank debt	253.6	197.8	249.7	248.6	236.2	324.4	308.2
Finance lease	65.4	59.6	48.0	21.9	20.8	69.7	66.3
Accounts payable	729.8	670.0	749.7	910.3	877.4	924.3	913.4
Employee benefits	100.4	99.3	104.0	115.5	115.5	115.5	115.5
Other provisions	17.9	25.0	59.7	56.9	27.3	29.3	28.8
Other current liabilities	2.2	118.9	0.3	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Tax liabilities	3.5	1.4	1.6	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3
Long-term liabilities	1,586.1	2,076.1	2,093.7	1,969.0	2,699.6	2,653.9	2,603.7
Bank debt	460.6	1,273.6	1,312.6	1,083.2	1,029.1	977.6	928.7
Finance lease	193.5	140.9	91.1	73.3	862.1	862.1	862.1
Accounts payable	26.0	1.8	1.6	112.0	108.0	113.7	112.4
Provisions for employee benefits	603.6	525.6	558.5	591.4	591.4	591.4	591.4
Other provisions	302.4	134.1	129.9	109.0	109.0	109.0	109.0
Equity	3,353.9	3,242.9	3,334.8	3,483.7	3,554.9	3,781.9	3,971.5
Share capital	2,239.3	2,239.3	2,239.3	2,239.3	2,239.3	2,239.3	2,239.3
Share premium	619.4	618.7	619.3	628.2	628.2	628.2	628.2
Other	-2.8	11.4	4.9	-44.0	-44.0	-44.0	-44.0
Retained earnings	497.9	373.4	471.3	660.2	731.4	958.4	1,148.0
Minority Interest	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Total liabilities and equity	6,112.7	6,490.8	6,641.6	6,806.3	7,532.1	7,899.5	8,007.8

Source: Company data, Santander Brokerage Poland

Fig. 7. PKP Cargo: Cash flow statement forecasts

PLNmnn	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019E	2020E	2021E
Cash flow from operations	387.5	305.5	547.0	1051.9	852.3	927.1	917.5
Net profit	30.1	-133.8	81.7	183.9	138.4	227.1	189.6
Provisions	-37.1	-240.4	68.2	20.8	-29.6	2.0	-0.6
Depreciation and amortization	649.0	621.6	546.9	629.4	688.4	710.5	722.0
Changes in WC, o/w	5.9	-52.1	-37.5	302.8	-33.1	-9.0	5.5
inventories	-13.2	7.3	-27.3	-13.2	6.8	-11.3	3.2
receivables	-138.2	24.5	-89.7	44.9	-2.9	-50.2	14.4
payables	157.3	-83.9	79.4	271.0	-37.0	52.6	-12.1
Other, net	-260.4	110.1	-112.3	-84.9	88.2	-3.6	1.0
Cash flow from investments	-515.2	-551.7	-561.2	-874.9	-948.4	-998.8	-767.6
Additions to PPE and intangibles	-1358.8	-547.7	-522.4	-879.0	-958.6	-989.7	-770.2
Change in long-term investments	-4.6	-1.0	-12.8	6.2	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other, net	848.2	-3.0	-26.0	-2.1	10.2	-9.2	2.6
Cash flow from financing	-25.3	725.9	-224.9	-246.6	-146.0	85.7	-68.6
Change in long-term borrowing	251.4	761.7	-12.7	-244.3	-65.3	-51.5	-48.9
Change in short-term borrowing	99.1	-61.6	40.4	-27.2	-13.5	137.2	-19.7
Change in equity and profit distribution	55.5	22.8	10.2	-35.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Dividends paid	-110.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	-67.2	0.0	0.0
Other, net	-321.3	3.2	-262.8	59.9	0.0	0.0	0.0
Net change in cash and equivalents	-153.0	479.7	-239.1	-69.5	-242.1	13.9	81.4
Beginning cash and equivalents	429.2	276.2	755.9	516.8	447.3	205.2	219.1
Ending cash and equivalents	276.2	755.9	516.8	447.3	205.2	219.1	300.5

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The discounted cash flows (DCF) valuation method is based on expected future discounted cash flows. One advantage of the DCF valuation method is that it takes into account all cash streams reaching Issuer and the cost of money over time. Some disadvantages of the DCF valuation method are that a large number of parameters and assumptions need to be estimated; and the valuation is sensitive to changes in those parameters.

The comparative valuation method is based on the economic rule of "one price". Some advantages of the comparative valuation method are that the analyst need only estimate a small number of parameters; the valuation is based on current market conditions; the relatively large accessibility of indicators for companies being compared; and that there is an extensive knowledge of the comparative method among investors. Some disadvantages of valuation by the comparative method are the considerable sensitivity of the results of the valuation on the choice of companies to the comparative group; the method can lead to a simplification of the picture of the company which in turn can lead to omitting certain important factors (e.g. growth dynamics, extra-operational assets, corporate governance, the repeatability of results, differences in applied accounting standards); and the uncertainty of the effectiveness of a market valuation of companies being compared.

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The dividend discount model (DDM) valuation is based on the net present value of the future dividends that are expected to be paid out by the company. Some advantages of the DDM valuation method are that it takes into account real cash flows to equity-owners and that the methodology is used in respect to companies with long dividend payout history. Main disadvantage of the DDM valuation method is that dividend payouts are based on a large number of parameters and assumptions, including dividend payout ratio.

Residual income method is conceptually close to the discounted cash flows method (DCF) for non-financial stocks, the difference being that it is based on expected residual income (returns over COE) rather than expected future cash flows. One advantage of this valuation method is that it captures the excess of profit potentially available to shareholders and the cost of money over time. Main disadvantage of the valuation method is that a large number of parameters and assumptions need to be estimated; and the valuation is sensitive to changes in those parameters.

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