

4Q15 EARNINGS **REVIEW**

TUPRAS (TUPRS TI)

Stellar operating results

BUY (L/T) OUTPERFORM (S/T)

Current Price (TRL)			68.85	Target Price (TRL)		101.0
Market Cap (TRL / US\$ mn)			17,241 / 5,899	12M Abs / Rel Return	(%)	28 / 52
P/E (2016E)			6.8x	EV/EBITDA (2016E)		5.0x
(TRLmn)	YE15	YE14	γογ Δ	4Q15	γογ Δ	qoq Δ
Revenues	36,893	39,723	-7%	8,899	-2%	-15%
EBITDA	3,784	789	n.m.	1,189	n.m.	6%
Net Earnings	2,550	1,459	75%	815	283%	9%
EBITDA Margin (%)	10.3	2.0	8.3 pp	13.4	12.8 pp	2.6 pp

4Q15 Results at a Glance

- Operating performance beats expectations by a wide margin Tupras posted TRL815mn net profit for 4Q15, somewhat below consensus (TRL853mn), but significantly lower than our estimate (TRL950mn). The difference versus our estimate was largely attributable to a higher tax provision, and partly to lower financial gains, while the operating performance was significantly better than both our and consensus estimates. EBITDA of TRL1,189mn was 16% and 24% above our and consensus estimates, respectively (BurSec: TRL1,023mn; Cons: TRL960mn). Solid demand leading to soaring volumes, higher capacity utilisation, more favourable mix of crude oil processed, higher white product yields, and a US\$153mn contribution from stock hedging led to this impressive set of results.
- Favourable 2016 outlook Management projects net refining margin in the range of US\$5.8-6.3/bbl, compared to Med Complex margin expectation of US\$3.5-4.0/bbl. This is conservative compared to our US\$6.5/bbl estimate. Average Brent price expectation is US\$45-55/bbl. Capacity utilisation is forecast at 100%, with production of 28mn tonnes and total sales of 30mn tonnes (3% above our estimate). Capex for 2016 is estimated at US\$270mn.

Our View

■ Solid results reinforce our ratings - We expect Tupras to continue to post impressive results, particularly in 1H16, boosted by the positive impact of the RUP. Margins should continue to outperform Med margins on favourable operating dynamics. Due to a lower net profit, we revise our cash dividend estimate to TRL5.70/share, implying an 8.3% yield.

Comments

- Soaring volumes and capacity utilisation Total sales volumes grew 28% yoy to 7.8mn tonnes, ahead of our estimate of 7.4mn tonnes, while capacity utilisation was realised at c.110%, up from 79% year ago. Sales to the domestic market (80% in 4Q15 vs. 70% in 4Q14) surged, thanks to strong demand, with domestic volumes up 44%, while exports declined by 8%.
- Net refining margin fully in line with our estimate Net refining margin of US\$5.2/bbl was identical with our forecast and up from US\$4.6/bbl a year ago, despite a US\$0.3 lower Med complex margin. Tupras was able to process heavier and sour crude in the quarter thanks to the RUP, leading to 30.3 API, the lowest ever. Ability to process higher crude with favourable price differentials to Iran, Iraq and Saudi Arabia, and higher CUR resulted in better product yields and a 79% white product yield, contributing to profitability. Inventory losses totalled US\$84mn in the quarter due to declining oil prices. Negative inventory impact totalled US\$188mn in 2015, which was largely offset by a US\$153mn gain from stock hedging.
- Higher-than-expected tax and slightly lower financial income Net other and financial expenses totalled TRL2mn vs. our TRL49mn gain estimate, while tax provision of TRL225mn was well above our TRL8mn estimate, which in total contributed to a lower bottom line, despite a 15% higher operating profit.
- Net debt down 18% qoq to TRL6.9bn Net debt eased on robust cash generation, as well as a stronger TRL.



Exhibit 1: Tupras Gross Refining Margin vs. Med Benchmark Margin (US\$/barrel)

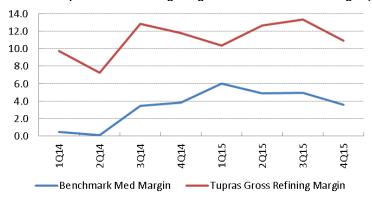
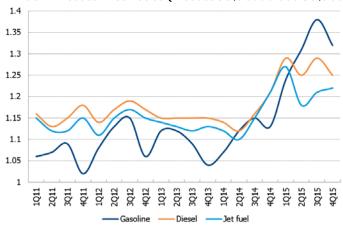
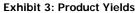
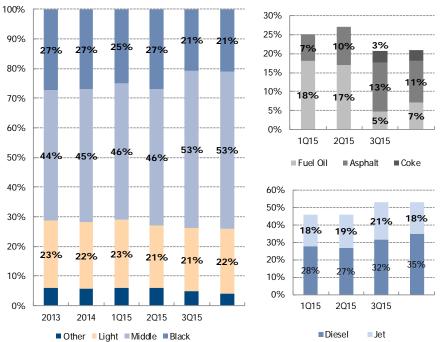


Exhibit 2: Product Price Ratios (Product US\$/bbl/Crude US\$/bbl)









Tupras - Announced Financials (IFRS Basis; TRLmn)

Income Statement	YE15	YE14	YoY A	4Q15	4Q14	YoY ∆	<i>3Q15</i>	$QoQ\Delta$
Net Sales	36,893	39,723	-7%	8,899	9,037	-2%	10,446	-15%
COGS	-32,718	-38,460	-15%	-7,595	-8,811	-14%	-9,227	-18%
Gross Profit	4,175	1,263	231%	1,303	226	n.m.	1,219	7%
Operating Exp.	-877	-732	20%	-283	-242	17%	-231	22%
Operating Profit	3,298	531	n.m.	1,021	-16	n.m.	988	3%
EBITDA	3,784	789	n.m.	1,189	52	n.m.	1,119	6%
Net Other Income	-546	-95	n.m.	164	49	233%	-394	n.m.
Net Gain from Investments	3	-0	n.m.	2	-0	n.m.	1	222%
Income from Associates	70	-16	n.m.	29	-62	n.m.	32	-10%
Net Financial Exp	-599	-235	154%	-168	-67	151%	-128	31%
Taxes	339	1,286	-74%	-225	312	n.m.	252	n.m.
Discont. Operations	0	0	n.m.	0	0	n.m.	0	n.m.
Minority Interest	-14	-11	23%	-7	-4	79%	-0	n.m.
Net Profit	2,550	1,459	75%	815	213	283%	750	9%
Margins								
Gross	11.3%	3.2%	8.1 pp	14.6%	2.5%	12.1 pp	11.7%	3.0 pp
EBITDA	10.3%	2.0%	8.3 pp	13.4%	0.6%	12.8 pp	10.7%	2.6 pp
Operating	8.9%	1.3%	7.6 pp	11.5%	-0.2%	11.6 pp	9.5%	2.0 pp
Eff. Tax Rate	n.m.	n.m.	n.m.	22.1%	n.m.	n.m.	n.m.	n.m.
Net	6.9%	3.7%	3.2 pp	9.2%	2.4%	6.8 pp	7.2%	2.0 pp
Balance Sheet	YE15	YE14	YoY ∆	4Q15	4Q14	YoY A	3Q15	$QoQ\Delta$
Cash & Mkt. Sec.	3,028	3,898	-22%	3,028	3,898	-22%	2,487	22%
Fin. Debt	9,919	7,755	28%	9,919	7,755	28%	10,848	-9%
Net Debt	6,892	3,857	79%	6,892	3,857	79%	8,362	-18%
Accounts Rec.	2,540	170	n.m.	2,540	170	n.m.	3,149	-19%
Inventories	2,102	2,371	-11%	2,102	2,371	-11%	2,723	-23%
Accounts Payable	3,878	5,610	-31%	3,878	5,610	-31%	4,796	-19%
LT Assets	16,795	14,941	12%	16,795	14,941	12%	16,725	0%
LT Liabilities	8,273	7,159	16%	8,273	7,159	16%	9,389	-12%
Total Assets	25,470	21,933	16%	25,470	21,933	16%	26,505	-4%
Equity (Cont. Int.)	8,305	6,157	35%	8,305	6,157	35%	7,225	15%
Cash Flow Statement	YE15	YE14	YoY A	4Q15	4Q14	YoY ∆	3Q15	QoQ ∆
Free Cash Flow	-833	178	n.m.	1,099	2	n.m.	-191	n.m.
Net Cash from Operations	125	2,435	-95%	1,333	655	103%	25	n.m.
Net Cash from Investments	-959	-2,257	-58%	-234	-653	-64%	-216	8%
Financial Ratios	YE15	YE14	YoY A	4Q15	4Q14	YoY ∆	<i>3Q15</i>	QoQ ∆
Debt/Equity	119.4%	126.0%	-6.5 pp	119.4%	126.0%	-6.5 pp	150.2%	-20%
Receivable Days	25	2	24	26	2	25	28	-1
Inventory Days	23	22	1	25	25	1	27	-2
Payable Days	43	53	-10	47	59	-12	48	-1
Net Work. Cap. Days	5	-29	34	5	-32	37	7	-2

Source: Burgan Research, The Company

Burgan Securities - Equity Rating System

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Outperform (OP): If 3-month total return is expected to exceed the BIST-100 (sector index if specified) by more than 10%

S/T Stock Rating Summary	Relative Return		
Outperform (OP)	>=10%		
Marketperform (MP)	<+10% & >-10%		
Underperform (UP)	<=-10%		

Marketperform (MP): If 3-month total return is expected to be in line (+/- 10%) with the BIST-100 (Peerperform if sector index is specified)

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NR: Not Rated

NC: Not Covered

UR: Under Review

Market Call

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