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BUY RM1.42 Price Target : RM 1.85

Reporting	Performance	Mkt Cap	FY	EPS	EPS Gth	EPS	PE (x)	PBV (x)	Net Dividend
Period				(sen)	Pre-Ex (%)	Revision			Yield (%)
3Q10	Below	RM270m	2009A	14.3	(40)	-	9.9	0.9	3.2
	expectation	US\$85.5m	2010F	10.4	(27)	(10)	13.6	0.9	1.8
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Result Summary FY Dec (RM m)	3Q2009	3Q2010	% Chg y-o-y
P&L Items			
Sales	117.9	84.3	(28.5)
Gross Profit	15.8	6.5	(58.7)
EBIT	11.6	2.8	(76.1)
Exceptional Gain/(Loss)	0.0	0.0	N/A
Pretax Profit	11.1	2.6	(76.8)
Net Profit	8.1	2.2	(72.5)
EPS (sen)	4.3	1.2	(72.5)
Gross Margin (%)	13.4	7.7	
BS & CF Items			
Net cash (debt)	152.6	146.9	
Net gearing (x)	n/a	n/a	

Price Relative



Source: Company, DBS Vickers

At a Glance

29 Nov 2010

- Weak 3Q10 result due to timing of billings
- Expect a surge in contract flows LRT and East Malaysia jobs
- Maintain BUY and SOP-derived RM1.85 TP

Comment on Result

3Q10 net profit of RM2.2m brings 9M10 net profit to RM12.8m. Annualized, this is below our RM20.4m forecast for the full year. Despite expectations of stronger 4Q10 earnings due the timing of billings, the results still disappointed because of lower margins YTD. 3Q10 construction profits were largely attributed to projects such as University KL, Maritime College in Kuantan, and newer contracts such as the upgrade of Kota Bharu airport worth RM45m, Northport project worth RM46m, and Putrajaya rectification work worth RM20m. 3Q10 EBIT margin slipped to 3.3% vs 9.8% in 2Q10 due to timing of recognition of construction billings, while its property division was in the red. We cut FY10F EPS by 10% after imputing lower margins.

TRC will see substantial orderbook replenishment over the next 3 to 6 months. It has clinched the main contractor role for the 9.2km Kelana Jaya line (Kelana Jaya station to Summit) worth RM950m. This is part of a 17.7km stretch which tender closed in late August. With this, its orderbook has jumped 4-fold to RM1.3bn giving it another 4-5 years earnings visibility. We also understand there may be substantial new jobs in East Malaysia in early 2011. We are retaining our FY11-FY12F EPS for now given the win forms 90% of our FY10-FY11F combined orderwin forecast of RM1.058bn.

Recommendation

We are retaining our BUY rating, and RM1.85 target price based on 12x FY11 EPS. The stock is the cheapest in our universe, trading at 1-year forward 8x PE and 0.8x P/NTA, while its balance sheet is strong with RM0.77 net cash per share.

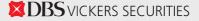
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3Q10 Result Summary and Comments

P&L (RMm)	3Q10	3Q09	% chg	2Q10	-	Comments
Revenue	84.3	117.9	у-о-у (28.5)	97.0	q-o-q (13.1)	Fell y-o-y as the Sepangar Bay Submarine Base project is completed. Fell q-o-q due to timing of recognition of projects billings.
Cost of sales	(77.8)	(102.1)	(23.8)	(82.9)	(6.3)	
Gross profit	6.5	15.8	(58.7)	14.1	(53.7)	
Other Op. income	0.7	1.3	(46.1)	1.6	(54.5)	
Administrative expenses	(4.5)	(5.6)	(19.4)	(6.1)	(26.4)	
Op. profit	2.8	11.6	(76.1)	9.6	(71.2)	
Finance costs	(0.1)	(0.1)	(46.5)	(0.1)	0.5	
Associates	(0.1)	(0.4)		0.2		
РВТ	2.6	11.1	(76.8)	9.8	(73.7)	Fell q-o-q due to timing of recognition of profits, due to Hari Raya festive holidays.
Tax	(0.3)	(2.9)	(88.6)	(2.3)	(85.1)	
Net profit	2.2	8.1	(72.5)	7.5	(70.3)	
EBIT margins (%)	3.3	9.8		9.9	3.3	

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