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Senex Energy Ltd (SXY)

Q4 FY21: Holding course on growth

Recommendation

Buy (unchanged)
Price
\$3.18
Target (12 months)
\$3.75 (unchanged)

GICS Sector

Energy

Rel market (%

Expected Return	
Capital growth	17.9%
Dividend yield	2.5%
Total expected return	20.4%
Company Data & Ratios	
Enterprise value	\$559m
Market cap	\$585m
Issued capital	184m
Free float	78%
Avg. daily val. (52wk)	\$1.4m
12 month price range	\$2.04-\$3.64

Price Performance (1m) (3m) (12m) Price (A\$) 3.48 3.19 2.08 Absolute (%) -8.6 -0.3 52.9

Production growth takes a breather

SXY finished FY21 with total production of 17.3PJ (BP est. 17.6PJ), within company guidance of 17-18PJ. Production plateaued in the final quarter to average 52TJ/day and sales were 2% lower on gas processing facility maintenance. Full year revenue was \$116m, broadly in line with our estimate of \$118m. Over the quarter, SXY's net cash position fell to \$26m (from \$36m); at quarter end, the company had cash of \$101m and \$50m in undrawn debt.

EPS changes in this report are: FY21 now 6.1cps (previously 8.8cps); FY22 -2%; and FY23 no change.

Next phase of expansion on track

Roma North's expansion to 9PJ/year (25TJ/day) is expected to be online in the current quarter. Together with Atlas currently at around 12PJ/year (33TJ/day), the Roma North expansion will increase group nameplate capacity to around 21PJ/year (58TJ/day). Taking Atlas to 18PJ/year and therefore group capacity to 27PJ/year (74TJ/day) is through front end engineering design (FEED) with FID dependent on customers signing term contracts. Roma North's next expansion to 18PJ is also through FEED and could further increase group capacity to 36PJ/year (99TJ/day), FID is expected by the end of 2021. SXY reiterated its longer term target of lifting group production to more than 60PJe/year by the end of FY25.

Investment thesis: Buy, Target Price \$3.75/sh

SXY provides leverage to Australia's east coast gas market where supply deficits are supporting high prices. Near term earnings growth is from ongoing production growth, improved domestic prices, and improved GLNG offtake prices as lagged oil-linked gas prices flow through. The company has brownfield expansion projects and a track record in project development. SXY is funded to pursue its growth aspirations, with net cash and supportive bank debt. We also expect dividends to form an increasing component of shareholder returns.

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Earnings Forecast				
Year end June	2020a	2021e	2022e	2023e
Sales (A\$m)	120	116	174	223
EBITDA (A\$m)	49	54	100	130
NPAT (reported) (A\$m)	(51)	11	56	68
NPAT (adjusted) (A\$m)	4	11	56	68
EPS (adjusted) (¢ps)	2.1	6.1	30.5	37.1
EPS growth (%)	-47%	191%	398%	22%
PER (x)	151.0	51.9	10.4	8.6
FCF Yield (%)	-9.4%	0.0%	1.9%	12.8%
EV/EBITDA (x)	11.1	10.7	5.4	4.2
Dividend (¢ps)	-	8.0	8.0	14.0
Yield (%)	0.0%	2.5%	2.5%	4.4%
Franking (%)	0%	97%	0%	0%
ROE (%)	-31%	2%	17%	18%

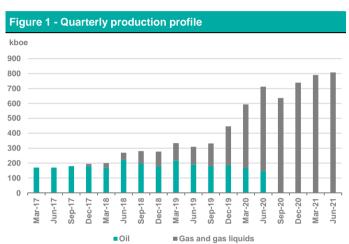
SOURCE: BELL POTTER SECURITIES ESTIMATES

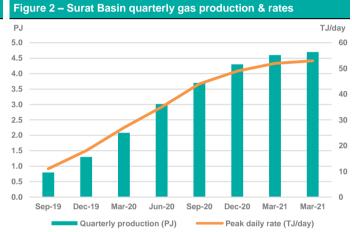
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Table 1 - Quarterly summary									
	Jun-20(a)*	Sep-20(a)	Dec-20(a)	Mar-21(a)	Jun-21(a)	QoQ(Δ%)	Jun-21(BPe)	vs BP(Δ%)	
Production (PJ)	3.0	3.7	4.3	4.6	4.7	2%	5.0	-5%	
Sales (PJ)	2.8	3.3	4.0	4.8	4.7	-2%	5.0	-5%	
Revenue (A\$m)	25.1	22.2	27.9	33.2	32.5	-2%	34.8	-7%	
Average realised gas price (A\$/GJ)*	7.5	5.9	6.2	6.8	6.9	1%	7.0	-1%	
Net debt/(cash) (A\$m)	45.1	54.6	52.0	-36.0	-23.0	N/A			

SOURCE: COMPANY DATA AND BELL POTTER SECURITIES ESTIMATES NOTE: * BELL POTTER SECURITIES CALCULATED





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Key observations from the quarterly

- Full year production guidance achieved: Production at SXY's Surat Basin coal seam
 gas assets has now plateaued at around 52TJ/day, peaking at 53TJ/day. Full year
 production of 17.3PJ was within the company's guidance of 17-18PJ (2.9-3.1mmboe).
 Gas sales for the quarter were slightly weaker maintenance activities undertaken at
 both the Roma North and Atlas projects.
- Revenue in line with our estimates: Full year revenue was \$116m, broadly in line
 with our estimate of \$118m. SXY's average realised gas price for the quarter was
 \$6.90/GJ. We estimate that around 60% of SXY's gas sales are to domestic customers
 and 40% are to the oil price linked GLNG GSA. Higher crude oil prices in the June 2021
 quarter should flow through to higher realised prices in the current quarter.
- Expansions on track: Roma North to hit next target in the current quarter.
 - Roma North expansion to 9PJ/year (24TJ/day): On target for completion in the current quarter. This asset has been consistently performing above its initial nameplate capacity of 6PJ/year (16TJ/day) over recent quarters.
 - Atlas expansion to 18PJ/year (49TJ/day): FEED is complete. SXY taking FID is dependent on customers signing term GSAs. Current capacity at Atlas is 12PJ/year (32TJ/day).
 - 3. Roma North expansion to 18PJ/year (49TJ/day): FEED is complete. Gas from Roma North is sold into the GLNG GSA which allows for volumes up to 18PJ/year. FID is expected before the end of 2021.

SXY reiterated its annual production target of 60PJe (164TJe/day) by the end of FY25, an almost tripling of current production levels.

• Balance sheet remains strong: SXY ended the quarter with cash reserves of \$101m, drawn debt of \$75m for net cash of \$26m (31 March 2021 cash reserves of \$111m, drawn debt of \$75m for net cash of \$36m). Existing bank facilities have \$50m undrawn. During the quarter SXY paid a \$14.7m dividend and June 2021 quarterly capex was \$10.4m.

Changes to earnings estimates

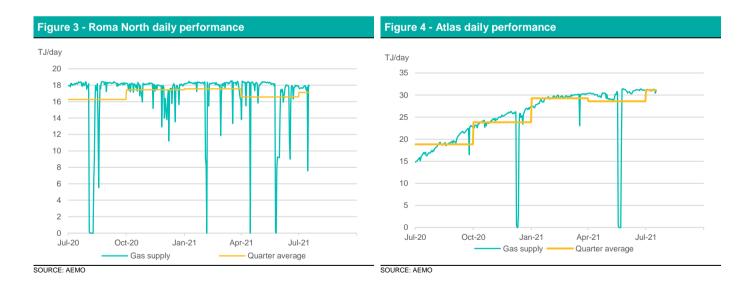
We have updated our SXY financial model for the June 2021 quarterly report and made minor operating adjustments for FY22.

Table 2 - Changes to earnings estimates									
	Previous			New			Change		
Year ending 30 Jun	2021e	2022e	2023e	2021e	2022e	2023e	2021e	2022e	2023e
Production (mmboe)	17.6	21.7	26.3	17.6	21.5	26.3	0%	-1%	0%
Sales (A\$m)	118	176	223	116	174	223	-2%	-1%	0%
EBITDA (A\$m)	59	101	130	54	100	130	-8%	-1%	0%
NPAT (reported) (A\$m)	15	57	68	11	56	68	-31%	-2%	0%
NPAT (adjusted) (A\$m)	16	57	68	11	56	68	-30%	-2%	0%
EPS (adjusted) (¢ps)	8.8	31.1	37.2	6.1	30.5	37.1	-30%	-2%	0%
Dividend (¢ps)	8.0	8.3	14.2	8.0	8.0	14.0	0%	-4%	-2%
Valuation (\$/sh)	3.51	3.74	3.92	3.60	3.81	4.04	3%	2%	3%

SOURCE: COMPANY DATA AND BELL POTTER SECURITIES ESTIMATES

Daily gas processing plant performance

The following charts are based on public data available from the Australian Energy Market Operator (AEMO).



Senex Energy Ltd (SXY)

Company description

SXY's strategy is to deliver oil and gas into the Australian East Coast domestic and international energy markets. Its key assets are two Queensland Surat Basin CSG projects, Atlas and Roma North, as outlined in the following table.

	Project Atlas (Surat Basin, Queensland)	Western Surat Gas Project (WSGP) (Surat Basin, Queensland)				
Project		Roma North	(ex. Roma North)			
Project type	CSG	CSG	CSG			
SXY equity	100%	100%	100%			
Area covered	~58km²	~307km²	~533km²			
2P Reserve	275PJ	283PJ	222PJ			
Market	Domestic	20-year GSA with	20-year GSA with			
	(contracted & uncontracted)	GLNG	GLNG			
Project parameters	Initial 32TJ/day (12PJpa) Expanding to 48TJ/day (18PJpa) in 2022	Initial 16TJ/day (6PJpa) Expanding to 24TJ/day (9PJpa) in the September 2021 quarter and potentially to 48TJ/day (18PJpa) from 1H FY23	Expansion from Roma North to +200 wells in total			
	(Jemena owned gas plant	(Jemena owned gas plant				
	and pipeline)	and pipeline)				
Projected number of wells	~45 development	~50 development wells on top of				
	+100 in total	the 30 Phase 2 wells				
First sales gas delivered	Early 2020	Early 2020				

Investment thesis: Buy, Target Price \$3.75/sh

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Valuation

Our earnings estimates and valuation currently factor in:

- Project Atlas (100% SXY) producing to 32TJ/day (12PJpa) then expanding to 48TJ/day (18PJpa) from 2022; and
- Roma North (Western Surat Gas Project) (100% SXY) producing to 18TJ/day, increasing to 24TJ/day (9PJpa) in 2021. We are yet to incorporate Roma North's expansion to 48TJ/day (18PJpa) from 1H FY23.

Risks

Risk to energy sector equities include, but are not limited to:

- Commodity price and exchange rate fluctuations. The future earnings and valuations of exploration, development and operating energy assets and companies are subject to fluctuations in underlying commodity energy prices and foreign currency exchange rates.
- Infrastructure access. Energy projects are reliant upon access to treatment and
 pipeline infrastructure. Access to infrastructure is often subject to contractual
 agreements, permits and capacity allocations. Agreements are typically long-term in
 nature. Infrastructure can be subject to outages as a result of weather events or the
 actions of third party providers.
- Operating and capital cost fluctuations. Markets for exploration, development and
 costs of goods sold can fluctuate and cause significant differences between planned
 and actual operating and capital costs. Key operating costs are linked to energy and
 labour markets. Energy companies are also exposed to costs associated with future
 land rehabilitation.
- Reserve and Resource risks. Future earnings forecasts and valuations rely on accuracy of Reserve estimation, the ability to extract the underlying Reserve and the potential for Reserve life extensions.
- Sovereign risks. Energy companies' assets are subject to the sovereign risk of the country of location and may be exposed to the sovereign risks of major offtake customers.
- Regulatory changes. Changes to the regulation of infrastructure and taxation (among other things) can impact the earnings and valuations of energy companies.
- Environmental risks. Energy companies are exposed to risks associated with
 environmental degradation as a result of their exploration and production processes.
 Fossil fuel producers may be partially exposed to the environmental risks of end
 markets including the electricity generation sector.
- Operating and development risks. Energy companies' assets are subject to risks
 associated with their operation and development. Development assets can be subject
 to approvals timelines or weather events, causing delays to commissioning and
 commercial production.
- Occupational health and safety (OH&S) risks. Energy companies are exposed to OH&S risks.
- Funding and capital management risks. Funding and capital management risks can
 include access to debt and equity finance, maintaining covenants on debt finance,
 managing dividend payments and managing debt repayments.
- Merger/acquisition risks. Risks associated with value transferred during merger and acquisition activity.
- Impact of pandemic infection such as Coronavirus disease (COVID-19). This may
 have an adverse impact on the macro economic factors such as energy demand and
 oil/gas pricing.

Senex Energy Ltd as at 20 July 2021

RecommendationBuyPrice\$3.18Target (12 months)\$3.75

Table 4 - Financial su	mmary												
Date		20/07/21									Bell	Potter S	ecurities
Price	A\$/sh	3.18						Stuart H	owe (shov	ve@bellpott	er.com.au	ı, +61 3 92	235 1856)
Target price	A\$/sh	3.75											
PROFIT AND LOSS Year ending 30 Jun	Unit	2019a	2020a	2021e	2022e	2023e	FINANCIAL RATIOS Year ending 30 Jun	Unit	2019a	2020a	2021e	2022e	2023e
Revenue (including other)	\$m	2013a 94	120	116	174	20236	VALUATION	UIII	2013a	2020a	20216	20226	20236
Expenses	\$m	(52)	(68)	(62)	(67)	(86)	EPS (underlying)	c/sh	3.9	2.1	6.1	30.5	37.1
EBITDAX	\$m	42	52	54	108	138	EPS growth	%	2752%	-47%	191%	398%	22%
Exploration	\$m	(11)	(3)	-	(8)	(8)	PER	х	80.7x	151.0x	51.9x	10.4x	8.6x
EBITDA	\$m	31	49	54	100	130	DPS	c/sh	-	-	8.0	8.0	14.0
Depreciation EBIT	\$m \$m	(25) 6	(91)	(32) 23	(41) 59	(59) 71	Franking Yield	%	0% 0.0%	0% 0.0%	97% 2.5%	0% 2.5%	0% 4.4%
Net interest expense	\$m	(2)	(42) (9)	(12)	(3)	(3)	FCF/share	c/sh	(26)	(30)	2.5%	2.5%	4.4%
PBT	\$m	3	(51)	11	56	68	FCF yield	%	-8%	-9%	0%	2%	13%
Tax expense	\$m	-	-				EV/EBITDA	x	13.8x	11.1x	10.7x	5.4x	4.2x
NPAT to owners of parent entity	\$m	3	(51)	11	56	68	LIQUIDITY & LEVERAGE				***************************************		
Other comprehensive income	\$m	5	4	-	-	-	Net debt / (cash)	\$m	(23)	36	(30)	(35)	(88)
Total comprehensive profit	\$m	8	(48)	11	56	68	ND / E	%	-6%	12%	-10%	-10%	-22%
Adjustments to NPAT	\$m	4	55	-	-	-	ND / (ND + E)	%	-7%	10%	-11%	-11%	-28%
Underlying NPAT as reported	\$m	7	4	11	56	68	EBITDA/net interest expense	х	17.6x	5.5x	4.6x	36.1x	51.7x
							PROFITABILITY RATIOS						
CASH FLOW							EBITDA margin	%	33%	41%	47%	57%	58%
Year ending 30 Jun	Unit	2019a	2020a	2021e	2022e	2023e	EBIT margin	%	6%	-35%	19%	34%	32%
OPERATING CASH FLOW							Return on assets	%	3%	-13%	1%	8%	9%
Receipts	\$m	110	126	129	168	218	Return on equity	%	4%	-31%	2%	17%	18%
Payments	\$m	(60)	(76)	(80)	(66)	(83)	rtotam on oquity	, ,,,	.,,	0170	270	,0	1070
Tax	\$m	(00)	(10)	(00)	(00)	(00)	ASSUMPTIONS - Prices (nominal)						
Net interest	\$m	(0)	(7)	(9)	(3)	(3)	Year ending 30 Jun	Unit	2019a	2020a	2021e	20226	LT real
Other	\$m	(5)	9	7	(8)	(8)	Crude oil (Brent)	US\$/bbl	68	51	54	70	55
	\$m	(5) 45	52	46	(o) 91	125	AUD/USD	US\$/A\$	0.73	0.70	0.72	0.74	0.74
Operating cash flow	φIII	45	32	40	91	123	AUD/USD) USQ/AQ	0.73	0.70	0.72	0.74	0.74
INVESTING CASH FLOW	r	(440)	(4.04)	(40)	(00)	(50)	ASSUMPTIONS - Production (equity	Λ					
Capex	\$m	(112)	(161)	(46)	(80)	(50)))	2040-	2020-	2024.	2022-	2022-
Other	\$m	21	55	85	-	(50)	Year ending 30 Jun	Unit	2019a	2020a	2021e	2022e	2023e
Investing cash flow	\$m	(91)	(106)	38	(80)	(50)	Project Atlas gas	PJ	4.0	1.6	10.1	13.0	17.5
FINANCING CASH FLOW							Roma North gas	PJ	1.9	5.2	7.6	8.6	8.8
Debt proceeds	\$m	50	75	-	-	-	TOTAL	PJ	1.9	6.8	17.6	21.5	26.3
Repayment of borrowings	\$m	(8)	(0)	- ·	-	-	Cooper Basin oil & gas	mmboe	0.9	0.9			
Dividends	\$m	-	-	(15)	(6)	(22)	Project Atlas	mmboe	-	0.3	1.7	2.2	3.0
Other	\$m	0	(3)	(17)	-	-	Roma North	mmboe	0.3	0.9	1.3	1.5	1.5
Financing cash flow	\$m	42	72	(32)	(6)	(22)	TOTAL	mmboe	1.2	2.1	3.0	3.7	4.5
Change in cash	\$m	(4)	17	53	6	53							
Free cash flow	\$m	(46)	(54)	85	11	75	VALUATION	, ,					
							Issued capital	Unit					
BALANCE SHEET							Shares on issue	m	184				
Year ending 30 Jun	Unit	2019a	2020a	2021e	2022e	2023e	Options assumed	m	7				
ASSETS							Diluted shares	m	191				
Cash	\$m	63	80	132	138	191	NPV (Discount rate 9% real)	Current		+ 12 month	ns ·	+ 24 mont	ths
Receivables	\$m	27	20	16	23	28		\$m	\$/sh	\$m	\$/sh	\$m	\$/sh
Inventories	\$m	10	7	1	1	1	Project Atlas	519	2.82	535	2.91	553	3.01
PP&E, properties & exploration	\$m	341	588	382	421	412	Western Surat Gas Project	182	0.99	200	1.09	198	1.08
Other assets	\$m	62	15	146	146	146	Other properties	-		-			
Total assets	\$m	504	710	677	728	778	Total assets	702	3.82	736	4.00	751	4.08
LIABILITIES			-	-	-	Í	Corp. overheads (less tax losses)	(65)	(0.35)	(65)	(0.35)	(65)	(0.35)
Creditors	\$m	32	31	13	14	17	Enterprise value	637	3.46	671	3.65	686	3.73
Borrowings	\$m	40	116	103	103	103	Net debt/(cash)	(26)	(0.14)	(31)	(0.17)	(58)	(0.31)
Provisions	\$m	63	66	24	24	24	Equity value	663	3.60	702	3.81	744	4.04
Other liabilities	\$m	13	185	232	232	232	Equity faido	003	3.00	102	J.U1	/	7.04
Total liabilities	\$m	148	399	372	372	376							
NET ASSETS		8											
	\$m \$m	356	310	305 305	356 356	402							
Shareholder equity Net debt	\$m	356 (23)	310 36	(30)	356 (35)	(88)							
Weighted average shares	m m	181	182	183	184	184							
weighted average shares		0	102	100	104	104							

SOURCE: BELL POTTER SECURITIES ESTIMATES

Recommendation structure

Buy: Expect >15% total return on a 12 month view. For stocks regarded as 'Speculative' a return of >30% is expected.

Hold: Expect total return between -5% and 15% on a 12 month view

Sell: Expect <-5% total return on a 12 month view

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