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ENN Natural Gas - A (600803 CH)



Target price: CNY22.50 (from CNY22.00)

Share price (23 Aug): CNY19.47 | Up/downside: +15.6%



1H21 review: in-line recurring net profit of CNY1,727m

- ➤ 1H21 recurring net profit in line with profit alert of CNY1.66-1.86bn
- ➤ 1H21 direct gas sales gross profit drove net profit growth
- ➤ Reaffirming our Buy (1) rating; lifting 12-month TP to CNY22.50



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What's new: On 23 August, ENNNG released its 1H21 results with recurring net profit of CNY1,727m (up from a net loss of CNY191m in 1H20), in line with its positive profit alert of CNY1.66-1.86bn (see *our Flash*, *6 July*). Reported net profit came in at CNY2,078m (+186% YoY), also in line with the company's guidance of CNY1,964-2,110m.

What's the impact: Riding on 18.4% YoY core profit growth of ENN (2688 HK, HKD162.20, Outperform [2]). ENNNG's 32.8%-owned ENN reported 1H21 core profit of CNY3.69bn, up 18.4% YoY (see *our Memo*, 23 *August*), serving as the foundation for ENNNG's YoY net profit growth.

Direct gas sales as accelerator of YoY profit growth. ENNNG witnessed 1H21 gross profit of CNY270m from direct gas sales, which was another key YoY net profit growth driver as ENNNG did not engage in direct gas sales in 1H20. Yet, the market should have priced in ENNNG's benefits from direct gas sales, in our view, as ENNNG had announced a 1H21 net profit of CNY218.5m from this business in its positive profit alert.

In-line recovery of underlying segments. In 1H21, the coal segment booked revenue of CNY554m (-5% YoY) and gross profit of CNY355m (+44% YoY) on the back of a 21.6ppt GPM expansion thanks to a YoY coal price hike. The coal segmental performance is in line with our 2021 forecasts of CNY1,579m in revenue and CNY947m in gross profit. The energy chemical segment recorded revenue of CNY1,211m (+28% YoY) and gross profit of CNY97m (+118% YoY), also in line with our 2021 forecasts of CNY2,636m for revenue and CNY484m for gross profit.

Sharp fall in financing cost after repayment of USD debt. ENNNG saw finance expenses decline by 81% YoY to CNY134m, attributable to the repayment of USD500m of debt in 1Q21. We see a structural decline in its financing cost after the completion of CNY3,073m of share placements (see our Memo, 2 February) and repayment of USD debt as likely to contribute to strong earnings growth over the remaining 2 quarters of 2021.

What we recommend: We reaffirm our Buy (1) rating and lift our 12-month TP to CNY22.5 (from CNY22) after rolling over our SOTP valuation on unchanged 12-month forward PER targets, amongst which is 18.5x for ENN which is undemanding in our view compared with the 2021E PER of 21.8x and 2022E PER of 18.3x at which ENN is trading now, per our forecasts. **Key risk:** weaker-than-expected results for ENN Energy.

How we differ: Our 2021-23E EPS are 9-13% above the consensus, likely due to our bullish view on ENN's growth and commodity prices.

Forecast revisions (%)

Year to 31 Dec	21E	22E	23E
Revenue change	-	-	-
Net profit change	-	-	-
Core EPS (FD) change	-	-	-

Source: Daiwa forecasts

Share price performance



12-month range	11.21-19.47
Market cap (USDbn)	8.52
3m avg daily turnover (USDm)	28.23
Shares outstanding (m)	2,846
Maior shareholder	Wang Yusuo (48.4%)

Financial summary (CNY)

Year to 31 Dec	21E	22E	23E
Revenue (m)	105,397	119,948	136,219
Operating profit (m)	12,140	14,203	16,742
Net profit (m)	3,494	4,055	4,750
Core EPS (fully-diluted)	1.228	1.425	1.669
EPS change (%)	51.5	16.1	17.1
Daiwa vs Cons. EPS (%)	12.5	8.7	9.5
PER (x)	15.9	13.7	11.7
Dividend yield (%)	1.6	1.9	2.3
DPS	0.307	0.370	0.451
PBR (x)	4.0	3.3	2.7
EV/EBITDA (x)	7.0	6.4	5.7
ROE (%)	31.8	26.5	25.6

Source: FactSet, Daiwa forecasts



ENNNG: 1H21 results

Profit and Loss (CNYm)	1Q20	2Q20	3Q20	4Q20	1Q21	2Q21	YoY	QoQ	1H21	1H20	YoY
Revenue	17,467	20,980	21,091	28,562	25,849	25,987	24%	1%	51,836	38,446	35%
Cost of sales	(14,646)	(16,338)	(17,101)	(23,697)	(21,914)	(20,725)	27%	-5%	(42,640)	(30,984)	38%
Gross profit	2,821	4,642	3,989	4,865	3,934	5,262	13%	34%	9,196	7,462	23%
Distribution and selling expenses	(290)	(279)	(278)	(363)	(353)	(359)	28%	2%	(711)	(569)	25%
Administrative expenses	(695)	(910)	(650)	(1,055)	(884)	(859)	-6%	-3%	(1,742)	(1,605)	9%
Sales tax and associate charge	(77)	(145)	(162)	(185)	(102)	(133)	-8%	30%	(235)	(222)	6%
R&D expenses	(48)	(72)	(108)	(357)	(124)	(201)	177%	62%	(325)	(120)	170%
Other income	59	99	79	153	84	96	-3%	14%	181	158	15%
One-off Items	(103)	22	(12)	(379)	37	490	2167%	1218%	527	(81)	-751%
Losses on asset impairment	(34)	(14)	-	(15)	(9)	6	-141%	-167%	(3)	(48)	-94%
Other investment income	(1)	172	29	(48)	37	292	70%	682%	330	171	93%
Gain/(loss) on disposal of assets	(18)	(29)	(28)	(51)	(19)	(32)	10%	65%	(51)	(46)	9%
Gain on changes in fair value	27	(97)	3	(14)	54	188	-294%	248%	243	(70)	-448%
Credit gain (loss)	(83)	(2)	(24)	(96)	(46)	59	-2706%	-228%	13	(85)	-115%
Non-operating income	29	19	28	7	28	25	33%	-11%	53	47	12%
Non-operating expenses	(24)	(26)	(21)	(162)	(8)	(49)	87%	484%	(58)	(50)	15%
EBIT	1,666	3,356	2,859	2,678	2,593	4,297	28%	66%	6,890	5,023	37%
Finance expenses	(441)	(268)	(19)	351	(173)	39	-114%	-122%	(134)	(709)	-81%
Income from JV/associate	189	(123)	96	90	107	168	-237%	57%	275	66	314%
PBT	1,415	2,965	2,936	3,119	2,528	4,504	52%	78%	7,031	4,380	61%
Income tax expense	(391)	(689)	(756)	(765)	(693)	(859)	25%	24%	(1,552)	(1,080)	44%
PAT	1,023	2,277	2,180	2,353	1,835	3,644	60%	99%	5,479	3,300	66%
Minority interest	720	1,853	1,655	1,498	1,232	2,169	17%	76%	3,401	2,572	32%
Net profit attributable to shareholders	304	424	524	855	603	1,475	248%	145%	2,078	728	186%
Recurring Net profit attributable to shareholders (reported)	62	(253)	507	989	561	1,166	-561%	108%	1,727	(191)	-1004%
EPS (Basic)	0.12	0.16	0.20	0.33	0.21	0.52	218%	145%	0.73	0.28	
Adj EPS (Basic)	0.02	(0.10)	0.19	0.38	0.20	0.41	-521%	108%	0.61	(0.07)	
Weighted average number of shares	2,600	2,600	2,600	2,600	2,846	2,846			2,846	2,600	

Source: Company, Daiwa

ENNNG: 1H21 segmental results

·	1H21	1H20	YoY
Natural Gas Retail			
Revenue	26,907	20,604	-78.18%
Gross profit	3,713	3,464	7.18%
GPM	13.8%	16.8%	-3.0ppt
Natural Gas Wholesale			
Revenue	9,313	7,922	17.56%
Gross profit	603	303	98.74%
GPM	6.5%	3.8%	+2.7ppt
Natural Gas Direct Sales			
Revenue	3,009	1	n.a.
Gross profit	270		n.a.
GPM	9.0%	1	n.a.
<u>Installation</u>			
Revenue	4,896	4,291	14.10%
Gross profit	2,527	1,577	60.23%
GPM	51.6%	36.8%	+14.9ppt
Integrated Energy Sales & Services			
Revenue	4,084	2,660	53.54%
Gross profit	709	533	32.89%
GPM	17.4%	20.1%	+2.7ppt

Source: Company, Daiwa

ENNNG: 1H21 segmental results (continued)

	1H21	1H20	YoY
Extended Businesses			
Revenue	840	597	40.74%
Gross profit	814	1,978	-58.83%
GPM	97.0%	331.5%	n.a.
Coal			
Revenue	554	581	-4.73%
Gross profit	355	247	43.58%
GPM	64.1%	42.6%	+21.6ppt
Energy Chemical			
Revenue	1,211	944	28.37%
Gross profit	97	45	117.61%
GPM	8.0%	4.7%	+3.3ppt
Trading			
Revenue	771	583	32.22%
Gross profit	25	7	251.30%
GPM	3.2%	1.2%	+2.7ppt

Source: Company, Daiwa

ENNNG: SOTP valuation

		Net Profit Contribution
Segments	Target PER	in 2021-22E
ENN Energy	18.5x	73%
Coal Chemical	8.0x	4%
Energy Engineering	14.5x	9%
Coal	9.5x	11%
LNG	9.0x	2%
Others	7.0x	1%
Blended PER	16.4x	
12-month forward EPS	1.346	
Target price (CNY)	22.5	

Source: Company, Daiwa estimates



Financial summary

Key assumptions

Year to 31 Dec	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021E	2022E	2023E
Natural Gas Segmental Profit (Reclassified)	0	0	0	0	14,788	16,105	19,003	22,501
Coal-chemical Segmental Profit	377	471	597	322	91	484	312	697
Energy Engineering Segmental Profit	546	588	750	811	0	0	0	0
Coal Segmental Profit	513	1,032	969	874	834	947	989	686
LNG Segmental Profit	17	92	92	46	0	0	0	0

Profit and loss (CNYm)

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Year to 31 Dec	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021E	2022E	2023E
Natural Gas Segment (mainly ENN Energy)	0	0	0	0	80,400	91,905	105,882	121,385
Coal-chemical Segment	1,842	3,193	1,880	2,393	1,923	2,636	2,852	2,944
Other Revenue	4,554	6,843	11,752	11,151	5,776	10,856	11,215	11,889
Total Revenue	6,396	10,036	13,632	13,544	88,099	105,397	119,948	136,219
Other income	229	(120)	(329)	174	579	466	531	603
COGS	(4,688)	(7,537)	(10,697)	(11,162)	(71,782)	(87,258)	(99,038)	(111,723)
SG&A	(667)	(784)	(957)	(970)	(5,089)	(5,712)	(6,381)	(7,383)
Other op.expenses	(0)	(55)	(146)	(128)	(585)	(753)	(857)	(973)
Operating profit	1,269	1,540	1,504	1,458	11,222	12,140	14,203	16,742
Net-interest inc./(exp.)	(360)	(424)	(467)	(575)	(1,039)	(996)	(944)	(906)
Assoc/forex/extraord./others	(189)	(194)	584	514	252	2,067	2,070	2,073
Pre-tax profit	720	923	1,621	1,397	10,435	13,211	15,329	17,909
Tax	(150)	(230)	(215)	(213)	(2,602)	(3,376)	(3,917)	(4,576)
Min. int./pref. div./others	(52)	(61)	(84)	21	(5,726)	(6,342)	(7,358)	(8,583)
Net profit (reported)	519	631	1,321	1,205	2,107	3,494	4,055	4,750
Net profit (adjusted)	190	593	1,315	967	2,107	3,494	4,055	4,750
EPS (reported)(CNY)	0.526	0.640	1.075	0.980	0.810	1.228	1.425	1.669
EPS (adjusted)(CNY)	0.192	0.602	1.070	0.786	0.810	1.228	1.425	1.669
EPS (adjusted fully-diluted)(CNY)	0.192	0.602	1.070	0.786	0.810	1.228	1.425	1.669
DPS (CNY)	0.100	0.125	0.207	0.207	0.194	0.307	0.370	0.451
EBIT	1,269	1,540	1,504	1,458	11,222	12,140	14,203	16,742
EBITDA	1,543	1,851	1,879	1,625	13,269	14,986	17,419	20,329

Cash flow (CNYm)

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Year to 31 Dec	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021E	2022E	2023E
Profit before tax	720	923	1,621	1,397	10,435	13,211	15,329	17,909
Depreciation and amortisation	274	311	375	167	2,047	2,846	3,216	3,586
Tax paid	(150)	(230)	(215)	(213)	(2,602)	(3,376)	(3,917)	(4,576)
Change in working capital	(2)	47	(409)	553	256	(685)	(968)	(1,277)
Other operational CF items	138	(55)	(95)	(199)	2,312	(254)	(309)	(349)
Cash flow from operations	980	995	1,276	1,705	12,448	11,742	13,351	15,293
Capex	(979)	(1,075)	(1,342)	(593)	(6,922)	(9,500)	(9,500)	(9,500)
Net (acquisitions)/disposals	(4,921)	(2)	15	0	0	0	0	0
Other investing CF items	264	(25)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cash flow from investing	(5,636)	(1,101)	(1,327)	(593)	(6,922)	(9,500)	(9,500)	(9,500)
Change in debt	3,469	622	(1,928)	518	3,462	(1,000)	(500)	(500)
Net share issues/(repurchases)	0	0	2,243	0	0	3,073	0	0
Dividends paid	(47)	(170)	(134)	(202)	(506)	(873)	(1,054)	(1,282)
Other financing CF items	1,909	(262)	(587)	(1,457)	(7,166)	(996)	(944)	(906)
Cash flow from financing	5,331	190	(406)	(1,142)	(4,210)	204	(2,498)	(2,689)
Forex effect/others	(19)	(5)	(14)	15	25	0	0	0
Change in cash	656	79	(472)	(15)	1,341	2,446	1,353	3,104
Free cash flow	1	(80)	(66)	1,112	5,526	2,242	3,851	5,793

Source: FactSet, Daiwa forecasts



Financial summary continued ... Balance sheet (CNYm)

Year to 31 Dec	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021E	2022E	2023E
Cash & short-term investment	2,416	2,427	1,957	2,495	12,629	15,075	16,428	19,532
Inventory	750	1,615	1,775	1,835	1,999	3,108	3,799	4,591
Accounts receivable	954	1,117	1,638	1,545	5,016	6,064	7,230	8,584
Other current assets	616	958	914	1,119	11,299	12,755	13,641	14,683
Total current assets	4,736	6,117	6,285	6,994	30,943	37,001	41,098	47,390
Fixed assets	6,126	8,268	9,772	9,700	56,030	62,876	69,316	75,385
Goodwill & intangibles	1,043	1,062	1,050	1,023	8,145	7,890	7,635	7,379
Other non-current assets	6,472	6,107	6,408	6,635	14,406	15,774	17,078	18,386
Total assets	18,376	21,555	23,514	24,353	109,524	123,541	135,126	148,540
Short-term debt	4,038	5,674	4,733	3,260	16,687	8,605	8,105	7,605
Accounts payable	1,543	2,645	2,979	3,674	10,221	13,149	14,924	16,835
Other current liabilities	1,837	2,111	1,610	1,252	24,146	24,146	24,146	24,146
Total current liabilities	7,418	10,430	9,323	8,186	51,055	45,900	47,175	48,586
Long-term debt	5,484	5,025	4,628	5,944	15,647	22,729	22,729	22,729
Other non-current liabilities	213	199	227	94	7,550	7,605	7,556	7,507
Total liabilities	13,115	15,653	14,178	14,225	74,252	76,234	77,460	78,823
Share capital	986	986	1,229	1,229	2,600	2,846	2,846	2,846
Reserves/R.E./others	3,558	4,167	7,313	8,124	5,532	10,980	13,981	17,448
Shareholders' equity	4,544	5,153	8,542	9,354	8,132	13,826	16,827	20,294
Minority interests	716	748	795	774	27,140	33,482	40,840	49,423
Total equity & liabilities	18,376	21,555	23,514	24,353	109,524	123,541	135,126	148,540
EV	63,231	64,429	63,607	62,892	102,254	105,150	110,655	115,634
Net debt/(cash)	7,106	8,272	7,403	6,709	19,706	16,259	14,406	10,802
BVPS (CNY)	4.610	5.227	6.948	7.608	3.128	4.858	5.913	7.131

Key ratios (%)

Year to 31 Dec	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021E	2022E	2023E
Sales (YoY)	13.0	56.9	35.8	(0.6)	550.5	19.6	13.8	13.6
EBITDA (YoY)	1.7	19.9	1.5	(13.5)	716.3	12.9	16.2	16.7
Operating profit (YoY)	5.0	21.3	(2.4)	(3.0)	669.4	8.2	17.0	17.9
Net profit (YoY)	(74.1)	212.6	121.7	(26.5)	118.0	65.8	16.1	17.1
Core EPS (fully-diluted) (YoY)	(74.1)	212.6	77.8	(26.5)	3.1	51.5	16.1	17.1
Gross-profit margin	26.7	24.9	21.5	17.6	18.5	17.2	17.4	18.0
EBITDA margin	24.1	18.4	13.8	12.0	15.1	14.2	14.5	14.9
Operating-profit margin	19.8	15.3	11.0	10.8	12.7	11.5	11.8	12.3
Net profit margin	3.0	5.9	9.6	7.1	2.4	3.3	3.4	3.5
ROAE	4.3	12.2	19.2	10.8	24.1	31.8	26.5	25.6
ROAA	1.3	3.0	5.8	4.0	3.1	3.0	3.1	3.3
ROCE	10.7	9.8	8.5	7.7	25.8	16.6	17.0	17.8
ROIC	10.4	8.7	8.4	7.4	23.5	15.2	15.6	16.3
Net debt to equity	156.4	160.5	86.7	71.7	242.3	117.6	85.6	53.2
Effective tax rate	20.8	24.9	13.3	15.3	24.9	25.6	25.6	25.6
Accounts receivable (days)	51.5	37.7	36.9	42.9	13.6	19.2	20.2	21.2
Current ratio (x)	0.6	0.6	0.7	0.9	0.6	0.8	0.9	1.0
Net interest cover (x)	3.5	3.6	3.2	2.5	10.8	12.2	15.1	18.5
Net dividend payout	19.0	19.5	19.2	21.1	24.0	25.0	26.0	27.0
Free cash flow yield	0.0	n.a.	n.a.	2.0	10.0	4.0	7.0	10.5

Source: FactSet, Daiwa forecasts

Company profile

ENN Natural Gas (ENNNG) is currently engaged in the upstream energy business in China with a focus on coal mining, coal chemicals, and natural gas engineering, procurement, and construction (EPC) services (LNG and city-gas). After the proposed restructuring with ENN Energy, ENNNG will become the sole national city-gas company on the A-share market, deriving c.85% of its gross profit from ENN Energy.



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