

# **Cogent Holdings Ltd**

The next pillar of growth, again

### SINGAPORE | LOGISTICS SERVICES | UPDATE

- Letter of offer to develop Phase One of Jurong Island Chemical Logistics Facility
- Jurong Island logistics facility will be of the same size as the existing Cogent 1.Logisitcs
   Facility
- Earliest impact to earnings will come only in FY19

When we <u>initiated coverage</u> on Cogent Holdings Ltd (Cogent) in December 2014, we had identified the Cogent 1.Logistics Hub as the next pillar of growth for Cogent. Since then, Cogent has reported 24% and 36% year-on-year (yoy) growth in net income for FY14 and FY15, respectively. The stock has since appreciated 123% from its then-price of 37 cents. With this latest announcement, we find it apt to again say, "The next pillar of growth".

#### What is the news?

Cogent announced that its wholly-owned subsidiary, Cogent Jurong Island Pte Ltd (CJI), has received a letter of offer from JTC Corporation (JTC) dated 6 September for Phase One of the construction of the Jurong Island Chemical Logistics Facility. Cogent had accepted the letter on 8 September.

Phase One will occupy 3.5 hectares of land with approximately 87,500 sqm of built-up area. CJI will have to submit its application to develop Phase Two of the site. The submission has to be made within four years from the start of operations of Phase One. Phase Two will be on an additional 2.5 hectares plot of land of approximately 62,500 sqm of built-up area.

JTC will grant CJI a Licence to develop Phase One of the facility. The Licence will commence on 1 April 2017 and will be valid for three years.

#### How do we view this?

#### It is not a done deal yet

We highlight that Cogent still has to go through several approval processes with various relevant governmental and statutory authorities before the project can commence. Moreover, Cogent will also have to accept the terms and conditions set out for the project.

#### Earliest impact to earnings will come only in FY19

The licence to develop Phase One of the facility will commence on 1 April 2017. We assume that the design process and preparatory work will last for the remainder of 2017, with actual construction commencing in 2HFY17. Using the construction of Cogent 1. Logistics Hub as a guide, we assume a development cost of c.S\$90mn and construction of Phase One to last for five quarters. Based on our assumed timeline, Phase One could receive its Temporary Occupation Permit (TOP) in 1HFY19.

## Jurong Island Chemical Logistics Facility to match Cogent 1 in size

The existing Cogent 1.Logistics Hub has a gross floor area (GFA) of c.149,000 sqm; Phase One and Phase Two of the Jurong Island Chemical Logistics Facility combined will be just as large. There should be a material impact to earnings.

#### Cogent has the ability to substantially fund the project with internal resources

We see the possibility of Cogent funding the project through internal resources, without having to raise debt. Our forecast is that Cogent will generate net cash from operations that is in excess of \$\$40mn for the next three years. Cash balance should reach about \$\$70mn at the end of FY17.

#### Upgrade to "Buy" rating with new higher DDM-backed target price of \$\$1.11

Key de-rating event and risk to our price target is the project being called off. The target price gives an implied forward P/E multiple of 15.3x over NTM 7.13 cents EPS.

#### 13 September 2016

## **BUY (Upgraded)**

LAST CLOSE PRICE SGD 0.825 FORECAST DIV SGD 0.024 TARGET PRICE SGD 1.110 TOTAL RETURN 37.5%

#### **COMPANY DATA**

O/S SHARES (MN) :	479
MARKET CAP (USD mn / SGD mn):	290 / 392
52 - WK HI/LO (SGD) :	0.82 / 0.32
3M Average Daily T/O (mn):	1.16

#### **MAJOR SHAREHOLDERS (%)**

YEOW KHOON TAN	70.3%
TEOWINIOON TAIL	70.570
YEOW LAM TAN	13.6%
MIN CHEOW TAN	0.5%

#### PRICE PERFORMANCE (%)

	1M TH	3 M T H	1Y R
COMPANY	10.8	33.9	131.8
STIRETURN	1.5	2.8	4.3

#### PRICE VS. STI



Source: Bloomberg, PSR

#### **KEY FINANCIALS**

Y/E Dec	FY 14	FY 15	FY 16 e	FY 17e
Revenue (SGD mn)	118.5	129.2	136.3	138.9
NPAT, adj (SGD mn)	18.8	25.5	32.9	36.7
EPS, adj. (cents)	3.92	5.32	6.87	7.68
P/E, adj. (x)	8.9	7.4	12.0	10.7
BVPS (cents)	20.2	21.7	26.6	31.9
P/B (x)	1.7	1.8	3.1	2.6
DPS (cents)	3.76	1.88	2.41	2.69
Div. Yield (%)	10.7	4.8	2.9	3.3

Source: Company Data, PSR est.

#### VALUATION METHOD

DDM (Cost of equity: 7.1%; Terminal g: 1.0%)

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## **Financials**

Income	Stateme	nt
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Y/E Dec, SGD mn	FY14	FY15	FY16e	FY17e	FY18e
Revenue	118.5	129.2	136.3	138.9	146.7
Other operating income	8.3	2.0	3.1	3.0	2.8
EBITDA	36.3	41.9	51.6	56.1	54.7
Depreciation & Amortisation	6.8	8.4	8.8	9.8	9.7
EBIT	29.5	33.5	42.8	46.3	45.0
Net Finance (Expense)/Inc	(0.9)	(2.9)	(3.3)	(2.8)	(2.4)
Otheritems	-	-	-	-	-
Associates & JVs	(0.1)	-	-	-	-
Profit Before Tax	28.6	30.6	39.5	43.5	42.7
Taxation	(4.0)	(5.1)	(6.6)	(6.8)	(7.1)
Net Income, reported	24.7	25.5	32.9	36.7	35.6
Exceptional items	5.9	-	-	-	-
Net Income, adj.	18.8	25.5	32.9	36.7	35.6

### **Balance Sheet**

Y/E Dec, SGD mn	FY14	FY15	FY16e	FY17e	FY18e
ASSETS					
PPE	187.9	199.5	199.8	199.1	269.0
Associates & JVs	-	-	-	-	-
Investments	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.04
Others	1.9	3.6	3.6	3.6	3.6
Total non-current assets	189.8	203.1	203.5	202.8	272.7
Inventories	-	-	-	-	-
Trade Receivables	16.8	17.1	18.1	18.4	19.5
Investments	0.03	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02
Cash	53.4	45.3	55.3	73.2	20.9
Others	3.2	3.6	3.8	3.9	4.1
Total current assets	73.4	66.0	77.3	95.5	44.5
Total Assets	263.3	269.1	280.7	298.3	317.2
LIABILITIES					
Short term loans	10.8	13.4	8.4	6.0	6.0
Accounts Payables	5.7	6.2	6.6	6.7	7.1

#### Per share data (Cents)

Y/E Dec	FY14	FY15	FY16e	FY17e	FY18e
EPS, reported	5.15	5.32	6.87	7.68	7.44
EPS, adj.	3.92	5.32	6.87	7.68	7.44
DPS	3.76	1.88	2.41	2.69	2.60
BVPS	20.18	21.65	26.64	31.91	36.65

LIABILITIES					
Short term loans	10.8	13.4	8.4	6.0	6.0
Accounts Payables	5.7	6.2	6.6	6.7	7.1
Others	35.1	38.4	39.1	39.7	41.6
Total current liabilities	51.6	58.0	54.1	52.4	54.7
Long term loans	112.5	104.8	96.4	84.4	72.4
Others	2.6	2.7	2.7	2.7	2.7
Total non-current liabilities	115.1	107.5	99.1	87.1	75.1
Total Liabilities	166.7	165.6	153.2	139.6	129.8
EQUITY					
Shareholder Equity	96.6	103.6	127.5	158.7	187.4

#### **Cash Flow**

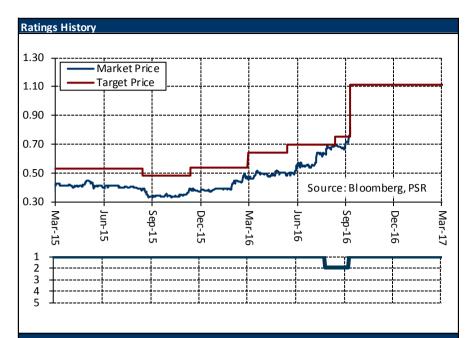
Y/E Dec, SGD mn	FY14	FY15	FY16e	FY17e	FY18e
CFO					
PBT	28.6	30.6	39.5	43.5	42.7
Adjustments	0.6	10.7	12.1	12.6	12.1
WC changes	(5.6)	3.6	0.9	0.3	1.0
Cash generated from ops	23.7	44.9	52.5	56.4	55.7
Others	(2.9)	(3.5)	(6.6)	(6.8)	(7.1)
Cashflow from ops	20.8	41.4	45.9	49.7	48.7
CFI					
CAPEX, net	(2.4)	(19.8)	(10.1)	(9.1)	(79.7)
Divdend income	0.001	0.002	-	-	-
Others	0.12	(1.58)	0.12	0.20	0.27
Cashflow from investments	(2.3)	(21.3)	(10.0)	(8.9)	(79.4)
CFF					
Share issuance, net	-	-	-	-	-
Loans, net of repayments	(4.0)	(7.1)	(13.4)	(8.4)	(6.0)
Dividends	(6.0)	(18.0)	(9.0)	(11.5)	(12.9)
Others	(1.9)	(3.2)	(3.5)	(3.0)	(2.6)
Cashflow from financing	(12.0)	(28.3)	(25.8)	(23.0)	(21.5)
Net change in cash	6.5	(8.2)	10.1	17.8	(52.2)
Effects of exchange rate	-	(0.01)	-	-	-
CCE, end	52.7	44.5	54.6	72.4	20.1

#### Valuation Ratios

valuation Ratios					
Y/E Dec	FY14	FY15	FY16e	FY17e	FY18e
P/E (X), adj.	8.9	7.4	12.0	10.7	11.1
P/B (X)	1.7	1.8	3.1	2.6	2.3
EV/EBITDA (X), adj.	6.5	6.2	8.6	7.3	8.3
Dividend Yield (%)	10.7%	4.8%	2.9%	3.3%	3.2%
Growth & Margins (%)					
Growth					
Revenue	5.0%	9.1%	5.5%	1.9%	5.6%
EBITDA	53.7%	15.6%	23.1%	8.7%	-2.4%
EBIT	62.9%	13.5%	27.9%	8.1%	-2.9%
Net Income, adj.	24.1%	35.7%	29.2%	11.7%	-3.1%
Margins					
EBITDA margin	30.6%	32.5%	37.9%	40.4%	37.3%
EBIT margin	24.9%	25.9%	31.4%	33.4%	30.7%
Net Profit Margin	15.8%	19.7%	24.1%	26.4%	24.3%
Key Ratios					
ROE (%)	21.5%	25.4%	28.5%	25.7%	20.6%
ROA (%)	8.2%	9.6%	12.0%	12.7%	11.6%
Net Debt or (Net Cash)	69.9	72.9	49.5	17.2	57.5
Net Gearing (X)	72.3%	70.4%	38.8%	10.9%	30.7%

Source: Company, Phillip Securities Research (Singapore) Estimates

 $<sup>\</sup>hbox{*Forward multiples \& yields based on current market price; historical multiples \& yields based on historical market price.}$ 



PSR Rating System		
Total Returns	Recommendation	Rating
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+5% to +20%	Accumulate	2
-5% to +5%	Neutral	3
-5% to -20%	Reduce	4
< -20%	Sell	5

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