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Falcon Energy Group

Getting a Lift in 2Q FY14

We noted that Falcon Energy Group (Falcon) recently carried out some share buy-back activities and absorbed back approximately 2m shares (at an average daily price of between 34.8 cts and 37.2 cts) from the open market this month. This seems to be a signal from the management that Falcon's current share price is not justified.

The move may be partially explained by the recent sale of its two 45.5% owned Gusto MSC CJ46-X100 jack-up rigs at an estimated price of US\$225m each last month. These two rigs have a cost of roughly US\$196m each, assuming interest cost, agency fees and others. Netting off the figures, the transaction works out to an attributable profit of US\$26m which Falcon will probably recognize in its upcoming 2Q results.

On the marine division, we expect the company to deploy its 2X 78m multi-functional support vessels over the next two months and these vessels are capable of generating bareboat annual revenue of US\$9+m each, if fully deployed. We also expect charter rates for the other vessels to be healthy given current high energy prices and active drilling programmes. We now estimate utilization rate for the remaining FY2014 to be around 80%. Contributions from associates will probably cutback to below US\$1m following the recent write-down in its 29% owned CH Offshore and lower chartering revenue. Nonetheless, we expect the marine division to lead the group in profitability and Falcon may generate US\$5m, US\$7m and US\$7m PAT for the next three quarters. We leave our estimates for the oilfield services and oilfield projects intact and assume negligible contribution from the resource division. In view of the positive outlook, we now revise our intrinsic value to \$\$0.550 per share. Maintain Increase Exposure.

Falcon's share price has also recovered to near its one-year high level of \$\$0.42 per share. As of end June 2013, Falcon has 162.8m outstanding warrants with an exercise price of \$\$0.40 per share. The last conversion date for the warrant is 1 Nov 2013.

Increase Exposure

- Intrinsic Value S\$0.55
- Prev Closing Price \$\$0.415

Main Activities

Falcon is an investment holding company which offers a spectrum of services from exploration and drilling phase to the post production stage. The business is divided into three segments: Marine, Oilfield Services and Oilfield Projects. The Resource divisions and Drilling Services division were established recently.

Financial Highlights							
(Y/E Mar)US\$m	FY11	FY12*	FY14F				
Revenue	80.0	116	119				
Gross Profit	17.9	33.0	40.3				
PAT	7.1	10.4	39.2				
EPS (US cts)	0.4	1.0	4.0				

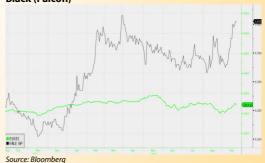
Source: Voyage Research Estimates

Key ratios (FY14F)				
PER	8.4			
P/BV	1.4			
ROE	18.0%			
Debt/Equity	65%			
Current ratio	1.26			

Source: Voyage Research Estimates

Indexed Price Chart

Green (FSSTI) Black (Falcon)



52wks High-Low 42 cents/20.5 cents
Number of Shares* 977m
Market Capitalization \$\$405m
*:Include warrants

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Figure 1: Valuation								
US\$ '000	2011	5Q 2012F	2014F	2015F				
EBIT	10982	17512	50370	29581				
Tax on EBIT	-2369	-1097	-5037	-2958				
Deferred Tax Liability	-1060	405	0	0				
Minority Interest	-2282	-591	-500	-500				
NOPLAT	5271	16229	44833	26123				
Total Invested Capital	282459	305967	267903	281430				
WACC	7.3%	9.4%	7.1%	7.1%				
Capital Charge	20578	28851	19042	20004				
Economic Profit			25791	6119				
Terminal				153430				
Discount Rate			1.00	0.93				
Present Value			25791	5713				
Book Value	208081							
Explicit Value	25791		Risk Free	2.5%				
Terminal Value	143248		MRP	6.5%				
Value of Firm	377120		Cost of Equity	9.00%				
Number of Shares	976920		Cost of Debt	5.0%				
Input from Warrant	52096		Terminal G	3.0%				
Value per Share (US\$)	0.439							
US Dollar Conversion	1.25							
Value in S\$	0.549	~0.55						

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Figure 2: Financial Forecasts and Estimates							
US\$ '000	2010	2011	5Q 2012	2014F	2015F		
Revenue	64610	79949	116195	118519	144593		
Gross Profit	24615	17858	33005	40296	50608		
Net Income Before Taxes	12151	7084	11075	43574	22718		
Net Income After Taxes	11684	5556	10381	39217	20446		
Total Current Assets	49872	76558	93060	97682	99528		
Total Non-Current Assets	248460	291758	307777	352350	365349		
Total Current Liabilities	33337	67909	74743	77322	71722		
Total Non-Current Liabilities	69719	102969	118013	125412	125411		
Total Equity	195276	197438	208081	247298	267744		
Net Income Before Tax	12151	7084	11075	43574	22718		
Cash from Operating Activities	15692	-16087	16050	23163	16215		
Cash from Investing Activities	-117967	-14134	-30998	-25573	-11100		
Cash from Financing Activities	67378	31080	14522	7955	-5000		
Net Change in Cash	-34897	859	-426	5545	115		
Net Cash - Beginning Balance	47054	12303	13097	12896	18441		
Net Cash - Ending Balance	12303	13097	12896	18441	18556		
Inventory Days	6	58	39	66	106		
Receivable Days	204	164	179	170	89		
Payable Days	91	93	113	117	100		
ROE	6.4%	2.9%	5.4%	18.0%	8.3%		
ROA	4.5%	1.7%	2.7%	9.2%	4.5%		
Debt/Equity	50.1%	69.4%	73.9%	65.2%	58.2%		
Current Ratio	1.50	1.13	1.25	1.26	1.39		
P/E*	23.0	79.6	33.1	8.4	16.3		
P/B* *: Include Warrants	1.4	1.4	1.6	1.4	1.3		

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Increase Exposure – The current price of the stock is significantly lower than the underlying fundamental value. Readers can consider increasing their exposure in their portfolio to a higher level.

Invest – The current price of the stock is sufficiently lower than the underlying fundamental value of the firm. Readers can consider adding this stock to their portfolio.

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