The Siam Cement Pcl (SCC TB)

Turning the tide

We reaffirm our BUY rating on SCC. We expect its earnings to bottom out this year with a strong catalyst of a 47% jump in petrochemical capacity in 1H23F boosting earnings by 35/19% in 2023-24F. Its share price has also fallen to trade at 1.2x P/BV, below its five-year average of 1.6x.



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An early BUY call

We transfer coverage of the stock and reaffirm our BUY on SCC with a new DCF-based 12-month TP (2023F base year) of Bt440 (from Bt490). *First*, we expect SCC's share price to react ahead of its petrochemical capacity hike of 47% in 1H23F, which is a key driver of our 35/19% earnings growth estimates in 2023-24F. *Second*, SCC's share price has fallen by 20% from its 2021 peak of Bt470 which we see reflecting a 24% fall in earnings this year from weak petrochemical spreads and high coal prices. SCC is trading on 1.2x P/BV which is below -1STD vs. its five-year average of 1.6x. *Third*, we see SCC as a big-cap play on peaking coal prices once the Russian/Ukraine war ends. *This report marks a transfer of coverage*.

New growth phase soon

We expect SCC to enjoy three growth drivers from next year. The first is from a 47% petrochemical capacity boost from the 1.6mt Long Son Plant (LSP), due to be operational in 1H23. The second is our expectation of recovering petrochemical spreads from a new upcycle where new supply will fall. Our benchmark HDPE-naphtha spread assumptions are US\$480/510/600 per tonne in 2022-24F vs. US\$630 in 2021 and US\$449 YTD. The third is our forecast for coal prices to come down after the Russia-Ukraine conflict ends. Coal accounts for c.30% of cement COGS or 10% of the firm's total COGS.

CBM under transformation

SCC has been transforming its cement & building materials (CBM) business from a producer and SCG Home franchise model to offering customer solutions and more modern trade and online channels. Positive results were seen last year with 6% revenue growth vs. a 3% drop in domestic demand and 2-22% falls in demand in ASEAN markets. That said, the CBM business is being hit by rising coal prices with a six-to-nine month lag time cost adjustment due to long-term coal contracts. Despite the offsetting factor from product price hikes, we forecast an 8% fall in CBM's profit this year and a marginal profit recovery of 5% next year. We estimate CBM profit at 20% of the firm's total profit.

Packaging business to recover in 2H22F

SCC's packaging business, SCGP Pcl (SCGP TB, HOLD, Bt55.00), faced a hiccup in 2H21-1H22 from the lockdown impact that resulted in weaker demand and higher raw material and freight costs. We expect this pressure to ease from 2H22F from falling old corrugated cardboard (OCC) raw material costs and potential selling price increases when demand increases in China post lockdowns. Actually, an improvement has already started to be seen so far in 2Q22F as the OCC price has fallen by 4% from 1Q22 to US\$270/tonne.

COMPANY VALUATION

| Y/E Dec (Bt m) | 2021A | 2022F | 2023F | 2024F |
|-------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Sales | 530,112 | 529,641 | 558,767 | 633,566 |
| Net profit | 47,174 | 35,615 | 48,090 | 57,198 |
| Consensus NP | _ | 40,357 | 46,328 | 55,922 |
| Diff frm cons (%) | _ | (11.8) | 3.8 | 2.3 |
| Norm profit | 46,967 | 35,615 | 48,090 | 57,198 |
| Prev. Norm profit | _ | 47,773 | 43,138 | 42,363 |
| Chg frm prev (%) | _ | (25.4) | 11.5 | 35.0 |
| Norm EPS (Bt) | 39.1 | 29.7 | 40.1 | 47.7 |
| Norm EPS grw (%) | 24.0 | (24.2) | 35.0 | 18.9 |
| Norm PE (x) | 9.5 | 12.5 | 9.2 | 7.8 |
| EV/EBITDA (x) | 8.8 | 12.1 | 8.5 | 7.2 |
| P/BV (x) | 1.2 | 1.2 | 1.1 | 1.0 |
| Div yield (%) | 5.0 | 4.0 | 5.4 | 6.4 |
| ROE (%) | 13.7 | 9.5 | 12.2 | 13.5 |
| Net D/E (%) | 49.4 | 55.7 | 48.1 | 40.6 |

PRICE PERFORMANCE



COMPANY INFORMATION

| Price as of 3-May-22 | (Bt) | 370.00 |
|-----------------------|--------------|------------------|
| Market Cap (US\$ m) | | 12,862.9 |
| Listed Shares (m sha | 1,200.0 | |
| Free Float (%) | | 66.2 |
| Avg Daily Turnover (U | S\$ m) | 35.9 |
| 12M Price H/L (Bt) | | 474.00/356.00 |
| Sector | | CONMAT |
| Major Shareholder | HM King Maha | a Vajiralongkorn |
| | Bodindrade | ebayavarangkun |
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Sources: Bloomberg, Company data, Thanachart estimates

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A new chemical growth phase

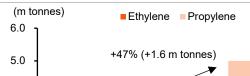
New capacity and spread improvement are key drivers, in our view

We expect The Siam Cement Pcl's (SCC) petrochemical business segment to soon enter a new growth phase. Three key drivers are: 1) the scheduled start-up of the Long Son Plant (LSP) in Vietnam in 1H23 which would increase SCC's upstream capacity by 47%; 2) our expectation of a turnaround of the petrochemical cycle in 2023F, when additional global supply looks set to fall from 2022's peak; and 3) SCC's new planned projects beyond LSP with a potential Bt330bn (US\$10bn) capex over the next seven to eight years.

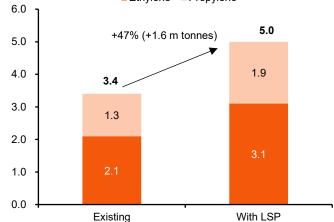
Long Son Plant (LSP)

LSP would increase SCC's petrochemical capacity by 47% in 1H23

SCC's LSP in Vietnam is scheduled to begin commercial operations in 1H23. This would increase SCC's upstream olefins petrochemical capacity by 47% to 5mt from 3.4mt at present (see Exhibit 1 for existing upstream capacity and LSP's). Unlike its existing plants which mainly use naphtha as feedstock, LSP has the flexibility to use as much as 70% gas (mainly LPG) and the remainder naphtha. This should increase flexibility for the maximization of yield.

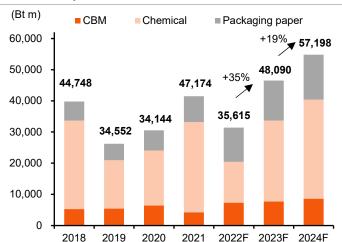


Ex 1: A 47% Rise In Olefins Capacity



Source: Company data

Ex 2: A Jump In Petrochemical Profit



Sources: Company data, Thanachart estimates

Ex 3: SCC's Petrochemical Capacity

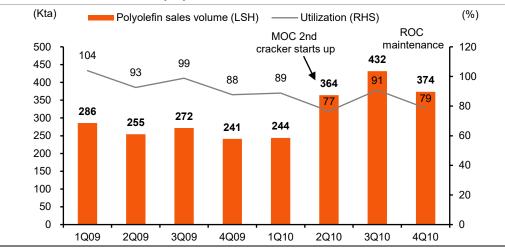
| Upstream | Capacity (m tpa) | % stake | To SCC (m tpa) | Company |
|-----------------------|------------------|---------|----------------|-------------------|
| Consolidated capacity | | | | |
| Ethylene | 2.1 | | | |
| Propylene | 1.3 | | | |
| Total | 3.4 | | | |
| HDPE | 1.0 | | | |
| LDPE+LLDPE | 0.3 | | | |
| PP | 0.9 | | | |
| PVC | 0.9 | | | |
| Total | 3.0 | | | |
| Equity income | | | | |
| Ethylene | 0.9 | 30% | 0.27 | Chandra Asri |
| Propylene | 0.49 | 30% | 0.15 | Chandra Asri |
| Total | 1.39 | | 0.42 | |
| LLDPE | 0.65 | 50% | 0.33 | Dow chemical |
| Special elastomer | 0.22 | 50% | 0.11 | Dow chemical |
| PS | 0.14 | 50% | 0.07 | Dow chemical |
| SM | 0.3 | 50% | 0.15 | Dow chemical |
| PP compound | 0.168 | 46% | 0.08 | Mitsui chemical |
| LLDPE | 0.015 | 45% | 0.01 | Mitsui chemical |
| MMA | 0.175 | 47% | 0.08 | Mitsui Rayon |
| HDPE/LLDPE | 0.736 | 31% | 0.23 | Chandra Asri |
| PP | 0.59 | 31% | 0.18 | Chandra Asri |
| SM | 0.34 | 31% | 0.11 | Chandra Asri |
| Butadiene | 0.22 | 49% | 0.11 | Bangkok synthetic |
| SSBR | 0.1 | 49% | 0.05 | Bangkok synthetic |
| Total | 3.65 | | 1.49 | |
| | | | | |
| Total PE and PP | 2.2 | | 0.8 | |

Source: Company data

LSP likely to make a profit within the first six months

We expect LSP to make a profit within the first six months of operation with utilization running above the 55% break-even level (please see Exhibit 5 for our estimates). And it should also be able to run fully, say at above 90% utilization, within a year. LSP will also likely sell its products mostly locally in Vietnam, as the country is currently a net importer of petrochemical products. LSP would replace Vietnam's petrochemical import demand. Exhibit 4 shows the utilization ramp-up of SCC's previous plant MOC, which was up and running in 2Q10. The plant reached 70% utilization within three months of starting up and 90% within six months.

Ex 4: SCC's Utilization Ramp-up Track Record



Source: Company data

Ex 5: LSP's Earnings Sensitivity To Utilization Level

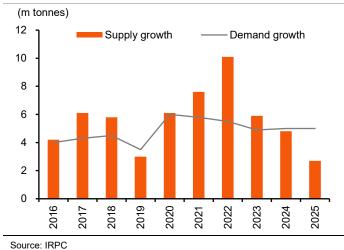
| Utilization | 45% | 50% | 55% | 65% | 75% | 85% |
|------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Upstream capacity (tonnes) | | | | | | |
| Ethylene | 1,000,000 | 1,000,000 | 1,000,000 | 1,000,000 | 1,000,000 | 1,000,000 |
| Propylene | 600,000 | 600,000 | 600,000 | 600,000 | 600,000 | 600,000 |
| Total | 1,600,000 | 1,600,000 | 1,600,000 | 1,600,000 | 1,600,000 | 1,600,000 |
| Downstream capacity (tonnes) | | | | | | |
| HDPE | 450,000 | 450,000 | 450,000 | 450,000 | 450,000 | 450,000 |
| LLDPE | 500,000 | 500,000 | 500,000 | 500,000 | 500,000 | 500,000 |
| PP | 400,000 | 400,000 | 400,000 | 400,000 | 400,000 | 400,000 |
| Total | 1,350,000 | 1,350,000 | 1,350,000 | 1,350,000 | 1,350,000 | 1,350,000 |
| Spread (US\$/tonne) | | | | | | |
| HDPE-naphtha | 500 | 500 | 500 | 500 | 500 | 500 |
| LLDPE-naphtha | 500 | 500 | 500 | 500 | 500 | 500 |
| PP-naphtha | 520 | 520 | 520 | 520 | 520 | 520 |
| Feedstock breakdown | | | | | | |
| Propane (70% maximum) | 50% | 50% | 50% | 50% | 50% | 50% |
| Naphtha (70% maximum) | 50% | 50% | 50% | 50% | 50% | 50% |
| Price (US\$/tonne) | | | | | | |
| Propane price | 800 | 800 | 800 | 800 | 800 | 800 |
| Naphtha price | 900 | 900 | 900 | 900 | 900 | 900 |
| Feedstock cost (Bt m) | 22,032 | 24,480 | 26,928 | 31,824 | 36,720 | 41,616 |
| Processing cost (US\$/tonne) | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| Processing cost (Bt m) | 2,304 | 2,560 | 2,816 | 3,328 | 3,840 | 4,352 |
| Depreciation (Bt m) | 6,267 | 6,267 | 6,267 | 6,267 | 6,267 | 6,267 |
| Total cost of sales | 30,603 | 33,307 | 36,011 | 41,419 | 46,827 | 52,235 |
| Interest expense | 3,649 | 3,649 | 3,649 | 3,649 | 3,649 | 3,649 |
| Operating profit | (2,075) | (1,189) | (299) | 1,469 | 3,243 | 5,024 |
| Tax rate | 20% | 20% | 20% | 20% | 20% | 20% |
| Tax expense | (415) | (238) | (60) | 294 | 649 | 1,005 |
| Profit (Bt m) | (1,660) | (951) | (239) | 1,175 | 2,595 | 4,019 |

Source: Thanachart estimates

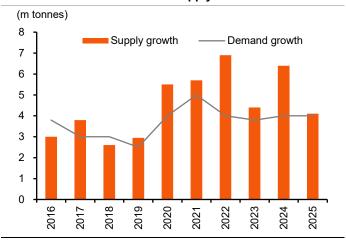
Passing the trough

We expect a 2022F trough and a new cycle to begin in 2023F We expect the petrochemical industry (olefins chain) to pass its trough this year and begin a new up-cycle in 2023F. This is due to new supply reaching a peak this year before falling in 2023F with additional demand to start surpassing additional supply from 2024F.

Ex 6: Global PE Demand Vs. Supply Growth



Ex 7: Global PP Demand Vs. Supply Growth

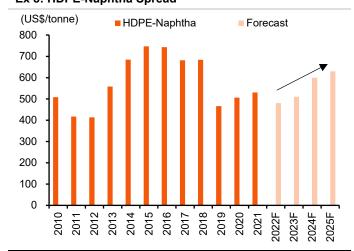


Source: IRPC

Spread should improve along with industry cycle

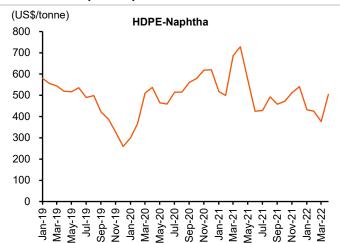
Exhibit 8 shows our forecasts for the benchmark HDPE-naphtha spread. We expect the spread to bottom out this year and recover thereafter. Exhibit 9 shows recent spread movements with the spread this year reaching a bottom of US\$377/tonne in March before recovering to US\$470 at present.

Ex 8: HDPE-Naphtha Spread



Sources: Bloomberg, Thanachart estimates

Ex 9: HDPE-Naphtha Spread



Source: Bloomberg

| (US\$/tonne) | 2020 | 2021 | 2022F | 2023F | 2024F |
|---------------|------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| HDPE-naphtha | 506 | 630 | 480 | 510 | 600 |
| LDPE-naphtha | 626 | 1,020 | 800 | 830 | 880 |
| LLDPE-naphtha | 479 | 630 | 500 | 530 | 600 |
| PP-naphtha | 616 | 680 | 520 | 550 | 630 |

Sources: Bloomberg, Thanachart estimates

Longer-term potential expansions

SCC is studying the possibility of new expansions beyond LSP. However, most are still a long way off without a definite timeline so we leave them out of our model.

Potential LSP2 and CAP2

Expansions in Vietnam and Indonesia: There is the possibility of LSP2 in Vietnam. Vietnam's polyolefins demand is 3.7mt vs. LSP1's polyolefins capacity of 1.35mt. LSP1 is the only domestic olefins cracker in Vietnam and any remaining demand is met by imports. Demand growth in Vietnam is around 8% p.a. As for Indonesia, SCC has domestic exposure via its 30% stake in Chandra Asri Petrochemical (TPIA IJ, unrated, IDR10,050). CAP currently has 1.3mt of polyolefins capacity and CAP2 with its 1.2mt capacity is due to come on stream in 2026. CAP is the key domestic petrochemical complex in Indonesia and most of its products are for import substitution. Indonesia's polyolefins demand is 3.6mt vs. combined CAP1 and CAP2 capacity of 2.5mt. Therefore, there is room for CAP to increase capacity in the future.

SCC's PVC production has yet to integrate backward to EDC production

PVC upstream integration: SCC has 0.9mt of production capacity of polyvinyl chloride (PVC), which accounted for 20% of SCC's total petrochemical revenue in 2021. In PVC production, the key feedstock is ethylene dichloride (EDC), which is made from ethylene, chlorine, and caustic soda. SCC doesn't have its own EDC production and it sees an opportunity to integrate backward to EDC production. It is looking at a potential 0.52mt of EDC capacity and we estimate potential capex of US\$900m. We expect PVC demand to continue to be strong in Asia driven by construction demand on the back of government stimulus packages as well as decarbonization in China. Asia PVC demand is expected to grow by 5.4% p.a. over 2021-25 vs. supply growth of only 3.3%, according to IHS.

Green portfolio expansion for ESG

Green portfolio expansion: SCC has also set a target of expanding its green polymer sales volume to 1mt by 2030 from 0.2mt currently. These are products such as bio-based plastics, or products from green feedstocks, recycled resins, or low carbon footprint materials. The products normally command a price premium and would also help enhance SCC's environmental, social and governance (ESG) score, in our view.

HVA portfolio expansion: SCC plans to continue expanding its high value-added (HVA) product portfolio, which accounted for around 34% of total petrochemical revenue in 2021. The HVA portfolio helped boost the company's performance during the pandemic.

Ex 11: Potential Future Projects

| | Demand growth rate (2021-26) | Net imports/Net exports (PO, PVC 2021) | Ongoing investment | Future opportunities |
|----------|------------------------------------|---|------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| met | 8% CAGR (Polyolefin) | | LSP1: | LSP2 |
| Vietnam | 7% CAGR (PVC) | Net imports | US\$5.4bn, 100% owned | LSP1 Debottlenecking |
| ndonesia | 5% CAGR (Polyolefin) | Net imports | CAP1: Rights issue for new complex | CAP2 |
| ludo | 5% CAGR (PVC) | Net Imports | (US\$434m, equity portion) | I I |
| 2 | R&D and HVA | incubation hub | | |
| Thailand | Elevate green | polymers platfor | rm | |
| Ë | Technology ar | nd digital center | | |

Ex 12: Potential Capex For Future Projects

| Project | Investment size (US\$ m) |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------|
| LSP 2 | 6,000 |
| LSP debottlenecking | 500 |
| EDC backward ingration | 900 |
| Downstream vinyl | 300 |
| Expand green products | 2,000 |
| HVA | 300 |
| Investment size opportunity | 10,000 |
| | |
| | |

Source: Thanachart estimates

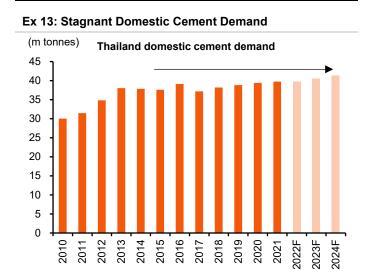
Source: Company data

CBM going through a transformation

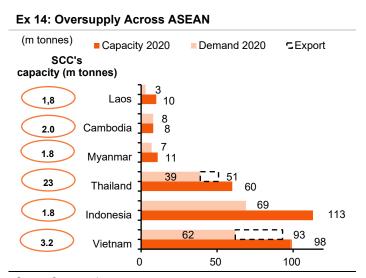
Organic cement demand growth and range-bound prices

Cement is the biggest business segment under CBM. Demand in Thailand has been fairly stagnant for over a decade, or only seen organic growth at best. We expect organic growth to continue given the country's structural growth trap situation. With stagnant demand and the ongoing structural oversupply of 60mt of capacity vs. 39mt of demand per annum, the cement price has been range-bound in Thailand at Bt1,700-1,800/tonne for over a decade. However, due to the oligopolistic nature of the market with three major players controlling it, the business has provided decent profits with an EBITDA margin of 17-22%.

SCC's investments in cement plants in ASEAN have been a result of the stronger demand growth outlook in those countries. SCC has a total of 10.6mt of production capacity in ASEAN vs. 23mt in Thailand (see Exhibit 14). Despite their stronger demand prospects, most of those countries are also experiencing oversupply, thereby limiting potential price increases. In our model, we forecast average ASEAN cement demand growth for SCC at 7% p.a. vs. 1% in Thailand and an EBITDA margin of 10% vs. 17% in Thailand.

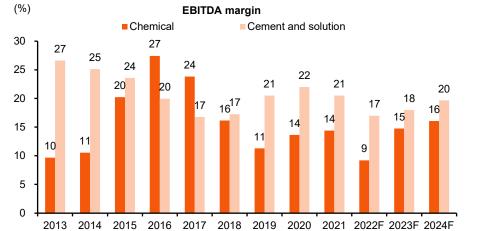


Source: Office of Industrial Economics (OIE)



Source: Company data

Ex 15: But Still A More Profitable Business Than Petrochem



Sources: Company data, Thanachart estimates

Transforming from traditional producer to direct market access

SCC also produces other building materials products, and agent-based stores are its biggest sales channel. Over the past decade, SCC has been transforming its CBM business to offer more high value-added products, gaining more access to retail customers and offering more solutions-based services. To obtain more direct access to retail customers, it bought a 32% stake in Siam Global House (GLOBAL TB, BUY, Bt21.70) in 2012. Then in 2020 SCC started to gradually convert some dealer stores into a more modern standalone big-shop format, branded as SCG Home. However, out of the total 261 dealers nationwide, SCC currently has only 28 stores in the new format. The majority of its dealer stores are in the traditional shophouse format selling building material products to small contractors. With SCG Home stores, agents are responsible for the initial investment while SCC is responsible for merchandising and inventory, and they then share the profit. This allows SCC to have more control over the shop model and product focus while having more direct access to end customers.

More retail access, better chance to offer value-added and solutions products

Additionally, having more exposure to retail customers offers SCC the opportunity to boost sales of higher value-added products and a better chance of selling solutions-based services. This strategy offers a higher margin than being just a producer. SCG Home is its main outlet to sell solutions-based services and products. For example, the company has launched 3D construction solutions, drone solutions, low-rise building solutions and smart & living solutions. SCC also offers more home renovation services for end customers.

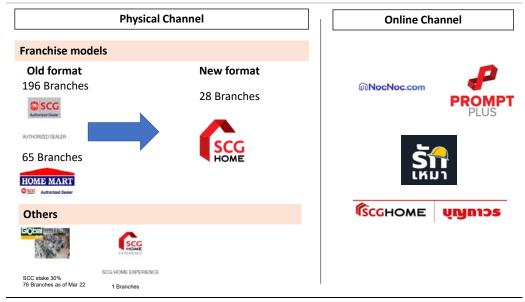
In 2021, SCC launched its online application "Prompt Plus", a B2B e-commerce platform, to cover over 9,000 retail stores nationwide, along with the e-procurement platform "Rak-Mao" for over 50,000 customers including developers and small- and medium-sized contractors across Thailand.

Transformation bearing fruit

We believe the transformation helped SCC to grow its CBM revenue by 6% in 2021 despite domestic cement demand falling by 3%. Revenue from solutions-based services and products rose to 9% of total CBM revenue in 2021 from only 3% in 2019.

SCC has also been expanding overseas. SCC in 2018 acquired a 29% stake in the leading home-improvement retailer in Indonesia, Catur Sentosa Adiprana (CSA), which operates Mitra10 stores. In 2021, it acquired a 12.75% stake in PT Caturkarda Depo Bangunan Tbk (CKDB), which operates Depo Bangunan, another top home-improvement retailer in Indonesia. Note that the company acquired another 9.25% stake in 1Q22, bringing its total stake to 22%. This was done via its 50%-owned JV with Siam Global House Pcl (GLOBAL TB, BUY, Bt21.70). SCC itself also opened its first retail store in Cambodia in 2022, called SCG Home Design Village.

Ex 16: SCC's Retail Channels



Source: Company data

Ex 17: Retail Stores Abroad



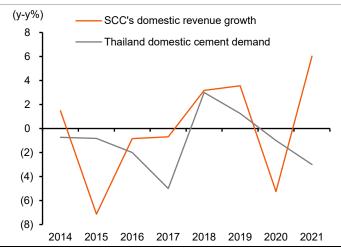
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Ex 18: Examples Of Solutions-based Services And Products



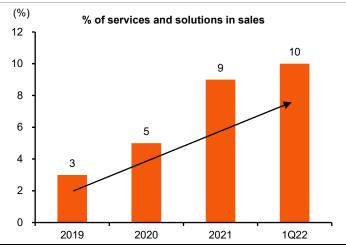
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Ex 19: Domestic CBM Sales Vs. Cement Demand Growth



Source: Company data

Ex 20: Higher Solutions-based Sales



Source: Company data

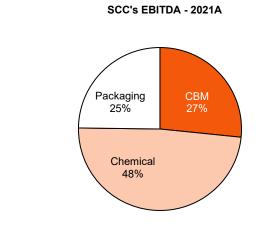
Coal cost pressure

Rising coal price impact looks manageable for SCC

Cement accounted for c.35% of total CBM revenue and coal accounted for one-third of cement's COGS in 2021. The average spot coal benchmark Newcastle price has risen from US\$60/tonne in 2020 to US\$136/270 in 2021-22 and US\$295 currently. The sharp spike this year had been a result of the Russia-Ukraine war.

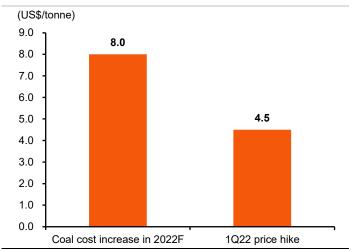
That said, we do not expect the impact to be severe for SCC and we estimate the EBITDA margin of its CBM business to fall only slightly to 11% in 2022-23F vs. 12% in 2021. This manageable impact is due to three reasons. 1) SCC uses lower calorific value (CV) or lower heating value coal than the NEX benchmark and it purchases coal on six- to nine-month contracts rather than at the spot rate. An example is lower CV Indonesian coal with the 5000 GAR coal price at only US\$160/tonne vs. NEX at US\$329. Buying on a longer-term contract basis also means lower prices. 2) SCC plans to raise the proportion of alternative fuel (agricultural and industrial waste) from 26% in 2021 to 50% by the end of 2022. 3) Cement prices have started to be gradually raised to cover rising costs. SCC had already lifted its prices by a total of Bt150 (or US\$4.5) per tonne in 1Q22, which has helped to cover its average coal cost increase of around US\$6-8/tonne. Also, as cement EBITDA accounts for 48% of CBM EBITDA or only 13% of SCC's total EBITDA, the impact from rising coal prices should not hit SCC's bottom line too hard.

Ex 21: Cement Makes Up Only 13% Of SCC's EBITDA

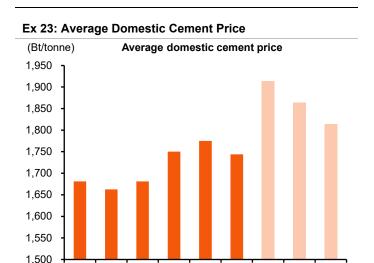


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Ex 22: Coal Cost Vs. Cement Price Increase



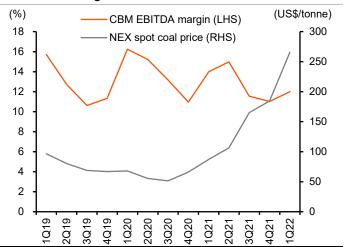
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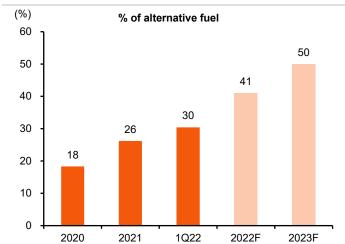
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Ex 24: CBM Margin Vs. Coal Price



Sources: Company data, Bloomberg

Ex 25: SCC Boosts Alternative Fuel Use



Sources: Company data; Thanachart estimates

Ex 26: Examples Of Alternative Fuel Sources



Source: Company data

Packaging business to recover in 2H22F

COVID hiccups in 2021-1H22F SCC's packaging business is under its 72%-owned listed SCG Packaging (SCGP, HOLD, Bt55.00). SCGP accounted for 13% of SCC's profit in 2021 and in 1Q22. The business faced COVID hiccups in 2021 from lockdowns in Thailand and in ASEAN markets that affected both demand and its production, and increased wastepaper feedstock cost that hurt its margin. Despite no further lockdowns this year which has helped increase the supply of the waste paper raw material OCC and thus brought down its price to US\$280/tonne in 1Q22 from last year's peak of US\$310/tonne in 3Q21, we still expect 1H22 to face new hiccups from the spike in coal prices (as a fuel for electricity generation for SCGP), and weak demand in China. SCGP's EBITDA margin fell to 16% in 2021 from 19% in 2020 and it stood at 14% in 1Q22.

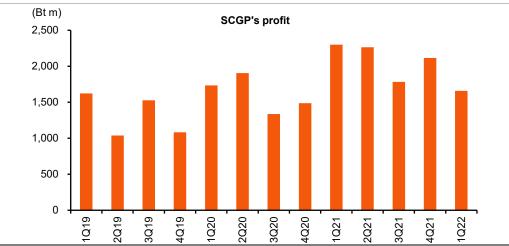
A turnaround in 2H22F

We expect a recovery to start in 2H22F with a full turnaround from 2023F. After 28% earnings growth in 2021, our current estimates are 32/17/13% growth in 2022-24F. Note that there is some downside risk to our numbers given weaker-than-expected 1Q22 results. In 2022F, we do not anticipate a further decline in earnings despite the hiccups mentioned

above because of a 5% capacity increase (or 220kt) at the company's operation in the Philippines. We also expect greater demand from China after its lockdowns ease in 2H22F.

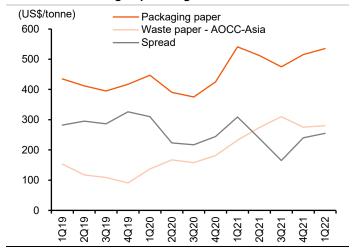
Then we expect a strong turnaround in 2023F from a margin recovery as a result of softening energy and freight costs. We estimate SCGP's EBITDA margin to normalize from 15% in 2021 to 20.5/20.2% in 2023-24F.





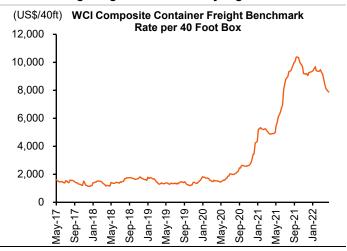
Source: Company data

Ex 28: Rebounding Paper Margin



Source: Company data

Ex 29: Easing Freight Rate From Very High Base



Source: Bloomberg

Inexpensive valuations, in our view

Reaffirm BUY with a new Bt440 TP

This report marks a transfer of coverage and we reaffirm our BUY call on SCC with a new DCF-based 12-month TP, using a 2023F base year, of Bt440/share (from Bt490). While we believe the stock has already been de-rated enough, earnings look likely to bottom out this year while we foresee a few key catalysts that are not too far off.

SCC has already been derated significantly and trades at 1.2x P/BV *First*, SCC's valuations look inexpensive to us trading at 1.1x P/BV and 9.2x PE in its first recovery year in 2023F. Exhibit 30 shows that SCC has already been de-rated significantly. Also, most of the de-rating factors are no longer news to us, including the petrochemical industry down-cycle over the past few years, rising coal prices and freight rates since last year, and weak Thai and ASEAN economies during the COVID years.

Strong catalyst from a 47% capacity increase in 1H23F

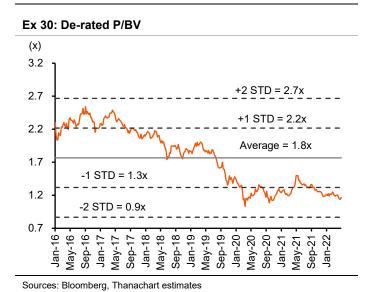
Second, there is a very clear earnings catalyst in 1H23F from its 47% petrochemical capacity increase via its new Long Son Plant (LSP) in Vietnam, which is a net importer of polyolefins products of 3.7mt vs. LSP's capacity of 1.35mt. Therefore, LSP would provide 100% import substitution.

A sharp fall in new supply from 2023F to mark beginning of new up-cycle

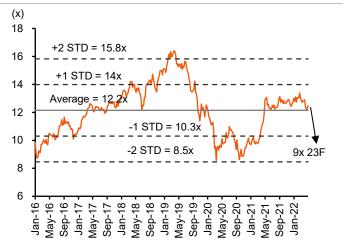
Third, we believe the olefins-chain petrochemical cycle has reached its trough this year with the YTD HDPE-naphtha benchmark spread at US\$449/tonne from the large amount of new capacity coming on stream as shown in Exhibits 8-9. As new supply is forecast by IHS to drop substantially in 2023F with new demand surpassing new supply in 2024F, we expect the start of a new upcycle next year. In fact, the spread has already recovered to US\$470 at present vs. this year's trough level of US\$377 in March.

A post-war play, in our view

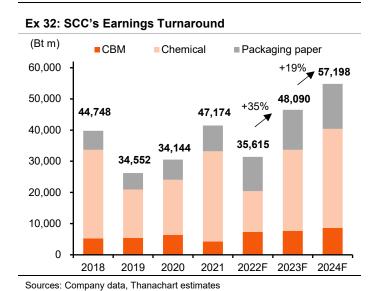
Lastly, we expect the Russia-Ukraine war to end eventually, and we see SCC, as a manufacturer and the largest cement producer in Thailand, as a post-war play on falling coal and energy prices.

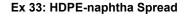


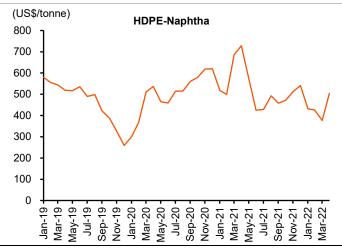
Ex 31: At Mean Now But To Fall To 9.2x In 2023F



Sources: Bloomberg, Thanachart estimates







Source: Bloomberg

Cutting our earnings estimates

In this report, we also cut our 2022F earnings estimate by 25%. The downward revisions mainly reflect a longer-than-expected Russia-Ukraine war and its impact on energy and raw materials prices, which are net negative for SCC. The China lockdowns and potentially sharp US Fed funds rate increases could also result in the risk of a global slowdown which leads us to be more conservative on SCC's prospects. Nonetheless, we raise our earnings forecasts by 12/35% in 2023-24F due to higher chemical spread assumptions.

Ex 34: Earnings Revisions

| (Bt m) | 2021 | 2022F | 2023F | 2024F |
|------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| New | 47,174 | 35,615 | 48,090 | 57,198 |
| Old | 47,174 | 47,773 | 43,138 | 42,363 |
| Change (%) | | (25.4) | 11.5 | 35.0 |

Sources: Company data, Thanachart estimates

Ex 35: Key Assumptions

| | Unit | 2020 | 2021 | 2022F | 2023F | 2024F |
|---------------------------------|--------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Chemical segment | | | | | | |
| HDPE-naphtha | (US\$/tonne) | 506 | 630 | 480 | 510 | 600 |
| LDPE-naphtha | (US\$/tonne) | 626 | 1,020 | 800 | 830 | 880 |
| LLDPE-naphtha | (US\$/tonne) | 479 | 630 | 500 | 530 | 600 |
| PP-naphtha | (US\$/tonne) | 616 | 680 | 520 | 550 | 630 |
| Cement and building material se | egment | | | | | |
| Domestic cement demand growth | (%) | (1.0) | (3.0) | 0.0 | 3.0 | 1.0 |
| Domestic cement price | (Bt/tonne) | 1,775 | 1,744 | 1,914 | 1,864 | 1,814 |
| EBITDA margin | (%) | 17.2 | 12.8 | 11.0 | 11.5 | 12.0 |

Sources: Company data, Thanachart estimates

Ex 36: 12-month DCF-based TP Calculation, Using A Base Year Of 2023F

| | | | • | | | | | | | | | | |
|-------------------------|---------|--------|--------|---------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|---------|---------|-----------|
| (Bt m) | | 2023F | 2024F | 2025F | 2026F | 2027F | 2028F | 2029F | 2030F | 2031F | 2032F | 2033F | Terminal |
| EBITDA + other income | | 80,913 | 92,296 | 103,194 | 96,576 | 90,919 | 93,393 | 95,505 | 97,632 | 99,775 | 101,935 | 103,842 | Value |
| Free cash flow | | 40,757 | 53,211 | 71,852 | 69,657 | 64,824 | 65,525 | 68,047 | 69,990 | 71,924 | 73,875 | 76,114 | 1,203,666 |
| PV of free cash flow | | 35,269 | 42,821 | 53,783 | 47,452 | 40,895 | 38,275 | 36,810 | 35,063 | 33,370 | 30,254 | 28,742 | 454,525 |
| Risk Free (%) | 2.5 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Market Risk Premium (%) | 8.0 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Beta | 0.9 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Wacc (%) | 7.5 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Terminal Growth (%) | 2.0 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Enterprise Value | 877,259 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Net Debt | 261,327 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Minority Interest | 87,890 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Equity Value | 528,042 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| # of Shares | 1,200 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Equity Value / Share | 440 | | | | | | | | | | | | |

Sources: Company data, Thanachart estimate

Note: *Includes liquid assets held under current and non-current assets

Valuation Comparison

Ex 37: Valuation Comparison With Regional Peers

| | | | EPS gı | owth | —— Р | 'E —— | — Р | /BV — | EV/EBI | TDA | – Div y | ield - |
|---------------------------|------------|-------------|--------|--------|------|-------|-----|-------|--------|------|---------|--------|
| Name | BBG code | Country | 22F | 23F | 22F | 23F | 22F | 23F | 22F | 23F | 22F | 23F |
| | | | (%) | (%) | (x) | (x) | (x) | (x) | (x) | (x) | (%) | (%) |
| Chemical peers | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Petronas Chemicals Group | PCHEM MK | Malaysia | 6.0 | (9.5) | 11.8 | 13.0 | 2.2 | 2.0 | 7.8 | 8.4 | 4.5 | 4.7 |
| LG Chem | 051910 KS | South Korea | (34.6) | 24.6 | 15.4 | 12.4 | 1.5 | 1.4 | 6.7 | 5.5 | 2.1 | 2.1 |
| Kumho Petrochemical | 011780 KS | South Korea | (43.5) | (16.1) | 4.2 | 5.0 | 0.9 | 0.7 | 2.2 | 2.6 | 7.9 | 5.3 |
| Lotte Chemical | 011170 KS | South Korea | (48.0) | 36.6 | 8.7 | 6.4 | 0.5 | 0.4 | 3.7 | 3.0 | 5.2 | 3.9 |
| Formosa Chemicals & Fibre | 1326 TT | Taiwan | (27.1) | (4.7) | 15.8 | 16.6 | 1.2 | 1.2 | 14.3 | 13.7 | 6.4 | 4.5 |
| Formosa Plastics | 1301 TT | Taiwan | (16.2) | (2.4) | 11.5 | 11.8 | 1.7 | 1.7 | 11.7 | 11.7 | 7.7 | 6.7 |
| Nan Ya Plastics | 1303 TT | Taiwan | (23.8) | (1.8) | 11.2 | 11.4 | 1.7 | 1.6 | 9.0 | 9.0 | 8.8 | 6.8 |
| Formosa Petrochemical | 6505 TT | Taiwan | (9.1) | (1.6) | 18.3 | 18.6 | 2.4 | 2.3 | 11.2 | 11.4 | 4.6 | 3.8 |
| Siam Cement | SCC TB * | Thailand | (24.2) | 35.0 | 12.5 | 9.2 | 1.2 | 1.1 | 12.1 | 8.5 | 4.0 | 5.4 |
| Indorama Ventures | IVL TB * | Thailand | 31.7 | 11.5 | 9.4 | 8.5 | 1.4 | 1.3 | 7.6 | 7.7 | 5.3 | 5.9 |
| PTT Global Chemical | PTTGC TB * | Thailand | (19.4) | 5.4 | 9.9 | 9.4 | 0.7 | 0.7 | 7.6 | 7.2 | 5.0 | 4.8 |
| IRPC | IRPC TB * | Thailand | (70.7) | 489.1 | 62.4 | 10.6 | 8.0 | 8.0 | 12.9 | 7.5 | 4.3 | 4.7 |
| Average | | | (23.2) | 47.2 | 15.9 | 11.1 | 1.3 | 1.3 | 8.9 | 8.0 | 5.5 | 4.9 |
| Cement peers | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Indocement | INTP IJ | Indonesia | 9.2 | 18.3 | 21.9 | 18.5 | 1.8 | 1.7 | 10.1 | 8.8 | 4.6 | 4.4 |
| Semen Indonesia | SMGR IJ | Indonesia | 13.9 | 25.4 | 14.3 | 11.4 | 1.0 | 0.9 | 6.8 | 6.3 | 2.9 | 2.4 |
| Asia Cement | 1102 TT | Taiwan | (6.7) | (2.3) | 10.8 | 11.0 | 1.0 | 0.9 | 11.4 | 11.0 | 7.5 | 6.9 |
| Taiwan Cement | 1101 TT | Taiwan | 0.6 | 7.2 | 13.4 | 12.5 | 1.3 | 1.3 | 11.2 | 10.2 | 5.9 | 5.6 |
| Siam City Cement | SCCC TB | Thailand | (3.1) | 12.3 | 12.2 | 10.9 | 1.6 | 1.5 | 8.0 | 7.5 | 6.3 | 5.7 |
| TPI Polene | TPIPL TB | Thailand | (37.0) | 0.0 | 8.7 | 8.7 | 0.6 | 0.6 | 9.2 | 9.5 | na | 5.4 |
| Average | | | (3.9) | 10.2 | 13.5 | 12.2 | 1.2 | 1.2 | 9.5 | 8.9 | 5.4 | 5.1 |
| Packaging paper peers | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Amcor | AMC AU | Britain | 7.8 | 5.4 | 20.7 | 19.6 | 5.5 | 5.3 | 11.5 | 11.1 | 2.8 | 3.0 |
| Huhtamaki | HUH1V FH | Finland | 16.4 | 5.7 | 14.7 | 13.9 | 2.2 | 2.0 | 9.6 | 9.1 | 2.7 | 2.9 |
| Mondi | MNDI LN | EU | 16.3 | 1.8 | 8.8 | 8.7 | 1.5 | 1.3 | 6.6 | 6.5 | 4.4 | 4.9 |
| Leeman | 2314 HK | Hong Kong | (25.5) | 7.8 | 5.3 | 4.9 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 5.6 | 5.2 | 8.6 | 7.1 |
| Nine Dragon Paper | 2689 HK | Hong Kong | (27.5) | 8.2 | 6.3 | 5.9 | 0.7 | 0.6 | 6.0 | 5.1 | 7.3 | 4.3 |
| BillerudKorsnas | BILL SS | EU | 74.9 | (11.2) | 10.8 | 12.2 | 1.4 | 1.3 | 5.6 | 5.7 | 3.0 | 3.6 |
| Int. Paper | IP US | US | 16.8 | 4.5 | 9.8 | 9.4 | 1.9 | 1.8 | 7.1 | 6.9 | 4.3 | 4.0 |
| PCA | PKG US | US | 32.4 | 3.6 | 13.9 | 13.4 | 3.5 | 3.0 | 8.5 | 8.4 | 2.5 | 2.5 |
| Mondi | MNDI LN | EU | 16.3 | 1.8 | 8.8 | 8.7 | 1.5 | 1.3 | 6.6 | 6.5 | 4.4 | 4.9 |
| SCG Packaging | SCGP TB * | Thailand | 50.9 | 17.1 | 21.5 | 18.4 | 2.4 | 2.2 | 10.8 | 9.4 | 2.3 | 2.7 |
| United Paper | UTP TB * | Thailand | 27.4 | 14.5 | 9.1 | 8.0 | 2.5 | 2.2 | 6.2 | 5.3 | 7.1 | 8.2 |
| Average | | | 18.8 | 5.4 | 11.8 | 11.2 | 2.1 | 2.0 | 7.7 | 7.2 | 4.5 | 4.4 |
| Average | | | (3.3) | 23.7 | 13.9 | 11.3 | 1.6 | 1.5 | 8.5 | 7.9 | 5.1 | 4.7 |

Sources: Bloomberg, * Thanachart estimates Based on 3 May 2022 closing prices

COMPANY DESCRIPTION

The Siam Cement Pcl (SCC) is one of Thailand's largest industrial conglomerates. The company's operations comprise three main divisions: cement and building materials, petrochemicals, and packaging. Approximately two-thirds of earnings are now derived from chemicals, although the company is focusing on growing its cement and building material businesses in ASEAN.

Source: Thanachart

THANACHART'S SWOT ANALYSIS

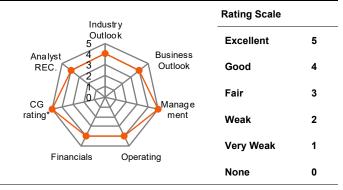
S — Strength

- Very strong market position in most of its businesses and products.
- Strong track record of operational and distribution excellence.
- Robust financial position.
- Experienced and prudent management team.

Opportunity

- M&A opportunities, especially for its construction materials businesses in ASEAN.
- Significant potential to expand its chemical businesses, especially in Vietnam and Indonesia.

COMPANY RATING



Source: Thanachart; *CG Rating

W - Weakness

- Still heavily reliant on Thailand as its key market.
- Petrochemical is a highly cyclical business that can cause high earnings volatility for the company.

T — Threat

- Threat from competition in the local cement market.
- Potential holding discount post Chemical IPO.

CONSENSUS COMPARISON

| | Consensus | Thanachart | Diff |
|-----------------------|-----------|------------|---------|
| Target price (Bt) | 432.11 | 440.00 | 2% |
| Net profit 22F (Bt m) | 40,357 | 35,615 | -12% |
| Net profit 23F (Bt m) | 46,328 | 48,090 | 4% |
| Consensus REC | BUY: 14 | HOLD: 7 | SELL: 3 |

HOW ARE WE DIFFERENT FROM THE STREET?

- We are 12% below the Bloomberg consensus in terms of our 2022F net profit, likely as we factor in lower chemical spreads.
- Our DCF-based TP is slightly higher than the consensus number, which we attribute to us expecting a stronger chemical recovery from 2023F onwards.

RISKS TO OUR INVESTMENT CASE

- The key downside risk to our call would be a collapse in chemical spreads due to a sudden demand shock or influx of new supply.
- A secondary downside risk would be prolonged high energy costs which would pressure margin.

Sources: Bloomberg consensus, Thanachart estimates

Source: Thanachart

INCOME STATEMENT

| FY ending Dec (Bt m) | 2020A | 2021A | 2022F | 2023F | 2024F |
|-----------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Sales | 399,939 | 530,112 | 529,641 | 558,767 | 633,566 |
| Cost of sales | 309,947 | 420,793 | 431,011 | 432,150 | 489,318 |
| Gross profit | 89,992 | 109,319 | 98,630 | 126,617 | 144,248 |
| % gross margin | 22.5% | 20.6% | 18.6% | 22.7% | 22.8% |
| Selling & administration expenses | 52,815 | 62,797 | 70,663 | 78,141 | 85,648 |
| Operating profit | 37,177 | 46,522 | 27,967 | 48,476 | 58,600 |
| % operating margin | 9.3% | 8.8% | 5.3% | 8.7% | 9.2% |
| Depreciation & amortization | 27,377 | 28,835 | 30,404 | 32,436 | 33,696 |
| EBITDA | 64,555 | 75,357 | 58,371 | 80,913 | 92,296 |
| % EBITDA margin | 16.1% | 14.2% | 11.0% | 14.5% | 14.6% |
| Non-operating income | 7,278 | 10,594 | 12,858 | 12,917 | 15,281 |
| Non-operating expenses | 0 | (4,472) | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Interest expense | (7,082) | (6,757) | (7,410) | (9,353) | (8,810) |
| Pre-tax profit | 37,373 | 45,886 | 33,415 | 52,040 | 65,071 |
| Income tax | 5,809 | 8,900 | 6,094 | 9,353 | 11,245 |
| After-tax profit | 31,564 | 36,986 | 27,321 | 42,687 | 53,826 |
| % net margin | 7.9% | 7.0% | 5.2% | 7.6% | 8.5% |
| Shares in affiliates' Earnings | 9,456 | 17,543 | 11,866 | 12,156 | 11,761 |
| Minority interests | (3,156) | (7,562) | (3,572) | (6,753) | (8,389) |
| Extraordinary items | (3,720) | 207 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| NET PROFIT | 34,144 | 47,174 | 35,615 | 48,090 | 57,198 |
| Normalized profit | 37,864 | 46,967 | 35,615 | 48,090 | 57,198 |
| EPS (Bt) | 28.5 | 39.3 | 29.7 | 40.1 | 47.7 |
| Normalized EPS (Bt) | 31.6 | 39.1 | 29.7 | 40.1 | 47.7 |

We expect lower profit in 2022F due to a lower chemical margin, but a rebound in 2023F

Asset growth to continue with investment in Vietnam petrochemical complex

| BALANCE SHEET | | | | | |
|----------------------------|----------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| FY ending Dec (Bt m) | 2020A | 2021A | 2022F | 2023F | 2024F |
| ASSETS: | | | | | |
| Current assets: | 214,017 | 233,016 | 227,151 | 231,886 | 259,761 |
| Cash & cash equivalent | 102,981 | 67,610 | 60,000 | 60,000 | 65,000 |
| Account receivables | 54,842 | 78,951 | 78,881 | 83,219 | 94,359 |
| Inventories | 54,654 | 83,121 | 85,139 | 85,364 | 96,657 |
| Others | 1,540 | 3,334 | 3,131 | 3,303 | 3,745 |
| Investments & loans | 117,009 | 139,808 | 139,808 | 139,808 | 139,808 |
| Net fixed assets | 363,425 | 410,708 | 456,421 | 463,985 | 462,289 |
| Other assets | 54,930 | 77,569 | 77,500 | 81,762 | 92,707 |
| Total assets | 749,381 | 861,101 | 900,881 | 917,442 | 954,565 |
| LIABILITIES: | | | | | |
| Current liabilities: | 161,420 | 168,386 | 177,234 | 172,037 | 178,377 |
| Account payables | 65,273 | 75,026 | 76,847 | 77,050 | 87,243 |
| Bank overdraft & ST loans | 21,510 | 39,262 | 43,488 | 40,902 | 38,590 |
| Current LT debt | 68,908 | 44,550 | 49,345 | 46,411 | 43,788 |
| Others current liabilities | 5,729 | 9,549 | 7,554 | 7,674 | 8,757 |
| Total LT debt | 160,553 | 206,291 | 228,495 | 214,908 | 202,761 |
| Others LT liabilities | 31,281 | 36,415 | 25,960 | 27,388 | 31,054 |
| Total liabilities | 353,255 | 411,093 | 431,689 | 414,333 | 412,192 |
| Minority interest | 75,154 | 84,318 | 87,890 | 94,643 | 103,032 |
| Preferreds shares | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Paid-up capital | 1,200 | 1,200 | 1,200 | 1,200 | 1,200 |
| Share premium | 0 | 3,467 | 3,467 | 3,467 | 3,467 |
| Warrants | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Surplus | (12,001) | 1,790 | 1,790 | 1,790 | 1,790 |
| Retained earnings | 331,773 | 359,234 | 374,845 | 402,009 | 432,884 |
| Shareholders' equity | 320,972 | 365,691 | 381,302 | 408,466 | 439,341 |
| Liabilities & equity | 749,381 | 861,101 | 900,881 | 917,442 | 954,565 |

Sources: Company data, Thanachart estimates

CASH FLOW STATEMENT

Cash flow likely to remain strong and capex cycle is passing

| FY ending Dec (Bt m) | 2020A | 2021A | 2022F | 2023F | 2024F |
|-----------------------------------|----------|-----------|----------|----------|----------|
| Earnings before tax | 37,373 | 45,886 | 33,415 | 52,040 | 65,071 |
| Tax paid | (4,072) | (10,069) | (4,874) | (9,779) | (10,404) |
| Depreciation & amortization | 27,377 | 28,835 | 30,404 | 32,436 | 33,696 |
| Chg In w orking capital | 18,467 | (42,824) | (126) | (4,360) | (12,240) |
| Chg In other CA & CL / minorities | 37,490 | 25,030 | 8,654 | 12,529 | 11,560 |
| Cash flow from operations | 116,635 | 46,859 | 67,473 | 82,867 | 87,683 |
| Capex | (84,817) | (76,117) | (76,117) | (40,000) | (32,000) |
| Right of use | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| ST loans & investments | 42 | (90) | 200 | 0 | 0 |
| LT loans & investments | (15,260) | (22,799) | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Adj for asset revaluation | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Chg In other assets & liabilities | 11,344 | (19,899) | (10,386) | (2,834) | (7,279) |
| Cash flow from investments | (88,690) | (118,906) | (86,304) | (42,834) | (39,279) |
| Debt financing | 24,202 | 39,132 | 31,224 | (19,106) | (17,083) |
| Capital increase | 0 | 3,467 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Dividends paid | (14,998) | (20,398) | (20,004) | (20,926) | (26,322) |
| Warrants & other surplus | 21,611 | 14,475 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Cash flow from financing | 30,815 | 36,677 | 11,221 | (40,032) | (43,405) |
| Free cash flow | 31,818 | (29,259) | (8,644) | 42,867 | 55,683 |

We see SCC's valuation as attractive given a 2023F recovery

| VALUATION | | | | | |
|-------------------------------------|-------|--------|-------|-------|-------|
| FY ending Dec | 2020A | 2021A | 2022F | 2023F | 2024F |
| Normalized PE(x) | 11.7 | 9.5 | 12.5 | 9.2 | 7.8 |
| Normalized PE - at target price (x) | 13.9 | 11.2 | 14.8 | 11.0 | 9.2 |
| PE(x) | 13.0 | 9.4 | 12.5 | 9.2 | 7.8 |
| PE - at target price (x) | 15.5 | 11.2 | 14.8 | 11.0 | 9.2 |
| EV/EBITDA (x) | 9.2 | 8.8 | 12.1 | 8.5 | 7.2 |
| EV/EBITDA - at target price (x) | 10.5 | 10.0 | 13.5 | 9.5 | 8.1 |
| P/BV (x) | 1.4 | 1.2 | 1.2 | 1.1 | 1.0 |
| P/BV - at target price (x) | 1.6 | 1.4 | 1.4 | 1.3 | 1.2 |
| P/CFO (x) | 3.8 | 9.5 | 6.6 | 5.4 | 5.1 |
| Price/sales (x) | 1.1 | 0.8 | 8.0 | 8.0 | 0.7 |
| Dividend yield (%) | 3.8 | 5.0 | 4.0 | 5.4 | 6.4 |
| FCF Yield (%) | 7.2 | (6.6) | (1.9) | 9.7 | 12.5 |
| (Bt) | | | | | |
| Normalized EPS | 31.6 | 39.1 | 29.7 | 40.1 | 47.7 |
| EPS | 28.5 | 39.3 | 29.7 | 40.1 | 47.7 |
| DPS | 14.0 | 18.5 | 14.8 | 20.0 | 23.8 |
| BV/share | 267.5 | 304.7 | 317.8 | 340.4 | 366.1 |
| CFO/share | 97.2 | 39.0 | 56.2 | 69.1 | 73.1 |
| FCF/share | 26.5 | (24.4) | (7.2) | 35.7 | 46.4 |

Sources: Company data, Thanachart estimates

FINANCIAL RATIOS

| FINANCIAL RATIOS | | | | | |
|----------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| FY ending Dec | 2020A | 2021A | 2022F | 2023F | 2024F |
| Growth Rate | | | | | |
| Sales (%) | (8.7) | 32.5 | (0.1) | 5.5 | 13.4 |
| Net profit (%) | 6.7 | 38.2 | (24.5) | 35.0 | 18.9 |
| EPS (%) | 6.7 | 38.2 | (24.5) | 35.0 | 18.9 |
| Normalized profit (%) | 9.4 | 24.0 | (24.2) | 35.0 | 18.9 |
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| Dividend payout ratio (%) | 49.2 | 47.1 | 50.0 | 50.0 | 50.0 |
| Operating performance | | | | | |
| Gross margin (%) | 22.5 | 20.6 | 18.6 | 22.7 | 22.8 |
| Operating margin (%) | 9.3 | 8.8 | 5.3 | 8.7 | 9.2 |
| EBITDA margin (%) | 16.1 | 14.2 | 11.0 | 14.5 | 14.6 |
| Net margin (%) | 7.9 | 7.0 | 5.2 | 7.6 | 8.5 |
| D/E (incl. minor) (x) | 0.6 | 0.6 | 0.7 | 0.6 | 0.5 |
| Net D/E (incl. minor) (x) | 0.4 | 0.5 | 0.6 | 0.5 | 0.4 |
| Interest coverage - EBIT (x) | 5.2 | 6.9 | 3.8 | 5.2 | 6.7 |
| Interest coverage - EBITDA (x) | 9.1 | 11.2 | 7.9 | 8.7 | 10.5 |
| ROA - using norm profit (%) | 5.5 | 5.8 | 4.0 | 5.3 | 6.1 |
| ROE - using norm profit (%) | 12.6 | 13.7 | 9.5 | 12.2 | 13.5 |
| DuPont | | | | | |
| ROE - using after tax profit (%) | 10.5 | 10.8 | 7.3 | 10.8 | 12.7 |
| - asset turnover (x) | 0.6 | 0.7 | 0.6 | 0.6 | 0.7 |
| - operating margin (%) | 11.1 | 9.9 | 7.7 | 11.0 | 11.7 |
| - leverage (x) | 2.3 | 2.3 | 2.4 | 2.3 | 2.2 |
| - interest burden (%) | 84.1 | 87.2 | 81.8 | 84.8 | 88.1 |
| - tax burden (%) | 84.5 | 80.6 | 81.8 | 82.0 | 82.7 |
| WACC(%) | 7.5 | 7.5 | 7.5 | 7.5 | 7.5 |
| ROIC (%) | 6.8 | 8.0 | 3.9 | 6.2 | 7.4 |
| NOPAT (Bt m) | 31,399 | 37,498 | 22,867 | 39,764 | 48,473 |
| invested capital (Bt m) | 468,962 | 588,184 | 642,629 | 650,687 | 659,480 |

We expect leverage to come down in the coming few years

Sources: Company data, Thanachart estimates

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