

BCPG Public Co Ltd (BCPG TB) - BUY, Price Bt7.05, TP Bt9.00**Results Comment**

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Decent 4Q24 profit, in-line

- BCPG reported Bt164m net profit in 4Q24. However, after stripping off accounting FX gain and one-time impairment loss, we estimate its normalized profit was at Bt233m, up 668% y-y but down 47% q-q in a like-for-like basis. The y-y growth was driven mainly by a full-year profit contribution from US gas power projects, while a drop q-q was on seasonality.
- Gross profit dropped 32% y-y and 36% q-q to Bt373m in 4Q24. A drop from the same period last year was due to expiration of adder subsidies for its 80MW solar farms since 2Q24, while a q-q weakness was from a seasonally lower hydropower output.
- SG&A was well under controlled at Bt157m in 4Q24, increased slightly by 1% y-y and 5% q-q.
- EBITDA thus fell in-line with the gross profit trend to Bt599m in 4Q24, down 33% y-y and 27% q-q.
- Higher share of profit from affiliates to Bt339m, up 470% y-y, was the key earnings growth driver this year. This is backed by a full-year contribution from four gas-fired power plants of 857MW in the US those BCPG gradually acquired during 2023. The profit fell 18% q-q, due to a higher number of total maintenance days for those four projects this quarter.
- BCPG's full-year normalized profit of Bt1.1bn came in-line with our forecast. We thus maintain BUY for its strong earnings growth outlook supported by a tight electricity supply situation in the US and commencing operation of its wind power project in Laos and solar farms in India.

Income Statement						Income Statement					
(consolidated)						12M as					
Yr-end Dec (Bt m)	4Q23	1Q24	2Q24	3Q24	4Q24	(Bt m)	q-q%	y-y%	% 2024F	2024A	2025F
Revenue	1,318	1,194	1,084	1,125	921	Revenue	(18)	(30)	103	4,323	3,820
Gross profit	550	501	372	586	373	Gross profit	(36)	(32)	93	1,832	1,606
SG&A	156	122	150	149	157	SG&A	5	1	99	578	592
Operating profit	393	379	222	437	216	Operating profit	(51)	(45)	90	1,254	1,014
EBITDA	895	874	720	824	599	EBITDA	(27)	(33)	99	3,018	2,687
Other income	95	58	36	83	90	Other income	8	(6)	121	267	143
Other expense	0	0	0	0	0	Other expense					
Interest expense	421	419	411	370	330	Interest expense	(11)	(22)	99	1,529	1,548
Profit before tax	68	17	(153)	151	(24)	Profit before tax	na	na	(14)	(9)	(390)
Income tax	97	117	112	122	82	Income tax	(33)	(16)	111	433	541
Equity & invest. income	59	446	363	412	339	Equity & invest. income	(18)	470	109	1,559	2,242
Minority interests	0	(1)	(1)	0	0	Minority interests	9	342	na	(0)	0
Extraordinary items	(204)	95	1,146	(469)	(69)	Extraordinary items	na	na	33	702	0
Net profit	(174)	441	1,243	(28)	164	Net profit	na	na	56	1,819	1,310
Normalized profit	30	345	98	441	233	Normalized profit	(47)	668	101	1,117	1,310
EPS (Bt)	(0.06)	0.15	0.42	(0.01)	0.05	EPS (Bt)	na	na	54	0.61	0.45
Normalized EPS (Bt)	0.01	0.12	0.03	0.15	0.08	Normalized EPS (Bt)	(47)	668	98	0.37	0.45

Balance Sheet						Financial Ratios					
(consolidated)						12M as					
Yr-end Dec (Bt m)	4Q23	1Q24	2Q24	3Q24	4Q24	(%)	4Q23	1Q24	2Q24	3Q24	4Q24
Cash & ST investment	9,790	8,654	13,084	7,674	7,346	Sales grow th	4.0	12.9	(0.8)	(28.1)	(30.1)
A/C receivable	2,006	1,972	1,742	1,919	1,593	Operating profit grow th	(28.8)	(1.8)	(42.0)	(39.4)	(45.2)
Inventory	0	0	0	0	0	EBITDA grow th	(5.3)	13.7	(10.4)	(32.6)	(33.1)
Other current assets	539	506	1,140	1,267	789	Norm profit grow th	(92.4)	101.8	(46.4)	(1.3)	667.9
Investment	22,295	24,554	22,772	19,845	21,722	Norm EPS grow th	(92.6)	95.8	(48.0)	(4.2)	667.9
Fixed assets	23,011	22,748	16,210	16,145	15,818	Gross margin	41.7	42.0	34.3	52.1	40.5
Other assets	16,599	17,186	15,637	14,260	14,724	Operating margin	29.8	31.7	20.5	38.9	23.4
Total assets	74,240	75,620	70,584	61,110	61,992	EBITDA margin	67.9	73.2	66.5	73.3	65.1
S-T debt	9,646	9,661	8,432	3,887	1,975	Norm net margin	2.3	28.9	9.0	39.2	25.3
A/C payable	1,708	811	1,254	1,066	969	D/E (x)	1.4	1.3	1.1	1.0	0.9
Other current liabilities	457	704	335	313	210	Net D/E (x)	1.0	1.0	0.7	0.8	0.7
L-T debt	30,423	30,611	26,387	25,613	26,429	Interest coverage (x)	2.1	2.1	1.8	2.2	1.8
Other liabilities	2,393	2,411	1,474	1,237	1,483	Interest rate	4.4	4.2	4.4	4.6	4.6
Minority interest	53	54	54	215	215	Effective tax rate	143.0	675.3	(73.3)	81.1	(335.9)
Shareholders' equity	29,558	31,369	32,648	28,778	30,711	ROA	0.2	1.8	0.5	2.7	1.5
Working capital	297	1,161	488	853	624	ROE	0.4	4.5	1.2	5.7	3.1
Total debt	40,069	40,272	34,818	29,500	28,404						
Net debt	30,279	31,618	21,735	21,826	21,058						

Sources: Company data, Thanachart estimates

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