

IPO write-up

M&G Chemicals

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Stock Information

Stock code:	1040 HK
Issue size:	2.3531b shares (all new)
Green shoe option:	15%
Public/Placement tranche:	10%/90%
Share issue price:	HKD1.65-1.95
Market cap after listing:	HKD11.093-13.110b
Use of proceeds (net):	HKD3.924b, 50% financing China bio-MEG project, 10% re-paying bridge loans, 30% financing Corpus Christi project, 5% re-paying bank loans, 5% general working capital
Application list open	29th Nov- 6th Dec 2013
Expected listing date:	16th Dec 2013
Book runners:	CITIC Securities International
Profit forecast:	N/A
Dividend policy:	No fixed dividend policy (indicative only)
PER:	23-27x 1H13A annualized PER (prospectus)
Post IPO shareholders	Ghisolfi Family (65%)
Cornerstone investors	Novozymes (listed on NASDAQ OMX Copenhagen), CEPSA Quimica (Spain), and China Nuclear Engineering and Construction Corporation. Total amount USD100.6m, around 18.4% of the offer shares, and 6.4% of post IPO share capital.

Company background

M&G Chemicals (M&G) is among the three largest producers of polyethylene terephthalate (“PET”) resin for packaging applications in the world, and the second largest in the Americas, in terms of nominal capacity. PET is a plastic polymer produced principally from purified terephthalic acid (“PTA”) and monoethylene glycol (“MEG”), and is used to manufacture plastic bottles and for other packaging applications for the beverage, food and personal care industries. PET has key technical advantages compared to competing packaging materials for food and drink, particularly its versatility, durability, heat resistance, light weight, cost-competitiveness and 100% recyclability. M&G can manufacture and offer the full range of PET grades, suitable for a variety of applications.

Selling points and strength

- 1) Largest single line PET plants allowing reduced capital expenditures and operating costs per metric ton of output.
- 2) Long-term customer contracts with raw material pricing pass-through mechanisms.
- 3) Stable low-cost raw material procurement.

Some points of concern

- 1) Cyclicalities in the PET business may reduce operating margins or cause operating losses.
- 2) High level of indebtedness and the restrictive debt covenants to which M&G is subject may limit financial and operating flexibility.
- 3) A Federal Public Prosecutor in São Paulo City (State of São Paulo, Brazil) has requested permission to bring criminal charges against the members of the board of directors of one of the Brazilian subsidiaries, M&G Poliéster S.A.

Financial Summary (Year ended Dec 31)

EUR million	FY2010	FY2011	FY2012	1H13
Revenue	1,710.3	1,866.9	1,854.0	869.9
Operating profit	106.5	110.4	109.8	63.5
Net profit	23.2	15.7	82.7	22.7
EBITDA	164.4	153.7	148.6	78.7
EBITDA margin (%)	9.4	8.2	7.9	9.0
Net profit margin (%)	1.3	1.0	4.4	2.4
Net debt to equity (%)	133.8	152.4	105.0	110.4

Source: Company data, Maybank Kim Eng

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