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Energy
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Company
QSLI

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Date
16 July 2018

Forecast Change

Price at 16 Jul 2018 (CNY)	9.86
Price target - 12mth (CNY)	10.40
52-week range (CNY)	20.02 - 9.55
Shenzhen Index	1,678

Huge loss revealed in preliminary 1H18 results; cut TP to RMB10.4

Profit warnings: loss at least doubled yoy in 1H18; retain Hold

QSLI announced preliminary 1H18 results with net loss of RMB1.05-1.25bn vs. loss of RMB0.52bn in 1H17, widened by 100%-139% yoy. This implies 2Q18 loss of RMB0.78-0.98bn vs 1Q18 loss of RMB0.27bn. The accelerated loss was driven by: 1) slow ramp up on magnesium integration project after production started in late 2017; 2) Haina PVC production suspension in April and accrued loss of RMB0.47bn; 3) chemical integration project impacted by limited natural gas supply and accrued loss of RMB0.33bn. We revise our estimates after accounting for the higher loss (by 129%) in 2018E but revised up 2019E earnings (by 79%) on higher ASPs due to lower RMB:USD FX. We trim our TP to RMB10.4 (9%).

Segmental update: Potash and Lithium +ve

- Potash production was roughly flat yoy at 1.93mnton while sales improved 18.9% yoy to 2.20mnton and ASP up RMB230/ton yoy in 1H18.
- Lithium carbonate (Li₂CO₃) production was 5,329ton (+129% yoy) while sales volume improved by 78% yoy to 3,950ton. The company said Lanke's new 20ktpa capacity construction has started while the 30ktpa JV project with BYD is under preparatory work stage.
- Magnesium project daily output now is at 50ton which is quite a bit of distance away from the target operational level.
- Chemical integration project production was significantly impacted by lack of natural gas supply in 1H18. The company has restarted phase 1 site in July; the current run-rate for the chemical integration project is at 150%. Conversely, due to the 4.26 accident, Haina PVC facility is still offline and may not resume in the near term.

Valuation and risk

We revised our TP to RMB10.4 based on a DCF (assuming a 6.2% WACC and 2% terminal growth). Our TP implies 1.5x P/B in with 1.5% ROE in 2019E. We see longer term risks and rewards as balanced at the current valuation, supported by a potentially ROE accretive debt-to-equity swap plan and long term structural growth of EV batteries. Key downside risks: 1) sluggish chemical prices and soft demand; and 2) unfavorable government policy. Key upside risks: 1) better-than-expected potash prices; and 2) better than expected demand.

Valuation & Risks
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Key changes

TP	11.40 to 10.40	↓	-8.8%
Sales (FYE)	12,025 to 11,740	↓	-2.4%
Op prof margin (FYE)	9.3 to 4.3	↓	-54.0%
Net profit (FYE)	-438.7 to -1,005.6	↓	129.2%

Source: Deutsche Bank

Price/price relative


Performance (%)	1m	3m	12m
Absolute	-17.8	-23.4	-7.1
Shenzhen Index	-5.2	-12.1	-14.7

Source: Deutsche Bank

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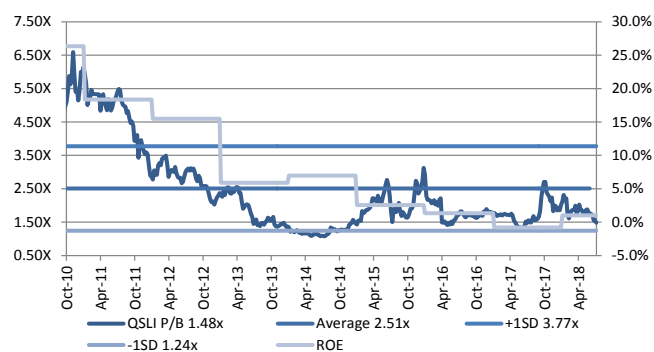
Year End Dec 31	2016A	2017A	2018E	2019E	2020E
Sales (CNYm)	10,364.1	11,699.4	11,740.3	13,792.8	15,155.1
EBITDA (CNYm)	3,172.2	3,421.9	3,706.8	5,417.7	6,741.7
Reported NPAT (CNYm)	339.6	-4,159.2	-1,005.6	315.3	631.6
Reported EPS FD(CNY)	0.12	-1.49	-0.36	0.11	0.23
DB EPS FD(CNY)	0.12	-1.49	-0.36	0.11	0.23
OLD DB EPS FD(CNY)	0.12	-1.49	-0.16	0.06	0.20
% Change	0.0%	-0.0%	129.2%	79.5%	13.7%
DB EPS growth (%)	-47.5	–	75.8	–	100.3
Price/Book (x)	2.2	1.9	1.4	1.4	1.4
PER (x)	158.7	–	–	87.1	43.5
EV/EBITDA (x)	29.1	24.8	18.4	12.7	9.6
DPS (net) (CNY)	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Yield (net) (%)	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Source: Deutsche Bank estimates, company data



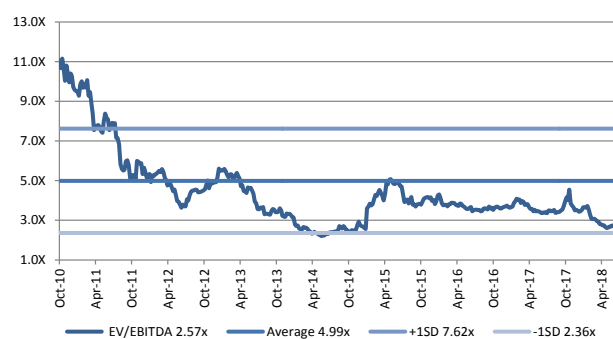
Valuation charts

Figure 1: 12-month forward P/B



Source: Bloomberg Finance L.P. Deutsche bank estimates

Figure 2: 12-month forward EV/EBITDA



Source: Bloomberg Finance L.P. Deutsche bank estimates



Model updated: 16 July 2018

Running the numbers

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Market cap (m) CNYm 23,524
USDm 3,519.7

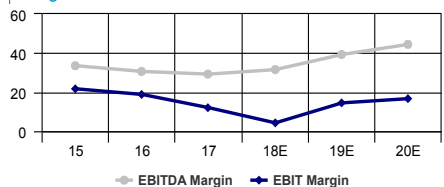
Company Profile

QSLI is the largest potash fertilizer (MOP) manufacturer in China with 3.5mntpa of capacity and its new 1.5mntpa capacity is expected to come on-stream for a production trial in 2H16, which would boost capacity by 43%.

Price Performance



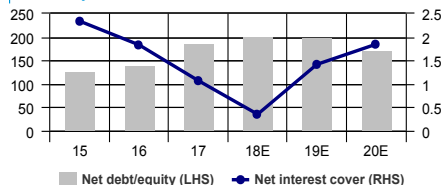
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Fiscal year end 31-Dec

Financial Summary

	2015	2016	2017	2018E	2019E	2020E
DB EPS (CNY)	0.23	0.12	-1.49	-0.36	0.11	0.23
Reported EPS (CNY)	0.23	0.12	-1.49	-0.36	0.11	0.23
DPS (CNY)	0.02	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
BVPS (CNY)	8.2	8.8	7.3	6.9	7.0	7.2
Weighted average shares (m)	2,410	2,786	2,786	2,786	2,786	2,786
Average market cap (CNYm)	58,814	53,884	41,981	23,524	23,524	23,524
Enterprise value (CNYm)	90,958	92,178	84,757	68,103	68,615	64,472

Valuation Metrics

P/E (DB) (x)	105.2	158.7	nm	nm	87.1	43.5
P/E (Reported) (x)	105.2	158.7	nm	nm	87.1	43.5
P/BV (x)	3.12	2.17	1.92	1.43	1.41	1.36
FCF Yield (%)	nm	nm	nm	nm	3.7	20.9
Dividend Yield (%)	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
EV/Sales (x)	8.4	8.9	7.2	5.8	5.0	4.3
EV/EBITDA (x)	24.9	29.1	24.8	18.4	12.7	9.6
EV/EBIT (x)	38.5	47.2	60.1	135.4	34.3	25.5

Income Statement (CNYm)

Sales revenue	10,882	10,364	11,699	11,740	13,793	15,155
Gross profit	5,690	4,424	3,921	4,018	5,682	6,375
EBITDA	3,652	3,172	3,422	3,707	5,418	6,742
Depreciation	1,249	1,182	1,964	3,147	3,356	4,150
Amortisation	38	39	48	57	60	61
EBIT	2,365	1,951	1,410	503	2,002	2,530
Net interest income/(expense)	-1,012	-1,065	-1,319	-1,426	-1,414	-1,370
Associates/affiliates	0	0	0	0	0	0
Exceptionals/extraordinary	-1,151	-956	-4,320	0	0	0
Other pre-tax income/(expense)	560	558	105	-20	-22	-24
Profit before tax	762	488	-4,124	-943	567	1,136
Income tax expense	218	280	165	-38	142	284
Minorities	-15	-132	-129	100	110	220
Other post-tax income/(expense)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Net profit	559	340	-4,159	-1,006	315	632
DB adjustments (including dilution)	0	0	0	0	0	0
DB Net profit	559	340	-4,159	-1,006	315	632

Cash Flow (CNYm)

Cash flow from operations	753	2,026	1,518	3,719	4,507	7,229
Net Capex	-5,119	-3,321	-2,444	-3,996	-3,496	-1,496
Free cash flow	-4,366	-1,294	-926	-277	1,011	5,733
Equity raised/(bought back)	4,862	1,482	265	0	0	0
Dividends paid	-2,579	-2,311	-2,296	-1,426	-1,414	-1,370
Net inc/(dec) in borrowings	6,588	-1,966	3,873	870	-316	-1,092
Other investing/financing cash flows	1,227	944	-343	0	0	0
Net cash flow	5,732	-3,145	572	-833	-718	3,272
Change in working capital	-3,236	-1,597	-1,820	-6	-747	796

Balance Sheet (CNYm)

Cash and other liquid assets	9,031	5,813	6,256	5,422	4,704	7,976
Tangible fixed assets	61,594	65,680	63,311	64,094	64,178	61,504
Goodwill/intangible assets	767	816	1,204	1,213	1,211	1,169
Associates/investments	563	617	574	574	574	574
Other assets	8,759	10,020	11,072	11,003	12,109	12,408
Total assets	80,713	82,946	82,419	82,308	82,776	83,631
Interest bearing debt	40,166	42,876	47,606	48,476	48,160	47,068
Other liabilities	16,065	13,698	12,576	12,501	12,860	13,955
Total liabilities	56,231	56,574	60,182	60,977	61,021	61,023
Shareholders' equity	22,911	24,524	20,236	19,231	19,546	20,178
Minorities	1,572	1,847	2,000	2,100	2,210	2,430
Total shareholders' equity	24,482	26,372	22,236	21,331	21,756	22,608
Net debt	31,135	37,063	41,350	43,054	43,456	39,092

Key Company Metrics

Sales growth (%)	nm	-4.8	12.9	0.3	17.5	9.9
DB EPS growth (%)	na	-47.5	na	75.8	na	100.3
EBITDA Margin (%)	33.6	30.6	29.2	31.6	39.3	44.5
EBIT Margin (%)	21.7	18.8	12.1	4.3	14.5	16.7
Payout ratio (%)	8.9	10.9	nm	nm	0.0	0.0
ROE (%)	2.8	1.4	-18.6	-5.1	1.6	3.2
Capex/sales (%)	47.1	32.0	20.9	34.1	25.4	9.9
Capex/depreciation (x)	4.0	2.7	1.2	1.2	1.0	0.4
Net debt/equity (%)	127.2	140.5	186.0	201.8	199.7	172.9
Net interest cover (x)	2.3	1.8	1.1	0.4	1.4	1.8

Source: Company data, Deutsche Bank estimates



Appendix 1

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Company	Ticker	Recent price*	Disclosure
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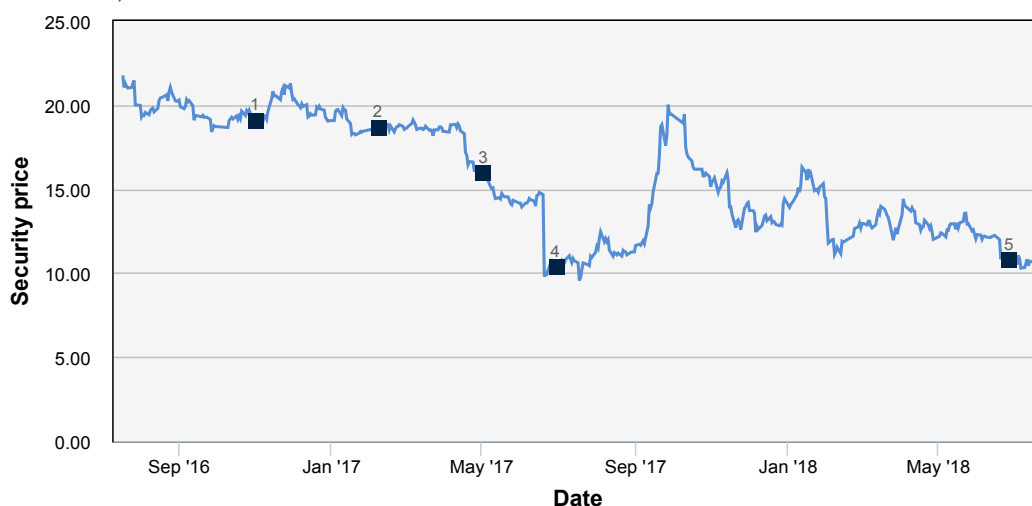
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Hold
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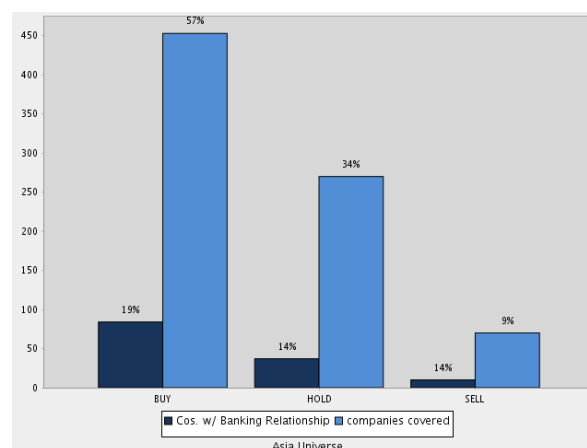
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