

Overcomes to the decline in copper prices

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Change in Recommendation

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Change in Estimates

Quarterly Review

Other

GMEXICO posted very good figures for 1Q12, surpassing our estimates in operating lines and net income. Revenues increased 10% (8% Estimates) YoY, despite a fall of 14% in copper prices. EBITDA increased 22% YoY, whereas we expected it to remain flat. Net revenue increased 35.1% (31.1%E) slightly above expectations.

Copper production was 20% higher than in 1Q11, significantly above our 9% E, offsetting the 14% fall in average copper prices YoY. This rise in production was driven by higher ore grades in all of the mines of GMEXICO, as well as because of the incremental production from Buenavista del Cobre, which is now operating at 100% capacity. Other metals also were benefited by better ore grades (gold production increased 37% YoY, and silver production was 17% higher YoY).

Revenues increased 10%, a new record high figure for GMEXICO. Aforementioned increases in volumes along with better YoY silver and gold prices supported the revenue's expansion. In the mining division, revenues increased 10.3%. Within the Transport division, higher traffic and improved average speed drove a 10% increase in revenues in this division.

EBITDA's 22% YoY hike (vs. 11% E) was possible because of optimization of processes and efficiencies in Transport division. EBITDA margin thus resulted 52.6%, expanding by 350pb vs. that from 1Q11. In the mining division, EBITDA increased 17.3%, and margin expanded from 49.5% to 52.6% Regarding the transport division, EBITDA went up 32%, with an EBITDA margin at 34% (almost 500 bp vs. 1Q11).

In the mining division, cash cost net of byproducts was higher than in 1Q11 at USD 0.84, given lower benefits of byproduct. Cash cost excluding byproducts was USD 1.95; figures are to be compared with USD 0.73 and USD 1.94, respectively.

Expected operating efficiencies or additional production for the next 3 years include: Quebalix III which will improve SX/EW copper production in Buenavista. Expected to start operations in 2Q12. SX/EW III plant in Buenavista, where copper production is expected to increase by 120,000 tons of copper and operations are expected in 2H13. As for 2014 GMEXICO expects additional copper production from Cuajone (22,000 tons expected by 3Q13); Angangueo, (36,000 tons, by 2H14;) Toquepala (100,000 tons expected in 1Q14); Mission (+11,500 tons) and Tía María, by 1H15. All in all, production should increase by approximately 320K tons.

GMEXICO decreed a cash dividend payment of MP 0.50 per share (a 1.125% dividend yield). We expect other 3 equal dividends for the remaining quarters.

We expect a positive reaction from the market on behalf of these results.

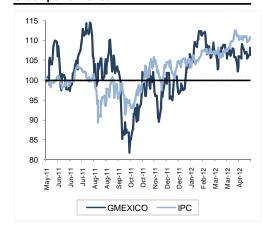
GMEXICO will host a conference call tomorrow at 2:30 EST.

GMEXICO	1Q12	1Q11	YoY	1Q12E	Diff
Sales	2,745	2,505	9.59%	2,705	1.47%
COGS	1,299	1,294	0.36%		
Operating Income	1,263	1,032	22.35%	1,074	17.60%
Operating Margin	46.0%	41.2%		39.7%	
EBITDA	1,395	1,148	21.55%	1,195	16.75%
EBITDA Margin	50.8%	45.8%		44.2%	
Net Income	716	530	35.06%	580	23.45%
Net Margin	26.1%	21.2%			

Source: Company Data; Actinver Estimates. Figures in thousand USD, except margins.

	BUY
Local Ticker	GMEXICO
Price Target	MXN 44.00
Last Price	MXN 40.82
Expected Return	7.8%
2012E Div. Yield	4.5%
Total Expected Return	12.3%
Mkt. Cap (Million)	MXN 317,784
Ent. Value (Million)	MXN 351,632
LTM Price Range	(43.74 - 30.50)

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