

PNE WIND AG

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Q1 figures

RATING PRICE TARGET

BUY € 3.80

Return Potential 47.0% Risk Rating High

VALUATION BELOW BOOK VALUE – BUY RATING CONFIRMED

PNE Wind reported Q1 figures and held a conference call. Q1 EBIT of €-0.2m met our expectation. Both German and international wind projects made significant operational progress. In April, the company placed a €50m bond with a 4% coupon. PNE reiterated 2018 guidance (EBIT €10-16m, EBITDA €20-26m). We stick to our 2018 forecasts. The rating remains Buy at an unchanged price target of €3.80.

EBIT at break-even Although total output was significantly below the previous year's figure (€15.7m vs. €24.6m, FBe: €30.5m), EBIT was close tothe Q1/17 number (€-0.2m vs. €0.3m) and met our expectation due to lower costs. Material costs fell from €12.8m to €3.7m, personnel expenses from €6.3m to €.6m and other operating expenses by €0.1m to €4.2m. The netresult amounted to €-3.0m (Q1/17: €-2.0m) and was lower than expected (FBe: €2.4m) due chiefly to higher interest and similar expenses (€3.8m vs. €2.6m in Q1/17). EPS amounted to €-0.04 (Q1/17: €-0.02, see figure 1 overleaf).

Guidance reiterated Management reiterated 2018 guidance (EBIT €10-16m, EBITDA €20-26m). Q1 is usually a weak quarter due to investments in project development, and the operational business is developing as planned. We therefore believe PNE is on track to reach its guidance.

Strong balance sheet Equity amounted to €229m, and the equity ratio remained at a high level of 47%. The cash position was €189.3m and financial debt €188.7m resulting in a small net cash position of €0.6m.

Net cash outflow of €4.7m Operating cash outflow was €14.7m due mainly to higher working capital requirements. Investing cash outflow amounted to €2.8m. Both outflows were largely compensated by a net cash inflow from financing of €12.8m.

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FINANCIAL HISTORY & PROJECTIONS

Y-o-y growth -48.2% 127.0% -54.1% 10.2% 58.1%	268.10 34.9% 104.54
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EBIT (€m) 9.77 97.04 23.13 15.53 19.39	
EBIT margin 8.9% 39.0% 20.3% 12.4% 9.8%	39.0%
Net income (€ m) 3.47 68.97 17.08 9.37 10.94	79.12
EPS (diluted) (€) 0.05 0.88 0.22 0.12 0.14	1.01
DPS (€) 0.04 0.12 0.04 0.04 0.04	0.13
FCF (€m) -105.38 -44.27 -47.39 -82.06 -96.17	272.11
Net gearing 98.1% -12.6% -5.8% 28.5% 66.2% -	30.3%
Liquid assets (€m) 86.08 147.69 193.98 71.75 89.52	248.57

RISKS

Risks to our price target include, but are not limited to: changes in legislation, project financing risks, project delays, and project approval risks.

COMPANY PROFILE

PNE WIND AG is an international wind energy project developer for on- and offshore wind farms. It has begun to develop into a clean energy solution provider active in wind, PV, storage, power-to-heat, energy supply management, and energy services. The company is based in Cuxhaven, Germany.

As of 11 May 2018
€ 2.59
76.56m
€ 197.90m
€ 2.40 / 3.18
313,601

Multiples	2017	2018E	2019E
P/E	11.9	21.7	18.6
EV/Sales	1.6	1.5	0.9
EV/EBIT	7.9	11.8	9.5
Div. Yield	1.5%	1.5%	1.5%

STOCK OVERVIEW



COMPANY DATA	As of 31 Mar 2018
Liquid Assets	€ 189.29m
Current Assets	€ 310.11m
Intangible Assets	€ 66.63m
Total Assets	€ 490.62m
Current Liabilities	€ 180.91m
Shareholders' Equity	€ 229.49m

SHAREHOLDERS

Internat. Kapitalanlageges. mbH	10.1%
Active Ownership Fund SCS	5.1%
Axxion S.A.	3.2%
Dimensional Holdings	3.0%
Free Float	78.7%

Figure 1: Reported figures versus forecasts

All figures in €m	Q1-18A	Q1-18E	Delta	Q1-17A	Delta
Sales	10.94	25.00	-56.2%	20.42	-46.4%
EBIT	-0.19	-0.20	-	0.33	-
margin	-1.7%	-0.8%		1.6%	
Net income	-2.97	-2.35	-	-1.99	-
margin	-27.2%	-9.4%		-9.7%	
EPS (diluted) in €	-0.04	-0.03	-	-0.02	-

Source: First Berlin Equity Research, PNE WIND AG

Onshore project pipeline is growing In Q1, the pipeline's total MW volume increased slightly by 39 MW to 4,780 MW. Phase III projects (planning phase) increased 23 MW to 881 MW and the phase IV projects (implementation phase) by 31 MW to 51 MW.

Domestic onshore business on schedule In Q1, the Looft repowering project (16.5 MW) in Schleswig-Holstein was completed and commissioned as scheduled. In Lower Saxony, the company started construction of the 21.6 MW Gerdau-Schwienau repowering wind farm, for which it was awarded a contract in the first 2018 onshore tender. Furthermore, PNE provided services for the Wangerland community wind farm (34 MW) in the areas of project development, construction management and financing, and received approval for the 20 MW Kittlitz project in Brandenburg.

International onshore business on track In France, the St. Martin-l'Ars wind farm (10.3 MW) is about to go into operation. Furthermore, PNE received approval for the Dargies 2 wind farm (7.1 MW) and started construction of a 19.2 MW wind farm. In Sweden, PNE WIND is in charge of the construction of the Laxaskogen wind farm, which was sold in 2017. PNE's subsidiary WKN AG sold the French wind project Riaucourt (up to 12 MW) to Quaero European Infrastructure Fund at the end of 2017. Realisation and construction are scheduled for 2019. The sale of this project will have its effect on the fiscal year 2018. In January, PNE reported that it successfully participated in the latest onshore wind farm tender in Turkey and was awarded a contract for the "Köseler" wind farm project (71.4 MW). The award gives the project the so-called pre-licence and secure network access. This was an important milestone for the further development of the wind farm project pending final approval and later implementation. PNE took part in the tender via its 100% subsidiary PNE Wind Yenilenebilir Enerjiler Ltd. Şti.

2020 wind farm portfolio generated EBT of €3.7m in Q1 The portfolio's aggregated earnings before taxes have amounted to ca. €16.1m since 2017. In Q1/18, EBT was €3.7m. The earnings are however not visible as they are eliminated at the group level. Earnings from the sale of the portfolio are postponed until the sale takes place (FBe: 2020).

Oersted was awarded a contract for Gode Wind 4 in April 2018 tender In the April 2018 German offshore wind tender, the Danish offshore wind farm operator Oersted was successful with the Gode Wind 4 wind project (132 MW), which was developed by PNE and increases the likelihood that PNE will receive a further milestone payment. PNE looks set to receive milestone payments of up to €24m for the offshore projects Gode Wind 3 & 4, and Borkum Riffgrund II. Vattenfall's Atlantis I project, however, was not successful, which postpones potential milestone payments for PNE into the 2020s.

PNE examining internationalisation of offshore project business PNE has applied for five offshore wind farm sites to the United States Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM), which is currently in the process of leasing additional sites for offshore wind farms

in state-controlled coastal waters. The total capacity of the sites offered may add up to 6.5 GW. In a best case scenario, PNE may participate in the first tender to lease sites even before the end of this year. US coastal waters offer attractive wind speeds of above 7 m/s, which is broadly comparable to the German North Sea. The US wind energy potential is based on average wind speeds at 300 feet. The northeastern US and Northern California coasts (in red) have the greatest potential (see figure 2).

Wind Speed (m/s)
> 10.00
9.75 - 10.00
9.50 - 9.75
9.25 - 9.50
9.00 - 9.25
8.75 - 9.00
8.50 - 8.75
8.25 - 8.50
8.00 - 8.25
7.75 - 8.00
7.50 - 7.75
7.25 - 7.50
7.00 - 7.25
< 7.00

Data Source: AWS Truepower 0-50nm; NREL WIND Toolkit beyond 50nm.

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Figure 2: US offshore wind energy potential

Source: First Berlin Equity Research, NREL

Pricing for offshore wind power has fallen significantly in recent years and looks set to be competitive in the future as tenders in different European countries (Germany, the Netherlands) awarded projects with zero bids (no additional financial support beyond market pricing). This will significantly increase worldwide interest in offshore wind technology.

€50m bond placed PNE has placed a €50m corporate bond. The bond has a term of 5 years and a coupon of 4%. The placement is a crucial step for financing the 200 MW wind farm portfolio, which PNE is developing and plans to sell in 2020. It is worth mentioning that the last large corporate bond, which was placed in 2013, will be redeemed in June 2018, and had a volume of €100m, had an 8% coupon—twice as high as the new coupon. This is a reflection of the lower corporate risk. Based on high net results in recent years PNE has strengthened its equity and posted a net cash position at the end of Q1/18.

Very attractive valuation At the end of Q1/18, equity amounted to €229.5m or €3.00 per share. Deducting intangibles & goodwill (€66.6m) we arrive at a tangible book value of €162.9m or €2.13 per share. At a share price of €2.9, the stock is currently trading 14% below its book value and 22% above its tangible book value.

Buy confirmed at unchanged price target An updated DCF model still yields a €3.80 price target. We confirm our Buy rating.

VALUATION MODEL

DCF valuation model								
All figures in EUR '000	2018E	2019E	2020E	2021E	2022E	2023E	2024E	2025E
Net sales	125,700	198,686	268,095	201,667	205,700	209,814	214,011	218,291
NOPLAT	13,896	17,369	85,469	12,982	13,521	14,152	14,096	14,040
+ depreciation & amortisation	10,068	14,034	20,002	7,726	8,101	8,424	8,697	8,925
Net operating cash flow	23,963	31,403	105,472	20,707	21,622	22,575	22,793	22,965
- total investments (CAPEX, WC, other)	-98,654	-118,301	176,825	-4,463	-12,336	-12,148	-11,947	-11,733
Capital expenditures	-81,705	-105,304	160,857	-11,898	-11,688	-11,463	-11,226	-10,974
Working capital	-16,949	-12,997	14,968	6,436	-1,648	-1,684	-1,721	-1,759
Free cash flows (FCF)	-74,690	-86,897	282,297	16,245	9,286	10,428	10,846	11,233
PV of FCF's	-71,459	-77,631	235,447	12,651	6,753	7,081	6,876	6,649

All figures in thousands	
PV of FCFs in explicit period (2018E-2032E)	174,692
PV of FCFs in terminal period	117,246
Enterprise value (EV)	291,938
+ Net cash / - net debt	14,125
+ Investments / minority interests	-7,679
Shareholder value	298,384

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WACC	7.1%
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Cost of equity	11.8%
Pre-tax cost of debt	7.0%
Tax rate	25.0%
After-tax cost of debt	5.3%
Share of equity capital	28.0%
Share of debt capital	72.0%
Fair value per share in EUR	3.80

Terminal growth rate									
	0.5%	1.0%	1.5%	2.0%	2.5%	3.0%	3.5%		
4.1%	6.16	6.64	7.31	8.29	9.90	12.98	21.24		
5.1%	4.90	5.14	5.45	5.85	6.41	7.24	8.59		
6.1%	4.09	4.22	4.38	4.58	4.84	5.18	5.65		
7.1%	3.51	3.59	3.68	3.79	3.93	4.09	4.31		
8.1%	3.08	3.22	3.18	3.25	3.33	3.42	3.53		
9.1%	2.74	2.77	2.81	2.85	2.90	2.95	3.02		
10.1%	2.47	2.49	2.51	2.54	2.57	2.60	2.64		

 $^{^{\}star}$ for layout purposes the model shows numbers only to 2025, but runs until 2032



INCOME STATEMENT

All figures in EUR '000	2014A	2015A	2016A	2017A	2018E	2019E	2020E
Revenues	211,268	109,524	248,577	114,076	125,700	198,686	268,095
Change in inventories	19,078	116,096	1,591	63,331	0	0	0
Other operating income	3,603	7,707	9,075	9,483	6,419	6,961	7,210
Total aggregate output	233,949	233,327	259,244	186,890	132,119	205,647	275,305
Cost of goods sold	-170,496	-154,934	-96,951	-108,381	-54,051	-117,225	-93,833
Gross profit	59,850	70,686	153,218	5,695	71,649	81,461	174,262
Personnel costs	-27,041	-29,254	-25,423	-25,789	-26,821	-27,893	-28,730
Other operating expenses	-25,206	-29,504	-26,946	-24,125	-25,652	-27,102	-28,200
EBITDA	11,206	19,635	109,924	28,595	25,595	33,427	124,542
Depreciation and amortisation	-8,526	-9,870	-12,884	-5,466	-10,068	-14,034	-20,002
Operating income (EBIT)	2,680	9,765	97,040	23,129	15,527	19,393	104,539
Interest Expense	-14,934	-16,381	-17,331	-10,709	-8,872	-11,069	-11,261
Interest Income	2,422	1,743	1,111	619	503	795	1,072
Income from participations & ass. companies	-5,334	-86	736	1,022	1,000	1,000	1,000
Pre-tax income (EBT)	-15,166	-4,959	81,556	14,061	8,158	10,119	95,350
Income taxes	-3,131	3,570	-14,476	174	-1,632	-2,024	-19,070
Minority interests	5,305	4,863	1,893	2,840	2,840	2,840	2,840
Net income / loss	-12,992	3,474	68,973	17,075	9,367	10,935	79,120
Diluted EPS (in €)	-0.21	0.05	0.88	0.22	0.12	0.14	1.01
Ratios							
Gross margin	28.3%	64.5%	61.6%	5.0%	57.0%	41.0%	65.0%
EBITDA margin on revenues	5.3%	17.9%	44.2%	25.1%	20.4%	16.8%	46.5%
EBIT margin on revenues	1.3%	8.9%	39.0%	20.3%	12.4%	9.8%	39.0%
Net margin on revenues	-6.1%	3.2%	27.7%	15.0%	7.5%	5.5%	29.5%
Tax rate	-20.6%	72.0%	17.7%	-1.2%	20.0%	20.0%	20.0%
Expenses as % of revenues							
Personnel costs	12.8%	26.7%	10.2%	22.6%	21.3%	14.0%	10.7%
Depreciation and amortisation	4.0%	9.0%	5.2%	4.8%	8.0%	7.1%	7.5%
Other operating expenses	11.9%	26.9%	10.8%	21.1%	20.4%	13.6%	10.5%
Y-Y Growth							
Revenues	46.7%	-48.2%	127.0%	-54.1%	10.2%	58.1%	34.9%
Operating income	-93.8%	264.4%	893.7%	-76.2%	-32.9%	24.9%	439.1%
Operating income	-93.076	204.470	033.1 /0	-70.270	-02.070	24.070	.00,0



BALANCE SHEET

All figures in EUR '000	2014A	2015A	2016A	2017A	2018E	2019E	2020E
Assets							
Current assets, total Cash and cash equivalents Short-term investments Receivables Inventories Other current assets	265,935 72,175 0 20,098 152,389 21,273	236,033 86,075 0 7,969 121,177 20,812	289,776 147,686 0 13,187 112,946 15,957	308,379 193,984 0 5,119 86,361 22,915	195,572 71,753 0 12,053 88,851 22,915	227,836 89,520 0 19,052 96,349 22,915	370,639 248,566 0 22,035 77,123 22,915
Non-current assets, total Property, plant & equipment Goodwill & other intangibles Long-term investments / ass. companies Other assets Total assets	150,900 73,655 63,926 0 13,319 416,835	252,231 167,347 63,105 0 21,779 488,264	142,218 39,230 67,400 0 35,588 431,994	184,905 103,872 66,825 0 14,208 493,285	257,038 175,429 67,400 0 14,208 452,610	348,307 266,698 67,400 0 14,208 576,142	167,447 85,839 67,400 0 14,208 538,086
Shareholders' equity & debt							
Current liabilities, total Short-term debt Accounts payable Current provisions Other current liabilities Long-term liabilities, total	95,034 34,940 21,476 3,908 34,710 161,606	84,858 35,857 16,852 6,291 25,858 237,478	73,922 2,163 15,692 3,968 52,099 128,685	179,150 107,109 25,295 4,858 41,888 78,915	84,516 20,000 17,770 4,858 41,888 129,410	126,016 60,000 19,270 4,858 41,888 206,410	91,631 20,000 17,995 4,858 48,778 136,410
Long-term debt Deferred revenue Other liabilities	141,207 0 20,399	215,975 0 21,503	115,860 0 12,825	72,751 0 6,163	122,751 0 6,658	199,751 0 6,658	129,751 0 6,658
Minority interests	33	-3,102	-5,393	-7,679	-10,519	-13,359	-16,199
Shareholders' equity Share capital Capital reserve Other reserves Treasury stock Retained earnings	160,162 71,975 77,803 -296 0 10,680	169,030 76,555 82,287 -724 0 10,912	234,781 76,556 82,288 -997 0 76,934	242,899 76,556 82,288 -908 0 84,962	249,203 76,556 82,288 -908 0 91,266	257,076 76,556 82,288 -908 0 99,139	326,244 76,556 82,288 -908 0 168,307
Total consolidated equity and debt	416,835	488,264	431,994	493,285	452,610	576,142	538,086
Ratios Current ratio (x) Quick ratio (x) Net cash Net gearing Book value per share (€)	2.80 1.19 -103,972 64.9% 2.60	2.78 1.35 -165,757 98.1% 2.16	3.92 2.39 29,663 -12.6% 2.92	1.72 1.24 14,124 -5.8% 2.99	2.31 1.26 -70,998 28.5% 3.03	1.81 1.04 -170,232 66.2% 3.10	4.04 3.20 98,814 -30.3% 3.94
Tangible book value per share (€) Equity ratio (incl. minorities) Return on equity (ROE) Return on assets (ROA) Return on investment (ROI)	1.62 38.4% -8.1% 0.5% -3.1%	1.37 34.0% 2.1% 4.1% 0.7%	2.11 53.1% 29.4% 20.0% 16.0%	2.18 47.7% 7.0% 5.6% 3.5%	2.23 52.7% 3.8% 4.0% 2.1%	2.29 42.3% 4.3% 3.8% 1.9%	3.13 57.6% 24.3% 16.8% 14.7%
Return on capital employed (ROCE) Days sales outstanding (DSO) Days inventory outstanding (DIO) Days payables outstanding (DPO)	0.9% 34.7 326.2 46.0	3.1% 26.6 285.5 39.7	34.3% 19.4 425.2 59.1	10.5% 16.4 290.8 85.2	5.7% 35.0 600.0 120.0	5.3% 35.0 300.0 60.0	32.7% 30.0 300.0 70.0



CASH FLOW STATEMENT

All figures in EUR '000	2014A	2015A	2016A	2017A	2018E	2019E	2020E
EBIT	2,681	9,765	97,040	23,129	15,527	19,393	104,539
Depreciation and amortisation	8,554	9,898	12,884	5,466	10,068	14,034	20,002
EBITDA	11,235	19,663	109,924	28,595	25,595	33,427	124,542
Changes in working capital	-28,886	-74,556	58,583	12,292	-16,949	-12,997	14,968
Other adjustments	-11,845	-47,582	-104,081	-18,257	-9,001	-11,298	-28,259
Operating cash flow	-29,496	-102,475	64,426	22,630	-354	9,132	111,251
Investments in PP&E	-4,829	-2,903	-108,699	-70,015	-81,705	-105,304	160,857
Investments in intangibles	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Free cash flow	-34,325	-105,378	-44,273	-47,385	-82,059	-96,171	272,108
Acquisitions & disposals, net	-81	23,258	106,876	51,300	0	0	0
Other investments	0	-255	-418	-7,535	0	0	0
Cash flow from investing	-4,910	20,100	-2,241	-26,250	-81,705	-105,304	160,857
Debt financing, net	11,137	97,715	23,171	59,106	-37,109	117,000	-110,000
Equity financing, net	33,435	9,454	0	0	0	0	0
Dividends paid	-8,229	-3,062	-3,062	-9,187	-3,062	-3,062	-3,062
Other financing	-2,302	-2,221	0	0	0	0	0
Cash flow from financing	34,041	101,886	20,109	49,919	-40,171	113,938	-113,062
Forex and other changes in cash	-4,862	-5,611	-20,684	-1	0	0	0
Net cash flows	-5,227	13,900	61,609	46,298	-122,231	17,766	159,046
Cash, start of the year	77,402	72,175	86,076	147,686	193,984	71,753	89,520
Cash, end of the year	72,175	86,075	147,686	193,984	71,753	89,520	248,566
EBITDA/share (in €)	0.18	0.26	1.40	0.36	0.33	0.42	1.58
Operating cashflow/share (in €)	-0.48	-1.33	0.82	0.29	0.00	0.12	1.41
Y-Y Growth							
Operating cash flow	n.m.	n.m.	n.m.	-64.9%	n.m.	n.m.	1118.2%
Free cash flow	n.m.	n.m.	n.m.	n.m.	n.m.	n.m.	n.m.
EBITDA/share	-81.2%	40.4%	447.5%	-74.0%	-10.5%	30.6%	272.6%



FIRST BERLIN RECOMMENDATION & PRICE TARGET HISTORY

Report No.:	Date of publication	Previous day closing price	Recommendation	Price target
Initial Report	31 March 2008	€2.38	Buy	€4.50
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90	9 November 2017	€2.89	Buy	€3.70
91	23 November 2017	€2.82	Buy	€3.80
92	12 April 2018	€2.48	Buy	€3.80
93	Today	€2.59	Buy	€3.80

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