# **SFC Energy AG**

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Recommendation:

Risk:

Price Target:

BUY (BUY)

HIGH (HIGH)

EUR 5.50 (5.50)

30 March 2012

# **Breakeven on EBITDA level within reach**

- SFC Energy's annual report 2011 confirmed the preliminary figures which had been very much in line with our previous estimates (see our update from 26 January). SFC Energy now also provided **pro forma figures** for 2011 (consolidation of PBF assumed as of 1 January 2011 instead of 1 December 2011). On a pro forma basis, Group sales totalled EUR 27.4m, while EBIT amounted to EUR -6.0m and net income to EUR -5.7m.
- Earnings were affected by one-off costs of EUR 2.5m. It is particularly worth mentioning that underlying EBITDA (excluding one-offs) improved from EUR -3.5m in 2010 to EUR -2.7m in 2011. Underlying EBIT improved to EUR -4.1m (2010: EUR -4.5m). Apparently, only EUR 166k of the one-off costs had already accrued in 9M 2011 (in the context of the PBF acquisition). We conclude that SFC Energy reached breakeven (about EUR +0.2m) in 4Q 2011 on the underlying EBITDA level, and that the company has gotten much closer to achieving positive operating cash flows.
- Regarding FY 2012, SFC Energy expects to generate sales of EUR 28m to 30m and as announced earlier to reach EBITDA break-even in 2H 2012. For the time being, we leave our sales estimates for the next periods unchanged, even though our assumption of only 2.7% growth YOY in 2012E (based on the pro forma sales figure) appears very conservative. The purchase price allocation (PPA) of the PBF acquisition resulted in non-amortisable goodwill amounting to EUR 6.0m (our estimate: EUR 6.4m) and amortisable intangible assets of EUR 4.9m (our estimate: EUR 4.6m). As our PPA estimates proved rather accurate, we can leave our amortisation estimates and therefore our EBIT estimates unchanged. We reviewed our tax estimates and now assume that SFC Energy will continue to refrain from activating deferred taxes on its German tax loss carryforwards, while SFC's tax loss carryforwards cannot be used to reduce PBF's taxable income in the Netherlands. We therefore reduced our estimates for the Group's net income and EPS.
- Our updated DCF model yields a fair value per share of EUR 5.54. With an unaltered price target of EUR 5.50, we confirm our BUY recommendation.

Y/E 31 Dec, EUR m	2009	2010	2011	2012E	2013E	2014E
Sales revenues	11.7	13.3	15.4	28.1	32.7	37.4
Gross profit	3.2	4.0	5.4	11.0	13.5	15.8
EBITDA	-3.6	-3.5	-4.6	-0.3	2.0	3.0
EBITA	-4.0	-3.9	-5.2	-0.6	1.7	2.6
EBIT	-4.5	-4.5	-6.6	-2.2	-0.1	1.3
Net income/loss	-3.8	-4.1	-6.2	-2.3	-0.3	1.0
EPS	-0.53	-0.58	-0.87	-0.31	-0.04	0.14
CPS	-0.51	-0.65	-0.60	-0.41	-0.07	0.16
EBITDA margin	-30.6%	-26.2%	-30.1%	-1.1%	6.2%	8.1%
EBIT margin	-38.6%	-33.8%	-42.9%	-7.9%	-0.2%	3.6%
EV/Sales	0.7	0.6	0.5	0.3	0.2	0.2
EV/EBITDA	neg.	neg.	neg.	neg.	3.9	2.6
Source: SFC Energy AG	: CBS Researc	ch AG				



Source: CBS Research AG, Bloomberg, SFC Energy AG

Change	2012E		2013	3E	2014E		
	new	old	new	old	new	old	
Sales	-	28.1	-	32.7	37.4	-	
EBITDA	-	-0.3	-	2.0	3.0	-	
EPS	-0.31	-0.20	-0.04	0.01	0.14	-	

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#### Short company profile:

SFC Energy AG is a market leader for off grid and stationary power generation and distribution. The Company has established fully commercialized fuel cells in the Consumer, Industry, and Defense & Security sectors and furthermore develops, produces and globally distributes higher level power management components. The products increasingly are delivered as customised power supply system solutions.

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Share data:	
Share price (EUR, latest closing price):	3.95
Shares outstanding (m):	7.5
Market capitalisation (EUR m):	29.6
Enterprise value (EUR m):	8.0
Ø daily trading volume (6 m., no. of shares):	3,650
Performance data:	
High 52 weeks (EUR):	5.45
Low 52 weeks (EUR):	3.49
Absolute performance (12 months):	-18.2%

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Relative performance vs. CDAX:	
1 month	-1.4%
3 months	-15.0%
6 months	-20.4%
12 months	-16.7%

Shareholders:	
HPE	25.70%
Conduit Ventures	10.15%
Havensight	10.22%
Previous owners of PBF (lock-up agreement)	4.66%
Management and Supervisory Board	3.48%
DWS	4.92%
Other free float	40.87%

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# **Appendix**

### **Quarterly figures with YOY comparison**

IFRS EURm	4Q 2011	4Q 2010	FY 2011	FY 2010
Total sales	4.92	4.46	15.43	13.33
YOY grow th	10.3%	39.0%	15.7%	14.1%
Gross profit	1.85	1.59	5.37	4.04
as % of sales	37.5%	35.6%	34.8%	30.3%
EBITDA	-1.62	-0.10	-4.64	-3.49
as % of sales	-32.9%	-2.1%	-30.1%	-26.2%
EBIT	-2.60	-0.37	-6.61	-4.51
as % of sales	-52.9%	-8.3%	-42.9%	-33.8%
Net income after minorities	-2.49	-0.27	-6.22	-4.12
as % of sales	-50.7%	-6.1%	-40.3%	-30.9%
Basic earnings per share (EUR)	-0.35	-0.04	-0.87	-0.58
Cash flow from operating activities	0.43	-0.87	-4.32	-4.64
Free cash flow (incl. interest received)	-5.63	-1.17	-11.01	-6.46

Source: SFC Energy AG, CBS Research AG

### **Changes in financial estimates of CBS Research**

	2012E		201	3E	2014E		
	new	old	new	old	new	old	
Sales	-	28.1	-	32.7	37.4	-	
Gross profit	-	11.0	-	13.5	15.8	-	
EBITDA	-	-0.3	-	2.0	3.0	-	
EBIT	-	-2.2	-	-0.1	1.3	-	
Net result after minorities	-2.3	-1.5	-0.3	0.1	1.0	-	
EPS	-0.31	-0.20	-0.04	0.01	0.14	-	

Source: CBS Research AG

### **Profit and loss account**

IFRS EURm	2009	2010	2011	2012E	2013E	2014E
Sales YoY growth	<b>11.69</b> -19.7%	<b>13.33</b> 14.1%	<b>15.43</b> 15.7%	<b>28.12</b> 82.3%	<b>32.73</b> 16.4%	<b>37.42</b> 14.3%
Cost of sales as % of sales	-8.49 -72.7%	-9.29 -69.7%	-10.06 -65.2%	-17.13 -60.9%	-19.25 -58.8%	-21.66 -57.9%
Gross profit as % of sales	<b>3.19</b> 27.3%	<b>4.04</b> 30.3%	<b>5.37</b> 34.8%	<b>10.99</b> 39.1%	<b>13.49</b> 41.2%	<b>15.77</b> 42.1%
Research and development expenses as % of sales	-1.51 -12.9%	-1.89 -14.2%	-2.54 -16.4%	-3.07 -10.9%	-3.01 -9.2%	-3.11 -8.3%
Selling expenses as % of sales	-4.45 -38.0%	-4.75 -35.6%	-4.90 -31.7%	-6.34 -22.5%	-6.48 -19.8%	-6.92 -18.5%
General and administrative expenses as % of sales	-2.13 -18.2%	-2.05 -15.4%	-2.68 -17.4%	-3.54 -12.6%	-3.80 -11.6%	-4.04 -10.8%
Other operating income as % of sales	0.42 3.6%	0.23 1.7%	0.20 1.3%	0.39 1.4%	0.47 1.4%	0.49 1.3%
Other operating expenses as % of sales	-0.04 -0.3%	-0.09 -0.6%	-1.60 -10.4%	-0.66 -2.4%	-0.74 -2.3%	-0.84 -2.3%
EBIT before restructuring expenses as % of sales	<b>-4.51</b> -38.6%	<b>-4.51</b> -33.8%	<b>-6.14</b> -39.8%	<b>-2.22</b> -7.9%	<b>-0.07</b> -0.2%	<b>1.34</b> 3.6%
Restructuring expenses as % of sales	0.0 0.0%	0.0 0.0%	-0.47 -3.1%	0.0 0.0%	0.0 0.0%	0.0 0.0%
EBIT as % of sales	<b>-4.51</b> -38.6%	<b>-4.51</b> -33.8%	<b>-6.61</b> -42.9%	<b>-2.22</b> -7.9%	<b>-0.07</b> -0.2%	<b>1.34</b> 3.6%
Net financial result	0.72	0.39	0.39	0.23	0.17	0.13
EBT (Earnings before income taxes) as % of sales	<b>-3.78</b> -32.4%	<b>-4.12</b> -30.9%	<b>-6.22</b> -40.4%	<b>-1.99</b> -7.1%	<b>0.10</b> 0.3%	<b>1.47</b> 3.9%
Income taxes as % of EBT	0.00	0.00	0.01 -0.1%	-0.30 15.2%	-0.38 -381.1%	-0.43 -29.5%
Income from continuing operations	<b>-3.78</b>	<b>-4.12</b>	<b>-6.22</b>	<b>-2.29</b>	<b>-0.28</b>	1.03
Income from discontinued operations, net of taxes	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Group net income including minorities as % of sales	<b>-3.78</b> -32.4%	<b>-4.12</b> -30.9%	<b>-6.22</b> -40.3%	<b>-2.29</b> -8.2%	<b>-0.28</b> -0.9%	<b>1.03</b> 2.8%
Minority interests	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Net income attributable to shareholders	-3.78	-4.12	-6.22	-2.29	-0.28	1.03
Shares outstanding (m)	7.15	7.15	7.15	7.50	7.50	7.50
Basic earnings per share (EUR)	-0.53	-0.58	-0.87	-0.31	-0.04	0.14
EBITDA	-3.58	-3.49	-4.64	-0.32	2.04	3.01
EBITA	-4.02	-3.89	-5.15	-0.57	1.70	2.59

Source: CBS Research AG, SFC Energy AG



### **Balance sheet**

IFRS	EURm	2009	2010	2011	2012E	2013E	2014E
Assets							
Current assets		45.60	40.17	33.47	31.79	32.43	34.09
as % of total assets		90.4%	86.7%	68.6%	67.4%	68.1%	68.8%
Inventories and prepayments		1.33	1.94	4.91	5.03	5.96	6.74
Trade accounts receivable		2.20	2.71	4.47	6.93	8.61	10.25
Other assets incl. tax and PoC receivable	es	1.48	1.39	1.36	1.67	2.62	3.07
Cash and cash equivalents		40.54	33.56	22.44	18.05	15.15	13.94
Cash and cash equival. with limitation on	disposal 	0.05	0.57	0.29	0.10	0.10	0.10
Noncurrent assets		4.85	6.15	15.31	15.39	15.19	15.45
as % of total assets		9.6%	13.3%	31.4%	32.6%	31.9%	31.2%
Intangible assets excl. goodwill		2.41	2.95	4.89	4.54	4.07	4.11
Goodwill		0.00	0.00	6.02	6.02	6.02	6.02
Property, plant and equipment		1.68	2.34	2.75	3.10	3.37	3.56
Other non-current assets		0.06	0.07	0.05	0.13	0.14	0.16
Deferred taxes		0.69	0.80	1.59	1.59	1.59	1.59
Total assets		50.44	46.31	48.78	47.17	47.62	49.55
Current liabilities as % of total equity and liabilities		<b>3.44</b>	<b>3.18</b>	<b>6.78</b>	<b>7.37</b>	<b>7.89</b> 16.6%	<b>8.58</b>
as % of total equity and liabilities		6.8%	6.9%	13.9%	15.6%	16.6%	17.3%
Other provisions		0.57	0.55	0.87	0.93	1.08	1.20
Advance payments received		0.02	0.00	0.20	0.25	0.25	0.25
Trade accounts payable		1.96	1.38	3.17	3.25	3.56	3.96
Liabilities from finance leases Other liabilities		0.00	0.00 1.24	0.56 1.98	0.70	0.73 2.27	0.76 2.41
Other liabilities		0.90	1.24	1.90	2.23	2.21	2.41
Noncurrent liabilities		1.14	1.41	5.22	5.31	5.52	5.72
as % of total equity and liabilities		2.3%	3.1%	10.7%	11.3%	11.6%	11.5%
Other noncurrent provisions		0.26	0.50	1.41	1.47	1.53	1.59
Other noncurrent liabilities		0.18	0.12	1.46	1.50	1.64	1.78
Deferred tax liabilities		0.69	0.80	2.15	2.15	2.15	2.15
Shareholders' equity		45.86	41.72	36.79	34.49	34.21	35.25
as % of total equity and liabilities		90.9%	90.1%	75.4%	73.1%	71.8%	71.1%
Subscribed capital		7.15	7.15	7.50	7.50	7.50	7.50
Capital reserve		66.88	66.88	67.88	67.88	67.88	67.88
	it or loce	0.01	0.00	-0.07	-0.07	-0.07	-0.07
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Other changes in equity not effecting profi Accumulated loss brought forward	11 01 1033	-24.40	-28.18	-32.31	-38.53	-40.82	-41.10
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Source: CBS Research AG, SFC Energy AG



### **Cash flow statement**

IFRS EURm	2009	2010	2011	2012E	2013E	2014E
Income/loss before interest and taxes	-4.51	-4.51	-6.61	-2.22	-0.07	1.34
Depreciation of PP&E	0.49	0.62	1.46	1.66	1.77	1.25
Amortisation of intangible assets incl. assets from PPA	0.44	0.40	0.51	0.25	0.33	0.42
Other expenses / income with no effect on liquidity	-0.12	-0.11	0.25	-0.20	-0.24	-0.24
Increase/decrease in inventories, trade receivables, and other assets	-0.07	-1.01	-0.99	-2.78	-3.32	-2.65
Increase/decrease in trade accounts payable and other liabilities	-0.41	-0.13	1.10	0.54	1.38	1.54
Cash taxes paid	0.51	0.11	-0.03	-0.30	-0.38	-0.43
Cash flow from operating activities	-3.68	-4.64	-4.32	-3.05	-0.52	1.23
Net cash outflows from the purchase and retirement of noncurrent assets	-2.05	-2.22	-1.13	-1.90	-1.90	-1.92
Bank balances released/pledged	0.00	-0.52	0.29	0.19	0.00	0.00
Interests received	0.82	0.39	0.43	0.30	0.24	0.20
Purchase of consolidated companies	0.00	0.00	-6.00	0.00	-0.68	-0.68
Cash flow from investing activities	-1.23	-2.35	-6.42	-1.41	-2.34	-2.40
Net cash inflow from capital stock increases deducting expenses	0.00	0.00	-0.05	0.00	0.00	0.00
Net cash flow from financial debt incl. leasing	-0.12	0.00	-0.35	0.14	0.03	0.03
Interests paid	0.00	0.00	0.00	-0.07	-0.07	-0.07
Cash flow from financing activities	-0.12	0.00	-0.40	0.07	-0.04	-0.04
Total change in cash and cash equivalents	-5.02	-6.98	-11.14	-4.40	-2.90	-1.21
Cash and cash equiv. at the start of the period	45.57	40.54	33.56	22.44	18.05	15.15
Cash and cash equiv. at the end of the period	40.54	33.56	22.42	18.05	15.15	13.94

Source: CBS Research AG, SFC Energy AG



### **Discounted Cash Flow Model**

	PHASE 1				P		PHASE 2	HASE 2		F	PHASE 3
EURm	2012E	2013E	2014E	2015E	2016E	2017E	2018E	2019E	2020E	2021E	œ
Sales	28.1	32.7	37.4	41.8	46.0	50.5	55.6	58.4	61.3	62.8	
Sales growth	82.3%	16.4%	14.3%	11.6%	10.0%	10.0%	10.0%	5.0%	5.0%	2.5%	
EBIT	-2.2	-0.1	1.3	2.4	3.7	4.5	5.3	5.7	6.0	6.2	
EBIT margin	-7.9%	-0.2%	3.6%	5.8%	8.0%	9.0%	9.5%	9.8%	9.8%	9.8%	
Cash taxes on EBIT	-0.3	-0.4	-0.5	-0.5	-0.6	-0.8	-0.9	-1.0	-1.1	-1.6	
Depreciation and amortisation	1.9	2.1	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.7	
Change in long-term provisions	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	
Other non-cash items	-0.2	-0.2	-0.2	-0.1	-0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
Change in net working capital	-2.2	-1.9	-1.1	-0.8	-0.8	-0.8	-0.9	-0.5	-0.6	-0.3	
Net capital expenditure	-1.9	-1.9	-1.9	-1.8	-1.8	-1.8	-1.8	-1.8	-1.8	-1.7	
Purchase of consolidated companies	0.0	-0.7	-0.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
Free cash flow	-4.9	-3.1	-1.3	1.1	2.3	3.0	3.5	4.3	4.4	4.4	
Present values	-4.5	-2.6	-1.0	0.7	1.4	1.6	1.6	1.8	1.7	1.5	17.
Present value Phase 1	-8.1			F	Risk free ra	ite:	3.5% Target equity ratio:			90.0%	
Present value Phase 2	10.3			E	Equity risk premium: 6.0% Beta:				1.4		
Present value Phase 3	17.7			[	Debt risk premium: 3.0% WACC:				11.19		
Total present value	19.9				Tax shield:		26.5%	Т	erminal gr	owth:	2.5%
+ Cash and non-operating assets	22.4			Г	Sensitivity analysis						
- Financial debt	-0.8				Terminal growth (Phase 3)						
- Minority interest	0.0						1.5%	2.0%	2.5%	3.0%	3.5%
						10.08%	5.84	6.02	6.21	6.43	6.69
Fair value of equity	41.6					10.58%	5.54	5.69	5.85	6.04	6.25
					WACC	11.08%	5.27	5.40	5.54	5.70	5.88
Number of shares (m)	7.5					11.58%	5.04	5.14	5.27	5.40	5.55
						12.08%	4.82	4.92	5.02	5.14	5.26
Fair value per share (EUR)	5.54			_							

Source: CBS Research AG



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