SFC Energy AG

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Recommendation:

Risk:

Price Target:

BUY (BUY)

HIGH (HIGH)

EUR 6.30 (5.70)

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2Q: Oil & Gas business well on track

- Due to the acquisition of Simark in 3Q13, the group's sales jumped by 112% from EUR 6.2m in 2Q13 to EUR 13.2m in 2Q14. Sales in the newly formed Oil & Gas segment reached EUR 7.4m (almost entirely contributed by Simark), compared to EUR 0.2m in 2Q13. The management stated that Simark is even ahead of plan in its local currency (CAD). In the Security & Industry segment, revenue fell from EUR 4.9m in 2Q13 to EUR 4.7m in 2Q14, mainly due to the order cancellation at PBF already announced in 1Q. Sales in the Consumer segment suffered from a weak market in France and were thus slightly below last year's level. Detailed segment figures are shown on page 2 of this document. Underlying EBITDA amounted to EUR -0.3m (2Q13: -0.8m). Underlying EBIT accounted for EUR -0.7m (2Q13: -1.3m). Unadjusted EBITDA came in at EUR -0.6m (2Q13: -1.1m), while the unadjusted EBIT amounted to EUR -1.2m (2Q13: -1.5m).
- SFC continues to expect a strong 2H14, expecting the usual seasonality (relatively weaker 3Q, strong 4Q). The FY14 guidance (EUR 55m-60m in sales, positive underlying EBITDA) was confirmed. As the guidance is based on an exchange rate of 1.40 between the Canadian dollar and the Euro, we expect that FX effects will make it harder to achieve the upper end of this range. Nevertheless, we increase our estimate for 2014E-2016E due to the following reasons: 1) In the Oil & Gas segment, order backlog amounted to EUR 5.7m on 30 June, and SFC expects first (and significant) revenues with the new EFOY ProCabinet fuel cell system in 2H which will add further momentum to the development in the Oil & Gas segment. 2) Order intake in the Security & Industry segment has been good (order backlog of EUR 8m), and we expect a stronger 2H in this segment. Furthermore, the management is confident to receive further defense orders in 2H. 3) SFC's management still expects FY sales in the Consumer segment to reach the level of 2013, due to growth in the Scandinavian markets. 4) SFC is currently working on higher power products for the security and industry markets and on an extension of the consumer product portfolio (outdoor applications and emergency home backup). We see significant market potential in these applications.
- Our DCF model results in a price target of EUR 6.30 (prev.: EUR 5.70). The high valuation level of US fuel cell companies tends to support a higher price target, but a direct comparison appears problematic (only EV/Sales multiples applicable; different technologies and target markets; different share of fuel cell sales in total sales). We confirm our BUY recommendation.

Y/E 31 Dec, EURm	2011	2012	2013	2014E	2015E	2016E
Sales revenues	15.4	31.3	32.4	56.3	64.2	72.0
Underlying EBITDA	-2.7	0.8	-2.2	0.2	2.2	3.5
EBITDA	-4.6	0.7	-4.5	-1.0	1.0	3.5
EBIT	-6.6	-0.5	-8.8	-3.9	-1.9	0.5
Net income/loss	-6.2	-0.4	-8.9	-4.3	-2.5	-0.2
EPS	-0.87	-0.06	-1.16	-0.53	-0.31	-0.03
Underl. EBITDA margin	-17.4%	2.7%	-6.8%	0.3%	3.5%	4.9%
EBITDA margin	-30.1%	2.3%	-13.8%	-1.7%	1.6%	4.9%
EBIT margin	-42.9%	-1.7%	-27.3%	-6.9%	-3.0%	0.6%
EV/Underlying EBITDA	neg.	43.2	neg.	n/m	16.2	10.1
EV/EBITDA	neg.	49.1	neg.	neg.	35.1	10.1
Source: SEC Energy AG: CB	S Research					



Source: CBS Research AG, Bloomberg, SFC Energy AG

Change	2014E		201	5E	2016E		
	new	old	new	old	new	old	
Sales	56.3	55.2	64.2	62.1	72.0	69.4	
EBIT	-3.9	-5.0	-1.9	-2.9	0.5	-0.4	
EPS	-0.53	-0.66	-0.31	-0.42	-0.03	-0.14	

Internet: www.sfc.com Sector: Alternative energy WKN: 756857 ISIN: DE0007568578 Reuters: F3CG.DE Bloomberg: F3C GY

Short company profile:

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

Share data:	
Share price (EUR, last closing price):	4.579
Shares outstanding (m):	8.0
Market capitalisation (EUR m):	36.7
Enterprise value (EUR m):	35.8
Ø daily trading volume (6 m., no. of shares):	6,746
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Performance data:							
High 52 weeks (EUR):	5.48						
Low 52 weeks (EUR):	3.30						
Absolute performance (12 months): -2.6%							
Relative performance vs. CDAX:							
1 month	2.1%						
3 months	-10.6%						
6 months	19.6%						
12 months	-10.9%						

Shareholders:	
HPE	24.05%
Conduit Ventures	9.49%
Havensight	9.56%
Mark Wheeler	3.94%
Management and Supervisory Board	3.45%
DWS	4.60%
Other free float	44.91%

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Quarterly key figures with YOY comparison

IFRS	EURm	2Q 2014	2Q 2013	Change	1H 2014	1H 2013	Change
Total sales YOY growth		13.23 112.1%	6.24 -15.9%	112.1%	26.16 92.6%	13.58 -9.2%	92.6%
Oil & Gas as % of total sales		7.43 56.2%	0.18 2.9%	>1,000%	14.04 53.7%	0.30 2.2%	>1,000%
Security & Industry as % of total sales		4.66 35.2%	4.87 78.1%	-4.4%	9.73 37.2%	10.42 76.7%	-6.7%
Consumer as % of total sales		1.14 8.6%	1.19 19.0%	-4.1%	2.39 9.1%	2.86 21.1%	-16.5%
Sales by company							
SFC Energy		2.70	2.69	0.2%	5.83	6.46	-9.8%
PBF		3.10	3.55	-12.6%	6.29	7.12	-11.6%
Simark ————————————————————————————————————		7.43	-	n.m.	14.04	_	n.m.
Gross profit as % of sales		3.83 28.9%	2.04 32.7%	87.4%	7.67 29.3%	4.74 34.9%	61.8%
Gross profit - Oil & Gas as % of segment sales		1.81 24.3%	0.10 56.0%	>1,000%	3.43 24.4%	0.16 54.9%	>1,000%
Gross profit - Security & In-	dustry	1.66 35.6%	1.60 32.9%	3.6%	3.55 36.5%	3.67 35.2%	-3.4%
Gross profit - Consumer as % of segment sales		0.36 31.6%	0.34 28.7%	5.3%	0.70 29.2%	0.91 31.7%	-23.1%
EBITDA		-0.56	-1.07	n/m	-1.07	-0.77	n/m
as % of sales		-4.2%	-17.1%		-4.1%	-5.7%	
EBITDA - Oil & Gas as % of segment sales		0.01 0.2%	-0.46 -258.5%	n/m	-0.06 -0.4%	-0.82 -277.3%	n/m
EBITDA - Security & Industri as % of segment sales	ry	-0.47 -10.1%	-0.57 -11.7%	n/m	-0.85 -8.8%	-0.11 -1.0%	n/m
EBITDA - Consumer as % of segment sales		-0.10 -8.7%	-0.03 -2.7%	n/m	-0.16 -6.5%	0.16 5.6%	-197.2%
Adjusted EBITDA as % of sales		-0.26 -2.0%	-0.81 -12.9%	n/m	-0.50 -1.9%	-0.69 -5.1%	n/m
EBIT as % of sales		-1.23 -9.3%	-1.54 -24.7%	n/m	-2.44 -9.3%	-1.73 -12.7%	n/m
Adjusted EBIT as % of sales		-0.65 -4.9%	-1.28 -20.6%	n/m	-1.30 -5.0%	-1.65 -12.1%	n/m
Net income after minoriti	es	-1.36 -10.3%	-1.55 -24.9%	n/m	-2.68 -10.3%	-1.76 -13.0%	n/m
Basic earnings per share	(EUR)	-0.17	-0.21	n/m	-0.33	-0.23	n/m
Cash flow from operating	g activities	-0.81	-1.25	n/m	-0.70	-4.69	n/m
Free cash flow (incl. interest	t received)	-0.99	-1.54	n/m	-1.95	-5.07	n/m

Source: SFC Energy AG, CBS Research AG

Profit and loss account

IFRS EURm	2011	2012	2013	2014E	2015E	2016E
Sales YoY growth	15.43 15.7%	31.26 102.6%	32.41 3.7%	56.30 73.7%	64.20 14.0%	72.00 12.1%
Cost of sales as % of sales	-10.06 -65.2%	-18.50 -59.2%	-21.77 -67.2%	-38.85 -69.0%	-43.72 -68.1%	-48.82 -67.8%
Gross profit as % of sales	5.37 34.8%	12.76 40.8%	10.64 32.8%	17.45 31.0%	20.48 31.9%	23.18 32.2%
Research and development expenses as % of sales	-2.54 -16.4%	-4.26 -13.6%	-6.15 -19.0%	-6.16 -11.0%	-6.23 -9.7%	-6.26 -8.7%
Selling expenses as % of sales	-4.90 -31.7%	-5.86 -18.8%	-8.23 -25.4%	-10.25 -18.2%	-10.91 -17.0%	-11.12 -15.5%
General and administrative expenses as % of sales	-2.68 -17.4%	-3.55 -11.4%	-3.86 -11.9%	-5.32 -9.5%	-5.49 -8.6%	-5.56 -7.7%
Other operating income as % of sales	0.20 1.3%	0.75 2.4%	1.04 3.2%	0.51 0.9%	0.35 0.5%	0.36 0.5%
Other operating expenses as % of sales	-2.07 -13.4%	-0.36 -1.2%	-1.71 -5.3%	-0.12 -0.2%	-0.13 -0.2%	-0.14 -0.2%
Restructuring expenses as % of sales	0.00 0.0%	0.00 0.0%	-0.57 -1.7%	0.00 0.0%	0.00 0.0%	0.00 0.0%
EBIT as % of sales	-6.61 -42.9%	-0.52 -1.7%	-8.84 -27.3%	-3.89 -6.9%	-1.94 -3.0%	0.45
Underlying EBIT as % of sales	-4.08 -26.5%	-0.96 -3.1%	-4.22 -13.0%	-1.58 -2.8%	0.33 0.5%	1.53 2.1%
Net financial result	0.39	0.08	-0.13	-0.28	-0.30	-0.30
EBT (Earnings before income taxes) as % of sales	-6.22 -40.4%	-0.44 -1.4%	-8.96 -27.7%	-4.17 -7.4%	-2.24 -3.5%	0.15 0.2%
Income taxes as % of EBT	0.01	0.02 -4.3%	0.05 -0.6%	-0.11 2.6%	-0.26 11.4%	-0.38 -249.0%
Group net income including minorities as % of sales	-6.22 -40.3%	-0.43 -1.4%	-8.91 -27.5%	-4.28 -7.6%	-2.49 -3.9%	-0.23
Minority interests	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Net income attributable to shareholders	-6.22	-0.43	-8.91	-4.28	-2.49	-0.23
Shares outstanding (m)	7.16	7.50	7.68	8.02	8.02	8.02
Basic earnings per share (EUR)	-0.87	-0.06	-1.16	-0.53	-0.31	-0.03
Underlying EBITDA as % of sales	-2.69 -17.4%	0.83 2.7%	-2.20 -6.8%	0.16 0.3%	2.22 3.5%	3.53 4.9%
EBITDA as % of sales	-4.64 -30.1%	0.73 2.3%	-4.47 -13.8%	-0.98 -1.7%	1.02 1.6%	3.53

Source: CBS Research AG, SFC Energy AG



Balance sheet

IFRS EURm	2011	2012	2013	2014E	2015E	2016E
Assets						
Current assets as % of total assets	33.93 68.5%	33.60 70.6%	25.93 54.4%	23.10 54.2%	23.21 56.0%	25.83 60.9%
Inventories and prepayments	4.91	5.81	7.71	7.88	8.35	9.07
Trade accounts receivable	4.47	3.70	9.26	9.56	11.08	12.43
Other assets incl. tax and PoC receivables	1.82	1.18	1.54	1.25	1.39	1.55
Cash and cash equivalents	22.44	22.63	7.14	4.31	2.29	2.68
Cash and cash equival. with limitation on disposal	0.29	0.29	0.29	0.10	0.10	0.10
Noncurrent assets as % of total assets	15.61 31.5%	14.02 29.4%	21.72 45.6%	19.51 45.8%	18.27 44.0%	16.59 39.1%
Intangible assets excl. goodwill	4.89	4.86	7.26	5.48	3.83	2.18
Goodwill	6.14	6.14	11.80	11.80	11.80	11.80
Property, plant and equipment	2.75	2.40	2.30	1.86	1.41	1.03
Other non-current assets	0.05	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Deferred taxes	1.77	0.62	0.37	0.37	1.23	1.57
otal assets	49.54	47.62	47.65	42.61	41.48	42.42
Current liabilities as % of total equity and liabilities	7.49 15.1%	7.66 16.1%	12.67 26.6%	11.75 27.6%	12.77 30.8%	13.65 32.2%
as % of total equity and liabilities	15.1%	16.1%	26.6%	27.6%	30.8%	32.2%
Provisions	1.58	1.00	0.80	0.84	1.03	1.15
Advance payments received	0.20	0.01	0.01	0.06	0.24	0.28
Trade accounts payable	3.17	3.03	5.09	5.79	6.38	6.98 2.20
Financial debt Other liabilities	0.56 1.98	0.37 3.24	2.19 4.58	2.20 2.86	2.20 2.92	3.04
Noncurrent liabilities	5.26	3.56	5.92	6.07	6.41	6.71
as % of total equity and liabilities	10.6%	7.5%	12.4%	14.3%	15.5%	15.8%
Other noncurrent provisions	1.41	1.39	1.80	2.14	2.44	2.74
Financial debt	0.20	0.00	2.31	2.10	2.10	2.10
Other noncurrent liabilities	1.46	1.04	0.07	0.10	0.14	0.14
Deferred tax liabilities	2.19	1.13	1.73	1.73	1.73	1.73
Shareholders' equity as % of total equity and liabilities	36.79 74.3%	36.39 76.4%	29.06 61.0%	24.78 58.2%	22.29 53.7%	22.06 52.0%
Subscribed capital	7.50	7.50	8.02	8.02	8.02	8.02
	67.88	67.88	69.57	69.57	69.57	69.57
Capital reserve				-0.66	-0.66	-0.66
Capital reserve Other changes in equity not effecting profit or loss	-0.07	-0.04	-0.66	-0.00	0.00	
Capital reserve Other changes in equity not effecting profit or loss Accumulated loss brought forward	-0.07 -32.31	-0.04 -38.53	-0.66 -38.95	-0.86 -47.86	-52.14	-54.63
Other changes in equity not effecting profit or loss						

Source: CBS Research AG, SFC Energy AG



Cash flow statement

IFRS EURm	2011	2012	2013	2014E	2015E	2016E
Income/loss before interest and taxes	-6.61	-0.52	-8.84	-3.89	-1.94	0.45
Amortisation of intangible assets incl. assets from PPA	1.46	0.59	3.60	2.07	2.06	2.12
Depreciation of PP&E	0.51	0.66	0.76	0.83	0.90	0.96
Other expenses / income with no effect on liquidity	0.25	0.45	-0.62	0.00	0.00	0.00
Increase/decrease in inventories, trade receivables, and other assets	-0.99	0.45	-1.05	-0.19	-2.12	-2.23
Increase/decrease in trade accounts payable and other liabilities	1.10	-0.37	-1.14	0.64	1.36	1.17
Cash taxes paid	-0.03	-0.01	-0.03	-0.11	-1.12	-0.72
Cash flow from operating activities	-4.32	1.26	-7.31	-0.64	-0.86	1.75
Net cash outflows from the purchase and retirement of noncurrent assets	-1.13	-0.88	-0.67	-0.70	-0.85	-1.06
Bank balances released/pledged	0.29	0.00	0.00	0.19	0.00	0.00
Interests received	0.43	0.22	0.08	0.02	0.03	0.03
Purchase of consolidated companies	-6.00	0.00	-6.00	-1.20	0.00	0.00
Cash flow from investing activities	-6.42	-0.66	-6.59	-1.70	-0.82	-1.03
Net cash inflow from capital stock increases deducting expenses	-0.05	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Net cash flow from financial debt incl. leasing	-0.35	-0.39	-1.47	-0.20	0.00	0.00
Interests paid	0.00	-0.03	-0.10	-0.30	-0.33	-0.33
Cash flow from financing activities	-0.40	-0.42	-1.57	-0.50	-0.33	-0.33
Total change in cash and cash equivalents	-11.14	0.18	-15.47	-2.84	-2.01	0.39
Currency effects on cash and cash equivalents	0.01	0.00	-0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00
Cash and cash equiv. at the start of the period	33.56	22.44	22.63	7.14	4.31	2.29
Cash and cash equiv. at the end of the period	22.44	22.63	7.14	4.31	2.29	2.68

Source: CBS Research AG, SFC Energy AG



Discounted Cash Flow Model

	F	PHASE 1					PHASE 2				PHASE 3
EURm	2014E	2015E	2016E	2017E	2018E	2019E	2020E	2021E	2022E	2023E	œ
Sales	56.3	64.2	72.0	79.2	87.2	95.9	104.6	111.9	117.5	120.5	
Sales growth	73.7%	14.0%	12.1%	10.0%	10.0%	10.0%	9.0%	7.0%	5.0%	2.5%	
EBIT	-3.9	-1.9	0.5	1.8	3.0	4.0	5.2	5.8	6.0	6.2	
EBIT margin	-6.9%	-3.0%	0.6%	2.3%	3.4%	4.2%	5.0%	5.1%	5.1%	5.1%	
Cash taxes on EBIT	-0.2	-0.3	-0.4	-0.7	-0.8	-0.9	-1.4	-1.5	-1.5	-1.5	
Depreciation and amortisation	2.9	3.0	3.1	1.7	1.6	1.4	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.1	
Change in long-term provisions	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	
Other non-cash items	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
Change in net working capital	0.5	-0.8	-1.1	-0.7	-0.8	-0.9	-0.9	-0.8	-0.6	-0.3	
Net capital expenditure	-0.7	-0.9	-1.1	-1.2	-1.3	-1.3	-1.2	-0.9	-1.0	-1.1	
Purchase of consolidated companies	-1.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
Free cash flow	-2.2	-0.5	1.3	1.2	2.0	2.7	3.3	4.1	4.5	4.6	
Present values	-2.2	-0.5	1.1	0.9	1.4	1.7	2.0	2.2	2.2	2.1	38.
Present value Phase 1	-1.6			F	Risk free ra	te:*	3.0%	Т	arget equity	ratio:	80.0%
Present value Phase 2	12.5			E	quity risk	premium:	6.0%	В	eta:		1.
Present value Phase 3	38.8				Debt risk p		2.0%	V	VACC:		8.29
Total present value	49.7			ב	ax shield:		25.0%	Т	erminal gr	owth:	2.5%
+ Liquid funds	4.7			Γ			Sensi	tivity anal	<u>ysis</u>		
- Financial debt	-3.9							Terminal	growth (Pl	nase 3)	
- Minority interest	0.0						1.5%	2.0%	2.5%	3.0%	3.5%
						7.19%	6.85	7.39	8.04	8.85	9.89
Fair value of equity	50.6					7.69%	6.14	6.58	7.09	7.72	8.50
					WACC	8.19%	5.55	5.90	6.31	6.81	7.41
Number of shares (m)	8.0					8.69%	5.03	5.32	5.66	6.06	6.53
						9.19%	4.59	4.83	5.11	5.43	5.82

Source: CBS Research AG

^{*}Risk free rate was lowered from previously 3.5% to 3.0% in order to better account for the current interest rate level.



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