Huaneng Renewables (958 HK) Oct wind power output dropped 4%YoY; 10M17 up 13%YoY

- Huaneng Renewables (HNR) announced Oct operation data on Nov 13. Monthly gross output of wind power was 1,630GWh (-4.4% YoY) mainly due to 27%/4%YoY decline in northern/southern regions; in contrast, 67%/7%YoY growth was seen in eastern region and Inner Mongolia
- Total wind power output in 10M17 reached 77% of our 2017E full-year estimate, running behind its historical run rate of 80%
- The stock is now trading at 7.0x/6.2x 2017E/18E P/E and 0.9x/0.8x 2017/18E P/B based on Bloomberg consensus, which we deem attractive.
- Maintain BUY with TP of HK\$ 3.00, implying 8x/7x 2017E/18E P/E and 1.1x/0.9x
 2017E/18E P/B

67%YoY growth in eastern region is the bright spot. Oct wind power output in eastern region jumped 67% YoY but contributed to only 3% of HNR's Oct output. Output in the region has been trending up in 2017, suggesting strong demand. Output in Inner Mongolia grew steadily by 7% YoY, contributing to 23% (the highest proportion) of the month's output.

27%/4%YoY decline in northern/southern regions was the key drag. Oct wind power output in northern/southern regions declined by 27%/4%YoY, contributing to 16%/22% of HNR's Oct power output. The poor performance can be attributed to output in Shanxi and Yunnan provinces that fell by 41%/28% YoY.

High single-digit growth expected for Nov and Dec. We have originally expected HNR to deliver mid-teens growth in Oct due to its strong performance in Sep 2017 (+48%); however, the results were dragged by poor performance in southern and northeast regions. Given the high base in Nov/Dec 2016 (+32%/+35%YoY), we expect a high single-digit growth in the last two months of 2017.

Current valuation is attractive, maintain BUY with TP at HK\$3.00. Although HNR's 10M17 power output was behind its historical run rate, we believe the Group would be able to achieve a double-digit growth in annual output and EPS would increase by 20% YoY in 2017. The stock is now trading at 7.0x/6.2x 2017/18E P/E and 0.9x/0.8x 2017/18E P/B based on the Bloomberg consensus, which we deem attractive. Our DCF-derived TP at HK\$ 3.00 implies 7.6x/6.9x 2017/18E P/E and 1.1x/0.9x 2017/18E P/B. Maintain **BUY**.

Risks: (1) Power curtailment risk; (2) Wind resources risk; (3) Tariff risk; (4) Construction risks; (5) Fundraising risk; (6) Government policy to deleverage may constrain future growth; (7) New share issued in May dilutes EPS growth in 2017-18.

Results and Valuation

| FY ended Dec 31 | 2015A | 2016A | 2017E | 2018E | 2019E |
|---------------------|-------|-------|--------|--------|--------|
| Revenue (RMB mn) | 7,357 | 9,239 | 10,580 | 11,489 | 12,842 |
| Chg (%, YoY) | 19.6 | 25.6 | 14.5 | 8.6 | 11.8 |
| Net profit (RMB mn) | 1,860 | 2,659 | 3,416 | 3,892 | 4,394 |
| Chg (%, YoY) | 65.9 | 43.0 | 28.5 | 14.0 | 12.9 |
| EPS (RMB) | 0.191 | 0.273 | 0.334 | 0.368 | 0.416 |
| Chg (%, YoY) | 54.3 | 42.9 | 22.4 | 10.2 | 12.9 |
| BVPS (RMB) | 1.830 | 2.070 | 2.433 | 2.699 | 3.081 |
| Chg (%, YoY) | 2.8 | 13.1 | 17.6 | 10.9 | 14.2 |
| P/E (x) | 11.13 | 7.78 | 6.36 | 5.77 | 5.11 |
| P/B (x) | 1.16 | 1.03 | 0.87 | 0.79 | 0.69 |
| ROE (%) | 10.45 | 13.20 | 13.74 | 13.65 | 13.50 |
| ROA (%) | 2.25 | 3.11 | 3.84 | 3.98 | 4.12 |
| DPS (RMB) | 0.030 | 0.041 | 0.050 | 0.055 | 0.062 |
| Yield (%) | 1.41 | 1.93 | 2.36 | 2.60 | 2.93 |
| Net gearing (%) | 252.1 | 240.0 | 181.2 | 166.6 | 150.4 |

Source(s): Bloomberg, ABCI Securities estimates

Company Report

Nov 13, 2017

Rating: BUY TP: HK\$ 3.00

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| Share price (HK\$) | 2.50 |
|-------------------------|--------------|
| Est. share price return | 20.0% |
| Est. dividend yield | 2.4% |
| Est. total return | 22.4% |
| Previous Rating | BUY |
| Previous Report Date | Oct 12, 2017 |

Source(s): Bloomberg, ABCI Securities

| Key Data | |
|----------------------|---------|
| 52Wk H/L(HK\$) | 2.9/2.3 |
| Issued shares (mn) | 9,728 |
| Issued H-shares (mn) | 5,031 |
| Market cap (HK\$ mn) | 26,416 |
| H-share Market cap | 12,578 |
| (HK\$ mn) | |
| 3-mth avg daily | 69 |
| turnover(HK\$ mn) | |
| Major shareholder(s) | |
| (%): | |
| Huaneng Group. | 54.0% |

Source(s): Company, ABCI Securities

Share Performance (%)

| | <u>Absolute</u> | <u>Relative*</u> |
|-------|-----------------|------------------|
| 1-mth | (9.42) | (11.38) |
| 3-mth | 5.93 | (3.45) |
| 6-mth | (3.44) | (15.83) |

*Relative to HSCEI

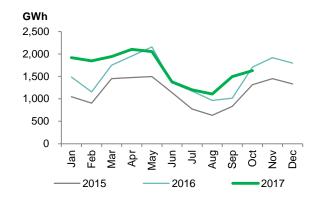
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1-Year share price performance(HK\$)



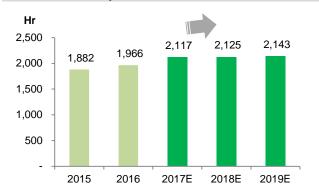
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Exhibit 1: HNR's monthly operation data



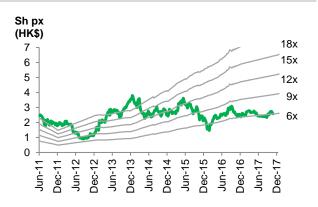
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Exhibit 3: HNR's utilization hour would stay above 2,000 in next few years



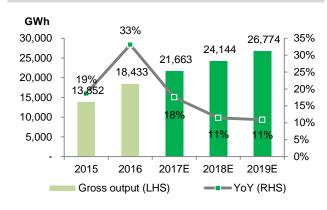
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Exhibit 5: HNR's fwd. P/E chart



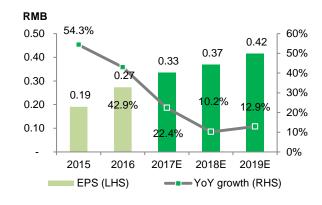
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Exhibit 2: HNR's wind power output would remain robust in 2017



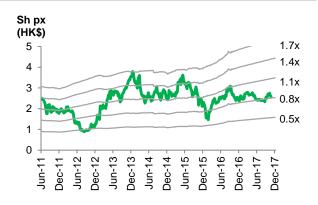
Source(s): Company, ABCI Securities estimates

Exhibit 4: HNR's EPS growth would see double-digit growth in coming years



Source(s): Company, ABCI Securities estimates

Exhibit 6: HNR's fwd. P/B chart



Source(s): Company, ABCI Securities estimates

Consolidated income statement

| FY Ended Dec 31 (RMB mn) | 2015A | 2016A | 2017E | 2018E | 2019E |
|------------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Revenue | 7,357 | 9,239 | 10,580 | 11,489 | 12,842 |
| Wind power | 6,892 | 8,515 | 9,907 | 10,600 | 11,755 |
| Solar power | 462 | 718 | 666 | 883 | 1,081 |
| Other | 3 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 |
| Cost of sales | -3,214 | -4,054 | -4,102 | -4,525 | -5,022 |
| Gross Profit | 4,143 | 5,184 | 6,477 | 6,963 | 7,820 |
| SG&A expenses | -189 | -223 | -264 | -287 | -321 |
| Net financial income (cost) | -2,073 | -1,995 | -2,240 | -2,129 | -2,278 |
| Other income/ (expenses) | 160 | -56 | -123 | -160 | -214 |
| Profit before tax | 2,041 | 2,910 | 3,850 | 4,387 | 5,008 |
| Tax | -141 | -202 | -346 | -395 | -501 |
| Net profit | 1,899 | 2,708 | 3,503 | 3,992 | 4,507 |
| Profit attributable to: | | | | | |
| Minority interest | 40 | 49 | 88 | 100 | 113 |
| Equity shareholders of the Company | 1,860 | 2,659 | 3,416 | 3,892 | 4,394 |
| Basic EPS (RMB) | 0.191 | 0.273 | 0.334 | 0.368 | 0.416 |
| DPS (RMB) | 0.030 | 0.041 | 0.050 | 0.055 | 0.062 |

Source(s): Company, ABCI Securities estimates

Consolidated balance sheet

| As of Dec 31 (RMB mn) | 2015A | 2016A | 2017E | 2018E | 2019E |
|--------------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|---------|
| Current assets | 7,652 | 8,696 | 12,097 | 13,189 | 15,081 |
| Cash | 4,504 | 2,570 | 4,093 | 5,598 | 7,299 |
| Pledged and restricted bank deposits | 27 | 34 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Trade and bill receivables | 2,900 | 4,635 | 6,667 | 6,295 | 6,333 |
| Other receivables and prepayments | 122 | 1,415 | 1,304 | 1,259 | 1,407 |
| Inventories | 43 | 33 | 34 | 37 | 41 |
| Other current assets | 56 | 8 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Non-current assets | 74,901 | 76,749 | 76,905 | 84,711 | 91,474 |
| Property, plant & equipment | 68,658 | 72,107 | 73,814 | 80,657 | 87,432 |
| Investment properties | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Intangible assets | 682 | 654 | 627 | 601 | 574 |
| Investment in JV and associates | 109 | 106 | 77 | 77 | 77 |
| Deferred tax assets | 4 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 |
| Other non-current assets | 5,448 | 3,879 | 2,384 | 3,373 | 3,388 |
| Total Assets | 82,553 | 85,445 | 89,003 | 97,900 | 106,555 |
| Current Liabilities | 28,533 | 30,517 | 28,106 | 30,214 | 32,089 |
| Trade and bill payables | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Other payables | 9,311 | 7,520 | 8,450 | 8,972 | 9,584 |
| Short term borrowings | 18,727 | 22,563 | 19,656 | 21,242 | 22,504 |
| Other current assets | 496 | 435 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Non-current liabilities | 35,395 | 33,933 | 35,098 | 38,130 | 40,762 |
| Deferred tax liabilities | 20 | 20 | 20 | 20 | 20 |
| Long-term borrowings | 30,677 | 28,372 | 29,484 | 31,862 | 33,756 |
| Other non-current assets | 4,698 | 5,542 | 5,595 | 6,248 | 6,986 |
| Total Liabilities | 63,928 | 64,451 | 63,204 | 68,344 | 72,851 |
| Minority interests | 827 | 857 | 944 | 1,044 | 1,157 |
| Shareholders' equities | 17,798 | 20,137 | 24,854 | 28,512 | 32,547 |

Source(s): Company, ABCI Securities estimates



Consolidated cash flow statement

| FY ended Dec 31 (RMB mn) | 2015A | 2016A | 2017E | 2018E | 2019E |
|-----------------------------------------|---------|--------|--------|---------|---------|
| Profit before tax | 1,899 | 2,708 | 3,503 | 3,992 | 4,507 |
| Change in depreciation and amortization | 2,720 | 3,447 | 3,512 | 3,920 | 4,341 |
| Change in Working Capital | 967 | -844 | -743 | 395 | 678 |
| Net financial cost (income) | 2,197 | 2,090 | 2,240 | 2,129 | 2,278 |
| Income tax paid | -126 | -179 | -346 | -395 | -501 |
| Net interest received | 141 | 202 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Others | -116 | -85 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Operating cash flow | 7,682 | 7,338 | 8,166 | 10,042 | 11,303 |
| Capex | -12,644 | -7,877 | -5,180 | -10,724 | -11,077 |
| Increase in intangible assets | 0 | 0 | -12 | -12 | -13 |
| Others | 130 | 507 | 52 | 82 | 112 |
| Investing cash flow | -12,514 | -7,370 | -5,140 | -10,655 | -10,978 |
| Net Capital raise | 0 | 0 | 2,167 | 0 | 0 |
| Net debt financing | 5,285 | 1,312 | -1,795 | 3,964 | 3,156 |
| Dividend payout | -214 | -316 | -512 | -584 | -659 |
| Interest paid | -2,440 | -2,205 | -2,133 | -2,292 | -2,211 |
| Others | -853 | -650 | -134 | 125 | 185 |
| Financing cash flow | 1,778 | -1,858 | -2,408 | 1,213 | 471 |
| Net change in cash | -3,054 | -1,889 | 618 | 600 | 797 |
| Cash at the beginning | 6,385 | 3,470 | 2,570 | 4,093 | 5,598 |
| Adjustment (Time deposit & FX effect) | 1,173 | 990 | 905 | 905 | 905 |
| Cash at the end | 4,504 | 2,570 | 4,093 | 5,598 | 7,299 |

Source(s): Company, ABCI Securities estimates

Key ratio

| FY ended Dec 31 | 2015A | 2016A | 2017E | 2018E | 2019E |
|----------------------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Sales mixed (%) | | | | | |
| Wind power | 93.68 | 92.17 | 93.64 | 92.27 | 91.53 |
| Solar power | 6.29 | 7.77 | 6.30 | 7.68 | 8.42 |
| Other | 0.04 | 0.07 | 0.06 | 0.05 | 0.05 |
| Total | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| Profit & loss ratios (%) | | | | | |
| Gross margin | 56.31 | 56.12 | 61.23 | 60.61 | 60.89 |
| Operating profit margin | 55.95 | 53.13 | 57.56 | 56.72 | 56.73 |
| Pre-tax margin | 27.74 | 31.49 | 36.39 | 38.19 | 38.99 |
| Net profit margin | 25.82 | 29.31 | 33.11 | 34.75 | 35.10 |
| Selling & administrative expenses/revenue | 2.57 | 2.42 | 2.50 | 2.50 | 2.50 |
| Effective tax rate | 6.93 | 6.93 | 9.00 | 9.00 | 10.00 |
| Growth (%) | | | | | |
| Revenue | 19.60 | 25.58 | 14.52 | 8.59 | 11.78 |
| Gross profit | 18.33 | 25.14 | 24.94 | 7.50 | 12.31 |
| Operating profit | 23.03 | 19.24 | 24.08 | 7.01 | 11.80 |
| Net profit | 65.61 | 42.59 | 29.37 | 13.96 | 12.89 |
| Balance sheet ratios | | | | | |
| Current ratio (x) | 0.27 | 0.28 | 0.43 | 0.44 | 0.47 |
| Quick ratio (x) | 0.26 | 0.24 | 0.38 | 0.39 | 0.42 |
| Cash ratio (x) | 0.16 | 0.09 | 0.15 | 0.19 | 0.23 |
| Trade and bill receivables days | 143.88 | 183.14 | 230.00 | 200.00 | 180.00 |
| Trade and bill payables turnover days | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Inventory turnover days | 4.88 | 2.95 | 3.00 | 3.00 | 3.00 |
| Total debt / equity ratio (%) | 277.59 | 252.94 | 197.71 | 186.25 | 172.86 |
| Net debt / equity ratio (%) | 252.13 | 240.01 | 181.25 | 166.62 | 150.43 |
| Returns (%) | | | | | |
| ROAA | 2.4 | 3.2 | 3.9 | 4.2 | 4.3 |
| ROAE | 11.0 | 14.0 | 15.2 | 14.6 | 14.4 |
| Payout ratio | 15.69 | 15.00 | 15.00 | 15.00 | 15.00 |
| Source(s): Company ABCI Securities estimates | | | | | |

Source(s): Company, ABCI Securities estimates



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| Rating | Definition |
|--------|--------------------------------------------------------|
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| Hold | Market return – 6% ≤ Stock return < Market return rate |
| Sell | Stock return < Market return – 6% |

Stock return is defined as the expected % change of share price plus gross dividend yield over the next 12 months

Market return: 5-year average market return rate Time horizon of share price target:12-month

Definition of share price risk

| Rating | Definition |
|-----------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Very high | 2.6 ≤180 day volatility/180 day benchmark index volatility |
| High | 1.5 ≤ 180 day volatility/180 day benchmark index volatility < 2.6 |
| Medium | 1.0 ≤180 day volatility/180 day benchmark index volatility < 1.5 |
| Low | 180 day volatility/180 day benchmark index volatility < 1.0 |

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