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### ENERGY ABSOLUTE THAILAND / UTILITIES - RENEWABLES

EA TB

## **Fundamentals over fear sentiment**

- Three key investor concerns: 1) share transfer; 2) land purchases; and 3) the construction of and investment in solar farms.
- We believe all three concerns are misleading and lack strong evidence with only partially revealed facts.
- Maintain BUY and our SoTP-based target price of THB122.

#### Share price collapses are highly unjustified

On 5 Apr-22, the share prices of EA, NEX – EA's key marketer and distributor of EVs – and BYD – one of EA's key e-bus customers – plunged by 5.75% for EA, 4.5% for NEX, and 2.1% for BYD. We think the main culprits are three key investor concerns that involve EA's past and present business transactions: 1) the share transfer from local stock holding to foreign stock holding; 2) the land purchase for EA's "Blue Tech" industrial estate; and 3) the construction of and investment in solar farm projects in Nakornsawan. We believe all three concerns are misleading and lack strong evidence with only partially revealed facts which are likely to be misperceptions.

#### No evidence for major shareholder exits and unfair land purchase

Our analysis indicates that there is no evidence of an exit and stake reduction by major shareholders as of 15 Mar-22 – Mr. Somphote and the other two founders have maintained their holdings in EA as of 15 Mar-22. Only Mr. Somphote has switched his stake holding in EA from under his own name to SF, mostly under the trust UBS AG Singapore Branch. Furthermore, EA's purchase of land from the founder-owned LPH is unlikely to be an unfair and irrational transaction. The land purchase from LPH should not only benefit EA's shareholders by taking on the initial risk of green-to-purple zone land convertibility, but also reduce the acquisition price of the land.

#### EA's proven track record of investment in solar and wind farms

Our analysis concludes that EA's investment in solar and wind farms are sound, given its proven track record of strong operations and high profitability. Regardless of what EPC companies for EA's solar farms achieve and implement to complete their solar farm projects in time, we believe EA's investment in solar farms is sound and creates value for EA's shareholders, as evidenced by its high profitability.

#### Any share price correction is a strong Buy

We maintain BUY and our SoTP-based target price of THB122. We believe EA's recent share price plunge on investors' three major concerns are unjustified, and see the share price correction as a strong buying opportunity ahead of EA's strong net profit growth that we project from its new EV and battery S-curve ventures.



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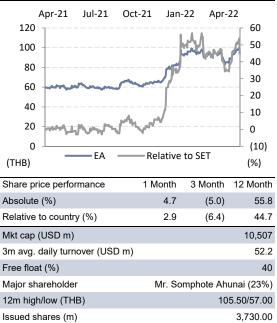


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#### **KEY STOCK DATA**

| YE Dec (THB m)       | 2021   | 2022E  | 2023E  | 2024E  |
|----------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Revenue              | 20,174 | 33,947 | 49,993 | 65,576 |
| Net profit           | 6,100  | 10,650 | 13,543 | 14,963 |
| EPS (THB)            | 1.64   | 2.86   | 3.63   | 4.01   |
| vs Consensus (%)     | -      | 26.0   | 34.0   | 32.9   |
| EBITDA               | 9,494  | 15,185 | 18,954 | 20,091 |
| Core net profit      | 5,983  | 10,650 | 13,543 | 14,963 |
| Core EPS (THB)       | 1.60   | 2.86   | 3.63   | 4.01   |
| Chg. In EPS est. (%) | -      | -      | -      | -      |
| EPS growth (%)       | 16.1   | 78.0   | 27.2   | 10.5   |
| Core P/E (x)         | 58.8   | 33.0   | 26.0   | 23.5   |
| Dividend yield (%)   | 0.4    | 0.7    | 1.1    | 1.3    |
| EV/EBITDA (x)        | 41.3   | 25.2   | 19.5   | 17.8   |
| Price/book (x)       | 10.8   | 8.4    | 6.7    | 5.5    |
| Net debt/Equity (%)  | 108.4  | 62.5   | 27.8   | 4.8    |
| ROE (%)              | 19.8   | 28.7   | 28.8   | 25.8   |



Sources: Bloomberg consensus; FSSIA estimates

The President of Finansia Syrus Securities PCL is also EA's Independent Director and on EA's Audit Committee.

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#### Investment thesis

EA is Thailand's largest green energy player, operating through its three business segments of solar, wind and biodiesel; all touted to be the key pillars of Thailand's energy growth over the next 10 years. A biodiesel producer since 2012 with an 800k litre-per-day (lpd) capacity, EA later ventured into the solar and wind businesses. We believe EA's solar farms will be key earnings growth drivers, as they stand to gain from: 1) a high-margin THB6.5/kWh adder; and 2) a 40% decline in the cost of solar panels since 2010.

EA has evolved from being a pure biodiesel player to emerge as one of Thailand's key players in renewable energy. While its biodiesel segment has been struggling at a mere 50% utilisation rate due to the country's oversupply. EA's solar and wind farm businesses have benefited from high-margin electricity tariffs and the declining cost of solar panels.

#### **Company profile**

Energy Absolute (EA) is a leading green energy company in Thailand with business interests in biodiesel, solar and wind energy. EA has expanded into the battery storage and electricity vehicle (EV) businesses, which we expect to be key earnings growth drivers post 2019.

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#### Catalysts

Higher utilisation rates of power plants and rising demand for electricity in Thailand are key potential growth drivers.

#### Risks to our call

Downside risks to our SoTP-based TP include: 1) lowerthan-expected demand for electricity in Thailand; 2) lower crude prices; and 3) lower-than-expected demand for batteries.

#### Event calendar

Date Event May 2022

1Q22 results announcement

#### Principal activities (revenue, 2021)

- Methyl ester Biodiesel products -32.6 %
- Pure glycerine products 1.8 %
- Electricity from solar and wind power - 21.1 % Head office and others - 0.5 %
- Project consultation regarding alternative electric energy - -0.4 %

Source: Energy Absolute

#### Major shareholders

Mr. Somphote Ahunai - 23.4 %

Others - 76.6 %

Source: Energy Absolute

#### Key assumptions

|                                  | 2022E | 2023E | 2024E |
|----------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|
| Dispatched power (GWh)           | 9,715 | 9,715 | 9,715 |
| Capacity factor - wind farms (%) | 26    | 27    | 27    |
| Battery sales volume (GWh)       | 4.7   | 8.4   | 13.4  |
| EV car sales (cars)              | 0     | 8,500 | 8,500 |
| EV boat sales (boats)            | 50    | 50    | 50    |
| EV bus sales (buses)             | 3,900 | 3,600 | 4,200 |
| EV charging stations (stations)  | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 |
| Green diesel & PCM (tpd)         | 124   | 124   | 124   |

Source: FSSIA estimates

#### Earnings sensitivity

- For every 1% increase in utilisation rate, we estimate 2022 earnings would rise by 1.3%, and vice versa, all else being equal.
- For every 1% increase in interest rate, we estimate 2022 earnings would decline by 1.3%, and vice versa, all else being equal.

Source: FSSIA estimates



#### Fundamentals over fear sentiment

On 5 Apr-22, the share prices of EA and two companies with related businesses in the EV value chain – Nex Point (NEX TB, BUY, TP THB26), EA's key marketer and distributor of EVs, and Beyond Securities (BYD TB, not rated), one of EA's key e-bus customers – plunged by 5.75% for EA, 4.5% for NEX, and 2.1% for BYD. We think the main culprits are three key investor concerns that involve EA's past and present business transactions:

1) The share transfer from local stock holding to foreign stock holding;

2) The land purchase for EA's "Blue Tech" industrial estate;

3) The construction of and investment in solar farms projects in Nakornsawan.

We believe all three concerns are misleading and lack strong evidence with only partially revealed facts which are likely to be misperceptions.

#### Concern #1: Share transfer from local to foreign trust investment

The first concern relates to the change in stake holding by Mr. Somphote Ahunai (later called Mr. Somphote), one of EA's founders, the current CEO, and a major shareholder with stake holdings. The misconception involves a series of events that has led to the market's current misunderstanding, in our view.

**Major shareholder exits EA by reducing his stake holding.** According to the SET, as of 14 Mar-22, Mr Somphote holds 412.1m shares (11.05%) in his name, dropping from 23.21% or 865.7m EA shares at the end of Dec-21.

**No stake reduced by Mr. Somphote in EA.** According to EA's management, Mr. Somphote has switched his stake holding in EA in the amount of 453.7m shares or 12.2% from under his own direct name to UBS AG Singapore Branch, which is a key custodian trust of his three children. In other words, Mr. Somphote reduced his own shares and transferred them into Sotus & Faith (SF) trust under UBS AG Singapore Branch to enhance the wealth of his children. His first child has already turned 21 years old and hence is eligible to be a member of SF trust, based on management's guidance.

According to EA's 2021 annual report 56-1, Mr. Somphote owns a 40.46% stake in EA, with Mr. Somphote himself directly owning under his name 23.21% (865.7m shares), followed by SF trust under four custodians – SF#1 at 8.04%, SF#1 held under UBS AG Singapore at 7.36%, SF#1 held under Morgan Stanley at 1.77%, and SF#2 under UBS AG Singapore at 0.074%.

In addition, the Ahunai family together holds a 3.46% stake in EA, bringing the total holding stake to 43.49% in EA as of 2021.

#### Exhibit 1: Changes in shareholder structure from 31 December 2021 to 15 March 2022

| Rank | Major Shareholders                           | As of 15 Ma | arch 2022 | As of 31 Dece | ember 2021 | Changes (31 Dec-2 | 1 to 15 Mar-22) |
|------|--|-------------|-----------|---------------|------------|-------------------|-----------------|
|      |  | # Shares    | % Shares  | # Shares      | % Shares   | # Shares          | % Shares        |
|      |  | (no.)       | (%)       | (no.)         | (%)        | (no.)             | (%)             |
| 1    | UBS AG Singapore Branch                      | 1,226.8     | 32.89     | 478.7         | 12.83      | 748.1             | 20.1            |
| 2    | Mr. Somphote Ahunai                          | 412.1       | 11.05     | 865.7         | 23.21      | (453.7)           | (12.2)          |
| 3    | Sotus & Faith #1                             | 300.0       | 8.04      | 300.0         | 8.04       | -                 | -               |
| 4    | Thai NVDR                                    | 269.9       | 7.23      | 241.4         | 6.47       | 28.4              | 0.8             |
| 5    | Mrs. Mukda Boonsieng                         | 153.0       | 4.10      | 153.0         | 4.10       | 0.0               | 0.0             |
| 6    | Mr. Luchai Phukhan-anan                      | 102.4       | 2.74      | 102.3         | 2.74       | 0.0               | 0.0             |
| 7    | Mr. Amorn Sapthaweekul                       | 73.0        | 1.96      | 73.0          | 1.96       | -                 | -               |
| 8    | Morgan Stanley & Co International PLC        | 66.1        | 1.77      | 66.1          | 1.77       | -                 | -               |
| 9    | South East Asia UK (TYPE C) Nominess Limited | 65.2        | 1.75      | 65.8          | 1.76       | (0.6)             | (0.0)           |
| 10   | Ms Ploysongsang Noparumpa                    | 64.1        | 1.72      | 64.1          | 1.72       | -                 | -               |
| 11   | Others                                       | 997.5       | 26.74     | 1,319.9       | 35.38      | (322.3)           | (8.6)           |
|      | Total  | 3,730.0     | 100.00    | 3,730.0       | 100.00     | -                 | -               |
|      | Number of shareholders                       | 27,061      |           | 25,181        |            |                   |                 |

Source: EA 56-1 One Report for annual report 2021, Set.or.th



Other major shareholders of EA as of Dec-21 include 1) the Chiannikulchai family, one of EA's three founders, at 4.5% (168.37m shares); and 2) the Sapthaweekul family, one of EA's three founders and the current CFO of EA (Mr. Amorn Sapthaweekul), at 3.86% (144m shares); 3) Thai NVDR owns 6.47% (241.441m shares); and 4) UBS AG Singapore Branch, excluding SF, owns 12.8% (478.688m shares).

#### Exhibit 2: EA's shareholder structure as of December 2021

|  | As at Dece       | mber 30, 2021           |
|--|------------------|-------------------------|
| Name of Shareholders                               | Number of shares | Shareholding Percentage |
| 1. Group of "Ahunai"                               | 1,622,040,430    | 43.4863                 |
| 1.1 Mr. Somphote Ahunai                            | 865,736,386      | 23.2101                 |
| 1.2 Sotus & Faith#1 *                              | 300,000,000      | 8.0429                  |
| 1.3 Sotus & Faith#1 *                              | 274 700 000      | 7.3646                  |
| (held under Custodian - UBS AG SINGAPORE BRANCH)   | 274,700,000      |                         |
| 1.4 Sotus & Faith#1 *                              | << 000 000       | 1.7694                  |
| (held under Custodian - MORGAN STANLEY)            | 66,000,000       |                         |
| 1.5 Sotus & Faith#2 *                              | 2 770 000        | 0.0743                  |
| (held under Custodian - UBS AG SINGAPORE BRANCH)   | 2,770,000        |                         |
| 1.6 Mrs. Blanca Shulan Huang                       | 24,983,607       | 0.6698                  |
| 1.7 Mr. Somboon Ahunai                             | 6,992,951        | 0.1875                  |
| 1.8 Ms. Supaporn Ahunai                            | 23,997,049       | 0.6434                  |
| 1.9 Mr. Julin Ahunai                               | 16,800,000       | 0.4504                  |
| 1.10 Mrs. Wilai Ahunai                             | 4,800,000        | 0.1287                  |
| 1.11 Mr. Pholsith Ahunai                           | 18,522,237       | 0.4966                  |
| 1.12 Mr. Peeraphol Ahunai                          | 16,738,200       | 0.4487                  |
| 2. UBS AG SINGAPORE BRANCH                         | 478,688,593      | 12.8335                 |
| (excluded shares held under 1.3, 1.5, and 5.2)     | 470,000,595      | 12.0555                 |
| 3. Thai NVDR Co., Ltd.                             | 241,441,478      | 6.4730                  |
| 4. Group of "Chiannilkulchai"                      | 168,373,092      | 4.5140                  |
| 4.1 Mrs. Mukda Boonsieng                           | 153,040,243      | 4.1030                  |
| 4.2 Mr. Wutthilerd Chiannilkulchai                 | 15,332,849       | 0.4111                  |
| 5. Group of "Sapthaweekul"                         | 144,013,109      | 3.8609                  |
| 5.1 Mr. Amorn Sapthaweekul                         | 72,968,316       | 1.9563                  |
| 5.2 Mr. Amorn Sapthaweekul                         | 17 000 000       | 0.4558                  |
| (held under Custodian - UBS AG SINGAPORE BRANCH)   | 17,000,000       |                         |
| 5.3 Mr. Amorn Sapthaweekul                         | 10,000,000       | 0.2681                  |
| (held under Custodian - LGT BANK (SINGAPORE) LTD.) | 10,000,000       |                         |
| 5.4 Ms. Wassa Rimchala                             | 25,823,087       | 0.6923                  |
| 5.5 Mr. Anat Sapthaweekul                          | 18,221,706       | 0.4885                  |
| 6. Mr. Luchai Pukan-Anan                           | 102,348,900      | 2.7439                  |
|  |                  |                         |

Source: EA 56-1 One Report for annual report 2021

Why has Mr. Somphote recently transferred his shares into SF? Back in 2016, Mr. Somphote decided to set up an SF trust to hold his EA shares in preparation for the wealth transfer from his own EA stakes to his three children.

#### Exhibit 3: EA's shareholding structure by major shareholders

| Major Shareholders                                | As of 15 March 2022 |          | As of 31 December 2021 |          | Changes (31 Dec-21 to 15 Mar-22) |          |
|---|---------------------|----------|------------------------|----------|----------------------------------|----------|
|   | # Shares            | % Shares | # Shares               | % Shares | # Shares                         | % Shares |
|   | (no.)               | (%)      | (no.)                  | (%)      | (no.)                            | (%)      |
| Mr. Somphote Ahunai                               | 412.1               | 11.0     | 865.7                  | 23.2     | (453.7)                          | (12.2)   |
| SF and its custodian funds (UBS & Morgan Stanley) | 1,097.1             | 29.4     | 643.5                  | 17.3     | 453.7                            | 12.2     |
| Ahunai group                                      | 1,622.0             | 43.49    | 1,622.0                | 43.5     | -                                | -        |
| Chiannikulchai group                              | 168.4               | 4.51     | 168.4                  | 4.5      | -                                | -        |
| Sapthaweekul group                                | 144.0               | 3.86     | 144.0                  | 3.9      | -                                | -        |

Sources: EA; SET



SF trust is an overseas trust that is intended to create and share the future returns from EA's shares to Mr. Somphote's children. Originally transferring 630m shares of EA or 16.89% to SF on 29 Jan-16, Mr. Somphote later decided to transfer more shares of EA to SF, which now owns 1.1b shares of EA or 29.4%, based on our estimate, in order to solidify the wealth of his children, according to EA's management.

It is a common practice for successful entrepreneurs to transfer wealth to trusts in order to deploy the future returns for hires, children, or any other successors, similar to how Bill Gates, the founder and major shareholder of Microsoft, transferred his wealth to the USD49.8b Gates Foundation and the Gates Learning Foundation, with the purpose being charity.

While Bill Gates and his wife Melinda French Gates transferred their wealth not to their children but for charity, it is a legal and transparent practice to transfer wealth from local status to overseas status and from a founder's holding to a trust's holding, in our view.

**Conclusion for concern #1: No exit and stake reduction by major shareholders as of 15 Mar-22.** In our analysis, Mr. Somphote and the other two founders still maintain their stake holdings in EA as of 15 Mar-22. Only Mr. Somphote has switched his EA stake holding from under his own name to SF, mostly under the trust UBS AG Singapore Branch.



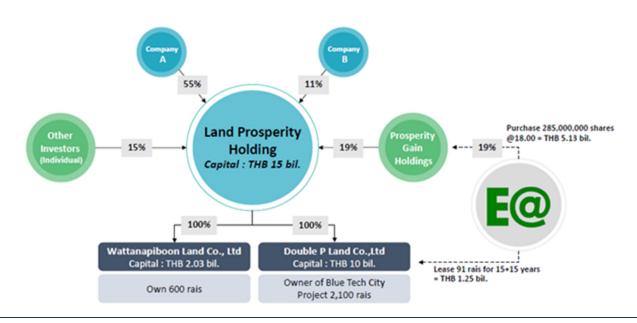
#### Concern #2: The land purchase for EA's "Blue Tech" industrial estate

The second concern involves the land purchase transaction and investment by EA in its Blue Tech City Industrial Estate (BTIE), which has been perceived as unfair and unreasonable, according to EA's management.

#### Background on the land purchase for EA's Blue Tech City industrial estate. On

27 Feb-19, EA announced two transactions related to its land acquisitions, including 1) investment in Land Prosperity Holding (LPH, not listed), owned by EA's major shareholder and CEO Mr. Somphote Ahunai and his son, at THB5.13b for a 19% stake, or 285m shares. LPH owns a total of 2,700 rais (1,080 acres) in Chachoengsao province, one of the three provinces in the Eastern Economic Corridor (EEC); and 2) the acquisition of the leasehold right to a 91-rai land plot for its 1GWh first phase battery plant.





#### Source: EA

**Rationale for the transactions.** During EA's analyst meeting post 4Q19 results, management stated that the transactions announced are intended to 1) allow EA to participate in land preparation for the future development of industrial estate (IE) and utilities ventures for the upcoming EEC – the 2,100-rai land plots allocated for IE projects are in Chachoengsao province; and 2) the land lease agreement for 91 rais is to prepare for EA's 1GWh battery plant, scheduled to start-up in 4Q20.

We believe the two transactions are reasonable, considering: 1) the acquisition price of THB18/share is fair, in our view, as the premium of THB5/share over the THB13/share liquidation price would be justified by the fully paid-up price of THB18/share by the remaining 81% shareholders in LPH to fully fund the Blue Tech City IE development using 2,100 rais for development in the EEC; and 2) we think the leasehold agreement for 91 rais from LPH's 100% subsidiary Double P Land (not listed) for 30 years at THB1.25b, starting with a THB26m annual rental expense, will be inflated by up to 10% every three years.

What is the Eastern Economic Corridor? According to the <u>Royal Thai Embassy at</u> <u>Washington D.C.</u>, the EEC development lies at the heart of the Thailand 4.0 scheme. The project is an area-based development initiative, aiming to revitalise the well-known Eastern Seaboard where, for 30 years, numerous business developers have experienced a rewarding investment journey and exceptional achievements.

#### Exhibit 5: EEC comprehensive infrastructure





The project initially focused on the three eastern provinces, namely Rayong, Chonburi, and Chachoengsao. The EEC development plan envisages a significant transformation of both physical and social development, playing an important role as a regulatory sandbox and uplifting the country's competitiveness.

The EEC's 12 targeted S-curve industries are: cars; smart electronics; affluent, medical and wellness tourism; agriculture and biotechnology; food; robotics for industry; logistics and aviation; biofuels and biochemicals; digital; medical services; defense; and education development.

The EEC aims to bring innovation to improve the quality of living, through "7 Smarts" solutions – Smart Mobility, Smart People, Smart Living, Smart Economy, Smart Governance, Smart Energy and Smart Environment. The overall plan is to create a "Livable Smart City" for its residents and investors where technological integration, low carbon emissions, a circular economy, and access to good public healthcare and education will not only create an environment suited for innovation, but also for sustainable living.

#### Exhibit 6: EA's EV and battery ventures are one of the EEC's 12 targeted industries



#### Source: Royal Thai Embassy, Washington D.C.

The EEC project includes three main activities:

- Upgrading of Thailand's transport and logistics infrastructure in order to provide a solid connectivity platform to link the EEC region with markets of the Asia Pacific, the Indian Ocean Rim, and beyond.
- Establishing areas of concentration for investments in the "New S-Curve" industries (robotics, aviation and logistics, digital, biofuels and biochemical, and medical services), such as "EECi" to promote innovation, and "EECd" to promote the digital economy. A new EEC Office has been established to facilitate investments and provide novel incentives in addition to those offered by the Board of Investment.
- Creating areas for sustainable economic and social development through the use of new and environmentally friendly technologies to enhance the quality of life.

#### High Speed Rail Medical Hub **Ribbon Sprawl** FECh **Genomics** Thailand Bangkok EECi Innovation Platform Contra EEC EEC EECd The First Area-Based EECd Digital Park Development Eastern Airport City T4.0 in Action Industrial **Policies in Action**

Exhibit 7: Key industrial zones under the EEC

Exhibit 8: Area-based development for the EEC

Source: Royal Thai Embassy, Washington D.C.

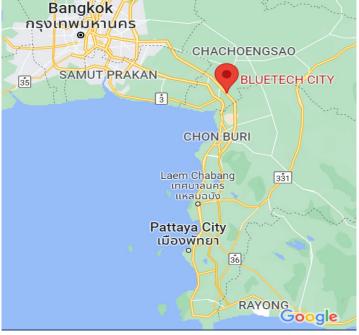
Source: Set.or.th

**EEC's promoted zones for targeted industries.** The EEC has designated 21 promoted zones as the locations for the 12 targeted industries. Investors will be eligible to receive both tax and non-tax privileges. The ECC's promoted zones for specific industries include: 1) EECh, High-Speed Rail Ribbon Sprawl; 2) EECd, Digital Park; 3) EECmd, Medical Hub; 4) EECi, Innovation Platform; 5) EECa, Eastern Airport City; and 6) EECg, Genomics Thailand.

#### Exhibit 9: Blue Tech City Industrial Estate aerial view







Source: MReport

Source: Google Maps

#### EA's Blue Tech City Industrial Estate.

With the high growth potential under the EEC, EA has timely captured the growth opportunity in one of the 12 targeted industries under the EEC in the next-generation automotive industry, which includes manufacturing plants for batteries, EV assembly, and other EV parts.

While the EEC campaign has long been promoted by the Thai government since 2010, it was not until 11 Aug-21 that the Industrial Estate Authority of Thailand (IEA) approved the BTIE as an industrial estate under the EEC for next-generation automotive production with an estimated investment of THB33.2b and up to 8,300 new employments, according to the EEC.

Located just 44km away from Thailand's major airport Suvarnabhumi Airport and 60km from Laemchabang Port, Thailand's largest deep-sea port, and 119km from Maptaphut Port in Rayong province, BTIE's initial land use will be 1,181 rais with a THB4.9b investment.

It has taken five years from LPH's land acquisition from 2016 to Aug-21 for the IEA to approve BTIE as an IE under the EEC, which effectively allows the designated areas surrounding BTIE to legally change from agricultural green zones to industrial purple zones.

#### Why was LPH required as a land owner before selling to EA?

According to EA's management, there are three reasons that led to Mr. Somphote and his son setting up LPH to purchase land plots in preparation for BTIE to effectively reduce the initial risk for EA's shareholders to purchase green zone land under the worst-case scenario that the IEA may not eventually approve the BTIE project.

**High risk for the change from a green to purple zone land asset.** Prior to 2017, EA planned to build BTIE in Chachoengsao province, which is one of three major provinces under Thai government's EEC investment campaign. However, in 2016, the land targets for BTIE were all marked as "green" zone areas, as Chachoengsao is a zone for agriculture, not heavy industries.

Hence, EA's board then believed that if EA acquired that land, it may face a grave risk under the circumstance that the EEC campaign may not eventually materialise, thereby prohibiting the land targets changing from "green" zone, an agricultural area, to "purple" zone, an industrial area.

We believe the share premium of THB5/share (THB1.4b out of the THB5.13b acquisition cost) paid over liquidation value is fully justified, given the high initial risk to acquire the land under green zone status pending the IEA's approval to change the land plots from agricultural green to industrial purple zones.

In our view, it was rational for LPH to purchase the green land at a lower price in 2016 and later sell the green-to-purple zone land at a higher price five years later at selling prices comparable to the nearby IE land selling price of the then-known-as Thai Factory Development (TFD TB), currently named JCK International, which was then developing its new TFD IE 2 in Chachoengsao province not far from BTIE.

According to management, the land price purchased by EA from LPH was assessed by a third-party company at a discount to TFD's IE land sales; we estimate by 30-50%.

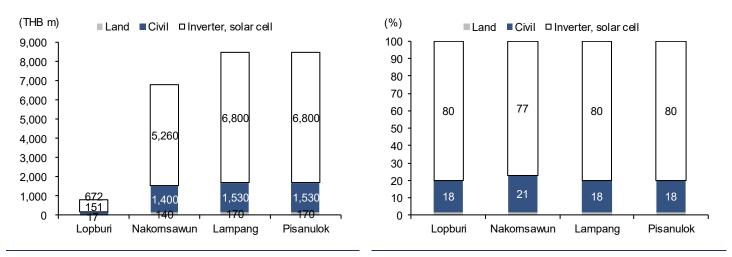
**Conclusion for concern #2: Unlikely to be an unfair and irrational transaction for EA to purchase land from the founder-owned LPH.** The developments of LPH and other companies owned by Mr Somphote and his associates should not only benefit EA's shareholders by taking on the initial risk for green-to-purple zone land convertibility, but also effectively reduce the acquisition price of the land due to the individual, sporadic acquisitions of land by LPH rather than by EA, which we think could trigger a much higher selling price for the remaining land after the first land purchase. Other land owners would likely raise their selling prices in response to BTIE's requirement to buy land from them.

#### Concern #3: Construction of and investment in solar farms projects

The third concern surrounds the construction and investment by EA in its solar and wind farms, in particular EA's and Thailand's first large-scale 90MW solar farm in Nakornsawan, which commenced its commercial operation date (COD) in 2013.

#### Exhibit 11: EA's solar farm construction cost breakdown





Sources: EA; FSSIA estimates

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Essentially, the concern is focused on the cost of construction and procurement of the components of solar farms at Nakornsawan (NK), including solar photovoltaic panels, inverters, and cables and connectors.

We find no evidence for excessive costs or irrational investments in EA's solar farms. Based on our analysis, we find that EA had invested in its Nakornsawan solar farms at a reasonable cost and with a transparent approach. According to management, EA had decided to implement a "turnkey" approach for its solar farms, including NK and two other large-scale 90MW solar farms at Lampang and Phitsanulok, which commenced their CODs in 2015 and 2016, respectively.

A fixed investment cost under turnkey EPC for solar farms. Under the turnkey approach for the engineering, procurement, and construction (EPC), EA negotiated with EPC companies for a total, inclusive investment cost. For NK, EA invested a total of THB6.8b for a 126MW installed capacity and only a 90MW contract capacity to sell the electricity produced to the Electricity Generating Authority of Thailand (EGAT) at a total THB9-10/kWh. The high tariff came from the Thai government's promotion of the first phase of renewable energy in Thailand.

Even using the 90MW contract capacity, we estimate that EA invested only THB76m per MW capacity for NK, which is lower than the THB80-100m per MW capacity for other local peers, based on our estimate.

#### Exhibit 13: Analysis of EA's solar farms and its profitability and operational performance

| -                     | -           |         |             |              |
|-----------------------|-------------|---------|-------------|--------------|
| Solar project         | Nakornsawan | Lampang | Phitsanulok | Unit         |
| Contract capacity     | 90          | 90      | 90          | MW           |
| Investment per MW     | 76          | 94      | 100         | THB m/MW     |
| Total investment      | 6,800       | 8,500   | 9,000       | THB m        |
| Solar light tracker   | None        | Yes     | Yes         |              |
| Est. production       | 0.55        | 0.65    | 0.70        | MWh per day  |
| Est. production       | 201         | 237     | 256         | GWh          |
| % production increase | na          | 18%     | 27%         |              |
| % cost increase       | na          | 25%     | 25%         |              |
| Est. annual profit    | 1,363       | 1,672   | 1,686       | THB m        |
| Est. annual profit    | 15.1        | 18.6    | 18.7        | THB m per MW |

Sources: EA; FSSIA estimates

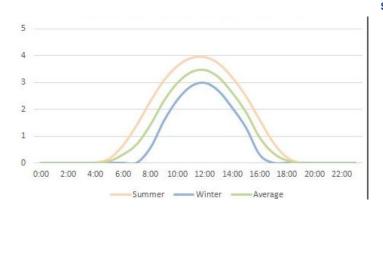


**High profitability and returns for solar farms, including at Nakornsawan**. With a 126MW capacity to produce a high level of electricity at over 90MW during the strong sunshine period from 10 am to 2 pm, EA is able to generate a "longer" period of 90MW electricity production for a maximum sales volume under the power purchase agreement with EGAT.

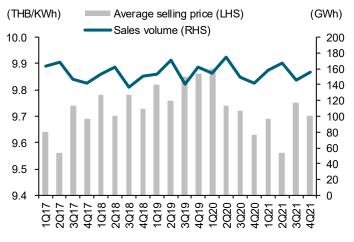
EA has generated a much higher level of profitability for its solar farms at THB9.5-9.9/kWh in 2017-21. We estimate that EA's four solar farms with a total of 278MW, including the 90MW NK, generated over THB3b in annual net profits and THB7b EBITDA for EA since 2016 when its four solar farms were in operation.

With a total investment of THB26b for four solar farms with a capacity of 278MW, we estimate that EA reached the financial breakeven point for its solar farms within only four years and generated an EIRR of over 30%. This strong profitability, short payback period, and high EIRR, should clearly manifest EA's sound investment in its solar farms, including NK, Lampang, and Phitsanulok.

#### Exhibit 14: Solar production from 5KW solar farm



## Exhibit 15: EA's actual average selling price and electricity sales volume for solar farms



Source: Solar Power Australia

Source: EA

Similar to its solar farms, we believe EA's investment in wind farms is sound and can create high profitability for EA's shareholders, considering that 1) the investment per MW is reasonable at THB75m per MW capacity, which is on par with industry peers, based on our estimate; 2) the high operating performance with high capacity factors; and 3) high profitability of over THB10m per MW compared to local peers' THB5-7m per MW.

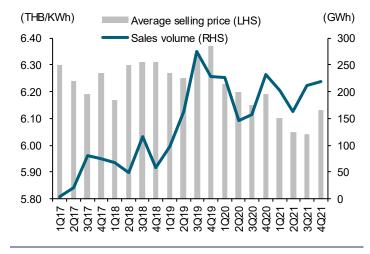
#### Exhibit 16: Analysis of EA's solar and wind farms

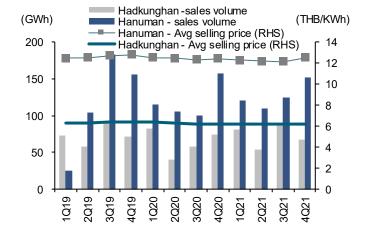
|                                | Units    | Solar phase #1 | Solar phase #2 | Solar phase #3  | Solar phase #4  | Wind southern   | Wind Northeastern |
|--------------------------------|----------|----------------|----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| Total capacity                 | MW       | 8              | 90             | 90              | 90              | 126             | 260               |
| % of total capacity            | %        | 1              | 14             | 14              | 14              | 19              | 39                |
| Capacity factor                | %        | 20             | 25             | 31              | 31.5            | 30              | 31                |
| Investment cost                | THB m/MW | 105            | 76             | 94              | 94              | 75              | 75                |
| Total project investment cost  | THB m    | 840            | 6,800          | 8,500           | 8,500           | 9,450           | 19,500            |
| Net profit                     | THB m/MW | 12             | 13             | 16              | 17              | 10              | 12                |
| Technology                     |          | Conventional   | Conventional   | Tracking system | Tracking system | Turbine class 3 | Turbine class 3   |
| Est. Commercial Operation Date |          | Operational    | Operational    | Operational     | Operational     | Operational     | Operational       |

Sources: EA; FSSIA estimates

In 2017-21, EA's wind farms have continued to generate high operating performance with high sales volumes and capacity factors and a high average selling price of over THB6/kWh (adder THB3.5/kWh) compared to over THB9/kWh (adder THB6.5/kWh) for solar farms.

## Exhibit 17: EA's electricity average selling price and sales volume for wind farms





Source: EA

#### Exhibit 19: Analysis of EA's wind farms

| Wind project             | Southern (Hadkunghan 1-4)         | Northeastern (Hanuman 1-14)       | Units                      |
|--------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Wind turbine             | Class 3                           | Class 3                           |                            |
| Location                 | Nakhonsrithammarat/Songkla        | Chaiyaphom                        |                            |
| Turbine pole height      | 137                               | 137                               | m                          |
| Size of wind turbine     | 1.8                               | 2.5                               | MW                         |
| Number of turbines       | 70.0                              | 104                               | Turbine                    |
| Capacity                 | 126                               | 260                               | MW                         |
| Investment per MW        | 79                                | 75                                | THB m/MW                   |
| Total investment         | 9,954                             | 19,500                            | THB m                      |
| Average wind speed       | 5.5                               | 6.5                               | m/s                        |
| Wind speed range         | 3-10                              | 4-8                               | m/s                        |
| Tariff                   |                                   |                                   |                            |
| On-peak                  | 3.30                              | 3.30                              | THB/kWh                    |
| Off-peak                 | 2.20                              | 2.20                              | THB/kWh                    |
| Weighted average tariff  | 2.81                              | 2.64                              | THB/kWh                    |
| Adder                    | 3.50                              | 3.50                              | THB/kWh                    |
| Weighted average tariff  | 6.31                              | 6.14                              | THB/kWh                    |
| On-peak period a day     | 55%                               | 40%                               |                            |
| Off-peak period a day    | 45%                               | 60%                               |                            |
| Average wind speed       | 5.5                               | 6.5                               | m/s                        |
| Est. adjusted wind speed | 34.7                              | 39.9                              | THB/kWh per wind speed m/s |
| Est. profit per MW       | 7.0                               | 2.7                               | THB m/MW                   |
| Contract status          | PPA signed                        | PPA signed                        |                            |
| Operation status         | Under construction                | Planning                          |                            |
| COD                      | 2Q17 onwards, delayed by 3 months | 4Q18 onwards, delayed by 6 months |                            |
| Est. capacity factor     | 30%                               | 31%                               |                            |

Source: EA

Sources: EA; FSSIA estimates

## Exhibit 18: EA's electricity sales volume and average selling price for Hadkunghan and Hanuman wind farms

**Conclusion for concern #3: Sound investment for solar and wind farms with proven track record of strong operations, high efficiency, and high profitability.** Regardless of what EPC companies for EA's solar farms achieve and implement to complete their solar farm projects in time, with a period of warranty for operational performance, we believe EA's investment in solar farms is sound and creates value for EA's shareholders, as evidenced by its high profitability in solar and wind farms.

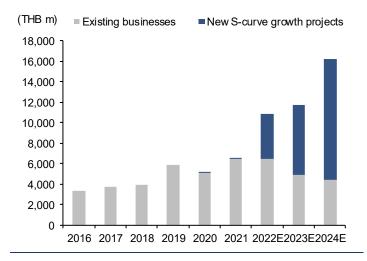
#### EA: A proven success and leading player in renewables and EVs in Thailand

We believe EA's recent share price plunge on investors' three major concerns are unjustified, and see the share price correction as a strong buying opportunity ahead of EA's strong net profit growth that we project from its new EV and battery S-curve ventures in 2Q22 onward.

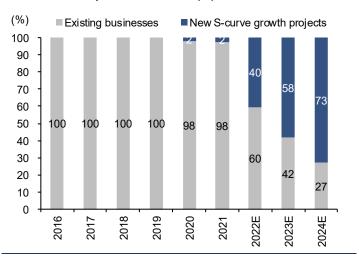
After commencing operations at its 1GWh battery phase 1 plant on 12 Dec-21, delivering 122 e-buses in Sep-Oct 2021, and securing over 300 e-bus orders for delivery in 4Q21-2022, we are now more confident about EA's sales volume outlook for its EVs in 2022-23.

With a solid set of potential e-bus orders from Thai Smile Bus and Thai Smart Bus in 2022-23, we believe EA is likely to achieve our earnings and sales volume assumptions for e-trucks and e-buses on the high pent-up demand for commercial EVs (buses and trucks) and passenger EVs pending the official announcement of the government's incentive package.

#### Exhibit 20: Net profit breakdown



#### Exhibit 21: Net profit breakdown (%)



Sources: EA; FSSIA estimates

Sources: EA; FSSIA estimates

#### Exhibit 22: SoTP valuation

| Cost of equity assumptions | (%)  | Cost of debt assumptions | (%)  |
|----------------------------|------|--------------------------|------|
| Risk free rate             | 2.3  | Pretax cost of debt      | 4.6  |
| Market risk premium        | 8.5  | Marginal tax rate        | 20.0 |
| Stock beta                 | 0.40 |                          |      |
| DCF assumptions            |      |                          |      |
| Cost of equity, Ke         | 5.7  | Net cost of debt, Kd     | 3.4  |
| Weight applied             | 25.0 | Weight applied           | 75.0 |
|                            | 4.0  |                          |      |
| WACC (%)                   | 4.0  |                          |      |

| SoTP valuation estimate      | (THB m)  | (THB/share) | Valuation methodology                                      |
|------------------------------|----------|-------------|--|
| Biodiesel                    | 4,417    | 1.2         | DCF with WACC 4.0%, Risk free rate 2.3%, Risk premium 8.5% |
| Solar                        |          |             |  |
| Lop buri                     | 1,331    | 0.4         | DCF with WACC 4.0%, Risk free rate 2.3%, Risk premium 8.5% |
| Nakornsawun                  | 12,119   | 3.2         | DCF with WACC 4.0%, Risk free rate 2.3%, Risk premium 8.5% |
| Lumpang                      | 18,979   | 5.1         | DCF with WACC 4.0%, Risk free rate 2.3%, Risk premium 8.5% |
| Pisanuloak                   | 19,270   | 5.2         | DCF with WACC 4.0%, Risk free rate 2.3%, Risk premium 8.5% |
| Total solar                  | 51,699   | 13.9        |  |
| Wind                         |          |             |  |
| Southern (COD 2017)          |          |             |  |
| Had Gunghun 1                | 4,175    | 1.1         | DCF with WACC 4.0%, Risk free rate 2.3%, Risk premium 8.5% |
| Had Gunghun 2                | 5,087    | 1.4         | DCF with WACC 4.0%, Risk free rate 2.3%, Risk premium 8.5% |
| Had Gunghun 3                | 5,103    | 1.4         | DCF with WACC 4.0%, Risk free rate 2.3%, Risk premium 8.5% |
| Had Gunghun 4                | 6,301    | 1.7         | DCF with WACC 4.0%, Risk free rate 2.3%, Risk premium 8.5% |
| Total wind farm Southern     | 14,365   | 5.5         |  |
| Northeastern (COD 2018)      |          |             |  |
| Hanuman 1                    | 8,160    | 2.2         | DCF with WACC 4.0%, Risk free rate 2.3%, Risk premium 8.5% |
| Hanuman 5                    | 8,682    | 2.3         | DCF with WACC 4.0%, Risk free rate 2.3%, Risk premium 8.5% |
| Hanuman 8                    | 8,139    | 2.2         | DCF with WACC 4.0%, Risk free rate 2.3%, Risk premium 8.5% |
| Hanuman 9                    | 7,596    | 2.0         | DCF with WACC 4.0%, Risk free rate 2.3%, Risk premium 8.5% |
| Hanuman 10                   | 14,507   | 3.9         | DCF with WACC 4.0%, Risk free rate 2.3%, Risk premium 8.5% |
| Total wind farm Northeastern | 47,084   | 12.6        |  |
|                              |          |             |  |
| Battery phase 1 (1GWh)       | 12,366   | 3.3         | DCF with WACC 4%, Risk free rate 5.3%, Risk premium 8.5%   |
| Battery phase 2 (15GWh)      | 226,739  | 60.8        | DCF with WACC 4%, Risk free rate 5.3%, Risk premium 8.5%   |
| EV car (MPA SPA1, 2Q21E)     | 12,355   | 3.3         | FY22E P/E at 12x   |
| EV boat (1Q21E)              | 939      | 0.3         | FY22E P/E at 12x   |
| EV charging station (2020E)  | 1,085    | 0.3         | DCF with WACC 4.0%, Risk free rate 2.3%, Risk premium 8.5% |
| EV bus (3Q21)                | 77,342   | 20.7        | FY22E P/E at 24x   |
| Total EV and battery         | 253,484  | 88.7        |  |
| Green diesel & PCM           | 12,654   | 3.4         | FY22E P/E at 15x   |
| Net debt                     | (14,618) | (3.9)       |  |
| Minorities                   | 2,465    | 0.7         |  |
| Residual ordinary equity     | 371,551  | 122.0       |  |

Sources: EA; FSSIA estimates

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Energy Absolute

| Profit and Loss (THB m) Year Ending Dec                    | 2020         | 2021    | 2022E    | 2023E    | 20248           |
|--|--------------|---------|----------|----------|-----------------|
| Revenue  | 17,080       | 20,174  | 33,947   | 49,993   | 65,576          |
| Cost of goods sold   | (6,591)      | (9,242) | (16,385) | (28,040) | (40,895         |
| Gross profit   | 10,489       | 10,931  | 17,561   | 21,954   | 24,682          |
| Other operating income                                     | -            | -       | -        | -        |                 |
| Dperating costs  | (1,278)      | (1,437) | (2,376)  | (3,000)  | (4,590          |
| Dperating EBITDA   | 9,211        | 9,494   | 15,185   | 18,954   | 20,091          |
| Depreciation   | (2,730)      | (2,768) | (4,494)  | (5,300)  | (5,300          |
| Goodwill amortisation                                      | 0            | 0       | 0        | 0        | (               |
| Dperating EBIT   | 6,480        | 6,726   | 10,691   | 13,654   | 14,791          |
| let financing costs  | (1,627)      | (1,322) | (1,232)  | (1,128)  | (1,061          |
| Associates   | (61)         | 14      | 1,289    | 1,189    | 1,39            |
| Recurring non-operating income                             | 126          | 411     | 1,539    | 1,439    | 1,64            |
| Ion-recurring items  | 50           | 117     | 0        | 0        | (               |
| Profit before tax  | 5,029        | 5,933   | 10,998   | 13,965   | 15,37           |
| ax   | 18           | (3)     | (41)     | (116)    | (98             |
| Profit after tax   | 5,047        | 5,929   | 10,956   | 13,849   | 15,277          |
| /inority interests   | 157          | 171     | (306)    | (305)    | (314            |
| Preferred dividends  | 0            | 0       | 0        | 0        | (               |
| Other items  | -            | -       | -        | -        |                 |
| Reported net profit  | 5,205        | 6,100   | 10,650   | 13,543   | 14,963          |
| Ion-recurring items & goodwill (net)                       | (50)         | (117)   | 0        | 0        | (               |
| Recurring net profit                                       | 5,155        | 5,983   | 10,650   | 13,543   | 14,963          |
| Per share (THB)  |              |         |          |          |                 |
| Recurring EPS *  | 1.38         | 1.60    | 2.86     | 3.63     | 4.01            |
| Reported EPS   | 1.40         | 1.64    | 2.86     | 3.63     | 4.0             |
| )PS  | 0.30         | 0.40    | 0.70     | 1.00     | 1.2             |
| Diluted shares (used to calculate per share data)          | 3,730        | 3,730   | 3,730    | 3,730    | 3,730           |
| Growth   |              |         |          |          |                 |
| Revenue (%)  | 14.7         | 18.1    | 68.3     | 47.3     | 31.2            |
| Operating EBITDA (%)                                       | (3.3)        | 3.1     | 59.9     | 24.8     | 6.0             |
| Dperating EBIT (%)   | (7.6)        | 3.8     | 58.9     | 27.7     | 8.3             |
| Recurring EPS (%)  | (12.7)       | 16.1    | 78.0     | 27.2     | 10.5            |
| Reported EPS (%)   | (14.4)       | 17.2    | 74.6     | 27.2     | 10.5            |
| Operating performance                                      |              |         |          |          |                 |
| Gross margin inc. depreciation (%)                         | 45.4         | 40.5    | 38.5     | 33.3     | 29.6            |
| Gross margin of key business (%)                           | 45.7         | 41.0    | 38.5     | 33.3     | 29.6            |
| Operating EBITDA margin (%)                                | 53.9         | 47.1    | 44.7     | 37.9     | 30.6            |
| Operating EBIT margin (%)                                  | 37.9         | 33.3    | 31.5     | 27.3     | 22.6            |
| let margin (%)   | 30.2         | 29.7    | 31.4     | 27.1     | 22.8            |
| Effective tax rate (%)                                     | -0.4         | 0.1     | 0.4      | 0.9      | 0.7             |
| Dividend payout on recurring profit (%)                    | 21.7         | 24.9    | 24.5     | 27.5     | 31.2            |
| nterest cover (X)  | 4.1          | 5.4     | 9.9      | 13.4     | 15.5            |
| nventory days  | 44.1         | 45.7    | 46.2     | 47.0     | 50.0            |
| Debtor days  | 57.9         | 58.3    | 41.5     | 31.2     | 27.0            |
| Creditor days  | 18.2         | 14.4    | 11.2     | 11.4     | 12.1            |
| Operating ROIC (%)   | 9.5          | (2.3)   | (3.5)    | (4.5)    | (5.0            |
| ROIC (%)   | 8.2          | (1.9)   | (3.2)    | (4.0)    | (4.4            |
| ROE (%)  | 20.1         | 19.8    | 28.7     | 28.8     | 25.             |
| ROA (%)  | 8.5          | 6.8     | 11.9     | 13.5     | 13.1            |
| Pre-exceptional, pre-goodwill and fully diluted            |              |         |          |          |                 |
| Revenue by Division (THB m)                                | 2020         | 2021    | 2022E    | 2023E    | 2024            |
|  |              | 6 570   | 6,570    | 6,570    | 6,570           |
| /lethyl ester Biodiesel products                           | 6,570        | 6,570   | 0,010    | 0,010    | 0,070           |
| Aethyl ester Biodiesel products<br>Pure glycerine products | 6,570<br>360 | 361     | 2,387    | 3,469    |                 |
|  |              |         |          |          | 3,469<br>32,354 |

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Energy Absolute

| Cash Elow (THR m) Year Ending Dee                     | 2020                |                | -20225         | -20225         | 20245           |
|---|---------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|-----------------|
| cash Flow (THB m) Year Ending Dec                     | 2020                | 2021           | 2022E          | 2023E          | 2024E           |
| ecurring net profit                                   | 5,155               | 5,983          | 10,650         | 13,543         | 14,963          |
|   | 2,730               | 2,768          | 4,494          | 5,300          | 5,300           |
| ssociates & minorities<br>ther non-cash items         | (61)                | 14             | 1,289          | 1,189          | 1,395           |
| hange in working capital                              | 4,045               | (4,390)        | (163)          | (689)          | (1,029          |
| ash flow from operations                              | 11,869              | 4,375          | 16,270         | 19,344         | 20,629          |
| apex - maintenance                                    | (2,730)             | (2,768)        | (4,494)        | (5,300)        | (5,300)         |
| apex - new investment                                 | (4,486)             | (2,564)        | (994)          | (1,800)        | (1,800          |
| let acquisitions & disposals                          | (1,429)             | (84)           | (00.)          | 0              | (1,000)         |
| Other investments (net)                               | (7,546)             | (711)          | 1,289          | 1,189          | 1,395           |
| cash flow from investing                              | (16,192)            | (6,127)        | (4,199)        | (5,911)        | (5,705          |
| Dividends paid  | (746)               | (746)          | (1,492)        | (2,611)        | (3,730          |
| quity finance   | Ó                   | Ó              | 0              | 0              | (               |
| Debt finance  | (2,873)             | 1,904          | (4,255)        | (2,035)        | (2,035          |
| Other financing cash flows                            | 863                 | 570            | (334)          | 1,477          | 1,074           |
| Cash flow from financing                              | (2,756)             | 1,728          | (6,081)        | (3,169)        | (4,691          |
| Ion-recurring cash flows                              | -                   | -              | -              | -              |                 |
| Other adjustments                                     | 0                   | 0              | 0              | 0              | (               |
| let other adjustments                                 | 0                   | 0              | 0              | 0              | C               |
| lovement in cash                                      | (7,079)             | (24)           | 5,990          | 10,264         | 10,234          |
| ree cash flow to firm (FCFF)                          | (2,685.77)          | (364.69)       | 13,352.81      | 14,611.11      | 16,035.47       |
| ree cash flow to equity (FCFE)                        | (6,332.72)          | 721.90         | 7,481.97       | 12,874.77      | 13,963.85       |
| er share (THB)  |                     |                |                |                |                 |
| CFF per share   | (0.72)              | (0.10)         | 3.58           | 3.92           | 4.30            |
| CFE per share   | (1.70)              | 0.19           | 2.01           | 3.45           | 3.74            |
| Recurring cash flow per share                         | 2.10                | 2.35           | 4.41           | 5.37           | 5.81            |
| Balance Sheet (THB m) Year Ending Dec                 | 2020                | 2021           | 2022E          | 2023E          | 2024E           |
|   |                     |                |                |                |                 |
| angible fixed assets (gross)                          | 67,122              | 70,852         | 74,352         | 77,852         | 81,352          |
| ess: Accumulated depreciation                         | (11,265)            | (12,431)       | (16,925)       | (22,225)       | (27,525)        |
| angible fixed assets (net)                            | 55,857              | 58,421         | 57,426         | 55,627         | 53,827          |
| ntangible fixed assets (net)                          | 1,337               | 1,453          | 1,453          | 1,453          | 1,453           |
| ong-term financial assets                             | -                   | -              | -              | -              | 4 644           |
| nvest. in associates & subsidiaries                   | 1,529               | 1,614          | 1,614          | 1,614          | 1,614           |
| Cash & equivalents                                    | 2,951               | 2,927          | 8,917          | 19,181         | 29,415          |
| VC receivable   | 2,750               | 3,690          | 4,030          | 4,530          | 5,186           |
| nventories<br>Dther current assets                    | 833<br>855          | 1,483<br>3,549 | 2,663<br>5,972 | 4,557<br>8,795 | 6,647<br>11,537 |
| Current assets  | 7,389               | 11,650         | 21,582         | 37,063         | 52,784          |
| Dther assets  | 12,371              | 12,339         | 12,339         | 12,339         | 12,339          |
| otal assets   | 78,484              | 85,476         | 94,415         | 108,096        | 12,003          |
| Common equity   | 27,812              | 32,501         | 41,609         | 52,492         | 63,675          |
| Ainorities etc.                                       | 1,815               | 2,601          | 2,907          | 3,212          | 3,527           |
| otal shareholders' equity                             | 29,627              | 35,102         | 44,516         | 55,704         | 67,201          |
| ong term debt   | 31,090              | 33,777         | 29,522         | 27,487         | 25,452          |
| Other long-term liabilities                           | 4,203               | 3,921          | 3,921          | 3,921          | 3,921           |
| ong-term liabilities                                  | 35,292              | 37,699         | 33,443         | 31,409         | 29,374          |
| VC payable  | 373                 | 358            | 643            | 1,101          | 1,606           |
| Short term debt                                       | 7,983               | 7,200          | 7,200          | 7,200          | 7,200           |
| Other current liabilities                             | 5,209               | 5,118          | 8,612          | 12,683         | 16,636          |
| Current liabilities                                   | 13,564              | 12,676         | 16,455         | 20,984         | 25,442          |
| otal liabilities and shareholders' equity             | 78,484              | 85,476         | 94,415         | 108,096        | 122,017         |
| let working capital                                   | (1,143)             | 3,246          | 3,410          | 4,098          | 5,127           |
| ivested capital                                       | 69,951              | 77,073         | 76,242         | 75,131         | 74,360          |
| Includes convertibles and preferred stock which is be | ing treated as debt |                |                |                |                 |
| er share (THB)  |                     |                |                |                |                 |
| ook value per share                                   | 7.46                | 8.71           | 11.16          | 14.07          | 17.07           |
| angible book value per share                          | 7.10                | 8.32           | 10.77          | 13.68          | 16.68           |
| inancial strength                                     |                     |                |                |                |                 |
| let debt/equity (%)                                   | 121.9               | 108.4          | 62.5           | 27.8           | 4.8             |
| let debt/total assets (%)                             | 46.0                | 44.5           | 29.4           | 14.3           | 2.7             |
| Surrent ratio (x)                                     | 0.5                 | 0.9            | 1.3            | 1.8            | 2.1             |
| F interest cover (x)                                  | (0.1)               | 3.5            | 7.9            | 14.0           | 15.9            |
| aluation  | 2020                | 2021           | 2022E          | 2023E          | 2024E           |
|   |                     |                |                |                |                 |
| ecurring P/E (x) *                                    | 68.2                | 58.8           | 33.0           | 26.0           | 23.             |
| tecurring P/E @ target price (x) *                    | 88.3<br>67.5        | 76.1           | <b>42.7</b>    | <b>33.6</b>    | 30.4            |
| eported P/E (x)                                       | 67.5                | 57.6           | 33.0           | 26.0           | 23.             |
| vividend yield (%)                                    | 0.3                 | 0.4            | 0.7            | 1.1            | 1.3             |
| rice/book (x)   | 12.6<br>13.3        | 10.8<br>11.3   | 8.4            | 6.7            | 5.5             |
| rice/tangible book (x)<br>V/EBITDA (x) **             | 13.3                | 11.3<br>41.3   | 8.8<br>25.2    | 6.9<br>19.5    | 5.7             |
|   | 42.3<br>53.5        | 41.3<br>52.2   | 25.2<br>32.0   | 19.5<br>25.0   | 17.8<br>23.0    |
| V/EBITDA @ target price (x) **                        | 55.5                |                |                |                |                 |
| V/invested capital (x)                                | 5.6                 | 5.1            | 5.0            | 4.9            | 4.8             |

Sources: Energy Absolute; FSSIA estimates



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| EXCELLE | NT LEVEL |        |       |       |       |        |        |        |        |        |
|---------|----------|--------|-------|-------|-------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| AAV     | ADVANC   | AF     | AIRA  | AKP   | AKR   | ALT    | AMA    | AMATA  | AMATAV | ANAN   |
| AOT     | AP       | ARIP   | ARROW | ASP   | BAFS  | BANPU  | BAY    | BCP    | BCPG   | BDMS   |
| BEC     | BEM      | BGRIM  | BIZ   | BKI   | BLA   | BOL    | BPP    | BRR    | BTS    | BWG    |
| CENTEL  | CFRESH   | CHEWA  | CHO   | CIMBT | СК    | CKP    | CM     | CNT    | COL    | COMAN  |
| сотто   | CPALL    | CPF    | CPI   | CPN   | CSS   | DELTA  | DEMCO  | DRT    | DTAC   | DTC    |
| DV8     | EA       | EASTW  | ECF   | ECL   | EGCO  | EPG    | ETE    | FNS    | FPI    | FPT    |
| FSMART  | GBX      | GC     | GCAP  | GEL   | GFPT  | GGC    | GPSC   | GRAMMY | GUNKUL | HANA   |
| HARN    | HMPRO    | ICC    | ICHI  | III   | ILINK | INTUCH | IRPC   | IVL    | JKN    | JSP    |
| JWD     | к        | KBANK  | KCE   | KKP   | KSL   | KTB    | KTC    | LANNA  | LH     | LHFG   |
| LIT     | LPN      | MAKRO  | MALEE | MBK   | MBKET | MC     | MCOT   | METCO  | MFEC   | MINT   |
| MONO    | MOONG    | MSC    | MTC   | NCH   | NCL   | NEP    | NKI    | NOBLE  | NSI    | NVD    |
| NYT     | OISHI    | ORI    | ОТО   | PAP   | PCSGH | PDJ    | PG     | PHOL   | PLANB  | PLANET |
| PLAT    | PORT     | PPS    | PR9   | PREB  | PRG   | PRM    | PSH    | PSL    | PTG    | PTT    |
| PTTEP   | PTTGC    | PYLON  | Q-CON | QH    | QTC   | RATCH  | RS     | S      | S & J  | SAAM   |
| SABINA  | SAMART   | SAMTEL | SAT   | SC    | SCB   | SCC    | SCCC   | SCG    | SCN    | SDC    |
| SEAFCO  | SEAOIL   | SE-ED  | SELIC | SENA  | SIRI  | SIS    | SITHAI | SMK    | SMPC   | SNC    |
| SONIC   | SORKON   | SPALI  | SPI   | SPRC  | SPVI  | SSSC   | SST    | STA    | SUSCO  | SUTHA  |
| SVI     | SYMC     | SYNTEC | TACC  | TASCO | TCAP  | TFMAMA | THANA  | THANI  | THCOM  | THG    |
| THIP    | THRE     | THREL  | TIP   | TIPCO | TISCO | тк     | ткт    | TTB    | TMILL  | TNDT   |
| TNL     | TOA      | TOP    | TPBI  | TQM   | TRC   | TSC    | TSR    | TSTE   | TSTH   | TTA    |
| TTCL    | TTW      | TU     | TVD   | TVI   | TVO   | TWPC   | U      | UAC    | UBIS   | UV     |
| VGI     | VIH      | WACOAL | WAVE  | WHA   | WHAUP | WICE   | WINNER | TRUE   |        |        |
|         |          |        |       |       |       |        |        |        |        |        |
| VERY GO | OD LEVEL |        |       |       |       |        |        |        |        |        |
|         |          |        |       |       |       |        |        |        |        |        |

| 2S     | ABM    | ACE    | ACG   | ADB    | AEC   | AEONTS | AGE    | AH     | AHC    | AIT   |
|--------|--------|--------|-------|--------|-------|--------|--------|--------|--------|-------|
| ALLA   | AMANAH | AMARIN | APCO  | APCS   | APURE | AQUA   | ASAP   | ASEFA  | ASIA   | ASIAN |
| ASIMAR | ASK    | ASN    | ATP30 | AUCT   | AWC   | AYUD   | B      | BA     | BAM    | BBL   |
| BFIT   | BGC    | BJC    | BJCHI | BROOK  | BTW   | CBG    | CEN    | CGH    | CHARAN | CHAYO |
| CHG    | CHOTI  | CHOW   | CI    | CIG    | CMC   | COLOR  | COM7   | CPL    | CRC    | CRD   |
| CSC    | CSP    | CWT    | DCC   | DCON   | DDD   | DOD    | DOHOME | EASON  | EE     | ERW   |
| ESTAR  | FE     | FLOYD  | FN    | FORTH  | FSS   | FTE    | FVC    | GENCO  | GJS    | GL    |
| GLAND  | GLOBAL | GLOCON | GPI   | GULF   | GYT   | HPT    | HTC    | ICN    | IFS    | ILM   |
| IMH    | INET   | INSURE | IRC   | IRCP   | IT    | ITD    | ITEL   | J      | JAS    | JCK   |
| JCKH   | JMART  | JMT    | KBS   | KCAR   | KGI   | KIAT   | KOOL   | KTIS   | KWC    | KWM   |
| L&E    | LALIN  | LDC    | LHK   | LOXLEY | LPH   | LRH    | LST    | М      | MACO   | MAJOR |
| MBAX   | MEGA   | META   | MFC   | MGT    | MILL  | MITSIB | MK     | MODERN | MTI    | MVP   |
| NETBAY | NEX    | NINE   | NTV   | NWR    | OCC   | OGC    | OSP    | PATO   | PB     | PDG   |
| PDI    | PICO   | PIMO   | PJW   | PL     | PM    | PPP    | PRIN   | PRINC  | PSTC   | PT    |
| QLT    | RCL    | RICHY  | RML   | RPC    | RWI   | S11    | SALEE  | SAMCO  | SANKO  | SAPPE |
| SAWAD  | SCI    | SCP    | SE    | SEG    | SFP   | SGF    | SHR    | SIAM   | SINGER | SKE   |
| SKR    | SKY    | SMIT   | SMT   | SNP    | SPA   | SPC    | SPCG   | SR     | SRICHA | SSC   |
| SSF    | STANLY | STI    | STPI  | SUC    | SUN   | SYNEX  | т      | TAE    | TAKUNI | TBSP  |
| TCC    | TCMC   | TEAM   | TEAMG | TFG    | TIGER | TITLE  | TKN    | TKS    | TM     | TMC   |
| TMD    | TMI    | TMT    | TNITY | TNP    | TNR   | TOG    | TPA    | TPAC   | TPCORP | TPOLY |
| TPS    | TRITN  | TRT    | TRU   | TSE    | TVT   | TWP    | UEC    | UMI    | UOBKH  | UP    |
| UPF    | UPOIC  | UT     | UTP   | UWC    | VL    | VNT    | VPO    | WIIK   | WP     | XO    |
| YUASA  | ZEN    | ZIGA   | ZMICO |        |       |        |        |        |        |       |
| 10,04  | 2613   | 210/1  | 20000 |        |       |        |        |        |        |       |

| GOOD LE   | VEL  |             |        |       |             |        |       |        |        |       |  |
|-----------|------|-------------|--------|-------|-------------|--------|-------|--------|--------|-------|--|
| 7UP       | А    | ABICO       | AJ     | ALL   | ALUCON      | AMC    | APP   | ARIN   | AS     | AU    |  |
| B52       | BC   | BCH         | BEAUTY | BGT   | BH          | BIG    | BKD   | BLAND  | BM     | BR    |  |
| BROCK     | BSBM | BSM         | BTNC   | CAZ   | CCP         | CGD    | CITY  | CMAN   | CMO    | CMR   |  |
| CPT       | CPW  | CRANE       | CSR    | D     | EKH         | EP     | ESSO  | FMT    | GIFT   | GREEN |  |
| GSC       | GTB  | HTECH       | HUMAN  | IHL   | INOX        | INSET  | IP    | JTS    | JUBILE | KASET |  |
| KCM       | KKC  | KUMWEL      | KUN    | KWG   | KYE         | LEE    | MATCH | MATI   | M-CHAI | MCS   |  |
| MDX       | MJD  | MM          | MORE   | NC    | NDR         | NER    | NFC   | NNCL   | NPK    | NUSA  |  |
| OCEAN     | PAF  | PF          | PK     | PLE   | PMTA        | POST   | PPM   | PRAKIT | PRECHA | PRIME |  |
| PROUD     | PTL  | RBF         | RCI    | RJH   | ROJNA       | RP     | RPH   | RSP    | SF     | SFLEX |  |
| SGP       | SISB | SKN         | SLP    | SMART | SOLAR       | SPG    | SQ    | SSP    | STARK  | STC   |  |
| SUPER     | SVOA | TC          | TCCC   | THMUI | TIW         | TNH    | TOPP  | TPCH   | TPIPP  | TPLAS |  |
| TTI       | TYCN | UKEM        | UMS    | VCOM  | VRANDA      | WIN    | WORK  | WPH    |        |       |  |
|           |      | Description |        |       | Score Range |        |       |        |        |       |  |
|           |      | Excellent   |        |       |             | 90-100 |       |        |        |       |  |
| Very Good |      |             |        |       |             | 80-89  |       |        |        |       |  |
|           |      | Good        |        |       |             | 70-79  |       |        |        |       |  |

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| CERTIFIED |               |                  |                    |                   |                    |                   |               |                |                 |              |
|-----------|---------------|------------------|--------------------|-------------------|--------------------|-------------------|---------------|----------------|-----------------|--------------|
| 2S        | ADVANC        | AI               | AIE                | AIRA              | AKP                | AMA               | AMANAH        | AP             | AQUA            | ARROW        |
| ASK       | ASP           | AYUD             | В                  | BAFS              | BANPU              | BAY               | BBL           | BCH            | BCP             | BCPG         |
| BGC       | BGRIM         | BJCHI            | BKI                | BLA               | BPP                | BROOK             | BRR           | BSBM           | BTS             | BWG          |
| CEN       | CENTEL        | CFRESH           | CGH                | CHEWA             | CHOTI              | CHOW              | CIG           | CIMBT          | СМ              | CMC          |
| COL       | COM7          | CPALL            | CPF                | CPI               | CPN                | CSC               | DCC           | DELTA          | DEMCO           | DIMET        |
| DRT       | DTAC          | DTC              | EASTW              | ECL               | EGCO               | FE                | FNS           | FPI            | FPT             | FSS          |
| FTE       | GBX           | GC               | GCAP               | GEL               | GFPT               | GGC               | GJS           | GPSC           | GSTEEL          | GUNKUL       |
| HANA      | HARN          | HMPRO            | HTC                | ICC               | ICHI               | IFS               | INET          | INSURE         | INTUCH          | IRPC         |
| ITEL      | IVL           | К                | KASET              | KBANK             | KBS                | KCAR              | KCE           | KGI            | KKP             | KSL          |
| КТВ       | ктс           | KWC              | L&E                | LANNA             | LHFG               | LHK               | LPN           | LRH            | Μ               | MAKRO        |
| MALEE     | MBAX          | MBK              | MBKET              | MC                | MCOT               | MFC               | MFEC          | MINT           | MONO            | MOONG        |
| MPG       | MSC           | MTC              | MTI                | NBC               | NEP                | NINE              | NKI           | NMG            | NNCL            | NSI          |
| NWR       | OCC           | OCEAN            | OGC                | ORI               | PAP                | PATO              | PB            | PCSGH          | PDG             | PDI          |
| PDJ       | PE            | PG               | PHOL               | PL                | PLANB              | PLANET            | PLAT          | PM             | PPP             | PPPM         |
| PPS       | PREB          | PRG              | PRINC              | PRM               | PSH                | PSL               | PSTC          | PT             | PTG             | PTT          |
| PTTEP     | PTTGC         | PYLON            | Q-CON              | QH                | QLT                | QTC               | RATCH         | RML            | RWI             | S & J        |
| SABINA    | SAT           | SC               | SCB                | SCC               | SCCC               | SCG               | SCN           | SEAOIL         | SE-ED           | SELIC        |
| SENA      | SGP           | SIRI             | SITHAI             | SMIT              | SMK                | SMPC              | SNC           | SNP            | SORKON          | SPACK        |
| SPC       | SPI           | SPRC             | SRICHA             | SSF               | SSSC               | SST               | STA           | SUSCO          | SVI             | SYNTEC       |
| TAE       | TAKUNI        | TASCO            | TBSP               | TCAP              | TCMC               | TFG               | TFI           | TFMAMA         | THANI           | THCOM        |
| THIP      | THRE          | THREL            | TIP                | TIPCO             | TISCO              | ТКТ               | TTB           | TMD            | TMILL           | TMT          |
| TNITY     | TNL           | TNP              | TNR                | TOG               | TOP                | TPA               | TPCORP        | TPP            | TRU             | TSC          |
| TSTH      | TTCL          | TU               | TVD                | TVI               | TVO                | TWPC              | U             | UBIS           | UEC             | UKEM         |
| UOBKH     | UWC           | VGI              | VIH                | VNT               | WACOAL             | WHA               | WHAUP         | WICE           | WIIK            | XO           |
| ZEN       | TRUE          |                  |                    |                   |                    |                   |               |                |                 |              |
| DECLARED  |               |                  |                    |                   |                    |                   |               |                |                 |              |
| 7UP       | ABICO         | AF               | ALT                | AMARIN            | AMATA              | AMATAV            | ANAN          | APURE          | B52             | BKD          |
| BM        | BROCK         | BUI              | СНО                | CI                | СОТТО              | DDD               | EA            | EFORL          | EP              | ERW          |
| ESTAR     | ETE           | EVER             | FSMART             | GPI               | ILINK              | IRC               | J             | JKN            | JMART           | JMT          |
| JSP       | JTS           | KWG              | LDC                | MAJOR             | META               | NCL               | NOBLE         | NOK            | PK              | PLE          |
| ROJNA     | SAAM          | SAPPE            | SCI                | SE                | SHANG              | SINGER            | SKR           | SPALI          | SSP             | STANLY       |
| SUPER     | SYNEX         | THAI             | TKS                | TOPP              | TRITN              | TTA               | UPF           | UV             | WIN             | ZIGA         |
| Level     |               |                  |                    |                   |                    |                   |               |                |                 |              |
| Certified | This level in | dicates practica | I participation wi | ith thoroughly ex | kamination in rela | ation to the reco | mmended proce | dures from the | audit committee | or the SEC's |

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Price and TP are in local currency

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#### Nex Point (NEX TB)



| Dale                       | Rating     | rarget price   | Date                       | Rating     | rarget price   | Date | Rating | rarget price |  |
|----------------------------|------------|----------------|----------------------------|------------|----------------|------|--------|--------------|--|
| 23-Jun-2021<br>09-Aug-2021 | BUY<br>BUY | 12.00<br>13.40 | 13-Dec-2021<br>17-Jan-2022 | BUY<br>BUY | 25.00<br>26.00 | -    | -      | -            |  |

Suwat Sinsadok, CFA, FRM, ERP started covering this stock from 23-Jun-2021

Price and TP are in local currency

Source: FSSIA estimates

| Company         | Ticker | Price     | Rating | Valuation & Risks   |
|-----------------|--------|-----------|--------|---|
| Energy Absolute | EA TB  | THB 94.25 | BUY    | Downside risks to our SoTP-based TP include: 1) lower-than-expected demand for<br>electricity in Thailand; 2) lower crude prices; and 3) lower-than-expected demand for<br>batteries. |
| Nex Point       | NEX TB | THB 19.10 | BUY    | Downside risks to our SOTP-based TP include: 1) a lower-than-expected bus sales<br>volume; 2) delays in bus deliveries; and 3) risk from regulatory changes.                          |

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#### **Country (Strategy) Recommendations**

**Overweight (O).** Over the next 12 months, the analyst expects the market to score positively on two or more of the criteria used to determine market recommendations: index returns relative to the regional benchmark, index sharpe ratio relative to the regional benchmark and index returns relative to the market cost of equity.

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