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# Azeri oil & MFO start up (BSR)

## Improving business performance expected for 2020

## PetroVietnam (PVN) signs crude oil import contract with Azerbaijan

- PetroVietnam (PVN) signs agreement with Azeri state energy company SOCAR on November 29th to import 5 million barrels of crude oil from Azerbaijan to supply Binh Son Refining & Petrochemical Co's (BSR) Dung Quat Refinery. The import of 5 million barrels in 1H2020 increases BSR's total crude oil imports to 11.6 million barrels or equivalent to 1.58 million tons or 24% of the company's total capacity output
- Operational benefits to BSR should include securing stable oil supply to make up for falling reserves from Bach Ho and other domestic oil fields, while financial benefits are likely a positive boost to gross margins as BSR reduces its mix of higher-priced Vietnamese crude oil supply with cheaper imported oil as well as the additional benefit from the elimination of the 5% crude oil import tax from November 1, 2019 after the government issued *Decision No. 28/2019/ QD-TTq*.
- We estimate cost savings for BSR at VND800 billion or a VND250 increase in EPS

## Launching Marine Fuel Oil (MFO) sales that meets IMO 2020 standards

- BSR has already manufactured and sold 6,000 tons of MFO to BB Energy Singapore customers with a sulfur content of less than 0.05% that meets IMO 2020 standards effective from January 1, 2020
- We expect spreads on MFO to widen as the demand for low sulfur fuel oil products jumps with the launch of IMO 2020 (albeit BSR's proportion of low sulfur MFO is quite low at only about 2-3% of production, sales & gross profit)

## November performance inline but December looking weaker

- Production reached 6.4 million tons for the year until November or 107% of capacity in the absence of any maintenance shutdowns in 2019. Estimated revenue until November reached VND92.848 trillion or 94.7% of BSR's 2019 plan and October and November revenue recorded VND18,922 billion (or 82.2% of 3Q's revenue). However, gasoline and diesel prices are showing signs of weakness (gasoline falling & diesel moving sideways) and we expect a weak December to make it unlikely for BSR to reach its full-year revenue target for 2019
- We expect better performance for 2020 as gasoline and diesel spreads widen due to IMO 2020 and reduced trade war tensions. Despite BSR's scheduled 3-year maintenance (2month shutdown), we expect strong product pricing to keep earnings flat to slightly higher in 2020

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+15% or more	+15% to -15%	-15% or more

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