

# Towngas China (1083.hk) 2017 Interim Results Presentation



## **Corporate Structure**



## Towngas China as a major city-gas platform in China for Hong Kong & China Gas



Hong Kong & China Gas (0003.hk)

- Major utilities and energy company in Hong Kong and mainland China
- A HSI constituent stock

65.89%

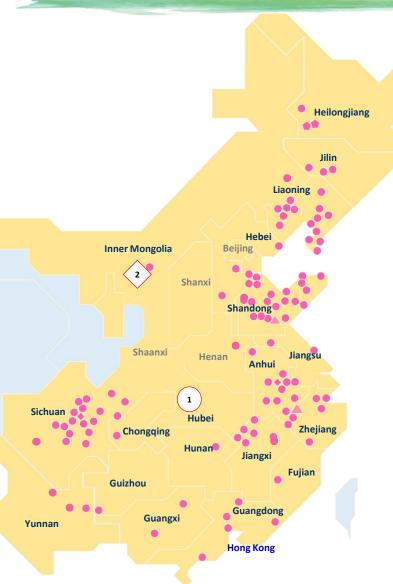


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 Major city-gas operator in mainland China

## **Territorial Coverage**





2 project added, total 105 projects in 19 provincial regions

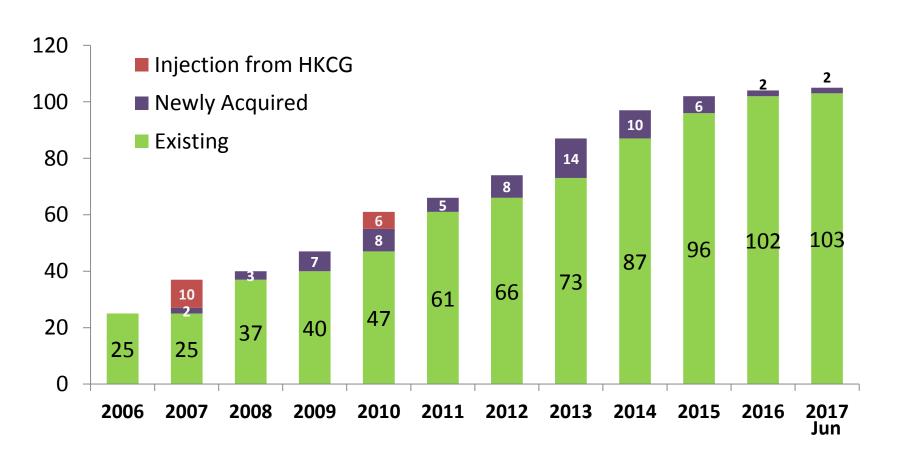
| New Projects   | Stake | TCCL<br>Investment |
|--|-------|--------------------|
| 1 Zhongxiang Hubei (city-gas) 河北钟祥                   | 100%  | Rmb61Mn            |
| <sup>2</sup> Guyang Inner Mongolia (midstream) 内蒙古固阳 | 85%   | Rmb68Mn            |

| Profile           |    |
|-------------------|----|
| City-gas          | 97 |
| Midstream         | 3  |
| Refilling station | 2  |
| Other             | 3  |

## **Growing Project Portfolio**



|          | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012      | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 17Jun |
|----------|------|------|------|------|------|------|-----------|------|------|------|------|-------|
| Total    | 25   | 37   | 40   | 47   | 61   | 66   | <b>74</b> | 87   | 97   | 102  | 104  | 105   |
| City-gas | 25   | 37   | 40   | 47   | 61   | 66   | 73        | 86   | 94   | 97   | 97   | 97    |





# Financial and Operational Performance



## Results Highlights (Financial)



| (HKD Mn)                                    | 1H 2016      | 1H 2017      | Change        |
|---|--------------|--------------|---------------|
| Turnover Gas Sales Connection Fees          | 2,693<br>743 | 3,272<br>764 | 21.5%<br>2.8% |
|   | <u>3,436</u> | <u>4,036</u> | +17.4%        |
| <b>Operating Profit before Finance Cost</b> | 754          | 817          | +8.4%         |
| <b>Effective Finance Cost</b>               | (190)        | (215)        | +13.2%        |
| Profit attributable to shareholders         | 564          | 602          | +6.7%         |
| In Rmb                                      |              |              | +12%          |
| Basic EPS (HK cents per share)              | 21.18        | 22.21        | +4.9%         |

#### 2017 Interim Results Highlights





#### **Profit attributable to shareholders**

HK\$602Mn **17%** (Rmb532Mn **112%**)

Gas Sales Volume

**Total Projects** 

**Total Customers** 

New Connections

**18%** 

4.2Bn m<sup>3</sup>

+2

Total 105

+392,000

11.3Mn

+227

435,489

# Financial Position as at 30 Jun 2017

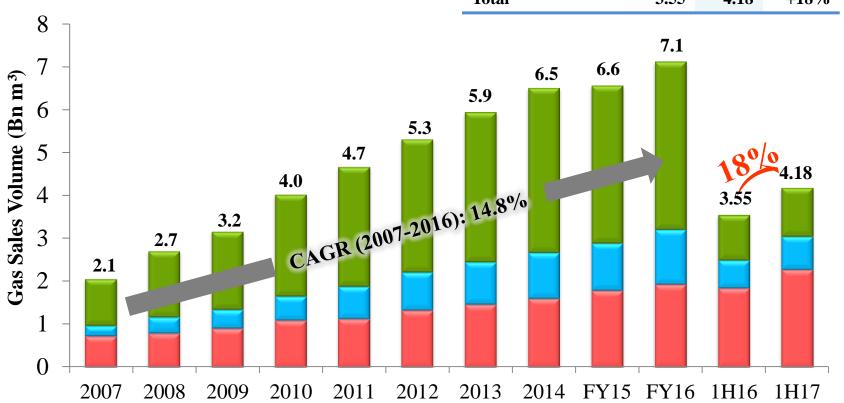


| TCCL (1083 HK)   | 1H 2017 |                                    | 1H 2017 |
|------------------|---------|------------------------------------|---------|
|                  | HK\$ Bn |                                    | HK\$ Bn |
| Total assets     | 29.8    | P/B                                | 1.0x    |
| Net asset value  | 15.3    | P/E                                | 14.3x   |
| Market cap       | 13.8    | Gearing (net)                      | 32.2%   |
| Cash & bank      | 1.7     | STANDARD & POOR'S RATINGS SERVICES | BBB+    |
| Total borrowings | 8.4     | Ratings Moody's                    | Baa1    |
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#### **Growing Gas Sales Volume**



| (Bn m³)            | 1H16 | 1H17 | Change |
|--------------------|------|------|--------|
| <b>Industrial</b>  | 1.83 | 2.26 | +23%   |
| Commercial         | 0.66 | 0.78 | +19%   |
| <b>Residential</b> | 1.06 | 1.14 | +8%    |
| Total              | 3.55 | 4.18 | +18%   |



#### Gas Sales Volume of JVs

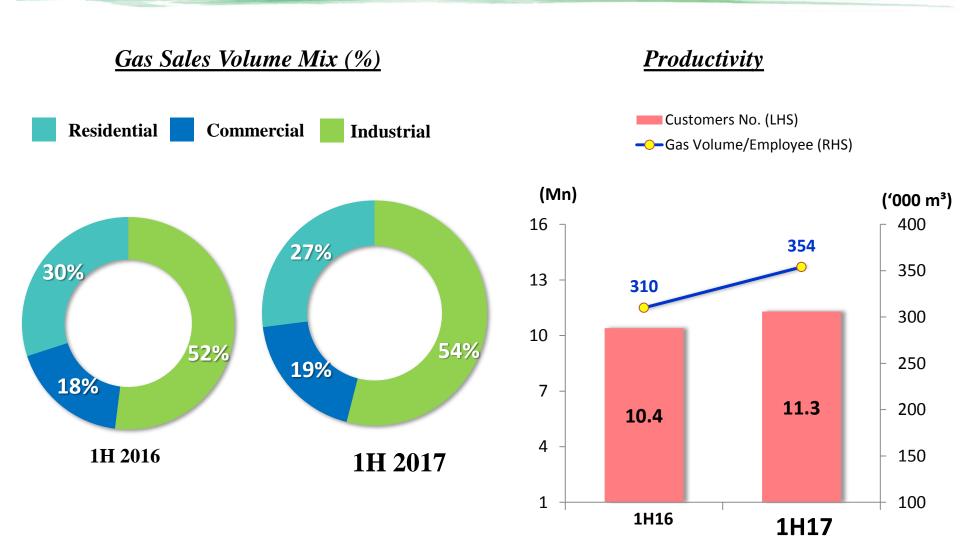


| Volume (Mn m³)    | 1H 2016 | 1H 2017 | Change |
|-------------------|---------|---------|--------|
| Subsidiaries      | 924     | 1,156   | +25%   |
| JCEs & Associates | 1,883   | 2,230   | +18%   |
| Chengdu JV        | 744     | 800     | +8%    |
| Total             | 3,551   | 4,186   | +18%   |

Note: Chengdu JV with 13% shareholding is classified as financial investment according to accounting standard

#### **Operational Highlights**





#### **Natural Gas Market Environment**



- Central government promotes natural gas to cut carbon emissions
- ► Gas industry continues to achieve the fastest growth in the energy sector
- According to 13th Five-Year Plan

|                             | 2016 | 2020 | 2030 |
|-----------------------------|------|------|------|
| NG in Energy Mix            | 6%   | 10%  | 15%  |
| Demand (Bn m³)              | 206  | 360  | ~480 |
| Domestic Production (Bn m³) | 137  | ~200 | ~220 |
| Import (Bn m³)              | 72   | ~170 | ~280 |

- ► Ample supply, particularly LNG import
- Government policies & price regulations help drive a healthy market reform

#### Challenges



#### **▶** Gas price regulations and policy

- Positive as gas pricing mechanism more transparent, stable and predictable
- Connection fees not included in calculation of return
- To achieve a right balance between affordable gas supplies and city-gate gas price formula

#### Connection fees

- Government has more understanding of its importance on gas development
- Connection fees included in property prices reducing sensitivity
- Urbanization of 1% point per year keeps property market momentum and gas consumption

#### Analysts View on Gas Industry: "Positive"



| Morgan Stanley | <b>•</b>    | Overhang removed; sector re-rating opportunity   |
|----------------|-------------|--|
| <b>WES</b>     | <b>•</b>    | Return risk eased, growth intact, re-rating kicks-off                                  |
| citi           | <b>•</b>    | Regulatory Overhang Mitigated; Upgrade to Buy  |
| Deutsche Bank  | <b>•</b>    | A more favorable version of downstream return regulation issued                        |
| Moody's        | •           | China's new distribution tariff mechanism for city gas distributors is credit positive |
| CROSBY         | <b>&gt;</b> | Overhang of policy risk is removed in near term  |
| CREDIT SUISSE  | <b>•</b>    | Policy dust settled  |
| J.P.Morgan     | <b>&gt;</b> | Sigh of relief. Regulated return set at 7%   |
| C              | <b>•</b>    | Policy cap bark worse than its bite  |
| HSBC 🖎         | <b>•</b>    | Official policy confirms our positive stance   |
| Jefferies 🛚    | <b>•</b>    | Raising Return Cap; Positive Outlook   |
|                |             |  |

#### Challenges



- Loss making JVs
  - Economy recovery, market development plus cost control
  - 18 JVs to turn black by end 2017, expecting all JVs profitable by end 2018
- Regional price control e.g. Shandong's margin cap on C&I
  - Liaise with local price bureaus to adjust pricing structure to minimize impact
  - Leading to a revisit by local governments on current low residential tariff
- Market competition from small scale LNG & direct supply
  - Seek government support to strengthen their control based on safety reasons and concession rights
  - Low cost LNG as a supplementary source at reduced price
- ▶ Manage to keep gas margin stable

## **Business Opportunities**



- Distributed Energy System (DES)
  - Established Towngas China Energy Investment Ltd to invest in and operate DES projects
  - Favorable government policies and lower NG price boost DES business
  - Over 40 key projects are being followed
- Coal-to-Gas Conversion
  - National policy on replacing coal with natural gas in particular in Northern China
  - Successful cases in Shandong and Hebei
- Space Heating
  - Booming needs of space heating in non-central heating regions including
     Jiangsu and Zhejiang
  - Space heating generates 2,000m³ per household per winter period

## **Business Opportunities**



Optimistic for double digit volume growth

|   | Projected Volume<br>in 5 <sup>th</sup> Year |  |  |
|---|---|--|--|
| <ul><li>Distributed Energy</li><li>System</li></ul> | 1.7Bn m <sup>3</sup>                        |  |  |
| <ul> <li>Coal-to-Gas Conversion</li> </ul>          | 1.0Bn m <sup>3</sup>                        |  |  |
| • Space Heating                                     | 0.3Bn m <sup>3</sup>                        |  |  |

#### **Business Opportunities**



#### **New Projects**

- Most new projects are greenfield industrial parks, which take long time to nurture and subject to economic volatility
- Acquire new projects with close scrutiny
- Focus on faster and more sustainable organic growth on existing city-gas projects

#### **Extended Services Businesses**



- Leverage on growing customer base and capitalize HK's successful experience
- ► 40K units of Bauhinia gas appliances sold every year with gas clothes dryers launched in 2016, market share 15% and growing
- Mia Cucina kitchen cabinets and appliances targeting at furnished property development
  - 2,000 units committed for cabinets
  - 500 units considering cabinets and appliances
- Expand gas applications installation and services
- Gas insurance, household and kitchenware, virtual customer centre ...



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Expanding **NEW HORIZONS** 





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