

# WEALTH-RESEARCH

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# DAILY WEALTH TAKE

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GLO posts 13% hike in 2013 core net income; declares 1<sup>st</sup> half cash dividend: In a disclosure, Globe Telecom (GLO) said its 2013 core income after tax rose 13% YoY to P11.6b. This is slightly ahead of the P11.45b consensus forecast. Growth could have been higher if not for the higher staff costs and subsidy related to aggressive subscriber acquisition, and some softness in revenues in what should have been a strong quarter due to the impact of calamities that hit the country. At any rate, growth was steady (vs the 9M13 average) for EBITDA and revenues although higher costs in 4Q13 brought the full-year EBITDA margin to 40% (35% in 4Q13) from 42% in 9M13. Meanwhile, Globe declared a cash dividend of P37.50/sh for the first semester.

- Our Take: The full-year core earnings growth indicated acceleration from the 9% growth registered in 9M13 despite higher costs and relatively tempered revenue growth in 4Q13. With EBITDA growth consistently kept at 4%, we reckon that there may have been a muted rise in other financial charges and tax expenses. Globe has yet to submit its audited financial statements.
- If annualized, the first semester cash dividend will amount to P75/sh and lower than the P79.9/sh consensus forecast. We take note, however, that Globe has set a 2014 capex target of US\$600m-650m (~P27b-P29.25b) and this falls within the P28.1b average market forecast and can potentially be slightly lower than the P29b full capex spend in 2013. If we take into account Globe's track record, actual capex usually ends up lower than budget as some components are rolled over onto the succeeding year. If this trend holds in 2014, there could be room for cash flows to support dividends and meet consensus forecast. *Ricardo Puig*

Maibarara geothermal plant starts commercial operations: In a disclosure to the Exchange yesterday, Trans-Asia Oil and Energy Development Corp's (TA) 25% owned subsidiary Maibarara Geothermal, Inc (MGI) commenced commercial operation of its 20-MW integrated geothermal facility in Sto. Tomas, Batangas on 8 Feb 2014. However, even if TA has just a 25% stake in the plant, it is the sole offtaker of the electricity output of the power plant. Aside from its stake in the Maibarara plant, TA currently has a total capacity of 73 MW of generating power to the Luzon grid. – Jason Lee

# **Headlines Abroad**

# U.S. Stocks Rise Amid Jobless Claims Decline

From Bloomberg: U.S. stocks rose, following the largest weekly gain this year for the Standard & Poor's 500 Index, before Federal Reserve Chairman Janet Yellen delivers her first report on monetary policy tomorrow. The S&P 500 rose 0.2% to 1,799.84 at 4 p.m. in New York. The Dow Jones Industrial Average advanced 7.71 points, or 0.1%, to 15,801.79. About 6.2 billion shares changed hands on U.S. exchanges, 1.6% below the three-month average.

# TAKING STOCK

PSE Index (10 Feb 2014)

6,042.25 +31.11 Value T/O - net (P'b) 3.849 52wk High 7,403.65 Low 5,562.13 Foreign Buying (P'b) 3.632

Foreign Buying (P'b) Foreign Selling (P'b)



3.588

#### **Index Movers**

JGS	+9.92
TEL	+9.80
AC	+4.08
SCC	+3.57
MBT	+3.53

#### **Index Gainers**

JGS	4.86%
SCC	4.63%
FGEN	3.08%
TEL	1.44%
MBT	1.43%

#### Index Losers

LTG	2.56%
MWC	1.35%
GTCAP	1.20%
ALI	0.76%
GLO	0.70%

#### World Indices

500	1,799.84	+0.16%
FTSE 100	6,591.55	+0.30%
Nikkei 225	14,718.34	+1.77%

# Key Peso Cross Rates

USD-PHP	45.0440
JPY	0.4402
EUR	61.4175
CNY	7.4288
GBP	73.9172

#### **Key Commodities**

BRENT CRUDE	400.00
OIL (USD/bbl.)	108.63

GOLD 100 OZ 1,274.01 FUTR (USD/t oz.)

Sources: Bloomberg, Technistock

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