

TENNYSON Morning news – Afentra PLC – Interims in-line

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Afentra (AET LN) has reported interim results this morning. The headline H1 numbers around production (22.7 kboepd gross; 6.7 kboepd net WI), revenues (US\$75.7m) and net debt (US\$46.4m) were pre-announced in July's trading statement and thus there are few major surprises. Underlying profitability was strong with adjusted EBITDA coming in at US\$40.8m and PAT US\$22.2m. We note that, post period end, Afentra sold a cargo of 780k bbls (at US\$83.7/bbl, realising US\$65.3m of revenue) in August, increasing its cash position to ~US\$40m (after netting off cash calls to end Sept) and reducing net debt to around zero. A further lifting of ~550k bbls is expected in late Q4/early Q1; the earlier scenario would likely culminate in a material earnings beat for H2 2024.

Turning to operations on the ground. Blocks 3/05 & 3/05A continue to deliver consistently strong production numbers. 15 Light Well Workovers (LWIs) were completed in H1 yielding a 2.5 kbopd production uplift; a further 20 LWIs are planned in H2 as part of the 2024 programme. Meanwhile, ongoing upgrades to power systems are facilitating higher water injection, with peak rates of 60k bwpd achieved in April. A planned shutdown (flagged previously) is scheduled to start 13 Sept, allowing for maintenance works. Lastly – in the onshore, following the KON 19 (45% AET) contract awarded a basin wide Full Tensor Gravity Gradient survey to map the geology commenced in August and is expected to be available in Q4; whilst the KON 15 signing is expected in Q4 as well.

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