



## TENNYSON Morning news – Afentra PLC – Upbeat trading statement

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**Afentra** (AET LN) has announced a positive trading statement this morning. Gross production YTD (1 Jan to 31 October) has averaged 20.6 kboepd (6.1 kbopd net to AET), inclusive of the recent planned maintenance shut down on Block 3/05 & 3/05A (completed on schedule in early Oct). Since the restart, gross production has averaged ~23 kbopd which looks to be marginally ahead of pre-existing levels (H1 gross production averaged 22.7 kbopd), with water injection running at rates of ~40 kbwpd and poised to ramp up further into year-end. Elsewhere across the portfolio, the eFTG survey over KON19 has completed and a further phase over KON15 is expected to start in early 2025, as the company looks to expand its operations in the onshore Kwanza basin.

Financially, the group's position continues to strengthen. Net debt stood at US\$4.6m at end Oct 2024 (including US\$37.4m of cash) – a positive swing of >US\$40m since the half year point, boosted by cash receipts from crude liftings in June and August (as previously announced). Looking into the year-end, AET confirmed it expects to sell a final cargo of ~550k bbls in Q4 (70% hedged at US\$70/bbl), taking total liftings for the year to 2.23mmbbls and placing the group in a net cash position. As we were previously assuming this final cargo may slip into 2025, the annual sales figure comfortably exceeds our FY24e crude lifting forecast of 1.9 mmbbls. As such, we envisage material upward revisions to our FY24e numbers (as much as 20% at EBITDA level) on the back of today's news.

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