

Daily updates of the Lao Securities Exchange

Apr 26th 2011

Executive Summary

The Lao Securities Exchange: The yesterday's blue sky has turned grey for BCEL as this stock took a quiet step back to the 8,400 Kip. EDL-Gen also switched to the defensive mode as the trading volume fell harder to the ground (down by 37% to less than 76,000 shares). EDL-Gen generated 219 million Kip in turnover, giving BCEL a chance to surpass with roughly 360 million Kip.

- ▶ Fuel prices adjusted upward again: The Ministry of Industry and Commerce last Friday has announced an increase in fuel prices for the eighth time this year. The government aims to use various measures in order to stabilize rising inflation. There were 14 fuel price adjustments by the ministry last year, 10 of which were increases, followed by 15 adjustments in 2009, of which 11 were price rises. However, there has not been any downward adjustment to fuel prices this year.
- ▶ Silk textile receives Japanese grants: The Japanese government has provided Laos a financial package worth \$US4.49 million to support the sustainable production of silk textile in rural areas, and the livelihood improvement for ethnic people. The fund is provided through the World Bank, and will be divided into two amounts to support two different goals.
- A ferry port to connect Vientiane and Xayaboury provinces: Last Friday the two provinces signed a contract worth LAK 8 billion with a construction company to build a ferry port that will link these two provinces across the Mekong. Under the contract, a terminal will be built for boats plying the Mekong between Don village in Xanakham district, Vientiane province, and Vernkham village in Kaenthao district, Xayaboury province.

Exchange Rates: 26/04/2011

	Bid	Change	Ask	Change
USD	8020.00	2.00	8046.00	2.00
CAD	8306.00	-21.00	8419.00	-26.00
THB	266.13	-0.47	267.07	-0.46
EUR	11636.00	-39.00	11689.00	-39.00
GBP	13076.00	-27.00	13252.00	-28.00
CNY	1204.00	-3.00	1220.00	-4.00
JPY	96.97	0.52	98.30	0.50

Exchange rates, quoted for the Lao Kip, by the Bank of Laos

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Issue Name	Current Price	Change (Kip)	Change (%)	52-week	
				High	Low
BCEL	8,400	↓ 100	1.18	15,500	8,000
EDL-Gen	6,650	↓ 50	0.75	8,850	4,550

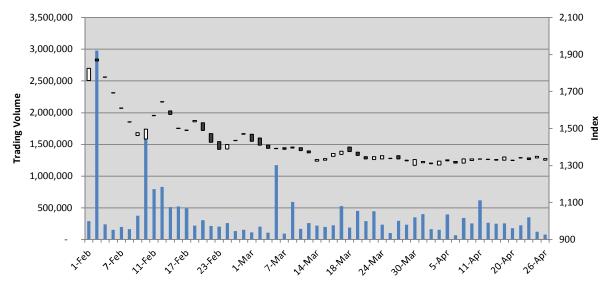
The Lao Securities Exchange

The Lao stock market

The BCEL's supply side has been narrowing its gap with the demand side. Actually, the demand-supply gap has been positive since the beginning of April, but it has turned negative today as the supply side took the dominant role. However, the BCEL's supply side has been fairly calm with their biddings; there is no apparent reason to get panic now. On the other side, the selling frenzy on EDL-Gen has eased of as the price got down to a more negotiable level. The drying liquidity also indicates the inclination to wait of investors.

The LSX Index 1,337.85 | 11.03 [0.82%]

The bursting volume of EDL-Gen has brought total trades lower than 76,000 shares. The downward stocks movements have also reflected a loss of 82 bps on the Lao Composite Index, casting this benchmark off to the 1,337.85 points. The market's turnover reached 579 million Kip, a 36% downswing since yesterday.





The Lao Economy

Sectors Watch & Business News

Fuel prices adjusted upward, not all pain is gain.

The Ministry of Industry and Commerce last Friday has announced an increase in fuel prices for the eighth time this year. The price increase ranges from 360 kip to 390 kip per liter in Vientiane, and from 360 to 410 kip per liter in the five other provinces. The government will try various measures to stabilize rising inflation including maintaining the prices of diesel and regular petrol, and subsidizing diesel with a tax increase on premium petrol. There were 14 fuel price adjustments by the ministry last year, 10 of which were increases, followed by 15 adjustments in 2009, of which 11 were price rises. However, there has not been any downward adjustment to prices this year.

Fuel prices fluctuate in Laos depending on shifts in the global market. Singapore AP reported yesterday that oil prices rose to near US\$113 a barrel on Monday in Asia after Libyan rebels said they won't produce crude for at least a month as they repair fields damaged in fighting. Oil was around US\$78 per barrel in January last year; it fell to about US\$75 by the middle of the year, and rose to US\$89 per barrel by the end of last year. Fuel consumption in Laos is expected to rise to more than 750 million liters this year, amid spiraling global oil prices. Consumption increases about 7 to 10 percent each year. Laos used over 640 million liters in 2009 and more than 700 million liters last year. About 45 to 50 percent of the fuel Laos imports is used in Vientiane and Vientiane province. [Sources: The Vientiane Times]

Silk textile receives Japanese grants

The Japanese government has provided Laos a financial package worth \$US4.49 million to support the sustainable production of silk textile in rural areas, and the livelihood improvement for ethnic people. The fund is provided through the World Bank, and will be divided into two amounts. The first amount of \$US1.8 million aims to promote silk textile production capacity and to generate income for ethnic people, mainly women. The Poverty Reduction Fund will administer the second amount of \$US 2.6 million, which will focus on improving living condition of 28,800 families in remote areas. Under the project, new graduates and youth leaders will be given an access to training of trainer course on community facilitation and help local farmers have their goods access marketplaces. This project is designed to materialize the millennium development goals regarding poverty eradication. [Sources: Lao News Agency]

Vientiane and Xayaboury provinces agreed on a mutually beneficial ferry port

Vientiane and Xayaboury provinces last Friday signed a contract worth LAK 8 billion with a construction company to build a ferry port that will link the two provinces across the Mekong. Under the contract, a terminal will be built for boats plying the Mekong between Don village in Xanakham district, Vientiane province, and Vernkham village in Kaenthao district, Xayaboury province. The budget will be provided by the Ministry of Public Works and Transport. The work will include an asphalt road 500 meters long leading to the terminal. Ferry services to link the provinces are vital for the socio-economic development of rural Xayaboury and will ease the transport of goods such as rice, sweet-corn and other local produce. The terminal will be finished within 18 months and will be able to accommodate ferries able to carry up to 100 tons. [Sources: Lao News Agency]



Stock Boards

▶ Second session: 10:00 – 11:30, Closing

BCEL

Current	8,400
Volume	42,852
Previous Day Closing Price	8,500
Change	▼ 100
Turnover	359,956,800

Sell Remaining Qty	11:30:00	Buy Remaining Qty
5,000	8,650	
5,000	8,600	
15,000	8,550	
15,000	8,500	
15,000	8,450	
Exp exe Price	8,400	6,590
	8,350	12,559
Exp exe Qty	8,300	10,579
	8,200	3,000
60,000	Total	32,728
Opening Price		8,400
High Price		8,400
Low Price		8,400
Price Limit	8,900	8,100

EDL-GEN

Current	6,650
Volume	33,050
Previous Day Closing Price	6,700
Change	▼ 50
Turnover	219,182,500

Sell Remaining Qty	11:30:00	Buy Remaining Qty
55,149	6,800	
2,666	6,750	
48,499	6,700	
12,826	6,650	
Exp exe Price	6,600	50,900
	6,500	20,000
Exp exe Qty		
119,140	Total	70,900
Opening Price		6,600
High Price		6,650
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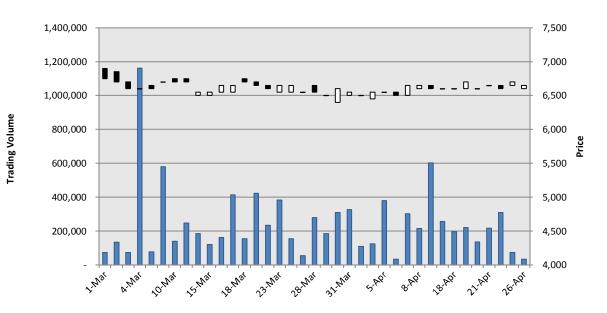




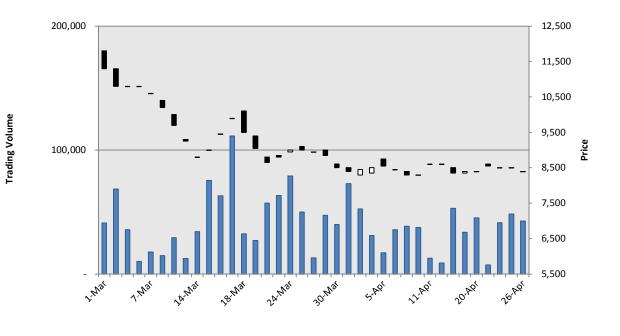
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Securities Charts

EDL-Gen



BCEL





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▶ Daily Market Data

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Date	Current Index	Change (Points)	Change (%)	Trading Vol. (Share)	Trading Value (Kip)	High	Low
2011/04/26	1,337.85	↓ 11.03	0.82	75,902	579,139,300	1,337.85	1,329.46
2011/04/25	1,348.88	1 16.78	1.26	121,183	898,435,400	1,348.88	1,340.49
2011/04/22	1,332.10	↓ 9.71	0.72	350,973	2,398,820,500	1,340.49	1,332.10
2011/04/21	1,341.81	1 12.35	0.93	223,824	1,502,328,850	1,343.13	1,341.81
2011/04/20	1,329.46	↓ 16.78	1.25	180,692	1,273,997,400	1,329.46	1,329.46

EDL-Gen

Date	Closing Price	Change (Kip)	Trading Vol. (Share)	Trading Value (Kip)	Market Cap. (mil. Kip)	High	Low
2011/04/26	6,650	↓ 50	33,050	219,182,500	5,776,170	6,650	6,600
2011/04/25	6,700	1 100	72,883	487,885,400	5,819,600	6,700	6,650
2011/04/22	6,600	↓ 50	309,500	2,046,300,000	5,732,741	6,650	6,600
2011/04/21	6,650	1 50	216,509	1,439,784,850	5,776,170	6,650	6,650
2011/04/20	6,600	↓ 100	135,453	893,989,800	5,732,741	6,600	6,600

BCEL

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2011/04/26	8,400	↓ 100	42,852	359,956,800	1,147,252	8,400	8,400
2011/04/25	8,500	-	48,300	410,550,000	1,160,910	8,500	8,500
2011/04/22	8,500	↓ 50	41,473	352,520,500	1,160,910	8,500	8,500
2011/04/21	8,550	1 150	7,315	62,544,000	1,167,738	8,600	8,550
2011/04/20	8,400	-	45,239	380,007,600	1,147,252	8,400	8,400



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