

# SERICA ENERGY PLC (AIM: SQZ)

August 22, 2025

Share price: £1.70

**Target: £2.70**

## High production at Triton. More to come

- Net production at Triton has averaged 20 mboe/d over the past two weeks. This reflects the progressive restart of all the fields, with further upside expected as additional wells are brought online. These include (1) productive wells from Bittern and Gannet E, and (2) newly drilled wells at Guillemot North West and Evelyn, which have yet to commence production.
- As a reminder, Serica has a 100% interest in the Evelyn field, and has already stated that the well showed 'encouraging results' when drilled.
- Total net production across Serica's portfolio averaged over 50 mboe/d in the lead-up to the scheduled 12-day maintenance shutdown at Bruce, delivering on the stated objective of achieving this level of output in August.
- At current Brent and NBP pricing, and assuming 43 mboe/d production in 2H25, we estimate Serica could generate ~US\$100 mm in free cash flow during 2H25. This comfortably covers the combined final dividend for 2024 and preliminary dividend for 2025 (~US\$82 mm).
- We reiterate our target price of £2.70 per share. The current dividend yield is ~9.5%. With lower capex and higher production volumes anticipated in 2026, Serica could generate free cash flow in excess of US\$300 mm.

## Valuation

Our forecasts are unchanged. Our Core NAV and ReNAV are £2.41 per share and £2.71 per share respectively.

Rating & target		Old	New	
Target		£2.70	n.c.	
Yield			9%	
Implied total return			72%	
Share data		2024	2025e	2026e
Shares dil., mm		404	404	404
Mkt cap, US\$m		\$866	\$897	\$893
EV, US\$m		\$936	\$927	\$665
Financial Data		2024	2025e	2026e
Gas, mmcfd		111.4	105.2	115.5
Liquids, bbl/d		15,394	15,825	23,303
Total boe/d (6:1)		34,600	33,967	43,216
CFO, US\$m		\$243	\$373	\$445
Net capex, US\$m		\$254	\$261	\$104
Net debt, US\$m*		\$71	\$30	(\$229)
CFPS dil., US\$/shr		\$0.53	\$1.09	\$1.19
EPS dil., US\$/shr		\$0.24	\$0.18	\$0.83
Valuation		2024	2025e	2026e
Share price, £/shr		£1.70	£1.70	£1.70
EV/DACF		3.3x	2.3x	1.4x
EV per boe/d (US\$)		\$27,063	\$27,289	\$15,382
Net asset value				
CNAV, £/shr				£2.41
RENAV, £/shr				£2.71
Unrisked NAV, £/shr				£4.04
P/CNAV				0.7x
P/RENAV				0.6x
P/ENAV				0.4x

*All figures in US\$ unless otherwise noted*

*\* based on cash rather than working capital*

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**Figure 1. Financial & operating information**

Serica Energy (SQZ LN)		Historical & Auctus Outlook						
Financial & Operating Information		2023	2024	2025e	2026e	2027e	2028e	2029e
<b>Commodity Prices</b>								
Brent	US\$/bbl	\$82.99	\$79.90	\$68.73	\$70.00	\$70.00	\$70.00	\$70.00
UK NBP	p/th	GBp114	GBp84	GBp90	GBp82	GBp82	GBp82	GBp82
UK NBP	US\$/mcf	\$14.26	\$10.55	\$11.80	\$10.72	\$10.72	\$10.72	\$10.72
USD / GBP	US\$/£	\$1.25	\$1.26	\$1.31	\$1.30	\$1.30	\$1.30	\$1.30
<b>Production</b>								
Oil and Liquids	bbl/d	20,318	15,394	15,825	23,303	19,000	16,063	13,899
Natural Gas	mmcf/d	103.0	111.4	105.2	115.5	119.1	113.0	102.3
Total (6 mcf = 1 boe)	boe/d	40,121	34,600	33,967	43,216	39,539	35,547	31,530
% Oil and Liquids	%	51%	44%	47%	54%	48%	45%	44%
<b>Netbacks</b>								
Revenue	US\$/boe	\$61.46	\$57.58	\$64.28	\$62.56	\$61.76	\$61.17	\$60.97
Royalties	US\$/boe	\$0.63	\$0.54	\$0.53	\$0.64	\$0.56	\$0.47	\$0.53
Production & Transport Costs	US\$/boe	\$21.05	\$24.54	\$26.83	\$19.84	\$20.30	\$22.58	\$25.46
Operating Netback	US\$/boe	\$43.20	\$34.98	\$41.73	\$42.07	\$40.90	\$38.12	\$34.99
Taxes	US\$/boe	\$17.80	\$1.10	\$1.71	\$12.28	\$12.18	\$19.68	\$19.27
Cash Flow Netback	US\$/boe	\$9.45	\$22.30	\$31.95	\$29.58	\$26.79	\$18.79	\$12.83
Government Take	%	29%	2%	3%	20%	20%	32%	32%
<b>Financials</b>								
Cash Flow from Ops. before tax and fin. Costs	US\$mm	\$469	\$434	\$417	\$642	\$568	\$473	\$381
CFO less current tax	US\$mm	\$240	\$420	\$280	\$448	\$393	\$217	\$159
CFO less cash tax and fin. Costs	US\$mm	\$98	\$243	\$373	\$445	\$365	\$222	\$126
CFPS - diluted	US\$/shr	\$0.10	\$0.53	\$1.09	\$1.19	\$0.98	\$0.62	\$0.38
EBITDAX	a US\$mm	\$512	\$373	\$494	\$642	\$568	\$473	\$381
E&D Capex (incl. decom.)	US\$mm	\$78	\$251	\$250	\$100	\$116	\$0	\$0
A&D Capex, Net	US\$mm	\$57	\$3	\$11	\$4	\$4	\$0	\$0
Total Net Capex	US\$mm	\$135	\$254	\$261	\$104	\$120	\$0	\$0
Total Net Capex/CFO	x	1.4x	1.0x	0.7x	0.2x	0.3x	0.0x	0.0x
<b>Leverage</b>								
Net Debt	US\$mm	(\$92)	\$71	\$30	(\$229)	(\$392)	(\$511)	(\$555)
Entry Net Debt/CFO	x	n.a.	n.a.	0.2x	0.1x	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
<b>Capital Structure</b>								
Basic Shares o/s @ YE	mm	391	393	394	394	394	394	394
Diluted Shares o/s @ YE	mm	402	404	404	404	404	404	404
Market Capitalization	US\$mm	\$1,166	\$866	\$897	\$893	\$893	\$893	\$893
Enterprise Value	US\$mm	\$1,074	\$936	\$927	\$665	\$502	\$382	\$338
<b>Dividends &amp; Sustainability</b>								
Dividends	US\$mm	\$110	\$113	\$82	\$82	\$82	\$102	\$82
Dividends	£/sh	£0.23	£0.19	£0.16	£0.16	£0.20	£0.16	£0.16
Dividend Yield	%	13.5%	11.2%	9.4%	9.4%	11.8%	9.4%	9.4%
Share Buybacks	US\$mm	\$0	\$19	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Free Cash Flow	US\$mm	\$19	(\$8)	\$123	\$345	\$249	\$222	\$126
Cash returned to shareholders as % of CFO	%	113.0%	54.5%	21.9%	18.4%	22.5%	46.1%	65.1%
Cash invested/CFO	%	138%	104%	70%	23%	33%	0%	0%
<b>Performance</b>								
Prod. Per Shr Growth (Y/Y) - dil.	%		-27%	-2%	27%	-9%	-10%	-11%
PPS Growth (Y/Y) DDA - dil.	b %		-32%	-2%	73%	23%	11%	3%
CFPS Growth (Y/Y) - dil.	%		444%	105%	9%	-17%	-37%	-39%
CFPS Growth (Y/Y) DDA - dil.	b %		330%	105%	49%	11%	-22%	-30%
ROCE	%		13%	10%	43%	34%	26%	18%
<b>Net Asset Value</b>								
CNAV (Atax) - diluted	c £/shr	£2.41						
RENAV (Atax) - diluted	£/shr	£2.71						
Unrisked NAV (Atax) - diluted	£/shr	£4.04						
P/CNAV	x	0.7x						
P/RENAV	x	0.6x						
P/Unrisked NAV	x	0.4x						
<b>Valuation</b>								
Share Price, YE/Current	£/shr	£2.32	£1.70	£1.70	£1.70	£1.70	£1.70	£1.70
P/CF	x	29.9x	4.1x	2.0x	1.9x	2.2x	3.6x	5.9x
EV/DACF	x	8.9x	3.3x	2.3x	1.4x	1.3x	1.6x	2.3x
Target EV/DACF	x	39.2x	7.0x	3.4x	2.6x	2.7x	3.7x	5.8x
EV per boe/d	\$/boepd	\$26,761	\$27,063	\$27,289	\$15,382	\$12,684	\$10,748	\$10,728
EV per 2P boe	US\$/boe	\$7.65	\$7.33	\$8.04	\$6.68	\$5.04	\$3.84	\$3.40

c) CNAV incl. 2P reserves, RENAV incl. 2P reserves + Risked LT inventory upside, ENAV incl. 2P reserves + Unrisked LT inventory upside

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\*\*Futures strip as of 21-Aug-25

**Figure 2. NAV Table**

Asset Valuation	2P/2C/P50 (mmboe)	CoS (%)	Unrisked (US\$ mm)	EMV (US\$ mm)	Riskd £/Share	Unrisked £/Share	% Total
Net Cash + Div 2025 (YE25)			52	52	0.10	0.10	4%
G&A			-77	-77	-0.15	-0.15	-5%
<b>Bruce Hub 2P (NNS)</b>	70		<b>382</b>	<b>382</b>	<b>0.73</b>	<b>0.73</b>	<b>27%</b>
<b>Triton Hub 2P (CNS)</b>	42		<b>661</b>	<b>661</b>	<b>1.26</b>	<b>1.26</b>	<b>46%</b>
<b>Other assets</b>							
Orlando 2P (NNS)	2		33	33	0.06	0.06	2%
Columbus 2P (CNS)	2		15	15	0.03	0.03	1%
Erskine 2P (CNS)	3		20	20	0.04	0.04	1%
<b>Bruce Hub 2C Resources (NNS)</b>							
BKR 2C resources	33	75%	183	137	0.26	0.35	10%
<b>Triton Hub 2C Resources (CNS)</b>							
Kyle redevelopment 2C	11	75%	61	46	0.09	0.12	3%
<b>Total Core NAV</b>			<b>1,328</b>	<b>1,267</b>	<b>2.41</b>	<b>2.53</b>	<b>89%</b>
<b>Buchan area (OMF)</b>							
Buchan main 2C	21	60%	115	69	0.13	0.22	5%
J2 2C	3	30%	16	5	0.01	0.03	0%
Verbier 2C	6	30%	33	10	0.02	0.06	1%
<b>Triton Hub (CNS)</b>							
Remaining 2C Resources	5	20%	29	6	0.01	0.06	0%
<b>Other assets</b>							
Skerryvore Exploration Mey target (Shallow)	37	7%	200	14	0.03	0.38	1%
Skerryvore Exploration Chalk target (Deep)	73	14%	400	54	0.10	0.76	4%
<b>Total Risked Appraisal &amp; Exploration</b>			<b>793</b>	<b>157</b>	<b>0.30</b>	<b>1.51</b>	<b>11%</b>
<b>Total NAV</b>			<b>2121</b>	<b>1424</b>	<b>2.71</b>	<b>4.04</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>P/Core NAV</b>				<b>65%</b>			
<b>P/NAV</b>				<b>58%</b>			
<b>P/Unrisked NAV</b>				<b>39%</b>			

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