

# SERICA ENERGY PLC (AIM: SQZ)

June 30, 2025

Share price: £1.52

**Target: £2.70**

## Start up at Triton in line with expectations

- Repairs and scheduled maintenance work on the Triton FPSO have been completed, and the restart process for production operations is now underway.
- This is consistent with the management's indicated timing of "around end of June" as stated in the AGM update.
- Production is expected to ramp up progressively, reaching steady-state levels later in July.
- No further shutdowns are planned for Triton in 2025. We continue to anticipate 2H25 production in the range of 41–47 mboe/d. Before shutdown, Triton was producing ~25 mboe/d. Upon restart in mid-2025, adding the W7z and EV02 wells could increase Triton's output to 30 mboe/d, with the tie-in of BE01 in early 2026 also boosting production.
- With extensive inspection and maintenance completed, and both compressors coming on line, we believe Triton is well positioned to put the troubles behind it and deliver more stable and resilient performance than in the last year.
- The share price could benefit from a progressively more supportive business environment in the North Sea. We maintain our expectation for total 2025 dividends of £0.16 per share (implying a ~10.5% yield), and we re-iterate our target price of £2.70 per share.

Rating & target	Old	New
Target	£2.70	n.c.
Yield		11%
Implied total return		93%

  

Share data	2024	2025e	2026e
Shares dil., mm	404	404	404
Mkt cap, US\$mm	\$774	\$802	\$799
EV, US\$mm	\$845	\$837	\$601

  

Financial Data	2024	2025e	2026e
Gas, mmcf/d	111.4	106.1	117.8
Liquids, bbl/d	15,394	16,475	22,658
Total boe/d (6:1)	34,600	34,771	42,968
CFO, US\$mm	\$243	\$367	\$430
Net capex, US\$mm	\$254	\$251	\$114
Net debt, US\$mm*	\$71	\$36	(\$198)
CFPS dil., US\$/shr	\$0.53	\$0.96	\$1.15
EPS dil., US\$/shr	\$0.24	\$0.08	\$0.75

  

Valuation	2024	2025e	2026e
Share price, £/shr	£1.52	£1.52	£1.52
EV/DACF	3.0x	2.2x	1.3x
EV per boe/d (US\$)	\$24,414	\$24,085	\$13,980

  

Net asset value	
CNAV, £/shr	£2.38
RENAV, £/shr	£2.68
Unrisked NAV, £/shr	£4.10
P/CNAV	0.6x
P/RENAV	0.6x
P/ENAV	0.4x

All figures in US\$ unless otherwise noted  
 \* based on cash rather than working capital

## Operating and regulatory environment potentially improving

New Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) rules published on 19 June now require the inclusion of Scope 3 emissions. The significance of these emissions must be evaluated in the context of global climate goals. This is particularly relevant as UK-produced oil and gas is likely to be associated with lower lifecycle emissions than equivalent imports—Norway being a potential exception. The upcoming development approvals for Jackdaw and Rosebank could serve as a key sentiment gauge for the sector. Meanwhile, the UK government has indicated that reforms to the oil and gas tax framework may be necessary. Currently, profits are taxed at an effective rate of 78%, including a 38% windfall levy. A reduction in the windfall tax to 28% would increase our valuation for Serica to £3.04 per share.

## Valuation

Our forecasts are unchanged. Our Core NAV and ReNAV are £2.38 per share and £2.68 per share respectively. We continue to forecast that the aggregate FCF from 2025 to mid 2028 will be equal to the current market cap.

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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	GBp87	GBp82	GBp82	GBp82	GBp82
UK NBP	US\$/mcf	\$14.26	\$10.55	\$11.40	\$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	16,475	22,658	18,730	15,844	13,713
Natural Gas	mmcf/d	103.0	111.4	106.1	117.8	121.3	115.0	104.0
Total (6 mcf = 1 boe)	boe/d	40,121	34,600	34,771	42,968	39,646	35,664	31,649
% Oil and Liquids	%	51%	44%	47%	53%	47%	44%	43%
<b>Netbacks</b>								
Revenue	US\$/boe	\$61.46	\$57.58	\$62.47	\$62.36	\$61.63	\$61.04	\$60.85
Royalties	US\$/boe	\$0.63	\$0.54	\$0.48	\$0.64	\$0.56	\$0.46	\$0.52
Production & Transport Costs	US\$/boe	\$21.05	\$24.54	\$26.03	\$19.96	\$20.25	\$22.51	\$25.36
Operating Netback	US\$/boe	\$43.20	\$34.98	\$35.64	\$41.75	\$40.83	\$38.07	\$34.96
Taxes	US\$/boe	\$17.80	\$1.10	\$3.63	\$13.23	\$11.89	\$19.81	\$19.24
Cash Flow Netback	US\$/boe	\$9.45	\$22.30	\$30.67	\$28.78	\$26.60	\$18.77	\$12.79
Government Take	%	29%	2%	6%	21%	19%	32%	32%
<b>Financials</b>								
Cash Flow from Ops. before tax and fin. Costs	US\$mm	\$469	\$434	\$435	\$633	\$569	\$474	\$382
CFO less current tax	US\$mm	\$240	\$420	\$306	\$425	\$397	\$216	\$160
CFO less cash tax and fin. Costs	US\$mm	\$98	\$243	\$367	\$430	\$363	\$222	\$126
CFPS - diluted	US\$/shr	\$0.10	\$0.53	\$0.96	\$1.15	\$0.98	\$0.62	\$0.38
EBITDAX	US\$mm	\$512	\$373	\$430	\$633	\$569	\$474	\$382
E&D Capex (incl. decom.)	US\$mm	\$78	\$251	\$240	\$110	\$116	\$0	\$0
A&D Capex, Net	US\$mm	\$57	\$3	\$11	\$4	\$4	\$0	\$0
Total Net Capex	US\$mm	\$135	\$254	\$251	\$114	\$120	\$0	\$0
Total Net Capex/CFO	x	1.4x	1.0x	0.7x	0.3x	0.3x	0.0x	0.0x
<b>Leverage</b>								
Net Debt	US\$mm	(\$92)	\$71	\$36	(\$198)	(\$360)	(\$480)	(\$524)
Net debt/CFO (Trailing)	x	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
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	393	393	393	393	393
Diluted Shares o/s @ YE	mm	402	404	404	404	404	404	404
Market Capitalization	US\$mm	\$1,166	\$774	\$802	\$799	\$799	\$799	\$799
Enterprise Value	US\$mm	\$1,074	\$845	\$837	\$601	\$439	\$319	\$275
<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
Dividends	\$/shr	\$0.29	\$0.24	\$0.21	\$0.21	\$0.26	\$0.21	\$0.21
Dividend Yield	%	15.1%	12.5%	10.5%	10.5%	13.2%	10.5%	10.5%
Share Buybacks	US\$mm	\$0	\$19	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Free Cash Flow	US\$mm	\$19	(\$8)	\$127	\$320	\$248	\$222	\$126
Cash returned to shareholders as % of CFO	%	113.0%	54.5%	22.3%	19.1%	22.5%	46.0%	65.1%
Cash invested/CFO	%	138%	104%	68%	27%	33%	0%	0%
<b>Performance</b>								
Prod. Per Shr Growth (Y/Y) - dil.	%		-27%	0%	24%	-8%	-10%	-11%
PPS Growth (Y/Y) DDA - dil.	%		-32%	-7%	62%	25%	11%	3%
CFPS Growth (Y/Y) - dil.	%		444%	81%	20%	-15%	-37%	-40%
CFPS Growth (Y/Y) DDA - dil.	%		329%	69%	57%	16%	-22%	-30%
ROCE	%		13%	4%	37%	32%	24%	17%
<b>Net Asset Value</b>								
CNAV (Atax) - diluted	£/shr	£2.38						
RENAV (Atax) - diluted	£/shr	£2.68						
Unrisked NAV (Atax) - diluted	£/shr	£4.10						
P/CNAV	x	0.6x						
P/RENAV	x	0.6x						
P/Unrisked NAV	x	0.4x						
<b>Valuation</b>								
Share Price, YE/Current	£/shr	£2.32	£1.52	£1.52	£1.52	£1.52	£1.52	£1.52
P/CF	x	29.9x	3.6x	2.1x	1.7x	2.0x	3.2x	5.3x
EV/DACF	x	8.9x	3.0x	2.2x	1.3x	1.1x	1.3x	1.9x
Target EV/DACF	x	39.2x	7.0x	3.9x	2.7x	2.8x	3.8x	6.1x
EV per boe/d	\$/boepd	\$26,761	\$24,414	\$24,085	\$13,980	\$11,072	\$8,941	\$8,686
EV per 2P boe	US\$/boe	\$7.65	\$6.62	\$7.28	\$6.05	\$4.42	\$3.21	\$2.77
EV per 2P boe, with FDC	US\$/boe	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.

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 29-Jun-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)			46	46	0.09	0.09	3%
G&A			-77	-77	-0.15	-0.15	-5%
<b>Bruce Hub 2P (NNS)</b>	<b>70</b>		<b>386</b>	<b>386</b>	<b>0.74</b>	<b>0.74</b>	<b>27%</b>
<b>Triton Hub 2P (CNS)</b>	<b>42</b>		<b>634</b>	<b>634</b>	<b>1.21</b>	<b>1.21</b>	<b>45%</b>
<b>Other assets</b>							
Orlando 2P (NNS)	2		36	36	0.07	0.07	3%
Columbus 2P (CNS)	2		15	15	0.03	0.03	1%
Erskine 2P (CNS)	3		24	24	0.05	0.05	2%
<b>Bruce Hub 2C Resources (NNS)</b>							
BKR 2C resources	33	75%	185	139	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>1,310</b>	<b>1,249</b>	<b>2.38</b>	<b>2.49</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>							
Mansell redevelopment 2C	9	0%	50	0	0.00	0.09	0%
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>844</b>	<b>157</b>	<b>0.30</b>	<b>1.61</b>	<b>11%</b>
<b>Total NAV</b>			<b>2154</b>	<b>1406</b>	<b>2.68</b>	<b>4.10</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>P/Core NAV</b>				<b>64%</b>			
<b>P/NAV</b>				<b>57%</b>			
<b>P/Unrisked NAV</b>				<b>37%</b>			

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