

HILLGROVE RESOURCES LIMITED (HGODA)

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ACTION & RECOMMENDATION

We retain our BUY rating. HGO's interim result was inline with our expectations, highlighted by free cashflow of \$11.2m over the 6 mths to 31-Jul. HGO is currently our preferred resources exposure amongst our coverage universe. Key points of appeal are: 1) resumption of dividends (fully franked) expected at the Dec-14 result (in Feb-15), 2) \$21m of franking credits, 3) we expect HGO to be in a net cash position by early CY15, 4) Operations performing well, with 3 qtrs in a row of avg 23ktpa of Copper production, 5) Average free cashflow yield of 26% over CY14-16 (\$70m), and increasing thereafter. Our 12-mth share price target is unchanged at \$0.94ps.

Strong free cashflow the 'new normal' for HGO

What's Changed

- **Financial result**: HGO reported its 1H14 financial results which were broadly inline with our estimates. Underlying NPAT of \$5.83m was 5% below WHTMe of \$6.15m. Underlying EBITDA of \$28.0m was 7% below our \$30.2m estimate due to slightly lower achieved prices.
- Operating cashflows of \$38.0m were better than our \$32.7m estimate by 16%. Capex in the first half was higher than we had expected, but the full year guidance of \$10.9m of capex is unchanged so only \$3.5m is now expected to be spent in 2HCY14. This should help support strong free cashflow over the balance of CY14 (5 mths to 31-Dec).
- Guidance for CY14 is unchanged. Copper production is expected to be 20.5-22.5kt (WHTMe 21.7kt), gold production of 6-7.8koz (WHTMe 6.2koz) at a C1 cash cost of US\$2.00-2.20/lb (WHTMe US\$2.01/lb).
- Valuation: Our DCF valuation for HGO is \$0.94ps, based on a WACC of 11.0%.

Risks & Catalysts

Mkt Cap: \$89m

- **Key risks around HGO**: 1) operational risk at the Kanmantoo mine, especially while it is operating a single open pit with single lane ramp, and 2) future weakness in the copper price.
- Catalysts: 1) The Sept-14 quarterly report which should continue to show a decrease in net debt, 2) entry into a new corporate debt facility by end of CY14, and 3) an improved copper market or weaker AUD.

Year-End January (AUD)	FY12A	FY13A	FY14E	FY15E	FY16E
Revenue (\$m)	115.4	139.2	171.2	173.1	166.6
EBITDA Margin (%)	12	27	31	24	25
NPAT Norm (\$m)	-10.2	1.7	12.1	10.5	12.0
Consensus NPAT (\$m)				16.6	17.5
EPS Norm (cps)	-9.8	1.3	8.2	7.1	8.2
EPS Growth (%)	-84	113	530	-13	15
P/E Norm (x)	-6.1	46.2	7.3	8.5	7.4
EV/EBITDA (x)	7.4	2.7	2.0	2.4	2.5
CFM (x)	3.6	11.1	1.5	2.3	2.4
DPS (cps)	0.0	0.0	1.5	3.0	3.0
Franking (%)	0	0	100	100	100
Source: Company data, WHTM estir	nates, S&P Cap	oital IQ			

12m Target Price (AUD)	\$0.940
Share Price @ 23-Sep-14 (AUD)	\$0.600
Fcst 12m Capital Return	56.7%
Fcst 12m Dividend Yield	5.0%
12m Total S'holder Return	61.7%

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12m Share Price Performance



WHTM Return Re-Investment Matrix

Cash Generator Champion

Challenged Potential

Low High

Re-Investment



Key Char	iges	19-Sep	After	Var %
Revenue	FY14	173	171	-1.3%
(\$m)	FY15	173	173	0.0%
	FY16	167	167	0.0%
EBITDA:	FY14	54.4	52.4	-3.8%
(\$m)	FY15	41.8	42.0	0.5%
	FY16	41.7	41.7	0.0%
EPS:	FY14	8.4	8.2	-2.1%
Norm	FY15	7.1	7.1	0.4%
(cps)	FY16	8.2	8.2	-0.6%
Price Tar	get:	0.94	0.94	0.0%
Rec:		BUY	BUY	

Median T'over/Day: \$0.0m

ASX 300 Wgt: 0.0%

Wilson HTM Equities Research - Hillgrove Resources Limited

Enterprise Value: \$103m

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Sold Short: 0.0%

Shares: 148m



TABLE 1: HGO - FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Capital profile			
Number of shares (m)	148		
Market capitalisation (A\$m)	89		
Enterprise value (A\$m)	114		
Enterprise value (US\$m)	105		
Resources	M t	%	Cont Cu
Resources Resources, incl stockpiles (Mt)	M t 31.3	<mark>%</mark> @ 0.77%	Cont Cu 242 kt
Resources, incl stockpiles (Mt)	31.3	@ 0.77%	242 kt
Resources, incl stockpiles (Mt) Reserves, incl stockpiles (Mt)	31.3 22.1	@ 0.77% @ 0.71%	242 kt

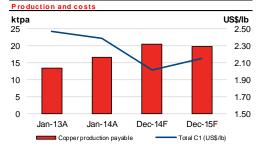
Description	A\$m	A\$ps
Kanmantoo	160	1.09
Sumba & Bird's Head	10	0.07
Total Operations	170	1.15
Net (debt) / cash	-14	-0.10
Corporate overheads (incl WC)	-18	-0.12
Franking Credits	0	0.00
Listed investments	0	0.00
Exploration	0	0.00
Total Valuation	139	0.94
Premium (Discount)		0.00
Target Price		0.94

0.64

P/NPV

Operations NPV split	Valuation inp	uts
	Rf rate	5.3%
	MRP	6.0%
Sumba &	Equity beta	1.4
Bird's Head 6%	Ke	14%
0/8	Kd	7.0%
	Gearing	30%
	Tax rate	30%
	WACC	11%
Kanmantoo	DCF (A\$)	0.94
94%	Prem/disc	0%
	Target (A\$)	0.94

Sensitivity (A\$ps/A\$m)	NPV (\$ps)	Dec-14F	Dec-15F
Base Case NPV / NPAT	0.94	12.1	10.5
Copper price +10% increase	+0.34	+4.4	+9.5
Copper price +10% increase	+36%	+42%	+78%
AUD +10% increase	-0.34	-4.7	54.3
AUD +10% increase	-36%	-45%	82%
AUD +1¢ increase	-0.04	-0.5	6.2
AUD +1¢ increase	-4%	-5%	9%



Now Dec year end	Jan-13 A	Jan-14A	Dec-14F	Dec-15F	Dec-16F	Dec-17F
NPAT Reported (A\$m)	-11.8	1.5	12.1	10.5	12.0	6.2
NPAT Normalised (A\$m)	-10.2	1.7	12.1	10.5	12.0	6.2
EPS (A¢)	-1.1	0.2	8.2	7.1	8.2	4.2
CFPS (A¢)	-0.6	-0.5	17.5	15.9	18.1	19.1
DPS (A¢) P/E (x)	0.0 nm	0.0 369.4	1.5 7.3	3.0 8.5	3.0 7.4	3.0 14.2
P/CF (x)	-94.9	-120.7	3.4	3.8	3.3	3.1
EV/EBITDA (x)	8.0	3.0	1.7	1.8	1.3	1.0
EPS Growth	118%	-115%	4937%	-13%	15%	-48%
Yield (%)	0.0%	0.0%	2.5%	5.0%	5.0%	5.0%
Assumptions FY	Jan-13 A	Jan-14A	Dec-14F	Dec-15F	Dec-16F	Dec-17F
A UD/USD	1.04	0.97	0.92	0.90	0.87	0.85
Copper price (US\$/lb)	3.70	3.62	3.27	3.28	3.25	3.20
Gold price (US\$/oz)	1669	1412	1290	1269	1250	1241
Silver price (US\$/oz)	31.13	23.87	20.17	20.25	19.75	19.63
Total Coal Sales (100%)	Jan-13 A	Jan-14A	Dec-14F	Dec-15F	Dec-16F	Dec-17F
Copper production payable	13.3 6.1	16.6 5.5	20.4 5.8	19.7 10.7	18.1 10.7	17.8 11.7
Gold production payable Cu. Equiv production payable (kt)	14.5	17.6	21.5	21.6	20.0	19.9
Cash costs @ Kanmantoo	Jan-13 A	Jan-14 A	Dec-14F	Dec-15F	Dec-16F	Dec-17F
Total C1 (US\$/Ib)	2.46	2.38	2.01	2.14	2.11	2.04
Royalties (US\$/lb)	0.05	0.04	0.05	0.07	0.07	0.25
Admin (US\$/lb)	0.28	0.16	0.15	0.16	0.15	0.15
EBITDA costs (US\$/lb)	2.79	2.59	2.22	2.37	2.33	2.45
Sustaining capex (US\$/lb)	0.14	0.08	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.04
All in cash costs (US\$/Ib)	2.93	2.67	2.26	2.41	2.38	2.49
D&A (US\$/Ib)	0.90	0.76	0.83	0.69	0.73	0.81
EBIT costs (US\$/Ib) Margin analysis	3.69 Jan-13A	3.35 Jan-14 A	3.04 Dec-14F	3.06 Dec-15F	3.07	3.26 Dec-17F
EBITDA (US\$/lb)	0.90	1.03	1.06	0.91	Dec-16F 0.92	0.75
All-in cash cost margin (US\$/lb)	0.76	0.95	1.02	0.86	0.87	0.73
EBIT (US\$/lb)	0.00	0.27	0.23	0.21	0.18	-0.06
Profit and Loss (\$m)	Jan-13 A	Jan-14A	Dec-14F	Dec-15F	Dec-16F	Dec-17F
Revenue	116	140	171	173	167	169
Costs	103	102	119	131	125	135
EBITDA	14	38	52	42	42	34
Depreciation & amortisation	26	29	34	27	26	27
EBIT	-13	8	18	15	16	7
Interest income Interest expense	1 7	0 6	0	1 1	1	2
MRRT	0	0	0	0	0	0
P re tax profit	-18	3	15	15	17	9
Tax expense (benefit)	-8	1	3	4	5	3
NPAT - underlying	-10	2	12	10	12	6
Significant items	2	0	0	0	0	0
NPAT - reported	-12	1	12	10	12	6
Profitability analysis	Jan-13 A	Jan-14A	Dec-14F	Dec-15F	Dec-16F	Dec-17F
EBIT margin	-	6%	10%	9%	10%	4%
EBITDA margin Effective tax rate	12% 44%	27% 33%	31% 20%	24% 30%	25% 30%	20% 30%
ROA - EBIT / (total assets - cash)	-4%	3%	6%	6%	6%	3%
ROE - NPAT / equity	-5%	1%	5%	4%	5%	2%
Cashflow	Jan-13 A	Jan-14A	Dec-14F	Dec-15F	Dec-16F	Dec-17F
EBITDA	14	38	52	42	42	34
Operating cashflow	28	11	59	40	40	32
Sustaining Capex	-4	-3	-2	-2	-2	-2
Growth Capex	-34	-16	-34	-17	-13	-4
Free cashflow	-10	-8	24	22	25	26
Investing cashflow Financing cashflow	-46 24	-22 0	-36 -22	-20 -24	-16 -4	-6 -4
Net Change in cash	7	-11	1	-3	19	22
Balance Sheet Analysis	Jan-13 A	Jan-14 A	Dec-14F	Dec-15F	Dec-16F	Dec-17F
Debt	50	42	19	0	0	0
Equity	221	229	251	255	264	264
Assets	336	322	309	286	288	286
Cash	27	16	18	14	33	55
Net debt	23	25	2	-14	-33	-55
Gearing - net debt/equity	10%	11%	1%	-6%	-13%	-21%
Gearing - net debt/ (net debt + equity)	9%	10%	1%	-6% -0.3	-14%	-26%
Net debt / EBITDA EBIT / net interest	1.6 -2.2	0.7 1.4	0.0 6.2	-0.3 564.8	-0.8 -16.3	-1.6 -4.2
EBITDA / net interest	-2.2 2.4	6.4	18.0	1,583.6	- io.3 -42.0	-20.0
Free cashflow yield	-11%	-9%	27%	24%	28%	30%
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Source: Company data, Wilson HTM



FINANCIAL RESULT HIGHLIGHTS

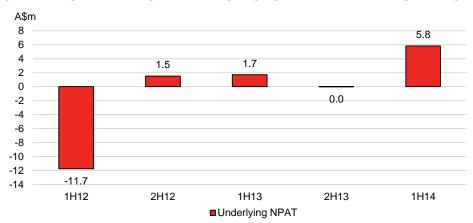
- HGO has reported NPAT of \$5.83m, broadly inline with WHTMe of \$6.15m (-5%). EBITDA of \$28.0m, compared with our forecast of \$30.2m (-7%).
- Cash and debt balance were already known from the recent qtrly report: cash balance was \$12.1m and debt outstanding of \$24.4m.
- Operating cashflows of \$38.0m were better than our \$32.7m estimate by 16%.
 Capex in the first half was higher than we had expected, with only \$3.5m now expected to be spent in 2HCY14 (full year capex is \$10.9m).
- No changes to CY14 guidance. Copper production guidance reiterated 20.5-22.5kt @ US\$2.00-2.20/lb C1.

TABLE 2: HGO - MINI-MODEL

Hillgrove Resources (HGO) Wilson HTM				
Assumptions	CY14	CY15	CY16	Comment
AUD:USD	0.9200	0.898	0.873	
Cu price (US\$/Ib)	3.27	3.28	3.25	
Au price (US\$/oz)	1290	1269	1250	
Ag price (US\$/oz)	20.17	20.25	19.75	
Production				
Copper production (contained) (koz)	21.2	20.4	18.7	
Cu guidance	20.5-22.5			
Gold production (koz)	6.2	11.5	11.5	
Silver production (koz)	134.0	132.6	132.6	
Payable sales				
Copper production (koz)	20.4	19.7	18.1	Decrease in grade over time towards reserve
Gold production (koz)	5.8	10.7	10.7	
Silver production (koz)	120.6	119.4	119.4	
C1 cash costs (US\$/lb)	2.01	2.14	2.11	CY14 guidance is 2.00-2.20/lb
royalties	0.05	0.07	0.07	0111 Baraanie 10 2100 2120/10
add back by-product credits	0.23	0.37	0.39	
Cash costs (incl roy, pre by-prod)	2.30	2.58	2.58	
pre-strip	0.40	0.28	0.25	
Cash costs (post pre-strip)	2.70	2.85	2.83	
Financials A\$M				
Revenues (A\$m)	171.2	176.4	166.5	
Costs - real (A\$m)	112.6	124.8	117.8	
aggregate cost inflation		0.0%	1.6%	
Costs - nominal (A\$m)	112.6	124.8	119.7	
EBITDA (A\$m)	58.6	51.6	46.9	
other costs (A\$m)	18.5	12.4	10.2	Pre-strip
EBITDA, post pre-stripping (A\$m)	40.0	39.2	36.7	·
Tax payable	0	0	0	No cash tax payable for next few years
Capex (A\$m)	10.8	5.5	3.5	
Net project cashflow (EBITDA, post strip, minus tax minus capex	29.3	33.7	33.1	
Corporate costs	-6.7	-7.0	-6.0	
Exploration	-0.7	-1.2	-1.2	
Pro-forma HGO net cashflow (A\$m)	21.9	25.5	25.9	
net interest payments	-3.0	-0.6	0.8	
working capital / timing adjustments	4.3	-3.4	-2.0	
Wilson HTM forecast HGO free cashflow (A\$m)	23.2	21.5	24.7	
Freecashflow yield	26%	24%	28%	
3yr HGO free cashflow yield	26%			
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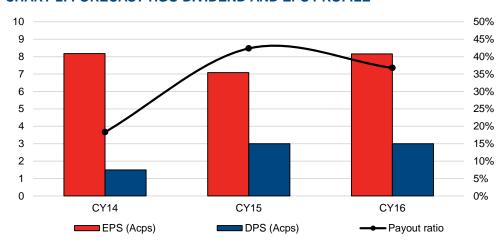


CHART 1: UNDERLYING NPAT - A STRONG HALF YEAR PERFORMANCE



Source: company data, Wilson HTM

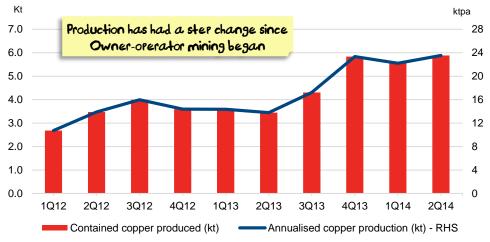
CHART 2: FORECAST HGO DIVIDEND AND EPS PROFILE



HGO have stated its dividend policy is to payout a minimum of 40% of earnings

Source: Wilson HTM

CHART 3: 3 QUARTERS IN A ROW OF IMPROVED PRODUCTION

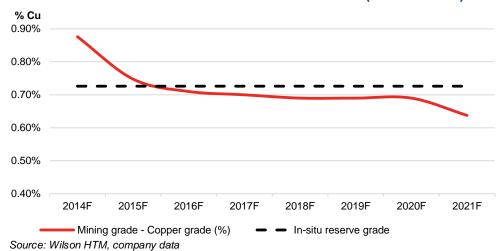


Source: Company data, Wilson HTM

Mining operations now performing well on a sustained basis

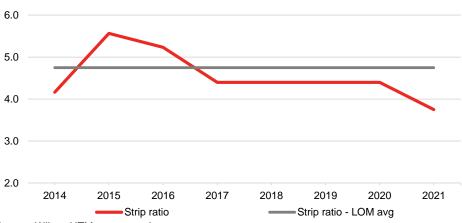


CHART 4: MINED COPPER GRADE V RESERVE GRADE (0.73% IN-SITU)



Kavanagh and Nugent pits provide copper grades above reserve grade

CHART 5: KANMANTOO STRIP RATIO



Source: Wilson HTM, company data



FIGURE 1: KANMANTOO PITS – CURRENTLY ORE IS SOURCED FROM KAVANAGH AND NUGENT



CHANGES TO FORECASTS

	Jan-14A	Dec-14F	Dec-15F	Dec-16F	NPV (A\$ps)	Target price (A\$ps)
Underlying NPAT (A\$m) - previous	1.7	12.3	10.4	12.1	0.94	0.94
Underlying NPAT (A\$m) - revised	1.7	12.1	10.5	12.0	0.94	0.94
Change (A\$m)	0.0	-0.3	0.0	-0.1	0.00	0.00
Change (%)	0%	-2%	0%	-1%	0%	0%

Source: Company data, Wilson HTM

VALUATION AND RISKS

We value Hillgrove using a discounted cash flow methodology, on which we base our target price. We apply a weighted average cost of capital of 11.0%. The key downside risks to our target price are higher capex or operating costs, or lower achieved copper prices, than we have forecast. The main upside risks to our forecasts are higher-than-expected achieved prices, or shipments above our expectations.



PRICE TARGET		
	Val. A\$m	Val. A\$ps
Kanmantoo	160.307	1.085
Sumba & Bird's Head	<u>10.000</u>	0.068
Total Operations	170.307	1.153
Net (debt) / cash	-14.143	-0.096
Corporate overheads	-17.640	-0.119
Franking Credits	0.000	0.000
Listed investments	0.000	0.000
Exploration	0.000	0.000
Total Valuation	138.524	0.938
Premium (Discount)		0.002
Target Price		0.940

Year-end January (AUD)	FY12A	FY13A	FY14E	FY15E	FY16E	FY17E	FY18E	FY19
AUD/USD	1.0359	0.9684	0.9200	0.8975	0.8727	0.8450	0.8173	
Copper price (US\$/lb)	3.70	3.33	2.82	3.26	3.28	3.20	3.08	
Copper price (US\$/t)	8,150	7,332	6,221	7,192	7,220	7,054	6,779	
Gold price (US\$/oz)	1,669	1,412	1,290	1,269	1,250	1,241	1,216	
Silver price (US\$/oz)	31.1	23.9	20.2	20.3	19.8	19.6	19.9	
Copper Prod Payable (kt)	13.3	16.6	20.4	19.7	18.1	17.8	17.6	
Gold Prod Payable (koz)	6.1	5.5	5.8	10.7	10.7	11.7	11.7	
Cu. Equiv Prod Payable (kt)	14.5	17.6	21.5	21.6	20.0	19.9	19.7	

INTERIMS (\$m)				
Half-yr (AUD)	Jul 12	Jan 13	Jul 13	Jan 14
	1HA	2HA	1HA	2HE
Sales	58.6	80.6	92.5	78.7
EBITDA	18.7	18.9	28.0	24.4
EBIT	6.3	2.2	8.1	9.8
Net Profit	1.7	0.0	5.8	6.2
Norm. EPS	1.3	0.0	3.9	4.2
EBIT/Sales	10.7	2.7	8.8	12.5
Dividend (c)	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.5
Franking (%)	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0

PROFIT & LOSS (\$m)								
Year-end January (AUD)	FY12A	FY13A	FY14E	FY15E	FY16E	FY17E	FY18E	FY19E
Sales Revenue	115.4	139.2	171.2	173.1	166.6	168.7	165.8	
EBITDA	13.9	37.6	52.4	42.0	41.7	34.2	28.4	
Depn & Amort	26.5	29.2	34.4	27.0	25.5	27.0	27.0	
EBIT	-12.6	8.4	17.9	15.0	16.2	7.2	1.4	
Net Interest Expense	5.7	5.9	2.9	0.0	-1.0	-1.7	-2.6	
Tax	-8.1	0.8	2.9	4.5	5.2	2.7	1.2	
Minorities / pref divs	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
Equity accounted NPAT	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
Net Profit pre Sig. Items	-10.2	1.7	12.1	10.5	12.0	6.2	2.8	
Abn's / Ext's / Signif.	1.6	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
Reported Net Profit	-8.7	1.9	12.1	10.5	12.0	6.2	2.8	

FINANCIAL STABILITY			
Year-end January	FY13A	FY14E	FY15E
Net Debt	25.2	1.8	-14.1
Net Debt / Equity (%)	11.6	0.7	<0
Net Debt / EV (%)	24.5	1.7	<0
Current Ratio (x)	5.0	6.9	16.3
Interest Cover (x)	1.4	6.2	>99
Adj. Cash Int. Cover (x)	2.5	21.7	>99
Debt / CashFlow (x)	4.6	0.7	0.5
Net Debt (cash) / share	0.0	0.0	<0
NTA / share (\$)	0.2	1.7	1.7
Book Value / share (\$)	0.2	1.7	1.7
Payout Ratio (%)	0	18	42
Adj. Payout Ratio (%)	0	0	12

CASH FLOW (\$m)								
Year-end January (AUD)	FY12A	FY13A	FY14E	FY15E	FY16E	FY17E	FY18E	FY19E
EBITDA	13.9	37.6	52.4	42.0	41.7	34.2	28.4	
Interest & Tax	-3.1	-2.8	-3.0	-0.6	0.8	-1.8	0.8	
Working Cap / Other	17.6	-23.8	10.0	-1.0	-3.0	0.0	0.0	
Operating Cash Flow	28.4	11.0	59.4	40.3	39.5	32.4	29.1	
Maintenance Capex	-4.0	-3.0	-2.0	-2.0	-2.0	-2.0	-2.0	
Free Cash Flow	24.4	8.0	57.4	38.3	37.5	30.4	27.1	
Dividends Paid	0.0	0.0	0.0	-4.4	-4.4	-4.4	-4.4	
Development Capex	-34.1	-16.0	-34.2	-18.0	-14.0	-4.2	-2.3	
Invest. / Disposals	0.3	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
Other Inv. Flows	-81.4	-3.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Cash Flow Pre Financing	-90.8	-11.3	23.2	15.9	19.1	21.8	20.4	
Funded by Equity	97.5	10.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
Funded by Debt	0.0	-9.8	-22.1	-19.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	
Funded by Cash	-6.7	11.0	-1.1	3.4	-19.1	-21.8	-20.4	

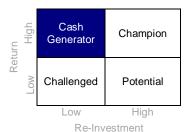
EPS RECONCILIATION (\$m)					
	FY	13A	FY14E		
	Rep.	Norm.	Rep.	Norm.	
Sales Revenue	139	139	171	171	
EBIT	8.7	8.4	17.9	17.9	
Net Profit	1.9	1.7	12.1	12.1	
Notional Earn.	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
Pref./Conv. Div.	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
Profit for EPS	1.9	1.7	12.1	12.1	
Diluted Shrs(m)	1,052	1,052	148	148	
Diluted EPS (c)	0.2	1.3	8.2	8.2	
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BALANCE SHEET SUMMARY	(\$m)							
Year-end January (AUD)	FY12A	FY13A	FY14E	FY15E	FY16E	FY17E	FY18E	FY19E
Cash	27.4	16.5	17.5	14.1	33.2	55.0	75.5	
Current Receivables	6.4	5.0	2.8	1.4	0.7	0.3	0.2	
Current Inventories	19.7	26.2	23.7	11.9	5.8	2.9	1.5	
Net PPE	243.5	215.3	220.2	212.0	201.3	180.5	157.7	
Investments	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
Intangibles / Capitalised	0.6	0.3	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	
Other	48.7	48.6	45.0	46.2	47.4	47.4	47.4	
Total Assets	346.3	311.8	309.3	285.7	288.5	286.3	282.4	
Current Payables	41.6	23.9	19.9	11.3	5.5	3.0	1.5	
Total Debt	50.3	41.7	19.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
Other Liabilities	23.5	28.1	19.4	19.4	19.4	19.4	19.4	
Total Liabilities	115.4	93.7	58.6	30.7	24.8	22.4	20.9	
Minorities / Convertibles	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
Shareholder Equity	231.0	218.2	250.7	255.0	263.6	264.0	261.4	
Total Funds Employed	281.2	259.8	270.0	255.0	263.6	264.0	261.4	

RETURNS				
	FY13A	FY14E	FY15E	FY16E
ROE (%)	0.8	5.2	4.1	4.6
ROIC (%)	2.4	5.1	4.2	4.8
Incremental ROE	292.9	105.0	-8.8	24.7
Incremental ROIC	784.8	-990.4	168.7	-7.9



RETURN RE-INVESTMENT MATRIX



Currently progressing a 22 ktpa copper mine in South Australia. Project largely derisked and should provide consistent returns. We also consider ability to grow organically as likely.

RISK MEASURES



Share price risk: Earnings subject to copper price exposure and strength of AUD.

Business risk: Main risk is that the project does not deliver forecast copper production profile. Further risk is that exploration potential in South Australia and south-east Asia is not realised.

BUSINESS DESCRIPTION

Hillgrove Resources Limited (HGO) is an Australian mining company focused on the operation of the Kanmantoo copper mine in South Australia, and exploration of its Indonesian tenements. The Kanmantoo copper mine is located less than 55 km from Adelaide. The open pit mine and processing circuit are operating with throughput of ~3.0 Mtpa producing ~80 kt of concentrate per annum (~20-22 ktpa of copper metal).

INVESTMENT THESIS

HGO completed a \$19m raising in 2HCY13 to provide sufficient working capital to allow it to address elevated grade dilution and low mining rates at its Kanmantoo mine. Since then, operations have had a significant turnaround, and we value the company at \$0.94/sh. The current share price approximately reflects the replacement value of the Kanmantoo mine. We rate HGO a BUY.

REVENUE DRIVERS

- Copper and gold prices
- Improved mining rates and copper feed grades to the mill
- Successful exploration at Kanmantoo and Indonesia

BALANCE SHEETEquity: 1,180.9m

- Options: 50m
- Market capitalisation: \$96m (at A\$0.080/sh)
- Cash: \$16.4m (31-Jan-14)Debt: \$41.7m (31-Jan-14)

KEY ASSETS

The Kanmantoo copper mine (South Australia) is an open-cut mine with throughput of 3.0 Mtpa, producing approximately 80,000 tonnes of concentrate and containing about 22,000 tonnes of copper metal and 6-10,000 ounces of gold with exploration potential for further copper.

RESERVES & RESOURCES

- Kanmantoo:
- In-situ resource: 31.2 Mt @ 0.82% copper
- Long-term stockpile resource: 1.6 Mt @ 0.37% copper

BOARD

- Dean Brown (Chairman)
- John Gooding (Non-Executive Director)
- John Quirke (Non-Executive Director)
- Douglas Snedden (Non-Executive Director)
- Edwin Zemancheff (Non-Executive Director)

KEY ISSUES/CATALYSTS

- Maintaining production in excess of 20ktpa.
- Increased resource at Kanmantoo to increase mine life towards 10 years

MANAGEMENT

- Mr Greg Hall (Managing Director)
- Russell Middleton (Chief Financial Officer)
- Shanthi Smith (Company Secretary)
- Steven McClare (General Manager, Kanmantoo Copper Mine)

RISK TO VIEW

Inability to achieve and maintain full production capacity at Kanmantoo

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