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Jupiter Mines Ltd (JMS.ASX)

Manganese price retracement an opportunity

Event:

4QFY24 report; HPMSM review.

Investment Highlights:

- Strong shipments take advantage of manganese (Mn) price rally. 4QFY24 Tshipi sales and production both came in at 3.5Mt, above our estimates of 3.4Mt. Production in the guarter was 1.1Mt – highest for the year.
- Earnings a beat also. 4QFY24 Tshipi EBITDA and NPAT were \$60M and \$39M, well above the \$5M and \$10M of the 3Q, reflecting both higher Mn price and higher sale volumes, and topped our own estimates of \$55M and \$38M. Tshipi's 4Q profit represented almost 50% of that of the full year.
- RSA royalty increases costs. C1 FOB costs were higher at US\$2.50/dmtu vs US\$2.21/dmtu of the 3Q, due to Tshipi's higher profit (RSA royalties are not just a percentage of revenue but also of EBIT). Our forecast was US\$2.35/dmtu.
- Mn price pullback likely temporary port stocks still low. Mn RSA FOB 37% price has fallen 35% over the past seven weeks, currently US\$3.62/dmtu vs US\$5.55/dmtu at June peak. It has been impacted by rising RSA shipments (e.g. Tshipi and South32's Matawan), subdued China steel demand, and rush by steelmakers to secure supply post-Groote Eylandt shutdown. However, China port stocks are only 4.8Mt - down from 5.1Mt a month ago - and a four and halfyear low. We expect steelmakers will have to restock sometime in near-term.
- New volumes can't meet loss of Groote Eylandt. While supply has increased mostly from RSA and Ghana, the additional volumes may potentially max out ca. 2Mtpa, still below that lost to Groote Eylandt (>5Mtpa).
- Attributable cash only \$60M but expect 1QFY25 working capital reversal. Cash rose only modestly from \$55M end 3QFY24 due to Tshipi working capital build in inventory and receivables totalling \$26M (JMS share \$13M). However, we anticipate a degree of reversal in 1QFY25.
- High purity manganese sulfate (HPMSM) JMS best positioned of developers. Most western peers either do not have a Mn mine or completed studies on HPMSM, leaving JMS in our opinion at the forefront to become major source of non-China HPMSM.

Earnings and Valuation:

- Slight change- we forecast JMS adj. FY24e NPAT of \$42M (prior \$41M), while FY25e unchanged (\$129M). Our JMS valuation increases to \$0.65 (0.5x NPV₁₀ nominal), mostly accounting for the potential of the HPMSM opportunity.
- Spot scenario yields \$0.58/share. Running spot prices (Mn 37% RSA FOB US\$3.62/dmtu, A\$=US\$0.65, and Rand 18.28) yields NPV10 nominal of \$0.58/share.

Recommendation:

We maintain our Buy and raise our 12-month price target to \$0.65 from \$0.62 based on risked valuation. Share price catalysts include: Control of Tshipi; HPMSM PFS; Tshipi expansion; Kalahari consolidation; and M&A activity.

Disclosures

The analyst owns 582,276 JMS shares. Foster Stockbroking, staff, and Cranport own 1.0% of JMS shares on issue. Refer details end of report.					
Recommendation				Buy	
Previous			Buy		
Risk				High	
Price Target				\$0.65	
Previous				\$0.62	
				\$ 0.240	
ASX code	JMS				
52 week low-high	0				
JMS Valuation (A\$/share) \$0.6					
Methodology NPV					
JMS Capital structure					
Ordinary shares (M) 1,96					
Rights (M)					
Options (M)					
Market cap (A\$M)				471	
Net cash (debt) attributable (A\$M)				60	
EV diluted (A\$M)				411	
Ave daily volume ('000) 4,59					
Y/e Jun A\$M	FY23e	FY24e	FY25e	FY26e	
Sales adj*#	408	341	462	410	
EBITDA adj.*	133	63	192	161	
NPAT reported	92	39	129	109	
NPAT adj*	92	42	129	109	
EPS adj. c*	4.7	2.1	6.6	5.6	
P/E x	5.1	11.3	3.6	4.3	
EV/EBITDA x	4.1	6.5	2.1	2.5	
DPS c	2.2	1.6	3.3	2.8	
Yield %	9.2%	6.7%	13.6%	11.5%	
* Adi =underlying inlauding attributable share of Tshini					

* Adj =underlying inlcuding attributable share of Tshipi

#CIF basis	
JMS Board	
lan Murray	Non-Executive Chair
Brad Rogers	Managing Director
Scott Winter	Non-Executive Director
Peter North	Non-Executive Director
Patrick Murphy	Non-Executive Director
Ben Kim	Non-Executive Director
Share price graph	



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