

METALS X LIMITED (MLX)

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Tin production up

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Time to nudge Wingellina along

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12 month target price raised to \$1.46/share

Hartleys raises its target share price for Metals X to \$1.46 per share, primarily because of a shift upwards in copper price assumptions. Still heavily discounted to NAV, MLX has further to run on receding risks to Nifty's rampup and growing clarity on mine life and costs.

	26 Oct 2017
Share Price	\$0.99
Valuation	\$1.37
Price Target (12 month)	\$1.46

Brief Business Description:

Australian base metals producer and developer, with a noteworthy record in underground mine rejuvenation and operation

Hartleys Brief Investment Conclusion

Increasing copper inventory and production from Nifty, with exploration upside, to drive MLX forward in 2017 and 2018.

Chairman & MD

Peter Newton (Chairman)

Warren Hallam (Executive Director and CEO)

Top Shareholders

BlackRock Group	10.5%
Apac Resources Limited	9.2%
Jinchuan Group Limited	7.3%
Ausbil Investment Management Limited	5.2%

Company Address

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Perth, WA 6000

Issued Capital 619m

Market Cap A\$604m

- fully diluted A\$611m

Cash + WC (30 Sep 17) A\$90m

Debt (30 Sep 17) A\$50m

A\$513m

Prelim. (A\$m)	FY17e	FY18e	FY19e
Prod (kt Cu)	25.3	29.4	41.6
Prod (t Sn)	3522	3632	4025
Op Cash Flw (A\$M)	54	88	227
Norm NPAT (A\$M)	17	55	176
CF/Share (cps)	8.8	14.4	37.1
EPS (cps)	2.7	9.0	28.9
P/E	36.0	10.9	3.4
		Cu	Sn
Resources (kt)		1179	157
Reserves (kt)		238	85



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SUMMARY MODEL

Metals X MLX												Re	commer	ndatio Bu
Market Information								Directors			Company Info	matien.		
Market Information Share price Market Capitalisation Net cash (debt) Issued Capital (fully diluted) EV		\$0.99 \$604m \$159m 619m \$445m						Directors Peter Newton (Chairman) Warren Hallam (Executive Director and CEO) Simon Heggen (Non-Exec Director) Yimin Zhang (Non-Exec Director) Stephen Robinson (Non-Exec Director)			Company Infor 6, 197 St Georg Perth, W. +61 8 922 +61 8 922	es Tce A 6000 0 5700		
Valuation 12 month price target		\$1.37 \$1.46						Milan Jerkovich (Non-Exec Director)			www.metalsx	com.au		
Profit & Loss	Unit	Jun 17	Jun 18	Jun 19	Jun 20	Jun 21	Jun 22	Top Shareholders BlackRock Group			m shares 65	% 10.5		
Net Revenue	A\$M	280	336 -4	465	464	451	430	Apac Resources Limited Jinchuan Group Limited			56	9.2 7.3		
Forward sales Total Costs	A\$M A\$M	-227	-254	0 -238	-239	-240	-224	Ausbil Investment Management Limited			44 32	5.2		
EBITDA	A\$M	54	78	226	225	211	207		lum 47	lum 40	l 40	I 00	J 04	l
- margin Depreciation/Amort	A\$M	19% -38	23% -23	49% -32	48% -31	47% -30	48% -27	Production Summary Unit Nifty throughput Mt	Jun 17 1.54	Jun 18 1.98	Jun 19 2.50	Jun 20 2.50	Jun 21 2.50	Jun 2
EBIT	A\$M	16	55	194	194	182	179	Mined grade %Cu	1.80	1.65	1.83	1.83	1.83	1
Net Interest Pre-Tax Profit	A\$M A\$M	1 17	55	194	194	182	179	Combined Recovery & Payability Copper prodn (kt)	0.90 25	0.91 29	0.91 42	0.91 42	0.91 42	0
Tax Expense	A\$M	47		-18	-18	-16	-26	Mine Life yr	13.0	9.1	6.2	5.2	4.2	
NPAT Abnormal Items	A\$M A\$M	17	55	176	177	166	153	Renison throughput (whole project) Mt	0.75	0.77	0.92	0.92	0.92	0
Reported Profit	A\$M	17	55	176	177	166	153	Mined grade %Sn	1.29	1.31	1.29	1.29	1.29	1
Balance Sheet	Unit	Jun 17	Jun 18	Jun 19	Jun 20	Jun 21	Jun 22	Combined Recovery & Payability Tin prodn (MLX share) (kt)	0.73 3,522	0.72 3,632	0.68 4,025	0.68 4,025	0.68 4,025	4,0
Cash	A\$M	107	159	251	326	390	455	Mine Life yr	12.6	11.2	8.4	7.4	6.4	
Other Current Assets	A\$M	46	46	46	46	46	46	Costs	Jun 17	Jun 18	Jun 19	Jun 20	Jun 21	Jun
Total Current Assets Property, Plant & Equip.	A\$M A\$M	153 182	205 197	297 192	372 183	436 176	501 161	Nifty Cost / milled tonne A\$/t	100	95	87	87	87	
Investments/other	A\$M	10	10	10	10	10	10	EBITDA / tonne milled ore A\$/t	16	24	51	50	47	
Tot Non-Curr. Assets Total Assets	A\$M A\$M	192 345	207 412	202 499	193 565	186 622	171 672	Cash costs incl. royalty A\$/lb C US\$/lb		3.06 2.41	2.55 1.95	2.55 1.95	2.54 1.96	1
Short Term Borrowings	A\$M	2	2	2	2	2	2	+ deprn & amortn A\$/lb C	u 3.37	3.19	2.67	2.67	2.65	2
Other Total Curr. Liabilities	A\$M A\$M	32 33	32 33	32 33	32 33	32 33	32 33	Renison US\$/lb	2.55	2.51	2.03	2.03	2.05	2
Long Term Borrowings	A\$M	6	6	6	6	6	6	Renison cost / milled tonne A\$/t	137	126	118	121	123	1
Other	A\$M	40 46	40	40	40	40	40 46	EBITDA / tonne milled ore A\$/t Cash costs incl. royalty A\$k/t S	24	23 15.1	23	22	20	4
Total Non-Curr. Liabil. Total Liabilities	A\$M A\$M	79	46 79	46 79	46 79	46 79	79	US\$k/i		11.9	15.3 11.7	15.7 12.0	15.8 12.2	1 1
Net Assets	A\$M	266	333	419	486	543	592	+ sust capital A\$k/t S US\$k/t		19.0 15.0	17.3 13.2	17.2 13.1	17.4 13.4	1
Cashflow	Unit					Jun 21	Jun 22	Price Assumptions Unit	Jun 17	Jun 18	Jun 19	Jun 20	Jun 21	Jun
0 10 10								AUDUSD	0.754	0.788	0.763	0.763	0.772	0.7
Operating Cashflow Income Tax Paid	A\$M A\$M	54	88	227	225 -18	211 -18	207 -16	Copper US\$/lb A\$/lb	2.52 3.34	2.99 3.79	3.00 3.93	3.00	2.95 3.82	2.
Hedging	A\$M		-4	0				Tin US\$k/t	20.0	19.4	19.5	19.5	19.1	1
Interest & Other Operating Activities	A\$M A\$M	1 55	84	226	207	194	190	A\$k/t	26.5	24.6	25.5	25.5	24.8	24
Property, Plant & Equip.	A\$M	-12	-28	-16	-12	-12	-12	Sensitivity Analysis		Valuation			Y18 NPAT	
Exploration	A\$M	-12	-20	-16	-12	-12	-12	Base Case		1.37			55.3	
Asset sales Investments	A\$M A\$M							110 0	Sens 24%	-10% 1.04	+10% 1.70	Sens 19%	-10% 44.8	+10
Investment Activities	A\$IVI	-12	-28	-16	-12	-12	-12	US Cu price +/-10% US Sn price +/-10%	11%	1.04	1.70	9%	50.3	6
Damenta es	4014							AUDUSD +/- 10%	34%	0.90	1.83	28%	39.8	70
Borrowings Equity/dividend	A\$M A\$M		-5	-12	-31	-37	-31	Production +/-10% Operating Costs +/-10%	4% 22%	1.31 1.07	1.42 1.67	13% 31%	48.1 38.1	6: 7:
Financing Activities	A\$M		-5	-12	-31	-37	-31	Unpaid Capital						
Net Cash Change	A\$M	43	52	198	164	144	147	Expiry year 30-Jun-18	No. (M)	<u>\$M</u>	Ava ex.	% ord		
Shares	Unit	Jun 17	Jun 18	Jun 19	Jun 20	Jun 21	Jun 22	30-Jun-19						
Ordinary Shares - End	М	609	611	611	619	619	619	30-Jun-20	7	6	0.76	1.2%		
Diluted Shares - End	М	619	619	619	619	619	619	30-Jun-21 Total	7	6	0.76			
Ratio Analysis	Unit	Jun 17	Jun 18	Jun 19	Jun 20	Jun 21	Jun 22	Reserves & Resources	Mt	%	kt			
GCFPS	Α¢	8.8	14.4	37.1	36.8	34.6	33.8	NIFTY sulphide Cu (Aug 2017)	48.4	1.4	694 Cu			
CFR EPS	X A¢	11.2 2.7	6.9 9.0	2.7 28.9	2.7 28.9	2.9 27.1	2.9 25.0	Measured Indicated	25.4 8.1	1.7 1.3	426 106			
PER	X	36.0	10.9	3.4	3.4	3.6	3.9	Inferred	8.1	1.1	90			
DPS Yield	%		1.0 1.0	2.0	6.0 6.1	6.0 6.1	5.0 5.1	INCLUDES TOTAL RESERVE MAROOCHYDORE Cu	13.9 48.6	1.7 1.0	238 485			
Interest Cover	x	na	-	-	-	-	-	Indicated	40.8	0.9	375			
ROCE ROE	%	8% 6%	27% 17%	96% 46%	101% 40%	98% 34%	105% 30%	Inferred	7.8	1.4	110			
Gearing	%	2.3%	1.8%	1.4%	1.2%	1.1%	1.0%	RENISON Sn (MLX 50% June 2017)	39.9	0.8	313 Sn			
*All values fully diluted unless othe Debt/Equity	rwise stated		1.8%	1.4%	1.2%	1.1%	1.0%	Renison Bell resource Mt Bischoff	15.0	1.4 0.5	202 9			
* *		2.370			1.270	1.170	1.076	Rentails resource	1.7 23.2	0.4	102			
Share Price Valuation (NAV)		440	Est. As	S/share				INCLUDES TOTAL RESERVE	29.1	0.6	170 Sn			
100% Nifty after tax 7% DR 100% Maroochydore		413 41		0.68				Renison Bell Sn (MLX 50%) Rentails Sn (MLX 50%)	6.8 22.3	1.1 0.4	72 98			
50% Renison after tax 7% DR		141		0.23					-	-				
Rentails 50% Wingellina 100%		35 40		0.06				Hartleys model June '17	Mt	%	kt			
Exploration		55		0.09				TOTAL NIFTY INVENTORY	20.0	1.8	362 Cu			
Corporate overheads Net cash (Jun 17)		-49 107		-0.08 0.18				TOTAL RENISON INVENTORY MLX share	4.7	1.3	60 Sn			
		65		0.10										
Taxbenefit														
		-4 -8		-0.01 -0.01										

Source: Hartleys Research

RAMP UP PROGRESS AT NIFTY

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The ramp-up to target 40ktpa Cu output rate resumed after the August interruption. Two new stopes were brought on line in September with a third in early October. Four more stopes are being prepared in the December quarter.

While risk to the ramp-up profile remains while the full stoping sequence is under development, Hartleys estimates output of 7500t Cu in the current quarter and 9500t Cu in the March 2018 qtr.

Total Nifty costs (including capital, concentrate costs) of A\$39M in the September quarter were consistent with the previous quarter.

Nifty is essentially a fixed cost operation – We assume \$50-55M/qtr at full capacity (incl capital and concentrate costs, pre royalty), which, at A\$8,800/t Cu price, is equivalent to 6300t Cu (notional cost base – 25,200t annualised).

Nifty has a high proportion of fixed costs due to its underground conveyor haulage system and underutilised ore processing capacity.

NIFTY RESERVES AND RESOURCES

In October Metals X re-estimated Nifty reserves at 13.9Mt at 1.71% Cu, containing 237kt Cu. The estimate is the first to incorporate MLX drill data — comprising 20km drilled from underground prior to June 2017. This is an increase of 55% above MLX's May 2017 estimate, which was based entirely on previous owner data. The reserves remain a mix of remnant (Checkerboard) and new stope (up and down plunge from Checkerboard) positions.

At the initially targeted 40ktpa output rate Nifty now has a 6 year reserve life.

Access restrictions have dictated drill angles oblique to the axis of the syncline outside of the Checkerboard. Much of the keel of the syncline, that has produced the best widths and grades in the Checkerboard, remains outside reserves as a result. Drilling (under the same constraints) is continuing in the current half and MLX expects to upgrade reserves again in the June half of FY2018.

A drill drive is planned for the June half of FY2018 to allow fans of holes drilled perpendicular to the syncline axis down-plunge, which should give an indication of the full reserve potential remaining at Nifty.

In August Metals X intersected the Nifty mine sequence with a single drill hole 1km down plunge of the Nifty workings. Assays of the core indicate 20m at 1% Cu from 531m down hole, including 2.2m at 2.15% Cu. The hole was part of efforts to scope the scale of the Nifty system. Past production of 20Mt at 2.5% Cu has been mined from a 600m down plunge section. Metals X has resources and drill intersections of the mineralised mine sequence over 1.8km.

Nifty sulphide resources were estimated at 41.6Mt at 1.50% Cu (622kt, 68% measured 17% indicated), as at August 2017.

RENISON BELL

Tin in concentrate production in the September quarter, of 1811t (MLX 50%), was the project's best since the December 2016 qtr. Better tonnes and grade both contributed. AISC were A\$18060/t Sn (A\$26000/t received tin price). Tailings dam, ore sorter and additional mine development work are on track for completion in April 2018.

Reserves were estimated in August at 6.8Mt at 1.06% Sn (8 years of mine plan).

The average grade of the reserves is lower than previous (1.28% Sn) reflecting the shift to bulk stoping in selected areas. Ore sorting at Renison Bell is expected to reduce processing costs – hence the change in planned mine tonnes and grade. Mining costs per tonne will fall accordingly.

Renison Bell resources increased to 15.0Mt at 1.35% Sn (50% MLX).

Renison Bell is an extensive system with multiple mining and exploration fronts. Hartleys expects reserves to progress with mine development.

Metals X appointed a Project Manager to the Rentails project in the September quarter and submitted a Letter of Intent to secure final approvals. The JV aims to set out a development timeline by the end of December 2017.

Fig. 1: Production forecasts.

Production Summary	Unit	Jun 17	Jun 18	Jun 19	Jun 20	Jun 21	Jun 22
Nifty throughput	Mt	1.54	1.98	2.50	2.50	2.50	2.50
Mined grade	%Cu	1.80	1.65	1.83	1.83	1.83	1.83
Combined Recovery & Payability		90%	91%	91%	91%	91%	91%
Copper prodn	(kt)	25	29	42	42	42	42
Mine Life	yr	13.0	9.1	6.2	5.2	4.2	3.2
Inventory tonnes	Mt	20.0	18.0	15.5	13.0	10.5	8.0
Inventory grade	%Cu	1.81	1.83	1.83	1.83	1.83	1.83
Renison throughput (whole project)	Mt	0.75	0.77	0.92	0.92	0.92	0.92
Mined grade	%Sn	1.29	1.31	1.29	1.29	1.29	1.29
Combined Recovery & Payability		73%	72%	68%	68%	68%	68%
Tin prodn (MLX share)	(kt)	3,522	3,632	4,025	4,025	4,025	4,025
Mine Life	yr	12.6	11.2	8.4	7.4	6.4	5.4
Inventory tonnes	Mt	9.4	8.6	7.7	6.8	5.9	4.9
Inventory grade	%Sn	1.29	1.28	1.28	1.28	1.28	1.28

Source: Hartleys Research.

Fig. 2: Cost forecasts.

Costs		Jun 17	Jun 18	Jun 19	Jun 20	Jun 21	Jun 22
Nifty							
Cost / milled tonne	A\$/t	100	95	87	87	87	87
EBITDA / tonne milled ore	A\$/t	16	24	51	50	47	39
Cash costs incl. royalty	A\$/lb Cu	2.90	3.06	2.55	2.55	2.54	2.53
	US\$/lb	2.19	2.41	1.95	1.95	1.96	1.96
+ deprn & amortn	A\$/lb Cu	3.37	3.19	2.67	2.67	2.65	2.63
	US\$/lb	2.55	2.51	2.03	2.03	2.05	2.04
Renison							
Renison cost / milled tonne	A\$/t	137	126	118	121	123	125
EBITDA / tonne milled ore	A\$/t	24	23	23	22	20	19
Cash costs incl. royalty	A\$k/t Sn	16.3	15.1	15.3	15.7	15.8	16.0
	US\$k/t	12.3	11.9	11.7	12.0	12.2	12.5
+ sust capital	A\$k/t Sn	18.0	19.0	17.3	17.2	17.4	17.6
	US\$k/t	13.6	15.0	13.2	13.1	13.4	13.7

Source: Hartleys Research.

Limonite comprises more than half of the Wingellina resource. Limonite ore is more suited to HPAL processes than saprolite. Lower Mg translates to lower acid consumption, and lower clay allows less viscous pulps and higher throughput for a given amount of capital.

WINGELLINA

Wingellina is a large limonite (laterite) Ni-Co deposit with an exploration and development study history extending back to the 1950s, although no-one has yet committed to the up-front capital. It has favourable metallurgical and size characteristics among High Pressure Acid Leach (HPAL) projects worldwide.

Hartleys expects HPAL projects to enjoy a resurgence of interest in anticipation of future (post 2019) growth of nickel demand for battery applications. HPAL nickel and cobalt products can be tailored to battery precursor specifications, unlike pyrometallurgically produced ferronickel and nickel pig iron.

Metals X is assessing the impact of recent developments in nickel and cobalt markets on Wingellina (MLX 100%).

Wingellina has a resource of 216Mt at 0.91% Ni and 0.07% Co, within which there are higher grade cobalt domains up to 0.6% Co.

MLX plans to infill drill selected high grade cobalt zones. Tests of nickel sulphate and cobalt sulphate production for battery industry feedstock will also be undertaken.

Wingellina has been a very minor part of our investment case to date. Nickel and cobalt markets are moving and market developments could quickly bring the project into early development calculations again. Hartleys' has raised its nominal valuation of Wingellina from \$20M to \$40M, with a close eye on nickel and cobalt market events.

FINANCE

Metals X paid a dividend of 1.0 cps (\$4.5M) in September.

Cash and working capital decreased over the course of the September quarter from \$111M to \$91M. Cash and working capital includes a high proportion of receivables

from tin and copper concentrate sales. Revaluation due to changing copper and tin prices can lead to changes in working capital.

At June 30 2017 Metals X had \$200M in unrecognised losses, which are subject to restricted utilisation. Hartleys estimates Metals X will pay no tax in FY2018, an effective tax rate of 15% from FY2019-2021 and 30% tax thereafter.

Metals X has 15,000 tonnes of copper covered by forward sale arrangements maturing before September 2018 with an average ceiling price of about A\$8200/t. Hartleys estimates a mark to market value of the position of minus A\$15M at A\$9080/t (25 October spot price).

Hartleys' 12 month price target is \$1.46 per share.

VALUATION AND PRICE TARGET

Key model assumptions;

- Nifty 20.0 Mt inventory at 1.8% Cu, mined at 2.5 Mtpa from July 2018. 92% met/payable recovery.
 - The inventory is 1.5 times the August 2017 reserve, in terms of contained copper. Capital costs of definition and development are included in the model. The mine life is assumed to extend to 2025.
- Nifty site cost of \$A65/t of milled ore at full capacity, US\$82/t concs transport, US\$95, 0.09 TCRC, 97% payability → A\$2.60/lb C3 (C1+royalty+deprn, AUDUSD 0.78).
- 3. Cu price as per summary table. (US\$2.80/lb long run).
- 4. Renison 9.4Mt inventory at 1.3% Sn, mined at 920ktpa, 68% sorting/met recovery. The modelled inventory contains 67% more contained tin than the June 2017 reserves. Ore definition at Renison progresses with mining. Capital costs of definition and development are included in the model. The mine life is assumed to extend to 2027.
- 5. Site cost of A\$100-110/t crushed ore, US\$110 concs transport, 92% net pay. US\$1.9Mpa Cu revenue \rightarrow A\$17,300/t AISC.
- 6. Sn price as per summary table; US\$19,100/t long run.
- 7. AUDUSD 0.78 long run.
- A corporate overheads liability is included in the valuation to reflect the cost of management over the operational life of the company. Corporate overhead costs are estimated at A\$5Mpa.

Hartleys' estimated NAV for MLX is 136cps, using price forecasts similar to consensus as set out in the summary model page. Our long run base case copper price assumptions have been lifted from US\$2.75/lb to US\$2.80/lb. Hartelys' tin price and exchange rate assumptions are unchanged.

A real, after tax discount rate of 7% is used.

At real spot price assumptions the MLX NAV estimate increases to 166cps, with MLX's share of Renison increasing (to 26cps) and higher copper prices leading to a higher valuation for Nifty (90cps). Undeveloped projects Maroochydore, Wingellina and Rentails are valued informally or in relative terms, and as if they were in separate unfunded entities. The value attributed to exploration (12cps) is intended to account for all prospects outside of modelled inventory or nominated exploration projects. Both Nifty and Renison have substantial associated exploration tenure and prospects.

At the end of September 2017 MLX had cash and working capital of \$91M, of which over \$40M was unsold concentrate at various stages of sale. Unsold inventory is

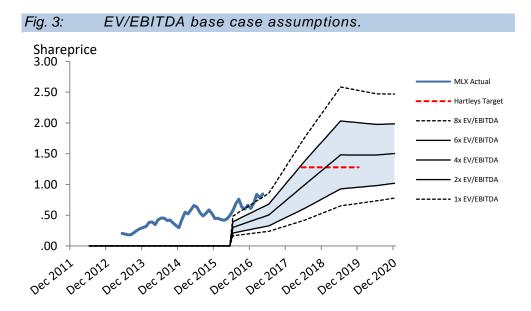
valued by MLX at spot prices at the end of accounting periods. At the end of September 2017 the tin price (A\$26,700) was higher than present spot (A\$25,500) but the copper price was lower; A\$3.73 vs A\$4.09/lb as at 25 October. Hedging and timing aside, a similar volume of unsold concentrate might be revalued at 25 October 2017 at about \$3M more (copper is the larger revenue stream).

MLX owns 6.7% of Brainchip (BRN.ASX); a holding that has a market value of A\$12M at 23cps.

The 12 month price target for MLX is 7% more than the estimated NAV, or 146 cps.

MLX completed a demerger in December 2016, splitting its gold assets into Westgold Resources (WGX.ASX).

EV/EBITDA BANDS



Source: Hartleys.

Fig. 4: EV/EBITDA spot price assumptions. Shareprice 4.00 MLX Actual 3.50 -- 8x EV/EBITDA 3.00 6x EV/EBITDA 2.50 4x EV/EBITDA 2.00 2x EV/EBITDA 1.50 ---- 1x EV/EBITDA 1.00 .50 .00 Jun 201A AUB 2018 Apr 2015 Feb 2016 AUE 2013 Dec 2016 Oct 2017 Jun 2019

RISKS

Assumption	Risk of not realising assumption	Risk to valuation if assumption is incorrect	Comment
Copper price	Medium	Industry	The current spot price is higher than our LT assumptions. Current settings are considered sufficient to encourage supply growth and begin to meet future demand.
Tin price	Medium	Industry	A marginal tin supply response is expected, bringing the tin price down to ~\$19,000/t.
Nifty reserve extension	Low	High	Nifty is open down plunge and exploration drilling has begun to scope the project's potential.
Nifty costs	Medium	Medium	MLX has demonstrated unit costs at Nifty over sevreal quarter. Costs are broadly in line with other bulk tonnage underground mines.
Renison reserve extension	Low	Medium	Renison reserves progress with mine development internally and around the margins of the resource.
Conclusion	opportunity. Both Nifty	and Renison are consid	d geological, and each has a counter balancing lered middle to lower cost curve producers in their long term mine life potential.

Source: Hartleys Research

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Hartleys Recommendation Categories

Buy	Share price	appreciation	anticipated.
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Share price appreciation anticipated but the risk/reward is

not as attractive as a "Buy". Alternatively, for the share price to rise it may be contingent on the outcome of an uncertain or distant event. Analyst will often indicate a

price level at which it may become a "Buy".

Neutral Take no action. Upside & downside risk/reward is evenly

balanced.

Reduce / It is anticipated to be unlikely that there will be gains over Take profits the investment time horizon but there is a possibility of

some price weakness over that period.

Sell Significant price depreciation anticipated.

No Rating No recommendation.

Speculative Share price could be volatile. While it is anticipated that, Buy

on a risk/reward basis, an investment is attractive, there is at least one identifiable risk that has a meaningful possibility of occurring, which, if it did occur, could lead to significant share price reduction. Consequently, the

investment is considered high risk.

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