



COMPANY UPDATE | COMMENT

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Mincor Resources NL (ASX: MCR)
 Adjusting for a stronger A\$ & higher Ni price in CY14E

Outperform
Average Risk

Price:	0.90	Price Target:	1.20
Shares O/S (MM):	200.2	Implied All-In Return:	38%
Dividend:	0.04	Market Cap (MM):	180
NAVPS:	1.19	Yield:	4.4%
BVPS:	0.85	P/NAVPS:	0.8x
ROE:	14.0%	P/BVPS:	1.1x
Float (MM):	200.2	Enterprise Val. (MM):	93
Debt to Cap:	0%	Avg. Daily Volume (MM):	1.17

Share price as at close on the ASX on 7 September 2011.

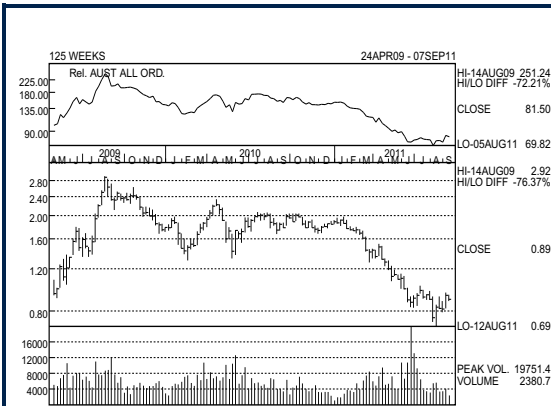
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Updating our forecasts for a stronger A\$ and higher nickel price in CY14E. Maintaining Outperform rating and A\$1.20 price target.

Investment Opinion

We have made adjustments to our A\$ and nickel price forecasts, which result in only a minor impact on our valuation and no change to our price target or rating. Mincor is anticipating an improved performance in FY12 and has started the year well with a step change in performance for the month of July, with costs falling to A\$4.97/lb, from A\$8.86/lb in the June Q. But for us the real focus is the new exploration assets in PNG, which in our view look very prospective. We believe Mincor has been oversold, and with A\$87m in cash, we view MCR as a well-funded exploration play with strong leverage to the nickel price.

- **Changes/Impact:** We increase our A\$/US\$ forecasts by 1-2c for the next few years and by A5c long-term to 0.80. We also increase our CY14E nickel price to US\$10/lb (from US\$9/lb). The impact is very minor, with NAV increasing by A1c to A\$1.19. FY13E earnings fall from A\$2.1m to A\$0.9m, but FY14E earnings increase from A\$0.2m to A\$2.9m.
- **Oversold:** MCR's shares have been sold down heavily this year, from A\$1.95 to the 7 September close of A\$90c, and we believe there is limited downside from the current level. The company remains compelling on relative value and has no debt and ~A\$87m in cash (~A44c per share), i.e., ~49% cash backing.
- **What will be different in FY12?** After continued problems with its contract miner, Mincor is transitioning to owner-operator at all mines during FY12 and will begin mining the high grade N10 ore body at Mariners. Group production guidance is 10kt Ni-in-ore @ A\$6.10/lb pre royalties.
- **A sleeper in the portfolio:** We believe the company's newly acquired exploration assets in PNG could be a sleeper in the portfolio, particularly the Eddie Creek gold/copper prospect, which is located only ~5km from Newcrest's Hidden Valley mine, a prospect that Mincor believes could be host to a 1-2Moz gold resource.
- **Valuation:** We maintain our Outperform rating and A\$1.20 price target on an unchanged ~1.0x multiple to NAV, broadly in line with comparable peers. Maintaining Average risk qualifier.



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FY Jun	2010A	2011A	2012E	2013E
EPS (Op) - FD	0.14	(0.12)	0.04	0.00
P/E	6.4x	NM	22.5x	NM
CFPS - FD	0.34	0.11	0.23	0.12
P/CFPS	2.6x	8.2x	3.9x	7.5x
DPS	0.09	0.04	0.06	0.06
Payout Ratio - FD	64%	NM	150%	NM
Div. Yield	10.0%	4.4%	6.7%	6.7%
Prod.	11	9	9	7

All values in AUD unless otherwise noted.

Priced as of prior trading day's market close, EST (unless otherwise noted).

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Exhibit 1: Mincor Production & Financial Forecasts

Mincor Resources													
ASX: MCR	Share Price: (A\$)	0.90	Return	33%	Stock Rating:	Outperform	Price Target:	A\$1.20					
Issued Shares (m)	Mkt Cap: (A\$MM)	180	Ent Value (A\$MM)	93	Risk Qualifier:	Average	NAV:	A\$1.19					
Fiscal Year Ended June													
ASSUMPTIONS						ATTRIBUTABLE MINE STATS							
Exchange Rate	A\$/US\$	FY10	FY11	FY12E	FY13E	FY14E	Attrib Ni in Conc Production						
Spot Nickel Price	US\$/lb	8.80	10.88	9.20	8.75	9.50	Miitel	tonnes	-	2,529	1,720	1,720	1,720
Spot Nickel Price	A\$/lb	9.97	10.98	9.03	8.94	10.12	Wannaway	"	-	-	-	-	-
Realised Nickel Price	US\$/lb	8.98	10.90	10.02	9.15	9.50	Redross	"	-	-	-	-	-
Realised Nickel Price	A\$/lb	10.17	11.00	9.84	9.34	10.12	Mariners	"	3,651	2,043	3,216	3,216	3,216
Cobalt Price	US\$/lb	20.79	19.80	16.24	15.06	12.75	Carnilya Hill (70%)	"	2,541	1,500	819	-	-
Realised Cobalt Price	US\$/lb	20.79	19.80	16.24	15.06	12.75	Otter-Juan	"	3,769	2,883	1,265	-	-
Realised Cobalt Price	A\$/lb	23.56	20.03	15.96	15.35	13.54	McMahon / Coronet	"	712	103	1,702	2,321	1,624
Hedged Sales	tonnes	1,383	2,040	1,410	0	0	Total Nickel in Conc	tonnes	10,673	9,057	8,722	7,257	6,561
Hedged % of Sales	%	13%	23%	16%	0%	0%	Cash Costs (incl credits)						
Hedged Price	US\$/lb	9.89	10.96	12.64	0.00	0.00	Miitel	A\$/lb	-	8.31	6.78	6.76	6.81
RATIO ANALYSIS						Reserves & Resources - Contained Nickel							
Shares outstanding	MM	FY10	FY11	FY12E	FY13E	FY14E	* Resources are inclusive of Reserves				June 2011		
EPS	A€	14.1	(11.7)	3.6	0.5	1.4	P+P Reserve	%Ni	M+I Resource	%Ni			
P/E	x	6.4x	n.m.	25.1x	195.3x	63.1x	Miitel	kt	5.6	2.5	15.5	3.5	
CFPS	A€	34.1	11.1	23.1	12.4	13.4	Wannaway	kt	1.1	2.9	3.2	2.6	
P/CF	x	2.6x	8.1x	3.9x	7.2x	6.7x	Redross	kt	1.2	3.5	5.6	3.3	
Dividend per share	A€	9.0	4.0	6.0	6.0	6.0	Mariners	kt	13.9	3.7	24.5	4.5	
Dividend yield	%	10.0%	4.4%	6.7%	6.7%	6.7%	Carnilya Hill	kt	1.1	3.3	3.5	3.4	
Franking Level	%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	Otter Juan	kt	2.0	3.6	6.8	4.3	
Payout Ratio	%	64%	n.m.	150%	n.m.	600%	McMahon, Coronet, McCloy, etc	kt	5.6	2.4	47.9	3.6	
Effective Tax Rate	%	30%	30%	30%	30%	30%	Total		30.5	3.0	107.1	3.8	
Book value per share	A\$	1.02	0.85	0.85	0.79	0.75	Contained Nickel (mlbs)						
P/Book value	x	0.9x	1.1x	1.1x	1.1x	1.2x	Enterprise Value / tonne (A\$'000/t)						
R.O.E	%	14%	-14%	4%	1%	2%	Enterprise Value / tonne (US\$'000/t)						
R.O.A	%	11%	-11%	3%	0%	1%							
EBITDA per share	A\$	0.39	-0.04	0.23	0.11	0.12							
EV/EBITDA	x	1.2x	-10.7x	2.0x	4.4x	3.9x							
EV/EBIT	x	1	(2.5)	11.8	0.0	0.0							
EBITDA Margin	%	43%	-6%	34%	20%	23%							
PROFIT & LOSS						NICKEL PRODUCTION PROFILE - 100%							
Revenue	A\$MM	FY10	FY11	FY12E	FY13E	FY14E							
Operating costs	"	(83)	(103)	(73)	(69)	(64)							
Mine Operating Profit	"	97	44	63	38	39							
Exploration Expense	"	(6)	(10)	(9)	(9)	(9)							
Corporate & Other Costs	"	(13)	(43)	(8)	(8)	(6)							
EBITDA	"	78	-9	46	21	24							
DD&A	"	(40)	(28)	(39)	(24)	(24)							
Operating Income (EBIT)	"	38	(37)	7	(3)	(0)							
Net Interest Income	"	2	3	4	4	4							
Pre Tax Profit	"	40	(33)	10	1	4							
Tax Expense	"	(12)	10	(3)	(0)	(1)							
Reported NPAT	A\$MM	28	(23)	7	1	3							
Significant Items after tax	"	0	(17)	0	0	0							
Underlying Net Profit	A\$MM	28	(6)	7	1	3							
CASH FLOWS						SHARE VALUATION							
Operating Cash Flow	A\$MM	FY10	FY11	FY12E	FY13E	FY14E	Projects						
Net Interest	"	0	0	4	4	4	% Ownership						
Tax Paid	"	0	0	(3)	(0)	(1)	A\$MM						
Retained Op. Cash Flow	A\$MM	99	26	55	34	36	A\$/Shr						
Exploration	"	(5)	(10)	(12)	(12)	(12)	%						
Capital Expenditure	"	(28)	(39)	(20)	(9)	(1)	Miitel						
Loan Repayments	"	0	0	0	0	0	100%						
Funding Surplus/(Deficit)	A\$MM	66	(23)	24	13	23	Mariners						
Dividends Paid	"	(14)	(16)	(8)	(12)	(12)	100%						
Borrowings	"	0	0	0	0	0	Otter-Juan						
Equity Issues	"	1	0	0	0	0	100%						
Other	"	(2)	(1)	0	0	0	Carnilya Hill						
Total Funds Provided	A\$MM	(15)	(17)	(8)	(12)	(12)	70%						
Net change in cash	"	51	(39)	16	1	11	100%						
Cash at start of year	"	76	127	87	103	104	McMahon / Coronet						
Cash at end of year	A\$MM	127	87	103	104	115	100%						
BALANCE SHEET						Realised Nickel Price vs Cash Cost							
Cash & equivalents	A\$MM	FY10	FY11	FY12E	FY13E	FY14E							
Other current assets	"	31	38	38	38	38							
PP&E & Other Mining Assets	"	96	81	65	53	33							
Other Non Current Assets	"	6	4	11	21	30							
Total assets	A\$MM	260	211	217	216	215							
Total liabilities	"	55	40	47	57	66							
Total Net Assets	A\$MM	205	171	170	159	150							
Total Debt	"	1	0	0	0	0							
Net Debt (Cash)	A\$MM	(126)	(87)	(103)	(104)	(115)							
Gearing (net debt:nd+equity)	%	-159%	-105%	-153%	-188%	-325%							
Gearing (net debt:equity)	%	-61%	-51%	-61%	-65%	-76%							
SHARED VALUATION						Net Asset Value							
						Exploration & Other							
						Debt							
						Cash							
						Corporate							
						Net Asset Value							
						238							
						1.19							
						0.76x							

Source: Company, RBC Capital Markets estimates



Valuation

We maintain our Outperform rating and A\$1.20 price target on an unchanged ~1.0x multiple to NAV, broadly in line with comparable peers. Maintaining Average risk qualifier.

Price Target Impediment

Earnings are most sensitive to the nickel price and the A\$/US\$ exchange rate. Ore is processed through BHP's Kambalda concentrator under a ~65% profit sharing agreement, so it is not susceptible to operating plant failures. The main operational risk is mining, but we do not believe head grade is high risk because of the district's long history of mining. However, a mine life based on reserves of only 3–4 years is a risk. Finally, a severe downturn in global economies, especially in China, would cause the nickel price to fall and hurt Mincor's earnings.

Company Description

Mincor is a relatively small Australian nickel sulphide producer with four modest-sized, underground mines and sizable acreage around the Widgiemooltha Dome, south of Kambalda, Western Australia. It is the largest supplier of nickel ore to BHP Nickel West's concentrator at Kambalda and has an off-take agreement with the company. Mincor owns the Miitel, Redross, Mariners and Wannaway mines. The company has a substantial exploration program. Mines were first purchased in 2001 for A\$54m and production began in 2002. In April 2006, Mincor increased its share of Carnilya Hill to 100%. In May 2006 it paid A\$68.5m cash to private group GMM for the 3.6ktpa Otter-Juan mine and former mines McMahon & Durkin.

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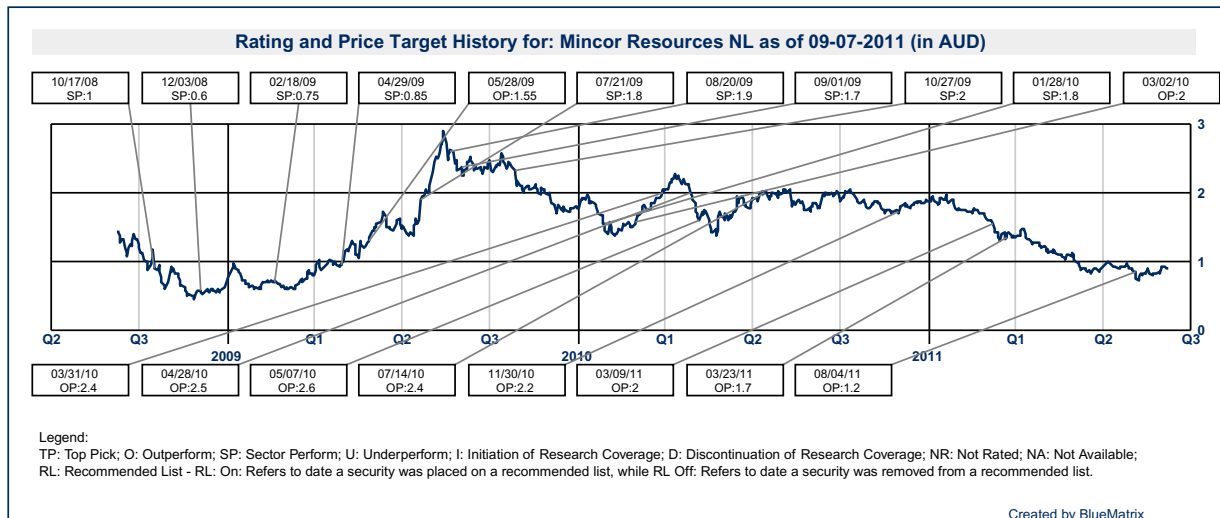
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