

CNMC Goldmine Holdings Limited

Carbon-in-leach plant enters into a trial run



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- Revenue missed our expectations due to a substantial drop in gold sales volume but net profit exceeded our expectations due to the FX gain and tax credit.
- Carbon-in-leach plant began trial production in the early Nov-17.
- Exploration work in Sokor, Pulai, and KelGold in on track.
- We revise up earnings forecast by US\$603k for FY17e due to the FX gain and tax credit, and meanwhile, we revise it down by US\$411k for FY18e. Accordingly, we raise our TP to S\$0.3 (previous: S\$0.29), and we maintain our recommendation NEUTRAL.

Results at a glance

(USD mn)	3Q17	3Q16	YoY (%)	Comments
Revenue	4.71	8.46	(44.3)	41.3% YoY decrease in sales volume and 5.2% YoY decrease in average realised gold price
Operating profit	(0.02)	2.24	N.M.	In line with the above
PBT	0.17	0.31	(44.4)	In line with the above
PATMI	0.96	1.76	(45.8)	In line with the above

N.M.: not meaningful
Source: Company, PSR

The Positives

+ Carbon-in-leach (CIL) plant has been completed. It was expected to complete the construction in mid Nov-17, but the group managed to accomplish it two weeks in advance. 6th Nov marked the kick-off of trial production of the plant. Meanwhile, there were 18,000 tonnes of higher grade ore explicitly stockpiled for the ramp-up in operation, following the completion of a trial run. The total capex for the plant was less than RM25mn (c.US\$6mn) which is substantially below the market expenditure of a similar capacity plant. CNMC recycled some used materials without compromising the quality. 70% of the total costs had been capitalised in the last two quarters and the rest will be forked out in 4Q17. Moving forward, CNMC will explore the Ketubong area which has never been mined previously. Any extracted ore will be processed by CIL. The operational costs of CIL plant are estimated to be comparable to those of heap leach plants.

+ Sokor, Pulai and KelGold project are progressing. The group plans to expand the exploration of the orebody towards the east in Sokor field where 10 drill holes were completed in 3Q17. Moreover, it will kick-start the study on the lead-zinc orebody at Sg. Amang in 4Q17. For the Pulai project, the group completed 9 drill holes at the northern anomaly of iron ore prospect in 3Q17. It will conduct more geological works at Peninsula area where gold mineralised segments were observed. For the KelGold project, soil sampling was completed in 3Q17 with gold anomaly zone identified in Jeli area where trenching activities had been carrying out.

Negatives

- Low ore grade issue protracted while the gold price was flattish. Total sales volume of gold collapsed by 41.3% YoY to 3,691 oz in 3Q17. Accordingly, the YTD sales volume of gold arrived at 11,197oz, only 48% of the total volume in 9M16. The average realised selling price (ASP) slid to US\$1,275/oz in 3Q17 (3Q16: US\$1,345/oz). However, the 9M17 ASP grew mildly by 1.1% YoY to US\$1276/oz.

Neutral (Maintained)

CLOSING PRICE	SGD 0.285
FORECAST DIV	SGD 0.000
TARGET PRICE	SGD 0.300
TOTAL RETURN	5.3%

COMPANY DATA

Bloomberg Code	CNMC SP
O/S SHARES (MN)	407
MARKET CAP (USD mn / SGD mn)	85 / 116
52 - WK HI/LO (SGD)	0.49 / 0.25
3M Average Daily T/O (mn)	15

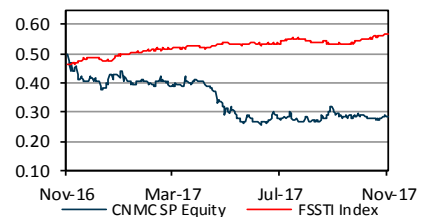
MAJOR SHAREHOLDERS (%)

INNOVATION CHINA LIMITED	26.3%
MESSIAH LIMITED	12.5%
NG ENG TIONG	8.8%

PRICE PERFORMANCE (%)

	1M TH	3M TH	1YR
COMPANY	(17)	18	(44.7)
STIRETURN	4.1	3.6	24.8

PRICE VS. STI



Source: Bloomberg, PSR

KEY FINANCIALS

Y/E Dec (US cents)	FY 15	FY 16	FY 17e	FY 18e
Revenue (USD mn)	36	35	19	33
EBIT (USD mn)	14	11	0	10
Net Profit (USD mn)	11	12	13	15
P/E (x)	5	13	52	10
P/B (x)	2	3	2	2
EV/EBITDA (x)	2	6	18	4
Dividend Yield (%)	0.05	0.03	-	0.02

VALUATION METHOD

DCF (Cost of Equity: 12%; Terminal g: 0%)

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Outlook

The low-grade issue is expected to remain status quo in 4Q17 though CIL plant is under trial operation. For the outlook in FY18, we believe the 18,000 tonnes of high-grade stock awaiting for CIL could boost the performance temporarily. However, solutions to improve the production volumes rely on either the ability to find high-grade ore beyond the existing fields that are being mined or monetisation of other minerals such as silver, zinc, lead, and iron ore. Last but not least, acquiring other gold mines that are generating relatively stable income flows is another alternative. CNMC has been proceeding various strategies so far, and we expect some of which will pay off in FY18.

Change in assumption

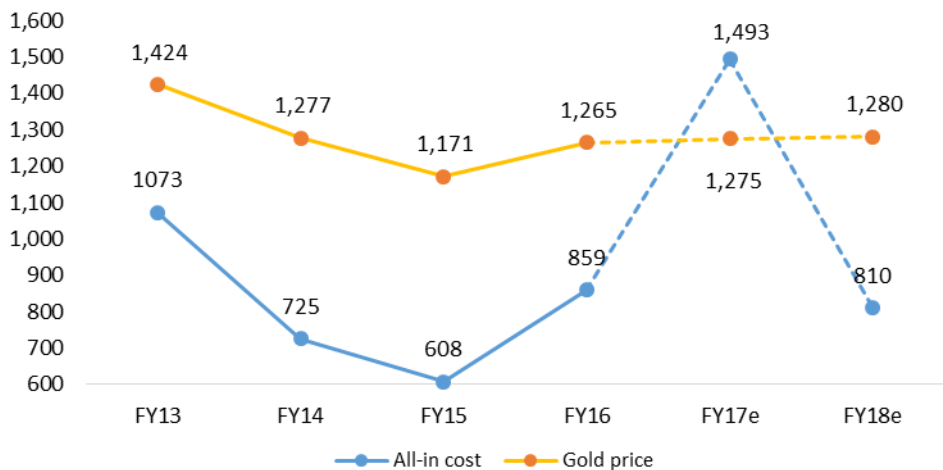
Y/E Dec (US\$'000)	FY14	FY15	FY16	FY17e	FY18e
Ore tonnes processed (tonnes)	1,362,138	2,236,674	2,397,908	2,544,000	2,862,000
Capacity (tonnes)	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,133,333	1,200,000	1,350,000
Production volume (oz)	27,685	29,645	27,404	14,930	25,758
Implied gold grade (g/tonne)	0.60	0.43	0.36	0.18	0.28
Gold price (US\$/oz)	1,277	1,171	1,265	1,275	1,280
Total revenue	33,213	36,471	34,668	19,035	32,970

Source: Company, PSR

We lower the forecast of implied gold grade to 0.18 g/tonne (previous 0.2 g/tonne).

The forecast average gold prices are revised up to US\$1,275/oz in FY17 (previous US\$1,240/oz) but remain US\$1,280/oz in FY18

All-in cost & gold price



Due to lower estimated production volume, the all-in cost estimation is changed from previous US\$1,340/oz to US\$1,493/oz in FY17. The surge is due to lower sales volume as well as substantial capex for CIL plant

Due to higher estimated production, the all-in cost estimation is changed from previous US\$843/oz to US\$810/oz in FY18.

Source: Company, PSR

Investment action

We revise up earnings forecast by US\$603k for FY17e due to the FX gain and tax credit, and meanwhile, we revise it down by US\$411k for FY18e. Accordingly, we raise our TP to S\$0.3 (previous: S\$0.29), and we maintain our recommendation NEUTRAL. We are upbeat on gold prices and expect the production will bottom out in FY18.

Financials

Income Statement

Y/E Dec (US\$'000)	FY14	FY15	FY16	FY17e	FY18e
Revenue	33,213	36,471	34,668	19,035	32,970
EBITDA	17,847	17,962	15,828	3,949	14,813
Dep & Amt	(3,051)	(3,986)	(4,527)	(3,588)	(4,746)
EBIT	14,796	13,976	11,301	360	10,067
Net Finance Inc/(Exp)	36	463	1,006	782	998
PBT	14,832	14,438	12,307	1,143	11,064
Tax	489	(1,010)	(792)	924	(775)
PATMI	12,243	10,666	9,155	1,643	8,180
Non-controlling interest	3,077	2,762	2,361	424	2,109

Per share data

Y/E Dec (US cents)	FY14	FY15	FY16	FY17e	FY18e
EPS, reported	3.0	2.6	2.2	0.4	2.0
DPS	0.5	0.7	0.9	-	0.5
BVPS	6.2	8.2	9.7	9.5	11.5

Cash Flow

Y/E Dec (US\$'000)	FY14	FY15	FY16	FY17e	FY18e
CFO					
Profit for the year	15,320	13,429	11,515	2,067	10,290
Adjustments	3,343	7,528	5,868	116	3,023
WC changes	(446)	(882)	(1,076)	(658)	147
Others	(265)	155	598	314	459
Cashflow from ops	17,952	20,230	16,906	1,839	13,919
CFI					
CAPEX, net	(2,836)	(2,894)	(894)	(6,453)	(865)
Exploration & Evaluation Exp	(2,064)	(1,253)	(5,509)	(380)	(500)
Cashflow from investments	(4,900)	(4,146)	(6,403)	(6,833)	(1,365)
CFF					
Dividends to Company	(1,148)	(2,155)	(2,888)	(2,714)	-
Dividends to NCI	(448)	(753)	(992)	(469)	-
Others	(464)	(143)	(47)	(1,097)	(750)
Cashflow from financing	(2,060)	(3,050)	(3,928)	(4,280)	(750)
Net change in cash	10,992	13,034	6,575	(9,274)	11,804
Effects of exchange rate	(859)	(3,239)	(1,754)	(1,200)	(1,350)
Ending cash	12,340	22,135	26,955	16,480	26,934

Source: Company, Phillip Securities Research (Singapore) Estimates

*Forward multiples & yields based on current market price; historical multiples & yields based

Balance Sheet

Y/E Dec (US\$'000)	FY14	FY15	FY16	FY17e	FY18e
ASSETS					
Exploration & Evaluation Asset:	4,990	2,085	2,200	8,487	8,987
Mine Properties	6,517	9,617	14,129	13,633	12,585
Property, Plant and Equipment	7,569	8,163	6,384	8,808	6,764
Others	-	-	-	-	-
Total non-current assets	19,076	19,866	22,713	30,927	28,335
Cash	12,340	22,135	26,955	16,480	26,934
Trade receivables	613	832	1,397	2,793	2,933
Inventories	802	869	660	759	835
Others	-	-	-	-	-
Total current assets	13,755	23,835	29,012	20,033	30,702
Total Assets	32,831	43,701	51,725	50,960	59,037

LIABILITIES

Trade payables	3,157	2,999	2,791	3,629	3,992
Borrowings	73	43	36	40	40
Dividend payable	761	917	1,030	-	-
Others	311	347	680	850	927
Total current liabilities	4,301	4,305	4,537	4,519	4,959
Borrowings	176	100	58	760	50
Others	542	1,250	1,581	362	362
Total non-current liabilities	718	1,350	1,639	1,122	412
Total Liabilities	5,019	5,655	6,175	5,641	5,371

Shareholder Equity	25,160	33,495	39,635	38,505	46,685
Non-controlling interest	2,653	4,551	5,914	6,814	6,981

Valuation Ratios

Y/E Dec	FY14	FY15	FY16	FY17e	FY18e
P/E (x)	6.54	5.10	13.48	52.05	10.46
P/B (x)	3.12	1.60	3.09	2.22	1.83
EV/EBITDA (x)	3.64	1.71	5.92	17.69	3.96
Dividend yield (%)	0.03	0.05	0.03	0.00	0.02

Growth & Margins (%)

Growth					
Revenue	99.8%	9.8%	-4.9%	-45.1%	73.2%
EBITDA	154.1%	0.6%	-11.9%	-75.1%	N.M.
EBIT	68.9%	-5.5%	-19.1%	-96.8%	N.M.
Net profit	356.9%	-12.9%	-14.2%	-82.1%	N.M.

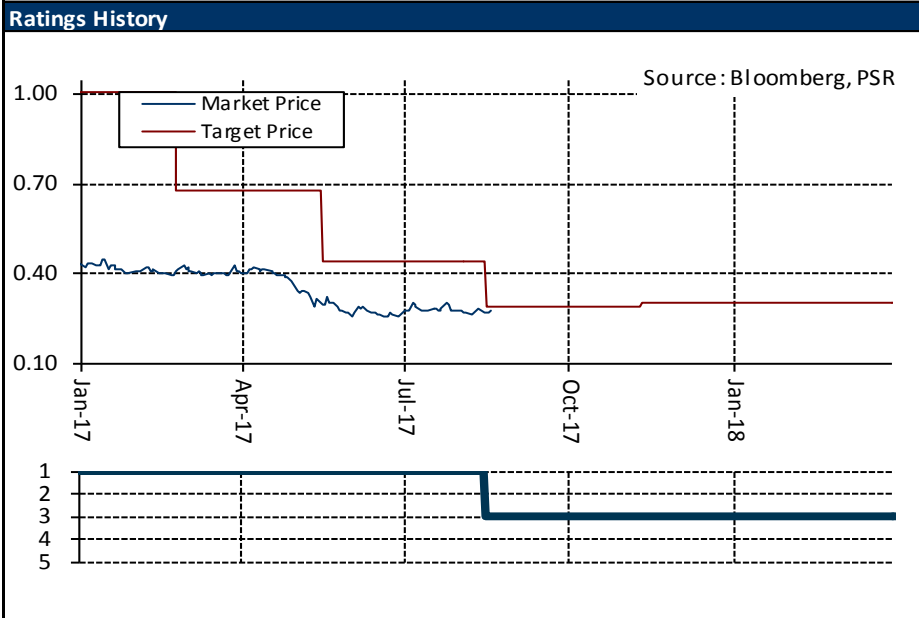
Margins

EBITDA margin	53.7%	49.2%	45.7%	20.7%	44.9%
EBIT margin	44.5%	38.3%	32.6%	1.9%	30.5%
NP margin	36.9%	29.2%	26.4%	8.6%	24.8%

Key Ratios

ROE (%)	49%	32%	23%	4%	18%
ROA (%)	37%	24%	18%	3%	14%
Net Debt or (Net Cash)	Net Cash	Net Cash	Net Cash	Net Cash	Net Cash

N.M.: not meaningful



PSR Rating System

Total Returns	Recommendation	Rating
> +20%	Buy	1
+5% to +20%	Accumulate	2
-5% to +5%	Neutral	3
-5% to -20%	Reduce	4
< -20%	Sell	5

Remarks

We do not base our recommendations entirely on the above quantitative return bands. We consider qualitative factors like (but not limited to) a stock's risk reward profile, market sentiment, recent rate of share price appreciation, presence or absence of stock price catalysts, and speculative undertones surrounding the stock, before making our final recommendation

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