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Ticker: CTM AU	Cash: A\$20m Project: Jaguar			
Market cap: A\$226m	Price: A\$0.69/sh	Country: Brazil		
RECOMMENDATION (unc): BUY	TARGET (unc): C\$1.20/sh	RISK RATING: HIGH		

Centaurus is back to drilling with the resource and PEA behind them, and the results impress on four fronts today. Firstly, (i) 13m @ 3.25% NiEq at Jag South is new lode, at surface and within the pit shell pointing to strip improvements, as does 55m @ 0.90% from just 28m down hole. This should add (ii) more tonnes given it is outside the MRE at the edge of the pit. This adds to (iii) other hits outside pit shells including 4m @ 2.5%, 23m @ 0.9% and 11m @ 0.6% Ni outside the pits. Finally, (iv) although pending assay, 60m of stringer mineralisation lies 150m along strike from prior hit of 34m @ 3.3% Ni at Jag Central, pointing to increased UG reserves. The same goes for deeper drilling with 6.7m @ 2.2% Ni under Jag Central, pointing to underground development extending well beyond the limits proposed in the PEA. We maintain our BUY rating and 0.5xNAV_{7%-8.00/lb} A\$1.20/sh PT, and believe that the combination of resource-growth and limitations on investors investing into ESG 'no no' laterites will close this gap in due course. Stepping back, pace at which CTM took this asset to JORC and PEA is astonishing, but it means they missed the 'exploration upside' thesis, with investors at risk of interpreting lack of regional and deeper drilling as lack of upside. This is where it gets fun - the PEA's A\$604m NPV @ \$16,500/t Ni includes just 74,500m of drilling, but investors will see 65,000m additional drilling this year alone, with \$20m of cash and \$5m ITM options to fund it, and a local in-country team to deliver it. The upcoming value-add scoping study due in May (evaluating POX given local limestone/water/cheap hydro not present in the Yilgarn of W. Australia) opens the door to nickel sulphate direct to EV, which should widen the investor interest as many new generalist ESG investors are only just 'waking up' to the energy / CO2 intensity of laterites.

Jaguar grows with blind discovery, pit extension and high-grade roots

Infill and extension at **Jaguar South** returned highlights of **13m** @ **3.25%** NiEq (at spot, 91/7/2 Ni-Cu-Co) in a new in-pit blind discovery outside the existing MRE, plus broader 55m @ 0.90% NiEq from just 28m. **Jaguar Central** saw highlight of **32m** @ **1.59%** NiEq, and 23m @ 1.38% NiEq. Also, the company intersected **60m awaiting assay** of stringer to semi-massive sulphide pending assay in one of the deepest holes at Jag Central, 60m below pit limits and prior deeper hole, with 35m of mineralisation pending asset 50m along strike. On **drilling**, four rigs now double shipping, 2-3 more rigs coming in May for CY21 61,000m. The value add scoping study considering nickel sulphate production is scheduled for completion in the current quarter, ahead of the 1Q21 PFS, **4Q22 DFS**, for **2H24 first production** with A\$20m cash.

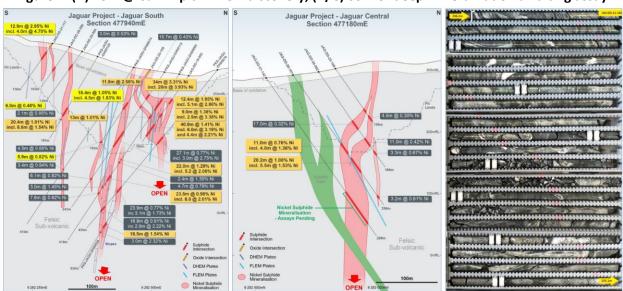


Figure 1. (A) 13m @ 3% 'in pit' in new discovery, (B/C) 60m of deep mineralization awaiting assay

Source: Centaurus



Why we like Centaurus Metals

- 1. Only >100kt Ni contained, <\$500m capex, pittable nickel sulphide junior globally
- 2. Drilling of 65,000m this year likely drives resource growth vs. <75,000m in resource itself
- 3. Optionality on POX given water / limestone / cheap hydro not available in Australia
- 4. Good logistics including rail in a well-known mining jurisdiction
- 5. Quality 16% concentrate with low As, low Mg

Catalysts

- 1. 2Q21: Value-add study looking at sulphate
- 2. 1Q21: PFS
- 3. 2Q21: Lodge environmental license
- 4. SCPe 1Q22: BFS
- 5. 2024: Target first production

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Commodity price	CY20E	CY21E	CY22E	CY23E	CY24E	Resource/Inventory	Mt	Ni %		Mt	Ni %
Ni price (US\$/t)	17,637	17,637	17,637	17,637	17,637		2Q20) JORC		SCP in	ventory
Ni price (US\$/t, payable)	13,228	13,228	13,228	13,228	13,228	M&I	11.5	1.29%		29.6	0.78%
1xNAV project valuation'	•	A\$m	o/ship	NAVx	A\$/sh	Inferred	36.4	1.01%			
Jaguar NPV (build start)		752	100%	0.50x	1.01	Total	48.0	1.08%	Total	29.6	0.8%
Regional exploration @ 10%	'n	37.6	100%	1.0x	0.10	Funding: uses			Funding:	sources	
Cash 4Q20		24.1	100%	1.0x	0.06	Capex (A\$m)	237		Cash 4Q	20 (A\$m)	24.1
Cash from ITM options		7.0	100%	1.0x	0.02	Drilling/FS cost (A\$m)	14.5		SCPe de	ebt (A\$m)	153.9
1XNAV A\$ @ 1Q21		A\$820m			1.19	Working cap >DFS (A\$m)	14.9	SCPe eq	uity@0.6N	AV (A\$m)	118.4
*Build start, ex fin. cost + G&A,	dil. for opti	ns not build	P/N	AV today:	0.31x	G&A and fin. cost (A\$m)	12.0		Total sourc	es (A\$m)	296.5
Asset value: 1xNPV proje	ct @ bui	ld start (A\$m, unge	eared)*		Total uses: group (A\$m)	278.2	D	rilling / buff	fer (A\$m)	18.3
	6.00/lb	7.00/lb	8.00/lb	9.00/lb	10.00/lb	Share data (m)	Basic	FD	3Q22 (FF	FD)	
Group NAV (A\$m)	13,228	15,432	17,637	19,842	22,046	Shares (m)	329.5	373.4	463.2		
9.0% discount	235	480	724	967	1,209	Ratio analysis	CY20E	CY21E	CY22E	CY23E	CY24E
7.0% discount	284	552	820	1,087	1,352	Shares out (m)	325.9	325.9	463.2	463.2	463.2
5.0% discount	340	636	931	1,224	1,516	EPS (Ac/sh)	-	-	-	-	-
Ungeared project IRR:	21%	34%	45%	55%	65%	CFPS before w/c (A\$/sh)	-	-	-	-	-
Group NAV (A\$/sh)	13,228	15,432	17,637	19,842	22,046	EV (A\$m)	199.1	207.9	308.6	259.7	454.4
9.0% discount	0.63	1.28	1.94	2.59	3.24	FCF yield (%)	-	-	-	-	-
7.0% discount	0.76	1.48	2.20	2.91	3.62	PER (x)	-	-	-	-	-
5.0% discount	0.91	1.70	2.49	3.28	4.06	P/CF (x)	-	-	-	-	-
*Project level NPV, excl finance	costs and a	central SGA	discounted	to build star	rt	EV/EBITDA (x)	-	-	-	-	143.6x
SOTP company valuation	1Q21	1Q22	1Q23	1Q24	1Q25	Income statement	CY20E	CY21E	CY22E	CY23E	CY24E
Jaguar NPV	642	687	737	867	1,123	Revenue (A\$m)	-	-	-	-	43.1
Centra G&A & fin. costs	(47)	(41)	(36)	(34)	(23)	COGS (A\$m)	-	-	-	-	38.9
Net cash prior quarter	24.1	15.3	8.8	58	(137)	Gross profit (A\$m)	-	-	-	-	4.3
Cash from ITM options	7.0	7.0	7.0	7.0	7.0	G&A (A\$m)	1.7	2.8	3.6	4.3	1.0
NAV (A\$m)	626	669	717	898	970	Exploration (A\$m)	6.9	6.0	3.0	-	-
FD share count (m)	373	373	463	463	463	Finance costs (A\$m)	-	-	-	-	10.8
1xNAV7%/sh FF FD (A\$/sh)	1.68	1.79	1.55	1.94	2.09	Tax (A\$m)	_	_	-	-	
ROI (% pa)	1.00	161%	50%	41%	32%	Other (A\$m)	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.4	3.0
Exit value: 1xNAV/sh con	nnanv @					Net income (A\$m)	(8.8)	(9.2)	(7.0)	(4.7)	(10.5)
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1xNAV (A\$/sh)	13,228	15,432	17,637	19,842	22.046	EBITDA (A\$m)	(8.9)	(9.2)	(7.0)	(4.7)	3.2
9.0% discount	0.52	1.20	1.89	2.59	3.30	Add share based (A\$m)	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.1
7.0% discount	0.63	1.35	2.09	2.84	3.59	Net change wkg cap (A\$m)	-	-	-	0.3	14.9
5.0% discount	0.74	1.52	2.32	3.12	3.92	Cash flow ops (A\$m)	(8.5)	(8.8)	(6.6)	(4.6)	(22.4)
Exit value: 1xNAV/sh con						PP&E - build + sust. (A\$m)	0.5	(8.8)	(0.0)	65.0	172.3
1xNAV (A\$/sh)	13,228	15,432	17,637	19,842	22,046	PP&E - expl'n (A\$m)	-		_	-	-
9.0% discount	0.43	0.95	1.46	19,842	22,040	Cash flow inv. (A\$m)	(0.7)	-	-	(65.0)	(172.3)
7.0% discount	0.49	1.03	1.58	2.13		Share issue (A\$m)	24.8	-	-	118.4	(1/2.5)
5.0% discount	0.49		1.72	2.13	2.67	Debt draw (repay) (A\$m)		-	-		- 153.9
Production (Y1 from 3Q2		1.13 CV25			2.88		-			-	
•		CY25	CY26	CY27	CY28	Cash flow fin. (A\$m)	24.8	-	-	118.4	153.9
Jaguar production (000kt Ni		13.5	23.9	22.0	22.9	Net change in cash (A\$m) Balance sheet	14.4	(8.8)	(6.6)	48.8	(40.8)
C1 cost (US\$/t Ni)	11,339	9,933	5,692	5,503	5,077		CY20E	CY21E	CY22E	CY23E	CY24E
AISC cost (US\$/t Ni)	12,072	10,659	6,549	6,746	6,169	Cash (A\$m)	24.1	15.3	8.8	57.6	16.8
AISC = C1 + sustaining cape	x + centra	10&A, (3	= AISC + de	epreciation		Acc rec. + invet. (A\$m)	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.1	27.7
30kt					12,000	PP&E & expl'n (A\$m)	4.7	4.7	4.7	69.7	239.1
25kt	<u> </u>	_			10,000	Total assets (A\$m)	29.2	20.3	13.8	127.4	283.7
20kt	\mathbf{X}				8,000	Debt (A\$m)	-	-	-	-	153.9
15kt			·		6,000	Accounts payable (A\$m)	0.6	0.6	0.6	-	12.8
						Others (A\$m)	24.4	15.6	9.0	57.6	44.5
10kt					4,000	Total liabilities (A\$m)	1.1	1.1	1.1	0.5	167.2
5kt					2,000	Shareholders' equity (A\$m)	153.7	154.1	154.5	273.3	273.4
Okt					-	Reserves (A\$m)	(6.6)	(6.6)	(6.6)	(6.6)	(6.6)
CY24 CY2 Jaguar prod'n (5 CY	'26 (Ni) -		CY28 RHS, US\$/t	Ni)	Retained earnings (A\$m)	(119.0)	(128.2)	(135.2)	(139.8)	(150.3)
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Source: SCP estimates

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