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Ticker: CTM AU	2Q21 Cash: A\$20m	Project: Jaguar
Mkt cap : A\$387m	Price: A\$1.08/sh	Country: Brazil
RECOMMEND (unc): BUY	TARGET (up): A\$1.50/sh	RISK RATING: HIGH

Although early days, that there is 5-15% sulphide in diamond core, and enough sulphides to create the conductor in the first place, bodes well for economic concentrations on this new discovery. **Structural traps, geophysics and speed** are what we like about today's drilling. Firstly, to hit so **early** in the maiden greenfield programme at Tigre, where only 5km of drilling has ever been completed (vs. 100km on Jaguar), talk to two things, prospectivity, and team skills and toolsets. Specifically modern EM really is a **silver bullet** that just keeps on giving. Stepping back, this is an odd deposit – we think of it like orogenic gold because local structural traps focus the nickel in this hydrothermal (not magmatic) system.

So what? We have now seen three styles already (volcanic hosted, intrusive-plug hosted, now stratigraphic-contact localised), which speaks to i) the sheer volume of fluids as regional structures intersect here, driving ii) the 'ease' of which different styles of 'traps' can focus nickel and thus iii) the upside inherent from of nickel being able to form 'anywhere' rather than only in 'little sausages' of magmatic-hosted peers. As exemplified by pure-basement drilling at Leao today (lower grade), as the company gets its eye in on which traps are best, prospectively should increase, with the contact that hosts today's headline hits extending ~800m back toward the main deposit area.

We previously held regional exploration to a 5% of the NAV of Jaguar. With today's success we lift this to an undemanding 7.5% or A\$70m. Holding Jaguar at just 0.5xNAV, a discount we expect to close as the DFS is progressed, **we maintain our BUY rating but lift our 0.5xNAV**, a discount we expect to close as the DFS. Resource expansions at Jaguar should create useful news flow until next years DFS, but **discoveries like this should create real excitement**. We again see Centaurus as better placed than Australian peers where deep drilling in mature terranes, often requiring expensive / dilutive underground development to access, and are compounded by high valuations and a genuine risk of covid disruption in the coming year. Against South American peers, Centaurus has no jungle, no population or indigenous centres, no drilling-permitting restrictions, no Andes / glaciers / seasonal drilling <u>and</u> good infrastructure. Combined with A\$20m cash and nine rigs, speed is a critical structural advantage here.

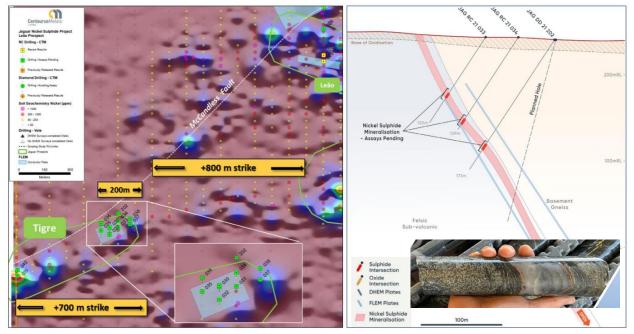


Figure 1. (A) Mag, EM conductors and soil Geochem and (B) section through Tigre target

Source: Centaurus



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The Silver Bullet goes greenfield: first regional drilling hits 6m of sulphides 4km from mine area

Maiden RC drilling, followed by the first diamond hole, have intersected up to 10m of sulphides over 700m strike on the new **Tigre** target. The drilling was an EM target that extends 300m below surface. Structurally, the area lies on a regional structure called the McCandless Fault. Stratigraphically mineralisation lies on a dacite-basement gneiss contact, which is relevant as it extends 700m east toward the next target **Dente de Sabre.** The company has 8 rigs on site lifting to nine shortly. Drilling on the second greenfield target Leao (strike extension of Jaguar) is entirely basement-gneiss hosted, with drilling reported today intersecting 6.0m @ 0.81% Ni from 105m, and other hits <1%. Down hole EM will now be undertaken before follow up drilling, with multiple regional targets planned to see maiden drilling in coming months at **Dente de Sabre, Twister, Roquefera, Puma Contact, and Fliperama**.

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 / dis vs. <75,000m in resource itself
- 3. Optionality on POX given water / limestone / cheap hydro not available in Australia
- 4. Good logistics, incl. rail in well-known mining jurisdiction (no rainforest, RAP, indigenous)
- 5. Quality 16% concentrate with low As, low Mg

Catalysts

- 1. 2H22: Infill, deep and step out drilling around existing MRE
- 2. 4Q22: Maiden regional greenfield drilling
- 3. SCPe 4Q22: BFS
- 4. 2H23: construction start
- 5. 2024: Target first production

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Ticker: CTM AU Author: B Salier, B Gaspar	Price / mki Rec/0.5xN	•		/ A\$387m A150c/sh		P/NAV today: 1xNAV7%4 _{Q21} FF FD:	0.39x A\$2.26c/sh		Country: Asset:	Brazil Jaguar	
Commodity price	CY20E	CY21E	CY22E	CY23E	CY24E	Resource/Inventory	Mt	Ni %		Mt	Ni %
Ni price (US\$/t)	19,170	19,170	19,170	19,170	19,170		2Q20.	IORC		SCP inv	rentory
Ni price (US\$/t, payable)	14,378	14,378	14,378	14,378	14,378	M&I	-	1.29%	_	29.6	0.78%
1xNAV project valuation*		A\$m	o/ship	NAVx	A\$/sh	Inferred	36.4	1.01%			
laguar NPV (build start)		940	100%	0.50x	1.27	Total	48.0	1.08%	Total	29.6	0.8%
Regional exploration @ 7.5%		70.5	100%	1.0x	0.19	Funding: uses			Funding: s	ources	
Cash 2Q21		20.4	100%	1.0x	0.06	Capex (A\$m)	240		Cash 4	4Q20 (A\$m)	20.4
Cash from ITM options		2.2	100%	1.0x	0.01	Drilling/FS cost (A\$m)	16.8		SCPe	debt (A\$m)	156.0
1XNAV A\$ @ 1Q21		A\$1033m			1.52	Working cap >DFS (A\$m)	15.9	SCI	e 0.6NAV e	quity (A\$m)	120.0
*Build start, ex fin. cost + G&A, di	for optns n	ot build	P,	'NAV today:	0.39x	G&A and fin. cost (A\$m)	12.0		Total sou	urces (A\$m)	296.4
Asset value: 1xNPV project @	build start (A\$m, unge	ared)*			Total uses: group (A\$m)	284.6		Drilling / b	uffer (A\$m)	11.7
	6.00/lb	7.00/lb	8.00/lb	9.00/lb	10.00/lb	Share data (m)	Basic	FD	3Q22 (FF F	D)	
Group NAV (A\$m)	13,228	15,432	17,637	19,842	22,046	Shares (m)	358.3	370.3	442.0		
9.0% discount	232	487	741	992	1,243	Ratio analysis	CY20E	CY21E	CY22E	CY23E	CY24E
7.0% discount	283	562	840	1,116	1,391	Shares out (m)	325.9	329.5	442.0	442.0	442.0
5.0% discount	342	649	955	1,259	1,562	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)	327.8	339.7	467.3	416.9	614.1
9.0% discount	0.63	1.31	2.00	2.68	3.36	FCF yield (%)	-	-	-	-	-
7.0% discount	0.77	1.52	2.27	3.01	3.76	PER (x)	-	-	-	-	-
5.0% discount	0.92	1.75	2.58	3.40	4.22	P/CF (x)	-	-	-	-	-
*Project level NPV, excl finance co						EV/EBITDA (x)	-	-	-	-	142.7x
SOTP company valuation^	3Q21	3Q22	3Q23	3Q24	3Q25	Income statement	CY20E	CY21E	CY22E	CY23E	CY24E
Jaguar NPV	831	889	975	1,214	1,363	Revenue (A\$m)	0.5	-	-	-	47.5
Centra G&A & fin. costs	(18)	(9)	(6)	1	19	COGS (A\$m)	-	-	-	-	39.6
Net cash prior quarter	20.4	11.8	111.6	(50)	(131)	Gross profit (A\$m)	0.5	-	-	-	7.9
Cash from ITM options	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2	G&A (A\$m)	2.9	2.8	3.2	3.5	3.6
NAV (A\$m)	836	894	1,083	1,168	1,254	Exploration (A\$m)	7.3	7.8	3.0	-	-
FD share count (m)	370	370	442	442	442	Finance costs (A\$m)	0.1	-	-	-	10.9
1xNAV7%/sh FF FD (A\$/sh)	2.26	2.41	2.45 51%	2.64	2.84	Tax (A\$m)	-	-	-	-	0.3
ROI (% pa)	@ 202/ Fr			35%	27%	Other (A\$m)	3.6	0.6	0.6	(0.3)	1.9
Exit value: 1xNAV/sh company	@ 2024 fir	st producti	on (A\$, geal	'ea)^		Net income (A\$m)	(13.3) CY20E	(11.2) CY21E	(6.8) CY22E	(3.3) CY23E	(8.8)
<pre>+ >>>/(ad/1)</pre>	42.220	45 (22	47 677	40.0/2	22.046	Cash flow statement					CY24E
1xNAV (A\$/sh)	13,228	15,432	17,637	19,842	22,046	EBITDA (A\$m)	(11.5)	(11.4)	(7.0)	(3.9)	4.3
9.0% discount	0.53	1.28	2.05	2.84	3.63	Add share based (A\$m)	0.5	0.8	0.8	0.4	-
7.0% discount	0.63	1.43	2.26	3.09	3.93	Net change wkg cap (A\$m)	(1.6)	-	-	1.7	15.9
5.0% discount Exit value: 1xNAV/sh company	0.75	1.60 ct producti	2.48	3.37	4.26	Cash flow ops (A\$m)	(5.3)	(10.4)	(6.0)	(4.6)	(21.7)
	-				22.04.6	PP&E - build + sust. (A\$m)	(1.2)	3.4	-	65.0	175.5
1xNAV (A\$/sh) 9.0% discount	13,228	15,432	17,637	19,842	22,046	PP&E - expl'n (A\$m)	-	-	-	-	-
7.0% discount	0.43	0.95	1.46	1.98	2.49	Cash flow inv. (A\$m)	1.2	(3.4)	-	(65.0)	(175.5)
5.0% discount	0.49 0.55	1.03 1.13	1.58	2.13 2.30	2.67 2.88	Share issue (A\$m)	24.8	5.5 -	-	120.0 -	156.0
Production (Y1 from 3Q20)	CY24	CY25	1.72 CY26	2.30 CY27	CY28	Debt draw (repay) (A\$m) Cash flow fin. (A\$m)	24.8		-	120.0	156.0 156.0
Jaguar production (000kt Ni)	2.4	13.5	23.9	22.0	22.9	Net change in cash (A\$m)	19.5	5.5 (8.0)	- (6.0)	50.4	(41.2)
C1 cost (US\$/t Ni)	11,492	10,067	5,769	5,578	5,145	Balance sheet	CY20E	(8.0) CY21E	(8.0) CY22E	CY23E	(41.2) CY24E
AISC cost (US\$/t Ni)	12,287	10,855	6,691	6,891	6,306	Cash (A\$m)	24.1	16.1	10.1	60.5	19.2
AISC = C1 + sustaining capex + ce				0,091	0,500	Acc rec. + invet. (A\$m)	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.0	28.9
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30kt					12,000	Total assets (A\$m)	33.9	12.6 28.9	12.6 22.9	138.1	250.2 298.3
25kt -					10,000	Debt (A\$m)	-	- 20.9	-	-	156.0
20kt -			_		8,000	Accounts payable (A\$m)	- 1.9	- 1.9	- 1.9	-	130.0
15kt					6,000	Others (A\$m)	24.3	16.3	1.9	- 60.5	48.1
10kt -					4,000	Total liabilities (A\$m)	24.3 7.7	7.7	7.7	5.8	48.1 174.8
					2,000	Shareholders' equity (A\$m)	155.9	162.2	163.0	283.4	283.4
5kt											
5kt					-						
5kt Okt CY24 CY24 CY25 Jaguar prod'n (i	5 CY	26 0	Y27 AISC (R	CY28	-	Reserves (A\$m) Retained earnings (A\$m)	(8.3) (121.5)	(8.3)	(8.3) (139.5)	(8.3) (142.8)	(8.3) (151.6)

Source: SCP estimates



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