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# Alkane Resources

# ALK A\$0.25/share

## **BUY**

# Gold production set to rise

ALK reported June guarter gold production of 16.3koz for full year production of 20.7koz (first gold was poured Feb). Full year production was below guidance of 22-27koz, reflecting lower throughput due to initial issues with the cyanide destruct circuit. These issues have been rectified and the plant reached design capacity of 1Mtpa in May. ALK target strong production growth of 60-70koz in FY15 with potential to exceed that should the current positive reconciliation for grade and tonnage continue. Project approval for the Dubbo Zirconia project is expected in Q4 along with commercialisation of rare earth and zirconium MOUs. We maintain OUR recommendation on ALK with NPV of A\$2.27/share.

## Tomingley Gold (100%) - production rising

- June quarter of 16.3koz at All In Sustaining Cash Costs (AISC) of A\$1,283/oz.
- FY14 production of 20.7koz at AISC of A\$1,604/oz.
- High costs reflect plant issues and ramp up phase.
- Issues rectified and plant now at design capacity.
- Ail in costs expected to trend down to <A\$1,100/oz.
- Free cashflow was \$2.2M for the June quarter.
- We expect free cashflow to rise to >\$5M this qtr.
- Upside exists via positive reconciliation.
- Gold grade is currently 23% above reserve.
- Tonnage is currently 12% above reserve.
- FY14 NPAT reduced from \$2.1M to a loss of \$3.6M.
- Gold NPV unchanged at \$0.34/share.

### **Dubbo Zirconia Project (DZP - 100%)**

- Shin-Etsu rare earth MOU to be commercialised Q4.
- European zirconium MOU to be commercialised Q4.
- Front end engineering design to be completed Q4.
- State project approval targeted Q4.
- Zirconium prices flat during the quarter.
- Rare earths neodymium, dysprosium and praseodymium showing positive signs.
- Niobium moderate demand with prices improving.

#### Key dates and newsflow

- Q4 2014 Finalise offtake agreements.
- Q4 2014 DZP Environmental approval.
- Q1 2015 DZP equity sell down (project level).
- Q1 2015 Construction commences at DZP.
- Q2 2015 DZP Project Financing (Export Credit Agency debt plus Project debt).
- Q2 2016 Commissioning of DZP.

# Company Data Shares - ordinary 412.6M Options 0M Total (fully diluted) 412.6M Market Cap \$103.2M 12 month low/high \$0.25 / \$0.47 Average monthly turnover \$3.3M Average monthly volume 9.6M

#### **Financial Summary**

Year end June	2013A	2014F	2015F	2016F	2017F
Revenue (\$M)	2.7	23.3	104.0	188.0	514.9
Costs (\$M)	2.3	24.8	64.2	112.4	275.9
EBITDA (\$M)	0.0	-1.5	39.8	75.6	239.0
NPAT (\$M)	2.6	-3.6	13.1	13.6	107.7
EPS (¢ps)	0.6	-0.9	3.2	3.3	26.1
EPS Growth (%)		na	>100	4.2	>100
PER (x)	40.5	na	7.9	7.6	1.0
Cashflow (\$M)	6.4	0.8	27.7	41.4	192.1
CFPS (¢ps)	1.5	0.2	6.7	10.0	46.6
PCFPS (x)	na	na	3.7	2.5	0.5
Enterprise Value (\$M)	39	83	561	1026	840
EV / EBITDA (x)	na	-54	14	14	4

Substantial Shareholders (FPO)	Shares (M)	(%)
Abbotsleigh	91.6	22.2%
Fidelity	41.3	10.0%

# Alkane Resources – performance over one year (A\$/share)



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This report must be read with the disclosure and disclaimer on the final page of this document. On 16th June 2014, Petra Capital was a broker to the issue of 40.0M shares at \$0.26/share, raising A\$10.4M. A fee was received.

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# **Analysis**

(ALK AU) (ALKNY OT 18-Jul-14 Year End 30 June PROFIT & LOSS Sales Revenue	rcqx)														
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PROFIT & LOSS Sales Revenue								Iss. Options	(M)	0.0					
Sales Revenue		2013A	2014F	2015F	2016F	2017F	2018F	Mkt Cap. RESOURCES	(\$M)	103.2	2014F	2015F	2016F	2017F	2018F
	\$M	0.0	23.3	104.0	188.0	514.9	606.6	Tomingley Gold (NS)	W)	2013A	2014F	2015F	2010F	2017F	2010F
Other Income	\$M	2.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	Tonnes	Mt	12.6	12.2	11.2	10.1	8.9	7.8
Operating Costs	\$M	2.3	24.8	64.2	112.4	275.9	320.7	Grade (gold)	g/t	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0
Exploration	\$M	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	Contained Gold	oz	809,556	783,695	711,789	637,971	564,025	505,208
Other	\$M	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	Dubbo Zirconia (NSV	•						
EBITDA  Depreciation & Amort.	\$M	<b>0.0</b> 0.1	(1.5)	39.8	<b>75.6</b> 21.9	<b>239.0</b> 44.1	285.9	Tonnes	Mt	73.2 2.0%	73.2 2.0%	73.2	73.0	72.1 2.0%	71.0 2.0%
EBIT	\$M \$M	(0.1)	3.2 <b>(4.7)</b>	14.6 <b>25.2</b>	53.7	194.9	51.1 <b>234.8</b>	Zirconium (ZrO <sub>2)</sub> Niobium	% %	0.5%	0.5%	2.0% 0.5%	2.0% 0.5%	0.5%	0.5%
Net Interest	\$M	(1.4)	(1.1)	12.1	34.2	41.0	32.5	Yt + REE	%	0.5%	0.5%	0.5%	0.5%	0.5%	0.5%
Pre-Tax Profit	\$M	1.3	(3.6)	13.1	19.5	153.9	202.3	Contained product	Mt	2.4	2.4	2.4	2.4	2.4	2.4
Tax	\$M	(1.3)	0.0	0.0	5.8	46.2	60.7	ATTRIBUTABLE PRO	DUCTIO	N					
Minorities	\$M	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	Tomingley Gold	oz	-	16,374	71,209	68,651	68,770	54,699
Net Profit	\$M	2.6	(3.6)	13.1	13.6	107.7	141.6	DZP - ZrO <sub>2</sub> products	t	0	0	0	3,196	14,384	17,581
Abnormal	\$M	(69.0)	9.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	DZP - Niobium	t	0	0	0	427	1,922	2,349
Reported Profit Dividends Paid	<b>\$M</b> \$M	( <b>66.4)</b> 0.0	<b>5.5</b> 0.0	<b>13.1</b> 0.0	<b>13.6</b> 0.0	<b>107.7</b> 0.0	<b>141.6</b> 0.0	DZP - LREE DZP - YHREE	t t	0	0	0	968 252	4,355 1,136	5,322 1,388
Adjustments	\$M	3.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	Other	t	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Retained Earnings	\$M	(15.5)	(10.0)	3.1	16.7	124.4	266.1	Total - Dubbo	t	0.0	0.0	0.0	4,844	21,796	26,640
J		` ,	. ,					REVENUE							
CASH FLOW								Tomingley Gold	\$M	0.0	23.3	104.0	100.8	101.1	80.4
Revenue	\$M	6.8	23.3	104.0	188.0	514.9	606.6	Dubbo Zirconia	\$M	0.0	0.0	0.0	87.2	413.8	526.1
Costs	\$M	(1.9)	(24.8)	(64.2)	(112.4)	(275.9)	(320.7)	Other	\$M	2.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Net Interest Tax Paid	\$M	1.4	1.1	(12.1)	(34.2)	(41.0)	(32.5)	Total COSTS	\$M	2.7	23.3	104.0	188.0	514.9	606.6
Gross Cash Flow	\$M <b>\$M</b>	0.0 <b>6.4</b>	1.3 <b>0.8</b>	0.0 <b>27.7</b>	0.0 <b>41.4</b>	(5.8) <b>192.1</b>	(46.2) <b>207.2</b>	Tomingley (cash costs	Δ\$/07	0	958	885	892	906	1095
Net Capex	\$M	(29.3)	(98.5)	(506.0)	(506.0)	(6.5)	(6.5)	Tomingley (all in cash		0	1634	930	936	950	1150
Exploration	\$M	(8.0)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	Tomingley Gold	\$M	0.0	19.8	59.2	61.2	62.3	59.9
Dividends	\$M	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	Dubbo Zirconia	\$M	0.0	0.0	0.0	46.2	208.6	255.8
Other	\$M	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	Corporate / Other	\$M	2.3	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0
Free Cashflow	\$M	(30.8)	(97.7)	(478.3)	(464.6)	185.6	200.7	Total	\$M	2.3	24.8	64.2	112.4	275.9	320.7
Equity Issues	\$M	0.0	10.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	CAPEX	014	04.0	70.5				0.0
Net Borrowings Net Investments	\$M \$M	0.0 15.4	0.0 43.6	485.0 0.0	460.0 0.0	(175.0) 0.0	(200.0) 0.0	Tomingley Gold Dubbo Zirconia	\$M \$M	21.0 10.0	78.5 20.0	3.0 503.0	3.0 503.0	3.0 3.5	3.0 3.5
Surplus Cash Flow	\$M	(15.4)	(44.1)	6.7	(4.6)	10.6	0.0	Other	\$M	-1.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
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BALANCE SHEET								DEPRECIATION							
Cash	\$M	64.3	20.2	26.8	22.2	32.8	33.5	Tomingley Gold	\$M	0.0	3.2	14.6	16.0	17.0	17.7
Other Current	\$M	44.8	67.1	67.1	67.1	67.1	303.3	Dubbo Zirconia	\$M	0.0	0.0	0.0	5.9	27.0	33.4
Total Current	\$M	109.1	87.3	94.0	89.3	99.9	336.8	Other	\$M	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Fixed Assets Exploration	\$M \$M	21.1 45.3	116.4 45.3	607.8 45.3	1,092.0 45.3	1,054.4 45.3	1,009.8 0.0	Total EBITDA	\$M	0.1	3.2	14.6	21.9	44.1	51.1
Intangibles	\$M	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	Tomingley Gold	\$M	0.0	3.5	44.8	39.5	38.8	20.6
Other	\$M	7.8	7.8	7.8	7.8	7.8	7.8	Dubbo Zirconia	\$M	0.0	0.0	0.0	41.0	205.1	270.3
Total NC Assets	\$M	74.1	169.5	660.9	1,145.0	1,107.5	1,017.6	Other	\$M	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
TOTAL ASSETS	\$M	183.2	256.8	754.9	1,234.4	1,207.4	1,354.4	Total	\$M	0.0	3.5	44.8	80.6	244.0	290.9
Total Debt	\$M	0.0	0.0	485.0	945.0	770.0	570.0	HEDGING							
Current Liab	\$M	9.6	1.7	1.7	7.6	47.9	62.4	Gold hedged	oz	0	0	24,000	0	0	0
Non Current Liab	\$M	0.1	3.2	3.2	3.2	3.2	194.1	Hedged price	US\$/oz	0	1319	1278	0	0	0
TOTAL LIAB NET ASSETS	\$M \$M	9.7 173.5	4.9 251.8	489.9 264.9	955.8 278.6	821.1 386.3	826.5 527.9	Hedged price Sales hedged	A\$/oz %	0 0%	1449 0%	1444 34%	0 0%	0 0%	0 0%
SH/HLDRS FUNDS	\$M	236.4	251.8	264.9	278.6	386.3	527.9	Ave. deliverable price		1401	1295	1293	1263	1250	1250
	•							Ave. deliverable price		1,460	1,423	1,461	1,468	1,471	1,471
RATIO ANALYSIS								ASSUMPTIONS							
EPS	¢	0.6	(0.9)	3.2	3.3	26.1	34.3	Exchange Rate	A\$/US\$	0.96	0.91	0.89	0.86	0.85	0.85
PER	x	40.5	na	7.9	7.6	1.0	0.7	Gold Price	US\$/oz	1401	1295	1300	1263	1250	1250
EPS Growth	%	>100	(242.0)	>100	4.2	689.8	31.5	Gold Price	A\$/oz	1460	1423	1469	1468	1471	1471
EBITDA Maritiala	¢	0.0	-0.4	9.6	18.3	57.9	69.3	Zirconia Price	US\$kg	5.75	6.00	5.50	5.50	5.75	6.00
EBITDA Multiple EV/EBITDA	x x	5731.1 2159	-66.7 -53.6	2.6 14.1	1.4 13.6	0.4 3.5	0.4 2.2	LREE Price YHREE Price	US\$kg US\$kg	30.00 95.00	20.00 100.00	20.00 110.00	20.00 120.00	20.00 130.00	20.00 140.00
CFPS	¢	1.5	0.2	6.7	10.0	46.6	50.2	Niobium Price	US\$kg	40.00	30.00	30.00	30.00	30.00	30.00
PCFR	X	na	na	3.7	2.5	0.5	0.5	90 day Bank Bills	%	2.78	2.62	2.55	2.63	2.88	3.00
DPS	¢	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	10 Yr Bond rate	%	3.73	4.02	3.75	3.38	3.38	3.50
Yield	%	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	Interest Rate Charged		4.23	4.52	4.25	3.88	3.88	4.00
Franking	%	0	0	0	0	0	0	VALUATION						A\$M	A\$ps
-	%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	Tomingley Gold						138.3	
Payout Ratio		na	na	172.9	331.3	190.8	101.6	Dubbo Zirconia						831.5	
Payout Ratio Gearing D/E	%					4.0	7.2	Corporate / Other							
Payout Ratio Gearing D/E Interest Cover	x	0.1	4.3	2.1	1.6	4.8								-53.1	
Payout Ratio Gearing D/E Interest Cover EBITDA Margin	х %	0.1 na	(6.6)	38.3	40.2	46.4	47.1	Net Cash (Debt)						20.2	\$ 0.05
Payout Ratio Gearing D/E Interest Cover EBITDA Margin EBIT Margin	x % %	0.1 na na	(6.6) (20.3)	38.3 24.3	40.2 28.6	46.4 37.9	47.1 38.7								\$ 0.05
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