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## **Alkane Resources**

# ALK A\$0.26/share

## BUY

## Tomingley generating significant cashflow

ALK has reported strong production of 15.4koz for the two months of July and August. Importantly all-in sustaining cash costs (AISC) have fallen to A\$849/oz (down 47% on Feb-June period). We estimate free cashflow generation of ~\$8M for the two months. ALK have retained full year production forecasts at 60-70koz in FY15. Potential exists to significantly exceed forecasts should the current positive reconciliation for grade and tonnage continue. Project approval for the Dubbo Zirconia Project (DZP) has now moved to the PAC (Planning Assessment Commission) stage with approval expected before year end. We maintain our BUY recommendation on ALK with NPV of A\$2.24/share.

## Tomingley Gold (100%) - Figs. 1-3

- Production was 15.4koz for July and August.
- This equates to >90koz annualised.
- Impressive all-in costs of A\$849/oz.
- Free cash margins of over A\$500/oz.
- Free cashflow generation of ~\$4M per month.
- Milled grade tracking 30% higher than reserve.
- Milled tonnes tracking 9% higher than reserve.
- Positive reconciliation to date is in the oxide ore.
- Sulphide ore to creep in over coming months.
- Strong upside exists should positive reconciliation continue.
- Reserves increased 35% to 295koz (was 209koz).
- Resources increased 2% to 830koz (812koz).

#### DZP (100%) - approval progressing

- NSW Department of Planning & Environment has released its report (dated Sept 2014).
- The report states the DZP is expected to be approved subject to conditions.
- DZP has now moved to PAC for review.
- ALK anticipates final determination before year end.

### Key dates and newsflow

- Q4 2014 Finalise offtake agreements.
- Q4 2014 DZP Environmental approval.
- Q1 2015 DZP equity sell down (project level).
- Q1/2 2015 Construction commences at DZP.
- Q2 2015 DZP Project Financing (Export Credit Agency debt plus Project debt).
- Q3 2016 Commissioning of DZP.

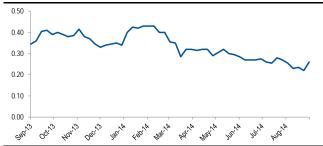
Company Data	
Shares - ordinary	412.6M
Options	OM
Total (fully diluted)	412.6M
Market Cap	\$107.3M
12 month low/high	\$0.25 / \$0.47
Average monthly turnover	\$3.6M
Average monthly volume	11.2M

#### **Financial Summary**

Year end June	2013A	2014F	2015F	2016F	2017F
Revenue (\$M)	2.7	23.3	106.9	188.3	504.5
Costs (\$M)	2.3	24.8	67.7	112.6	275.7
EBITDA (\$M)	0.0	-1.5	39.1	75.7	228.8
NPAT (\$M)	2.6	-3.6	11.8	13.7	100.5
EPS (¢ps)	0.6	-0.9	2.8	3.3	24.3
EPS Growth (%)	>100	na	>100	16.7	>100
PER (x)	42.1	na	9.1	7.8	1.1
Cashflow (\$M)	6.4	0.8	27.0	41.5	181.7
CFPS (¢ps)	1.5	0.2	6.5	10.0	44.0
PCFPS (x)	na	na	4.0	2.6	0.6
Enterprise Value (\$M)	43	87	566	1031	855
EV / EBITDA (x)	na	-56	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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Figure 1: Tomingley Gold Operations

Tomingley Gold is performing well with strong production of 15.4koz for the months of July and August at low all-in cash costs of A\$849/oz.

TGO Production		FY 2014 (Feb-June) <sup>2</sup>	July – August 2014
Waste Mined	Tonnes	4,635,684	1,129,758
Ore mined	Tonnes	545,550	207,778
Grade	g/t	1.42	2.13
Ore milled	Tonnes	359,096	200,171
Head grade	g/t	2.24	2.54
Recovery	%	91.4	95.4
Gold poured	Ounces	20,711	15,398
Gold sold	Ounces	16,374	14,734
Gold revenue	A\$M	23.3	20.8
AISC <sup>1</sup>	A\$/oz	1,604	849
Stockpiles			
Ore for immediate milling	Tonnes	185,701	193,659
Bullion on hand	Ounces	4,386	10,343

Source: Alkane Resources.

Figure 2: Reserves and Resources

Reserves have increased by from 209koz to 295koz.

Resources have increased from 812koz to 830koz.

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	TOTAL RESOURCES						RESOURCES TOTAL RESERVES						
		2013			2014			2013			2014		
DEPOSIT	Tonnage (Kt)	Grade (g/t Au)	Gold (koz)	Tonnage (Kt)	Grade (g/t Au)	Gold (koz)	Tonnage (Kt)	Grade (g/t Au)	Gold (koz)	Tonnage (Kt)	Grade (g/t Au)	Gold (koz)	
Wyoming One	6,324	1.9	392.4	4,742	2.1	314.1	1,900	1.6	94.5	1,864	1.6	98.4	
Wyoming Three	808	1.9	49.9	649	1.7	35.7	500	1.6	28.1	389	1.7	21.4	
Caloma	5,453	2.1	369.4	5,909	1.8	335.7	1,200	2.2	86.5	1,928	2.2	136.0	
Caloma Two	-	-	-	2,169	2.07	144.3	-	-	-	239	3.6	27.4	
Stockpiles										186	1.9	11.5	
TOTAL	12,586	2.0	811.7	13,468	1.92	829.8	3,600	1.8	209.1	4,606	2.0	294.7	

Source: Alkane Resources.

Figure 3: Tomingley Gold Plant



Source: Alkane Resources.



# **Analysis**

ALKANE RESOURCE (ALK AU) (ALKNY O								Share Price Iss. Shares Iss. Options	(\$) (M) (M)	0.26 412.6 0.0		PE	TRA	N .	
Year End 30 June								Mkt Cap.	(\$M)	107.3					
PROFIT & LOSS		2013A	2014F	2015F	2016F	2017F	2018F	RESOURCES		2013A	2014F	2015F	2016F	2017F	2018F
Sales Revenue	\$M	0.0	23.3	106.9	188.3	504.5	600.8	Tomingley Gold (NS)	-	40.0	40.0	44.4	40.0	0.0	
Other Income Operating Costs	\$M \$M	2.7 2.3	0.0 24.8	0.0 67.7	0.0 112.6	0.0 275.7	0.0 320.7	Tonnes Grade (gold)	Mt g/t	12.6 2.0	12.2 2.0	11.1 2.0	10.0 2.0	8.9 1.9	7.7 2.0
Exploration	\$M	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	Contained Gold	oz	809,556	783,695	702,353	628,535	554,588	497,420
Other	\$M	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	Dubbo Zirconia (NSV		,		,	,	,	,
EBITDA	\$M	0.0	(1.5)	39.1	75.7	228.8	280.1	Tonnes	Mt	73.2	73.2	73.2	73.0	72.1	71.0
Depreciation & Amort.	\$M	0.1	3.2	15.3	21.9	44.1	51.1	Zirconium (ZrO <sub>2)</sub>	%	2.0%	2.0%	2.0%	2.0%	2.0%	2.0%
EBIT	\$M	(0.1)	(4.7)	23.9	53.8	184.7	229.0	Niobium	%	0.5%	0.5%	0.5%	0.5%	0.5%	0.5%
Net Interest Pre-Tax Profit	\$M <b>\$M</b>	(1.4) <b>1.3</b>	(1.1) <b>(3.6)</b>	12.1 <b>11.8</b>	34.2 <b>19.6</b>	41.2 <b>143.5</b>	32.9 <b>196.1</b>	Yt + REE Contained product	% Mt	0.9% 2.4	0.9% 2.4	0.9% 2.4	0.9% 2.4	0.9% 2.4	0.9% 2.4
Tax	\$M	(1.3)	0.0	0.0	5.9	43.1	58.8	ATTRIBUTABLE PRO			2.4	2.4	2.4	2.4	2.4
Minorities	\$M	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	Tomingley Gold	oz	-	20,711	75,647	68,651	68,770	53,166
Net Profit	\$M	2.6	(3.6)	11.8	13.7	100.5	137.3	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	\$M	(66.4)	5.5	11.8	13.7	100.5	137.3	DZP - LREE	t	0	0	0	968	4,355	5,322
Dividends Paid	\$M	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	DZP - YHREE	t	0	0	0	252	1,136	1,388
Adjustments Retained Earnings	\$M <b>\$M</b>	3.7 <b>(15.5)</b>	0.0 <b>(10.0)</b>	0.0 <b>1.8</b>	0.0 <b>15.5</b>	0.0 <b>115.9</b>	0.0 <b>253.2</b>	Other Total - Dubbo	t t	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0 4,844	0.0 21,796	0.0 26,640
retailed Lamings	ψ	(10.0)	(10.0)	1.0	10.0	110.5	200.2	REVENUE		- U	Ü	- U	4,044	21,750	20,040
CASH FLOW								Tomingley Gold	\$M	0.0	23.3	106.9	103.8	99.1	77.7
Revenue	\$M	6.8	23.3	106.9	188.3	504.5	600.8	Dubbo Zirconia	\$M	0.0	0.0	0.0	84.5	405.4	523.1
Costs	\$M	(1.9)	(24.8)	(67.7)	(112.6)	(275.7)	(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)	(41.2)	(32.9)	Total	\$M	2.7	23.3	106.9	188.3	504.5	600.8
Gross Cash Flow	\$M <b>\$M</b>	0.0 <b>6.4</b>	1.3 <b>0.8</b>	0.0 <b>27.0</b>	0.0 <b>41.5</b>	(5.9) <b>181.7</b>	(43.1) <b>204.2</b>	COSTS Tomingley (cash costs	Δ\$/07	0	958	829	897	908	1129
Net Capex	\$M	(29.3)	(98.5)	(506.0)	(506.0)	(6.5)	(6.5)	Tomingley (all in cash		0	1634	869	941	952	1185
Exploration	\$M	(8.0)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	Tomingley Gold	\$M	0.0	19.8	62.7	61.6	62.5	60.0
Dividends	\$M	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	Dubbo Zirconia	\$M	0.0	0.0	0.0	46.1	208.3	255.7
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	<b>\$M</b> \$M	( <b>30.8)</b> 0.0	(97.7)	(479.0)	<b>(464.5)</b> 0.0	<b>175.2</b> 0.0	<b>197.7</b> 0.0	Total CAPEX	\$M	2.3	24.8	67.7	112.6	275.7	320.7
Equity Issues Net Borrowings	\$M	0.0	10.0 0.0	0.0 485.0	460.0	(175.0)	(200.0)	Tomingley Gold	\$M	21.0	78.5	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0
Net Investments	\$M	15.4	43.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	Dubbo Zirconia	\$M	10.0	20.0	503.0	503.0	3.5	3.5
Surplus Cash Flow	\$M	(15.4)	(44.1)	6.0	(4.5)	0.2	(2.3)	Other	\$M	-1.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
								Total	\$M	29.3	98.5	506.0	506.0	6.5	6.5
BALANCE SHEET								DEPRECIATION							
Cash	\$M	64.3	20.2	26.2	21.6	21.9	19.5	Tomingley Gold	\$M	0.0	3.2	15.3	16.0	17.0	17.7
Other Current Total Current	\$M <b>\$M</b>	44.8 <b>109.1</b>	67.1 <b>87.3</b>	67.1 <b>93.3</b>	67.1 <b>88.8</b>	67.1 <b>89.0</b>	300.4 <b>319.9</b>	Dubbo Zirconia Other	\$M \$M	0.0 0.1	0.0	0.0	5.9 0.0	27.0 0.0	33.4 0.0
Fixed Assets	\$M	21.1	116.4	607.2	1,091.3	1,053.7	1,009.1	Total	\$M	0.1	3.2	15.3	21.9	44.1	51.1
Exploration	\$M	45.3	45.3	45.3	45.3	45.3	0.0	EBITDA							
Intangibles	\$M	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	Tomingley Gold	\$M	0.0	3.5	44.1	42.3	36.6	17.7
Other	\$M	7.8	7.8	7.8	7.8	7.8	7.8	Dubbo Zirconia	\$M	0.0	0.0	0.0	38.4	197.1	267.4
Total NC Assets	\$M	74.1	169.5	660.2	1,144.3	1,106.8	1,016.9	Other	\$M	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
TOTAL ASSETS Total Debt	<b>\$M</b> \$M	<b>183.2</b> 0.0	<b>256.8</b> 0.0	<b>753.5</b> 485.0	<b>1,233.1</b> 945.0	<b>1,195.8</b> 770.0	<b>1,336.8</b> 570.0	Total HEDGING	\$M	0.0	3.5	44.1	80.7	233.8	285.1
Current Liab	\$M	9.6	1.7	1.7	7.6	44.8	60.6	Gold hedged	oz	0	0	25,000	0	0	0
Non Current Liab	\$M	0.1	3.2	3.2	3.2	3.2	191.2	Hedged price	US\$/oz	0	1319	1308	0	0	0
TOTAL LIAB	\$M	9.7	4.9	489.9	955.8	818.0	821.7	Hedged price	A\$/oz	0	1449	1437	0	0	0
NET ASSETS	\$M	173.5	251.9	263.6	277.3	377.8	515.1	Sales hedged	%	0%	0%	33%	0%	0%	0%
SH/HLDRS FUNDS	\$M	236.4	251.9	263.6	277.3	377.8	515.1	Ave. deliverable price		1401	1295	1286	1263	1250	1250
RATIO ANALYSIS								Ave. deliverable price  ASSUMPTIONS	A\$/OZ	1,460	1,423	1,413	1,423	1,441	1,462
EPS	¢	0.6	(0.9)	2.8	3.3	24.3	33.3	Exchange Rate	A\$/US\$	0.96	0.91	0.91	0.89	0.87	0.86
PER	x	42.1	na	9.1	7.8	1.1	0.8	Gold Price	US\$/oz	1401	1295	1275	1263	1250	1250
EPS Growth	%	>100	(241.7)	>100	16.7	632.9	36.7	Gold Price	A\$/oz	1460	1423	1401	1423	1441	1462
EBITDA per share	¢	0.0	-0.4	9.5	18.3	55.4	67.9	Zirconia Price	US\$kg	5.75	6.00	5.50	5.50	5.75	6.00
EBITDA Multiple	х	5960.3	-69.3	2.7	1.4	0.5	0.4	LREE Price	US\$kg	30.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00
EV/EBITDA CFPS	X ¢	2388 1.5	-56.3 0.2	14.5 6.5	13.6 10.0	3.7 44.0	2.3 49.5	YHREE Price Niobium Price	US\$kg US\$kg	95.00 40.00	100.00 30.00	110.00 30.00	120.00 30.00	130.00 30.00	140.00 30.00
PCFR	X	na	na	4.0	2.6	0.6	0.5	90 day Bank Bills	%	2.78	2.63	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
Payout Ratio	%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	Tomingley Gold						132.4	
Gearing D/E	%	na	na	174.1	333.0	198.0	106.9	Dubbo Zirconia						824.1	
Interest Cover EBITDA Margin	х %	0.1	4.2 (6.6)	2.0 36.6	1.6 40.2	4.5 45.3	7.0 46.6	Corporate / Other Net Cash (Debt)						-53.1 20.2	
EBIT DA Margin	%	na na	(20.3)	22.4	40.2 28.6	45.3 36.6	38.1	Total						923.6	
Return On Assets	%	(0.0)	(1.8)	3.2	4.4	15.4	17.1	. ••••						020.0	·
Return On Equity	%	1.1	(1.4)	4.5	4.9	26.6	26.7								
Eff Tax rate	%	0	0	0	30	30	30								

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