

# SHEFFIELD RESOURCES LIMITED (SFX)

# Mineral sands prices rising...good for financing

Consensus expectations for mineral sands prices have been increasing, and we have adjusted our estimates accordingly. The consequence is a meaningful increase to our Sheffield Resources Ltd (SFX) valuation. Rising tightness in the market also suggests financing risk is lower as industry and financiers view Thunderbird development as increasingly profitable operation.

# Remaining finance seems digestible

Late last year, SFX announced a US\$200m debt facility with Taurus (still conditional on due diligence and equity). The package comprises a US\$175m term loan facility and US\$25m contingent instrument facility.

We estimate that Thunderbird requires ~A\$150m of additional financing, which we assume is new ordinary equity. However, it could be new secured debt (eg against power station infrastructure) or a project level sell-down.

## Offtakes almost all done.

The project has five main product streams, which all required offtakes. SFX now has 50% of Stage 1 forecast ilmenite revenue and 100% of Stage 1 forecast zircon revenue under binding offtake agreement (combined 75% of Stage 1 project revenue). The zircon appears an excellent product, and volumes are large at 76ktpa (initially ~50ktpa). The lower grade zircon concentrate volume is ~68ktpa (initially ~50ktpa). Ilmenite volumes of ~390ktpa (initially 265ktpa) are also large volumes to be placed into the market. The meaningful size of the project in the current tight market means Thunderbird has strategic value.

## Native Title resolution imminent

The mining licence has been approved to be issued, but has not been enacted by SFX due to a subsequent appeal by a Native Title claimant. To date, previous appeals by the claimant have been dismissed, and it appears SFX is in a strong position. The National Native Title Tribunal determination is scheduled for the next few months and Final Federal environmental approval also expected in Q3 2018. We assume construction can begin early CY19.

# Maintain Speculative Buy

Our base case valuation (\$1.26) assumes no project sell down, and we assume ~175m new shares. Our spot price valuation is \$1.58. We use NPV12, while an industry player could use NPV8. Given the mine life, the discount rate assumption has a big upside impact on potential valuation under a takeover scenario. We have a twelve month price target of \$1.47.

Fig. 2: SFX offtakes

| Product (% BFS Revenue ) | Binding Agreement<br>(% of Stage 1 output) | Offtake Parties  |
|--------------------------|--|--|
| Premium Zircon (43%)     | 100%                                       | Sukaso, Ruby Ceramics, RZI, Qingyuan<br>Jinsheng, Minchem, CFM, Others |
| Zircon Concentrate (19%) | 100%                                       | Hainan Wensheng, RZI   |
| LTR Ilmenite (29%)       | 50%  | Bengbu, Others   |
| HiTi-88 (5%)             | In Progress                                |  |
| Titano-magnetite (4%)    | In Progress                                |  |

Source: SFX

# 27 Jul 2018 \$0.86

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| Share Price             | \$0.86      |
| Valuation               | \$1.26      |
| Price Target (12 month) | \$1.47      |
|                         |             |

### **Brief Business Description:**

Significant and advanced mineral sands development project (Thunderbird project in WA).

### **Hartleys Brief Investment Conclusion**

The Thunderbird project is large. With a debt package now agreed, and rising mineral sands prices, it appears compelling.

#### Chairman & MD

Will Burbury (Non-Exec Chairman)

Bruce Mcfadzean (MD)

#### Top Shareholders

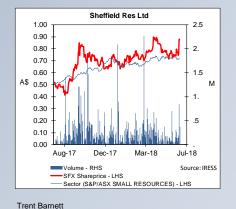
| Blackrock            | 5.9% |
|----------------------|------|
| Colonial First State | 5.9% |
| Walter Yovich        | 5.9% |

#### Company Address

Level 2, 41-47 Colin Street West Perth, WA 6005

| Issued Capital        | 229.0m    |
|-----------------------|-----------|
| - fully diluted (itm) | 244.4m    |
| Market Cap            | A\$196.9m |
| - fully diluted       | A\$210.2m |
| Cash (30 Jun 18a)     | A\$23.0m  |
| Debt (30 Jun 18a)     | A\$0.0m   |
| EV                    | A\$173.9m |

|                | FY19e | FY20e | FY21e |
|----------------|-------|-------|-------|
| EBITDA         | -9.3  | -9.7  | 105.9 |
| Op Cash Flw    | -13.6 | -25.4 | 66.0  |
| Norm NPAT      | -19.4 | -42.7 | 59.4  |
| CF/Share (cps) | -4.3  | -6.3  | 16.3  |
| EPS (cps)      | -6.1  | -10.6 | 14.7  |
| P/E            | -14.0 | -8.1  | 5.8   |



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| Sheffield Res Ltd<br>SFX         |                 |                  |           |                    | are Price<br>\$0.860 |   |                         |              | S           | Speculat    | Jul 20<br>tive E |
|----------------------------------|-----------------|------------------|-----------|--------------------|----------------------|---|-------------------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|------------------|
| Key Market Information           |                 |                  |           |                    |                      | Directors                                   |                         |              | Co          | mpany Inf   | forma            |
| Share Price                      |                 |                  |           |                    | \$0.860              | Will Burbury (Non-Exec Chairman)            |                         |              | Level 2     | 2, 41-47 Cc | olin Str         |
| Market Capitalisation - ordina   | ary             |                  |           |                    | A\$197m              | Bruce Mcfadzean (MD)                        |                         |              | W           | est Perth,  | , WA 6           |
| Net Debt (cash)                  |                 |                  |           |                    | -\$23m               | David Archer (Technical Director)           |                         |              |             | +61 8 6     | 6424 8           |
| Market Capitalisation - fully of | diluted         |                  |           |                    | A\$210m              | Bruce McQuitty (Non-exec. Director)         |                         |              |             |             |                  |
| EV                               |                 |                  |           |                    | A\$181m              |   |                         |              | www.she     | ffieldresou | ırces.c          |
| EV inc. assumed new capita       | ıl              |                  |           |                    | A\$510m              | Top Shareholders                            |                         |              |             |             |                  |
| ssued Capital                    |                 |                  |           |                    | 229.0m               | Blackrock                                   |                         |              |             |             |                  |
| Options                          |                 |                  |           |                    | 15.4                 | Colonial First State                        |                         |              |             |             |                  |
| ssued Capital (fully diluted i   |                 |                  |           |                    | 244.4m               | Walter Yovich                               |                         |              |             |             |                  |
| ssued Capital (fully diluted i   | nc. all options | and new capital) |           |                    | 419.0m               | Reserves & Resources                        |                         | Bt           |             | Metal (Mt)  | Att              |
|                                  |                 |                  |           |                    |                      | Thunderbird (cut-off >3%)                   |                         | 3.24         | 6.9%        | 223.6       | 100.             |
| Valuation                        |                 |                  |           |                    | \$1.26               | - high grade (cut-off >7.5%)                |                         | 1.09         | 11.9%       | 129.7       | 100.             |
| 12month price target             |                 |                  |           |                    | \$1.47               | - Reserve                                   |                         | 0.68         | 11.3%       | 76.9        | 100.             |
|                                  | Unit            |                  |           | 30 Jun 21          | 30 Jun 22            | Eneabba                                     |                         | 0.30         | 2.2%        | 6.6         | 100.             |
|                                  | A\$m            | 0.0              | 0.0       | 209.4              | 236.6                | - high grade                                |                         | 0.17         | 3.0%        | 5.2         | 100.             |
|                                  | A\$m            | -9.3             | -9.7      | -103.5             | -116.3               | McCalls                                     |                         | 4.43         | 1.2%        | 53.2        | 100.             |
| EBITDA                           | A\$m            | -9.3             | -9.7      | 105.9              | 120.3                | Production Summary                          | Unit                    | Jun 19       | Jun 20      | Jun 21      | Ju               |
| - margin                         |                 | -                | -         | 51%                | 51%                  | Mill Throughput                             | Mt                      | 0.00         | 0.00        | 8.50        |                  |
| -                                | A\$m            | -5.8             | -17.3     | -25.6              | -26.1                | Strip Ratio                                 | x                       |              |             | 0.2         |                  |
|                                  | A\$m            | -15.0            | -27.0     | 80.3               | 94.2                 | HM grade                                    | %                       |              |             | 15.0%       | 15               |
|                                  | A\$m            | -4.4             | -15.7     | -21.0              | -18.9                | Zircon Recovery                             | %                       |              |             | 75.0%       | 75               |
|                                  | A\$m            | -19.4            | -42.7     | 59.4               | 75.3                 | Total VHM production                        | kt                      |              |             | 307.4       | 3                |
|                                  | A\$m            | 0.0              | 0.0       | 0.0                | -12.2                | Zr production                               | kt                      |              |             | 45.6        |                  |
|                                  | A\$m            | -19.4            | -42.7     | 59.4               | 63.1                 | Zr concentrate                              |                         |              |             | 39.5        |                  |
|                                  | A\$m            | 0.0              | 0.0       | 0.0                | 0.0                  | Leuc. / Hi-Ti production                    | kt                      |              |             | 8.6         |                  |
|                                  | A\$m            | -19.4            | -42.7     | 59.4               | 63.1                 | · ·   |                         |              |             | 253.2       | _                |
|                                  |                 |                  |           |                    |                      | Sulph. Ilmenite production                  | kt                      |              |             |             | 2                |
| ,                                | A\$m            | 0.0              | 0.0       | 0.0                | 0.0                  | Magnetite                                   |                         |              |             | 165.9       | 1                |
| Profit Attrib                    | A\$m            | -19.4            | -42.7     | 59.4               | 63.1                 | Total product volumes                       |                         |              |             | 512.9       | 5                |
|                                  |                 |                  |           |                    |                      | Revenue to Cost ratio                       | yr                      |              |             | 2.4         |                  |
|                                  | Unit            |                  |           | 30 Jun 21          | 30 Jun 22            | Mine Life                                   | Mt                      |              |             | 54.3        |                  |
|                                  | A\$m            | 223.7            | 91.2      | 124.0              | 205.1                |   |                         |              |             |             |                  |
|                                  | A\$m            | 8.0              | 0.8       | 42.9               | 48.5                 |   |                         |              |             |             |                  |
| Total Current Assets             | A\$m            | 224.4            | 92.0      | 166.9              | 253.5                | Costs                                       | Unit                    | Jun 19       | Jun 20      | Jun 21      | Ju               |
| Property, Plant & Equip.         | A\$m            | 114.9            | 329.6     | 311.2              | 288.1                | Rev milled tonne                            | \$A/t                   |              |             | 24.6        | 2                |
| Exploration                      | A\$m            | 38.3             | 42.3      | 45.1               | 47.9                 | Cost per milled tonne                       | \$A/t                   |              |             | 10.6        | 1                |
|                                  | A\$m            | 0.0              | 0.0       | 0.0                | 0.0                  | EBITDA / tonne milled ore                   | \$A/t                   |              |             | 12.5        | 1                |
|                                  | A\$m            | 153.2            | 372.0     | 356.4              | 336.1                | C1: Operating Cash Cost = (a)               | \$A/t final product     |              |             | 281         |                  |
| Total Assets                     | A\$m            | 377.7            | 463.9     | 523.3              | 589.6                | (a) + Royalty = (b)                         | \$A/t final product     |              |             | 303         |                  |
|                                  |                 |                  |           |                    |                      | C2: (a) + depreciation & amortisation = (c) | \$A/t final product     |              |             | 365         |                  |
| Short Term Borrowings            | A\$m            | _                | _         | _                  | _                    | (a) + actual cash for development = (d)     | \$A/t final product     |              |             | 281         |                  |
| -                                | A\$III          | 2.4              | 2.5       | 25.6               | 28.8                 | C3: (c) + Royalty                           | \$A/t final product     |              |             | 387         |                  |
|                                  | A\$m            | 2.4              | 2.5       | 25.6               | 28.8                 |   | \$A/t final product     |              |             | 303         |                  |
|                                  | A\$m<br>A\$m    | 2.4<br>171.6     | 300.4     | 277.3              | 277.3                | (d) + Royalty Price Assumptions             | Unit SAVE linal product | Jun 19       | Jun 20      | Jun 21      | lu               |
|                                  |                 | 1/1.0            | 300.4     | 211.3              | 211.3                |   |                         |              |             |             | Ju               |
|                                  | A\$m            | 474.0            | 200 4     | 277.2              | -                    | AUDUSD                                      | A\$/US\$                | 0.75         | 0.76        | 0.77        |                  |
|                                  | A\$m            | 171.6            | 300.4     | 277.3              | 277.3                | Ilmenite                                    | US\$/t                  | 193          | 203         | 204         |                  |
|                                  | A\$m            | 174.0            | 303.0     | 303.0              | 306.1                | Zircon                                      | US\$/t                  | 1451         | 1494        | 1481        | 1                |
|                                  | A\$m            | 203.7            | 161.0     | 220.3              | 283.5                | Rutile                                      | US\$/t                  | 1010         | 1048        | 1097        | 1                |
| Net Debt                         | A\$m            | -52.1            | 209.3     | 153.4              | 72.3                 | Leucoxene                                   | US\$/t                  | 606          | 629         | 658         |                  |
| Cashflow                         | Unit            | 30 Jun 40        | 20 Jun 20 | 20 Jun 24          | 30 Jun 22            | Avg selling price / VHM produced            | A\$/t                   |              |             | 681         |                  |
|                                  |                 | 30 Jun 19 :      |           | 30 Jun 21          |                      | Sensitivity Analysis                        |                         | Valuetion    |             |             | FY21 N           |
|                                  | A\$m            |                  | -9.7      | 86.9               | 117.9                | Page Care                                   |                         | Valuation    |             | •           |                  |
|                                  | A\$m            | 0.0              | 0.0       | 0.0                | -12.2                | Base Case                                   |                         | 1.25         |             |             | 59.              |
|                                  | A\$m            | -4.4             | -15.7     | -21.0              | -18.9                | Spot Prices                                 |                         | 1.58 (26.8%) |             | 57          | 7.0 (-4.         |
| Operating Activities             | A\$m            | -13.6            | -25.4     | 66.0               | 86.9                 | Spot USD/AUD 0.74, Ilmenite \$175/t,Zirco   |                         |              |             |             |                  |
|                                  |                 |                  |           |                    |                      | AUDUSD +/10%                                | 0.84 / 1.73 (-32        |              |             | 5.2 (-26.0% |                  |
|                                  | A\$m            | -118.0           | -232.0    | -7.3               | -3.0                 | Ilmenite +/10%                              | 1.40 / 1.10 (11.        |              |             | 55.8 (16.69 |                  |
|                                  | A\$m            | -4.0             | -4.0      | -2.8               | -2.8                 | Zircon +/10%                                | 1.49 / 1.01 (18.        |              |             | 0.6 (25.4%  |                  |
|                                  | A\$m            | 0.0              | 0.0       | 0.0                | 0.0                  | Rutile +/10%                                |                         | 0.0% / 0.0%) |             | / 62.5 (5.3 |                  |
| nvestment Activities             | A\$m            | -122.0           | -236.0    | -10.1              | -5.8                 | Leucoxene +/10%                             | 1.27 / 1.22 (1          |              |             | / 61.8 (6.5 |                  |
|                                  |                 |                  |           |                    |                      | Operating Costs +/10%                       | 1.02 / 1.47 (-18        | .4% / 18.0%) | 53.8 / 7    | 71.2 (-9.4% | % / 20           |
| -                                | A\$m            | 171.6            | 128.9     | -23.1              | 0.0                  | Unpaid Capital                              |                         |              |             |             |                  |
|                                  | A\$m            | 164.7            | 0.0       | 0.0                | 0.0                  | Year Expires No. (m) \$m                    | Avg price               | % ord        |             |             |                  |
|                                  | A\$m            | 0.0              | 0.0       | 0.0                | 0.0                  | 30-Jun-19 1.9 1.5                           | 0.81                    | 1%           |             |             |                  |
|                                  | A\$m            | 336.3            | 128.9     | -23.1              | 0.0                  | 30-Jun-20 7.0 2.7                           | 0.39                    | 3%           |             |             |                  |
|                                  |                 |                  |           |                    |                      | 30-Jun-21 4.1 2.1                           | 0.50                    | 2%           |             |             |                  |
| Net Cashflow                     | A\$m            | 200.7            | -132.5    | 32.8               | 81.1                 | 30-Jun-22 2.4 0.0                           | 0.00                    | 1%           |             |             |                  |
| Shares                           | Unit            |                  |           | 30 Jun 21          | 30 Jun 22            | 30-Jun-23 0.0 0.0                           | 0.00                    | 0%           |             |             |                  |
|                                  | m               | 403.6            | 403.6     | 403.6              | 403.6                | TOTAL 15.4 6.3                              | 0.41                    | 7%           |             |             |                  |
|                                  | m               | 316.3            | 403.6     | 403.6              | 403.6                |   | •                       | . /•         |             |             |                  |
| -                                |                 | 316.3            | 403.6     | 403.6              | 403.6                |   |                         |              |             |             |                  |
|                                  | m<br>Unit       |                  |           | 403.6<br>30 Jun 21 | 403.6<br>30 Jun 22   |   |                         |              |             |             |                  |
| •                                | A\$ cps         | -4.3             | -6.3      | 16.3               | 21.5                 | Valuation                                   |                         |              | \$m         | /shr        |                  |
|                                  |                 |                  |           |                    |                      |   | of 129/.)               |              |             |             |                  |
|                                  | х               | -20.0x           | -13.7     | 5.3                | 4.0                  | 100% Eneabba (pre-tax NAV at disc. rate     |                         |              | 0           | 0.00        |                  |
|                                  | х               | -33.9x           | -18.9x    | 6.4x               | 5.4x                 | 100% Thunderbird (pre-tax NAV at disc. ra   |                         |              | 637         | 1.52        |                  |
|                                  | х               | -55.1x           | -52.4x    | 4.8x               | 4.2x                 | 100% McCalls (pre-tax NAV at disc. rate of  | 14%)                    |              | 0           | 0.00        |                  |
|                                  | A\$ cps         | -6.1             | -10.6     | 14.7               | 15.6                 | Other Assets/Exploration                    |                         |              | 50          | 0.12        |                  |
| Price to Earnings Ratio          | x               | -14.0x           | -8.1      | 5.8                | 5.5                  | Forwards                                    |                         |              | 0           | 0.00        |                  |
| Dividends Per Share              | AUD             | -                | -         | -                  | -                    | Corporate Overheads                         |                         |              | -70         | -0.17       |                  |
|                                  | %               | 0.0%             | 0.0%      | 0.0%               | 0.0%                 | Net Cash (Debt)                             |                         |              | 23          | 0.05        |                  |
|                                  |                 | -34%             | 57%       | 41%                | 20%                  | Tax (NPV future liability)                  |                         |              | -121        | -0.29       |                  |
| Net Debt / Net Debt + Equity     | X               | na               | na        | 3.8                | 5.0                  | Options & Other Equity                      |                         |              | 5           | 0.01        |                  |
|                                  |                 | na               | na        | 27%                | 22%                  | Total                                       |                         |              | 528         | 1.26        |                  |
| nterest Cover                    | %               |                  |           | /0                 |                      |   |                         |              |             |             |                  |
| nterest Cover                    | %               |                  |           |                    |                      |   |                         |              |             |             |                  |
| nterest Cover                    | <u>%</u>        |                  |           |                    |                      |   |                         |              | Jpdated: 26 |             |                  |

# Fig. 2: Price change assumptions

| _    |                 |  |   |  |  |   |          |   |   |  |   |  |  |   |
|------|-----------------|--|---|--|--|---|----------|---|---|--|---|--|--|---|
|      | _               |  |   |  |  |   |          | _   |   |  |   |  |  |   |
| Unit | Spot            | FY19e  | FY20e   | FY21e  | FY22e  | FY23e   | Long run |   | FY19e   | FY20e  | FY21e   | FY22e  | FY23e  | Long run  |
|      |                 | yr avg   | yr avg  | yr avg   | yr avg   | yr avg  | assump.  |   | yr avg  | yr avg   | yr avg  | yr avg   | yr avg   | assump.   |
| /A\$ | 0.742           | 0.75   | 0.76  | 0.77   | 0.78   | 0.78  | 0.77     |   | -1.4%   | -0.6%  | -0.1%   | 0.9%   | 0.5%   | -1.9%   |
| onne | 1,450           | 1,451  | 1,494   | 1,484  | 1,475  | 1,415   | 1,234    |   | 20.9%   | 21.9%  | 18.1%   | 15.2%  | 14.5%  | 15.4%   |
| onne | 1,953           | 1,938  | 1,969   | 1,932  | 1,883  | 1,804   | 1,613    |   | 22.7%   | 22.7%  | 18.3%   | 14.2%  | 13.9%  | 17.7%   |
| onne | 1,000           | 1,010  | 1,048   | 1,081  | 1,128  | 1,121   | 1,031    |   | 14.7%   | 8.0%   | 3.3%  | 3.4%   | 3.6%   | 4.9%  |
| onne | 1,347           | 1,348  | 1,381   | 1,407  | 1,440  | 1,430   | 1,348    |   | 16.4%   | 8.6%   | 3.4%  | 2.4%   | 3.1%   | 7.0%  |
| onne | 175             | 193  | 203   | 203  | 204  | 201   | 188      |   | 4.3%  | 9.9%   | 10.0%   | 10.4%  | 8.5%   | 1.6%  |
| onne | 236             | 258  | 268   | 265  | 261  | 256   | 246      |   | 5.8%  | 10.6%  | 10.1%   | 9.4%   | 8.0%   | 3.6%  |
|      | Jnit /A\$ conne | A\$ 0.742<br>Danne 1,450<br>Danne 1,953<br>Danne 1,000<br>Danne 1,347<br>Danne 175 | Spot   FY19e   yr avg   Va\$   0.742   0.75   0.75   0.76 | Spot   FY19e   FY20e   yr avg   yr av | Unit Spot FY19e FY20e FY21e yr avg yr avg yr avg A\$ 0.742 0.75 0.76 0.76 0.77 1,450 1,451 1,494 1,484 0.000 1,010 1,048 1,081 0.000 1,347 1,348 1,381 1,407 0.000 175 193 203 203 | Spot   FY19e   FY20e   FY21e   FY22e   Yr avg   Yr avg | Spot     | Spot   FY19e   FY20e   FY21e   FY22e   FY23e   Long run | Spot   FY19e   FY20e   FY21e   FY22e   FY23e   Long run | Unit Spot FY19e FY20e FY21e FY22e FY23e Long run yr avg yr | Spot   FY19e   FY20e   FY21e   FY22e   FY23e   Long run   FY19e   FY20e   Yr avg   21.9%   22.7% | Spot   FY19e   FY20e   FY21e   FY22e   FY23e   Long run   FY19e   FY20e   FY21e   FY20e   FY21e   FY20e   FY21e   FY20e   FY21e   FY20e   FY | Unit Spot FY19e FY20e FY21e FY22e FY23e Long run yr avg yr | Unit Spot FY19e FY20e FY21e FY22e FY23e Long run FY19e FY20e FY21e FY22e FY23e yr avg |

Source: Hartleys Research Estimates

# PRICE TARGET

Our price target is \$1.47 (from \$1.02 previously).

| Fig. 3: SFX price tar | raet |
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| Price Target Methodology                          | Weighting | Today   | 12 mth out |
|---|-----------|---------|------------|
| NPV <sub>12</sub> base case prices                | 70%       | \$1.26  | \$1.43     |
| NPV <sub>12</sub> at spot commodity and fx prices | 10%       | \$1.58  | \$1.80     |
| Takeover (20% disc. to NPV, no more dilution)     | 5%        | \$1.26  | \$1.44     |
| 8.0x FY20 (EV + capital) / EBIT Stage 1           | 3%        | \$1.03  | \$1.03     |
| 8.0x FY25 (EV + capital) / EBIT Stage 2           | 3%        | \$2.71  | \$2.71     |
| NPV <sub>8</sub> base case prices                 | 5%        | \$1.94  | \$2.13     |
| Net cash backing                                  | 4%        | \$0.10  | \$0.10     |
| Risk weighted composite                           |           | \$1.32  |            |
| 12 Months Price Target                            |           | \$1.47  |            |
| Shareprice - Last                                 |           | \$0.860 |            |
| 12 mth total return                               |           | 71.4%   |            |

Source: Hartleys Estimates

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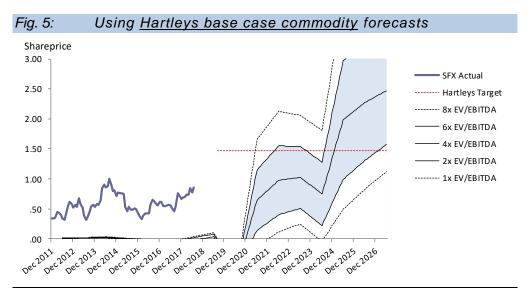
| Assumption  | Risk of not realising assumption | Downside risk to<br>valuation if<br>assumption is<br>incorrect | Comment   |
|---|----------------------------------|--|---|
| First production in late CY20 for Thunderbird       | High                             | Moderate   | This appears reasonable provided funding is arranged.   |
| Zircon prices rise, ilmenite prices flat            | Moderate                         | Significant  | There is a wide dispersion of consensus price forecasts at the moment.  |
| 55 year mine life                                   | Moderate to high                 | Moderate   | Seems reasonable given very large resource. We have a high strip ratio assumption in outer years and hence impact on valuation is low         |
| Capex for Thunderbird is 65:35 debt/equity          | Moderate                         | Moderate   | With the conditional debt package with Taurus now agreed, and mineral sands prices improving, the financing risk appears to be diminishing.   |
| Operating costs                                     | Moderate                         | Moderate   | We assume operating costs in line with the BFS.   |
| No sell down in project interest to help fund capex | High                             | Upside   | We assume SFX funds the equity component with<br>new equity. We also have a scenario whereby<br>there is a sell down                          |
| Modest value for other projects                     | High                             | Upside   | Our valuation is overwhelmingly base on the Thunderbird project. With rising commodity prices the other development assets could be valuable. |

We view an investment in SFX as Speculative given it is still pre-funding.

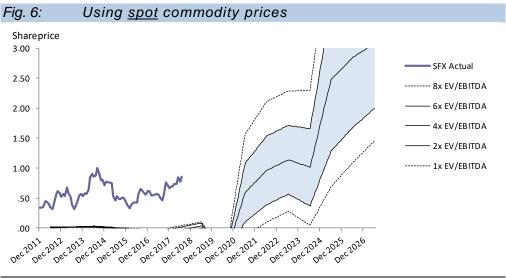
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## **Hartleys Recommendation Categories**

| Buy | Share price appreciation anticip | pated. |
|-----|----------------------------------|--------|
|     |                                  |        |

Accumulate Share price appreciation anticipated but the risk/reward is

not as attractive as a "Buy". Alternatively, for the share price to rise it may be contingent on the outcome of an uncertain or distant event. Analyst will often indicate a

price level at which it may become a "Buy".

Neutral Take no action. Upside & downside risk/reward is evenly

balanced.

Reduce / It is anticipated to be unlikely that there will be gains over Take profits the investment time horizon but there is a possibility of

some price weakness over that period.

Significant price depreciation anticipated.

No Rating No recommendation.

Speculative Share price could be volatile. While it is anticipated that, Buy on a risk/reward basis, an investment is attractive, there

on a risk/reward basis, an investment is attractive, there is at least one identifiable risk that has a meaningful possibility of occurring, which, if it did occur, could lead to significant share price reduction. Consequently, the

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