

# EQUITY RESEARCH Materials

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# **Jupiter Mines Ltd (JMS.ASX)**

Dividend resumption underlines value

#### **Event:**

Interim FY24 result review.

#### **Investment Highlights:**

- Underlying NPAT in-line. We estimate JMS's interim FY24 underlying NPAT was \$17.0M, just above our forecast of \$15.2M. Headline reported NPAT was \$10.4M, the difference to underlying attributable to forex loss and tax timing difference. There were no other surprises given the pre-reported quarterly profits for Tshipi and JMS Marketing.
- Tshipi dividend resumes, albeit lower than expected. Tshipi declared a
  dividend of ZAR300M, equivalent to only a 30% payout ratio over the 10-month
  trading period that it was previously flagged to be based on (JMS presentation
  29 November 2023), lower than our estimate. However, based on the six-month
  interim period only, the payout ratio was 76%.
- JMS payout 172% of Tshipi. JMS in turn declared a 172% payout of the Tshipi dividend received well exceeding its 70% target resulting in a dividend of 1.0cps. While lower than our estimate of 1.5cps due to the lower than expected Tshipi distribution it nevertheless represented an annualised yield of 11.8%
- Better second half looming so far. Manganese prices have firmed following 1H FY24 weakness from China inventory overhang, with Mn 37% RSA FOB averaging US\$2.91/dmtu in the 2H to date vs the US\$2.82/dmtu of the interim. Spot is at US\$3.01/dmtu, around a nine-month high.
- Yield attractive, but market may impatient for growth. While the share price
  floor is supported by double-digit yield, we surmise the market is waiting for
  growth initiatives to be delivered before any significant re-rating of the stock,
  especially given lacklustre Mn price. Tshipi and Kalahari consolidation, and
  downstream HPMSM for which the scoping study is yet to be released are
  potentially such catalysts.

## **Earnings and Valuation:**

- We forecast JMS adj. NPAT for FY24e and FY25e of A\$45M and A\$87M, vs A\$44M and A\$82M previously, on slightly lower operating costs.
- Our JMS valuation \$0.57 (1.0x NPV<sub>10</sub> nominal) is unchanged, with revised higher capex offsetting lower costs.
- Spot scenario yields \$0.35/share. Running spot prices (Mn 37% RSA FOB US\$3.01/dmtu, A\$=US\$0.66, and Rand 18.69), using only JORC Reserves, and no expansion or downstream in our model, yields NPV<sub>10</sub> nominal of \$0.35/share.
- On 10% yield. We forecast 0.7c dividend in 2H, assuming Tshipi pays 70% of its 2H profit and JMS pays 70% of its Tshipi distribution. This would result in a 10% yield for FY24e.

## **Recommendation:**

We maintain our Buy and 12-month price target of \$0.57 based on 1.0x NPV.
 Share price catalysts include: Lower freight rates; Gaining control of Tshipi;
 HPMSM scoping study; Tshipi expansion; and Kalahari M&A activity.

#### isclosures

The analyst owns 582,276 JMS shares.
Foster Stockbroking and other staff own 7,376,285 shares. Cranport Pty Ltd owns 11,711,960 JMS shares.
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Recommendation				Buy
Previous				Buy
Risk				High
Price Target				\$0.57
Previous				\$0.57
Share price (A\$)				\$ 0.170
ASX code				JMS
52 week low-high			0.1	65-0.255
JMS Valuation (A\$/share	)			\$0.57
Methodology				NPV
JMS Capital structure				
Ordinary shares (M)				1,959
Options (M)				1
Market cap (A\$M)				333
Net cash (debt) attributable (A\$M)				73
EV (A\$M)				260
Ave daily volume ('000)				945
Y/e Jun A\$M	FY23e	FY24e	FY25e	FY26e
Sales adj*#	393	309	359	355
EBITDA adj.*	136	85	143	141
NPAT reported	76	43	87	86
NPAT adj*	87	45	87	86
EPS adj. c*	4.4	2.3	4.4	4.4
P/E x	3.6	7.4	3.8	3.9
EV/EBITDA x	2.0	3.6	2.0	2.0
DPS c	2.2	1.7	2.2	2.2
Yield %	12.9%	10.0%	12.8%	12.7%
* A alt				

<sup>\*</sup> Adj =underlying inlcuding attributable share of Tshipi

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