

COMPANY Finders Resources| FND | \$0.47/share



Research

RECOMMENDATION Buy | High Risk | \$0.71/share target

EVENT Initiation & Site Visit Report | Finders keepers; well positioned to be a leaper...

KEY POINTS

- We recently visited FND's first cashflow generating asset, Wetar high grade VMS copper deposit in Indonesia. Cathode production, attracting LME copper premium, will be ramped up in 2 stages over CY12/3 to 25ktpa.
- Our conservative \$0.71/share price target is based on 80% of Wetar copper project's cashflows and gold portion of Ojolali epithermal gold/silver deposit, valued on EV/Mineral Resource.
- Wetar copper is largely derisked. The demonstration plant has successfully produced and shipped 2.5kt cathode, with expansion BFS & mine permitting recently completed.
- Near term derisking milestones are securing project funding, and final stage of forestry re-zoning by 3Q'CY11.

CY11F METRICS P/NAV = 0.66x

LINK TO AUSTOCK INITIATION + SITE VISIT REPORT [FND Finders keeps; well positioned to be a leaper 270711](#)

SENT TO CLIENTS Yes

Derisking high grade copper cashflow + untapped gold upside

...First leap to expanded production expected low risk

- Copper cathode production from existing open pit/mining areas, and other ore sources expected relatively risk free, with prior Billiton gold operation and infrastructure.
- 205kt contained copper Ore Reserve (well defined at 93% of Mineral Resource) grading 2.5% Cu. Orebody is near surface, with low strip ratio and US\$1.09/lb C1 cash cost.
- Management are highly capable and experienced in running Indonesian ops. Chairman & MD worked on Wetar Island for former employers; involved in CSR deposit discovery & Billiton mining, respectively. Site GM been running and troubleshooting demonstration plant since inception.
- By CY12 we expect cashflow positive with expanded demonstration plant (EDP), with \$138mpa EBITDA in CY13.

...More leap potential once +ve cashflow (not in our estimates)

- Expanded copper production with definition drilling & metallurgical testwork; 2 (of 3) deposits incl. in mine schedule.
- Gold and silver production potential, based on unmined gold cap at Meron and remanant

mineralisation at Lerokis.

- Sulphuric acid by-product potential, which is in high demand from Asian customers.
- Depth potential of bulk tonnage mineralised feeder system; Billiton drilled to 200m, FND planning to drill to 600m depth.

Brief overview of Finders Resources and reasons why we like the investment proposition

- FND has an established Indonesian competitive advantage, well ahead of its peers.
- It is commercialising copper cathode production to 25ktpa (95% ownership), and has a gold silver advanced exploration project (71.7% ownership), both not in current share price.
- With spot copper at highs and multiple organic growth projects, we see it could attract further peer interest; SRL maintains 10.8% strategic equity stake.

Conservative Investment View – Buy, \$0.71/share target

- For development risk, we value 80% of Wetar copper project cashflows, and exclude lucrative silver (43Moz) portion of Ojilii Mineral Resource.
- Along with financing & forestry re-zoning, construction and production from both EDP and Stage 2 remain.
- As milestones are achieved, we expect re-rate toward unrisks valuation of \$0.85/share.
- At spot copper and FX, FND valued at \$0.99/share; an additional 39% upside to our price target.

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> 20%	20% - 4%	< 4%

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