

Ticker: NCAU CN3Q21 cash: C\$13mProject: EnchiMarket cap: C\$65mPrice: C\$0.55/shCountry: Ghana

RECOMMEND. (unc): BUY TARGET (down): C\$1.60/sh RISK RATING: SPECULATIVE

Today's expanded drilling, coming on the back of an upsized C\$11.5m equity shows Newcore is moving quickly in Ghana. Drilling today returned a common theme — extremely long intercepts going through oxide into fresh rock, with useful near-surface heach leachable hits also. What is interesting on some of the deeper holes is that it would appear blind lodes are being intersected beyond the resource on a regular basis. While this should add materially to fresh-rock ounces, beyond the headline we see more upside from tracking these to up-dip for new oxide zones close to surface, which could slot into an expanded heap leach scenario nicely. Lifting our share count from 99m to 118m post raise, offset by a weaker CAD, we maintain our BUY rating, lowering our PT from C\$1.70/sh to C\$1.60/sh. We estimate Newcore sits at just 0.21xNAV. Key catalysts should come from the ~50,000m of drilling completed since PEA cut off feeding into an updated MRE, then progressive improvement of engineering designs through to PFS and DFS, with a rolling flyler on HG satellites or roots.

C\$11.5m equity sees drilling lift from 66,000m to 90,000m, with 103m @ 1.0g/t in new drilling

In early August Newcore closed a C\$11.5m (upsized from C\$10m) at 60c/sh, with Franklin Templeton moving to 8%. Consequently, today the company announced that is has enlarged the currecy CY20-21 drill programme from a prior 66,000m to 90,000m. Further, 10 RC holes (1,973m) released today from Boin returned highlights of 103m @ 1.00g/t from 113m, and shallower highlights of 40m @ 0.63g/t from 27m. At Sewum 23/25 holes released today intersected gold, with highlights of 77m @ 0.63g/t from 4m, and 12-14m @ 0.73-0.74g/t from ~130m down hole.

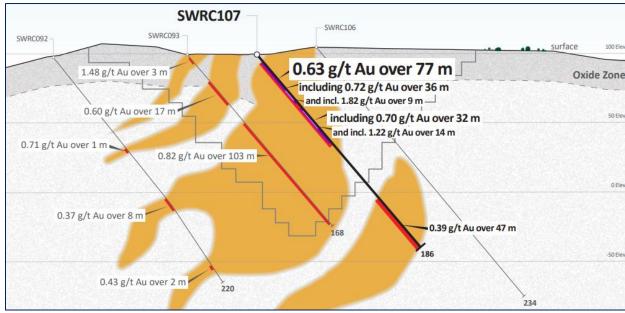


Figure 1. Cross section showing drilling from Sewe=um starting at surface, and including blind lode

Source: Newcore

Why we like Newcore

- 1. Existing 1.4Moz @ 0.62g/t oxide resource underpins low-cost heap leach
- 2. Large position in one of the most prolific orogenic gold belts globally
- 3. Ounce growth from strike, depth and greenfield targets
- 4. Management team with track-record of value creation (Calibre, Integra, Newmarket, Terrane)



Catalysts

- 1. 3Q21: SCPe completion of 66,000m Stage 1 and 2 drilling
- 2. 2H21: Five rigs drilling throughout 2021
- 3. 3Q22 / 3Q23: SCP modelled build start / first gold

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Ticker: NCAU CN Author: B Salier / B Gaspar	Price / mk	•	C\$0.55/s BUY, C	h, C\$65m \$1.6/sh		Project PNAV today: 1xNAV ₁₉₂₁ FF FD:	0.21x C\$2.63/sh		Asset: Country:	Enchi Ghana	
Commodity price	CY20A	CY21E	CY22E	CY23E	CY24E	Resources and resevs			Tons (Mt)) Au (koz)	Au (g/
Gold price	#DIV/0!	1,794	1,816	1,844	1,850	2Q21 Inferred resource:			70Mt	1415koz	
SOTP <i>project</i> valuation*						SCP & 2Q21 PEA Inventory			69Mt	1245koz	0.57g
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Ungeared proj. @ build start (30	(22)	330	90%	1.00x	2.29	PEA including cont. capex	C\$123m		SCPe cas	h + options	C\$17
SCPe 3Q21 cash		12.5	100%	1.00x	0.10	SCPe G&A + fin. cost to 1st Au	C\$23m	Min	e debt @ 6	50% gearing	C\$74
Cash from options		4.1	100%	1.00x	0.03	SCPe working capital	C\$14m	Bu	ild equity (@ 0.5xNAV	C\$65
Nominal exploration upside		30	100%	1.00x	0.23	Total uses	C\$160m		Tot	al proceeds	C\$15
Asset NAV5% US\$1850/oz		343			2.65	*Cash from options expiring pre	first pour			Buffer:	-C\$5
*Shares diluted for options not m	ine build		⊒ Market P/N	AV5 _% 3Q20	0.21x	Share data					
Asset value: 1xNPV project @ b	uild start (C\$m, ung	eared)*			Basic shares (m)	118.2	FD v	with build (equity raise	178.
Project NPV (C\$m)*	\$1650oz	\$1750oz	\$1850oz	\$1950o	z \$2050oz	FD with options (m)	129.5				
10.0% discount	144	189	234	279	324	Ratio analysis	CY20A	CY21E	CY22E	CY23E	CY2
7.5% discount	177	227	277	327	377	Average shares out (m)	80.4	108.6	178.5	178.5	178.
5.0% discount	218	274	330	386	442	EPS (C\$/sh)	-	-	-	-	0.0
Ungeared project IRR:	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	CFPS (C\$/sh)	-	=	=	_	_
1xNAV5% (C\$/sh)	\$1650oz	\$1750oz	\$1850oz	\$1950o	z \$2050oz	EV (C\$m)	42.9	49.7	94.2	93.4	167.
10.0% discount		1.67	1.98	2.30	2.61	FCF yield (%)	_	_	-	-	_
7.5% discount		1.94	2.29	2.63	2.98	PER (x)	-	_	-	-	42.0
5.0% discount		2.26	2.65	3.04	3.43	P/CF (x)	_	_	_	_	-
NPV5 vs mining cost (C\$m)*					z \$2050oz	EV/EBITDA (x)	_	_	_	_	12.8
Mining (US\$/t): 3.50		101	157	213	269	Income statement	CY20A	CY21E	CY22E	CY23E	CY2
Mining (US\$/t): 2.20		274	330	386	442	Net revenue (C\$m)	-	-	-	-	59.9
Mining (US\$/t): 1.99		302	358	414	469	COGS (C\$m)		_	_	_	45.3
Project level NPV, excl finance c						Gross profit (C\$m)					14.6
	2 Q21			2 Q24	2Q25					<u>-</u>	2.7
Group val'n over time^		2Q22	2023			D&A, attrib (C\$m)					
Enchi NPV (C\$m)	292.8	307.4	325.1	401.8	488.1	Admin (C\$m)	3.2	3.6	2.4	2.2	1.4
G&A and finance costs (C\$m)	(43.7)	(32.5)	(29.3)	(26.8)	(15.0)	Expensed exploration (C\$m)	- (2.0)	-	- (0.0)	-	-
Net cash prior qtr (C\$m)	1.6	8.0	2.5	(62.2)	(65.3)	Finance cost (C\$m)	(0.0)	(0.0)	(0.0)	0.7	8.2
Cash from options (C\$m)	4.1	4.1	4.1	4.1	4.1	Taxes (C\$m)	-	-	-	-	
Expl'n 310koz @ US\$50/oz	30.0	30.0	30.0	30.0	30.0	Net income (C\$m)	(3.1)	(3.6)	(2.4)	(2.9)	2.3
NAV FF FD (C\$m)	260	290	303	310	395	Cash flow, attrib.	CY20A	CY21E	CY22E	CY23E	CY2
Shares in issue (m)	98.7	118.2	178.5	178.5	178.5	EBIT (C\$m)	(3.2)	(3.6)	(2.4)	(2.2)	10.5
1xNAV5%/sh FF FD (C\$/sh)	2.63	2.45	1.70	1.73	2.21	Add back D&A (C\$m)	-	-		-	2.7
Equity ROI from spot (% pa)		346%	76%	47%	42%	Less tax + interest (C\$m)	(0.0)	(0.0)	(0.0)	0.7	8.2
Geared company NAV diluted fo						Wkg cap inc (dec) (C\$m)	0.1	1.2	=	-	16.1
2Q22 1xNAV FF FD (C\$/sh)^		\$1750oz	\$1850oz	\$1950o	z \$2050oz	Add back other (C\$m)	1.2	1.1	0.4	0.4	0.4
10.0% discount	0.60	0.85	1.11	1.37	1.65	Cash flow ops (C\$m)	(2.0)	(3.7)	(2.0)	(2.5)	(10.
7.5% discount	0.79	1.07	1.37	1.68	1.99	PP&E - build + sust. (C\$m)	-	-	-	(60.0)	(63.8
5.0% discount	1.02	1.35	1.70	2.05	2.41	PP&E - expl'n (C\$m)	(2.8)	(10.4)	(4.0)	(1.0)	-
Geared project IRR:	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	Cash flow inv. (C\$m)	(2.8)	(10.4)	(4.0)	(61.0)	(63.
2Q22 1xNAV FF FD (\$/sh)^	OMt	1Mt	3Mt	5Mt	7Mt	Share issue (C\$m)	20.9	10.9	-	65.0	-
Grade: 0.00g/t	1.70	1.62	1.53	1.45	1.38	Lease payments (C\$m)	-	-	-	-	-
Grade: 0.80g/t	1.70	1.85	2.06	2.23	2.38	Debt draw (repay) (C\$m)	-	-	-	24.6	49.1
Grade: 1.33g/t	1.70	2.00	2.42	2.76	3.07	Cash flow fin. (C\$m)	20.9	10.9	-	89.6	49.
Grade: 2.00g/t	1.70	2.19	2.88	3.44	3.95	Net change in cash (C\$m)	16.1	(3.2)	(6.0)	26.1	(25.
Project NPV incl grp SG&A & fin	. cost, +net	cash; *dilut	ted for mine	build equi	ty	EBITDA (C\$m)	(3.7)	(2.4)	(2.1)	13.2	69.9
Production	Y1	Y2	Y4	Y5	Y6	Balance sheet	CY20A	CY21E	CY22E	CY23E	CY2
Gold production (000oz)	-	51	104	103	105	Cash (C\$m)	1.3	10.0	4.0	30.1	4.8
AISC cost (US\$/oz)	#DIV/0!	1,447	1,021	1,032	1,010	Acc rec., inv, prepaid (C\$m)	12.3	0.2	0.2	0.2	16.9
ISC = C1 + ug sustaining capex,	Y1 = 12M t	o Jun 2023	3			PP&E + other (C\$m)	17.6	29.4	33.4	95.1	156.
Gold prod'n (L	HS 00002)^	ISC (RHS II	\$\$/nz Δ++)	Total assets (C\$m)	31.1	39.6	37.6	125.4	177.
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L00koz						Accounts payable (C\$m)	1.5	1.6	1.6	1.6	2.2
80koz					1200/oz	Others (C\$m)	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
60koz	*	++	\	→	1000/oz	Total liabilities (C\$m)	1.6	1.7	1.7	27.0	76.8
40koz					800/oz	Sh'hlds equity + wrnts (C\$m)	28.8	40.4	40.8	106.2	106.
					800/oz 600/oz	Sh'hlds equity + wrnts (C\$m) Retained earn'gs + rsvs (C\$m)	28.8 0.7	40.4 (2.5)	40.8 (4.9)	106.2 (7.7)	106.



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