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Ticker: MAE CN Net cash: C\$2.8m Project: Hammerdown

Market cap: C\$20m Price: C\$0.05/sh Country: Newfoundland, Canada

REC. (unc): BUY TARGET (-6c): C\$0.24/sh RISK RATING (unc): HIGH

We see three takeaways from yesterday's Hammerdown DFS release. First, even accounting for cost inflation since the 2020 PEA, the Hammerdown thesis remains intact: low capex (C\$75m), high margin (US\$912/oz AISC per DFS) ~50kozpa operation based on conservative input costs and mine design. Second, the main changes were mine plan related rather than like-for-like costs. The changes were i) removing the Hammerdown UG given small tonnage (~200kt), this was replaced by deepening the pit; and ii) removing Orion (earlier stage) from the DFS mine plan to ease it's permitting as the Hammerdown pit already received EA approval. Both changes are logical in our view as the deeper pit simplifies the operation, and Orion can be drilled out and permitted during the five years of Hammerdown-only production. Third, with the DFS completed, Maritime is well placed to advance quickly to production with EA already completed for the Hammerdown pit, local permit completion targeted for 1Q23 and mill site access agreement with Rambler well advanced. The benefit here is a short lead time, and short payback project that can start generating cash quickly against today's very low market cap.

We update our model to match yesterday's disclosed DFS, modelling only a pit at Hammerdown, but add ~75% of the Orion PEA inventory to the end of mine life given the new runway to de-risk further and add ounces for C\$202m NPV<sub>5%-1850</sub> and 60% IRR vs our previous C\$249m NPV / 60% IRR. As such, we maintain our BUY rating and lower our C\$0.30/sh PT slightly to 0.24/sh PT based on 0.75NAV<sub>5%-1850</sub>. While its 50kozpa production profile won't be on every M&A target list, Maritime offers good returns between low capex, pre-production lead times, and C\$20m market cap vs SCPe ~C\$29m FCF pa at spot, which is attractive for build and dividend equity holders, or a Newfoundland consolidation play.



Figure 1: Hammerdown Gold Project Site Plan Design

Source: Maritime Resources

#### Hammerdown DFS confirms low capex, high margin, starter operation with expansion potential

Maritime Resources reported the Hammerdown Gold Project feasibility study, highlighting a 5-year mine life producing 50kozpa at US\$912/oz AISC from an open pit only including 1.9Mt at 4.5g/t ROM diluted grade and 20x strip ratio, ore sorter on site with 60% mass pull and 95% Au recovery, followed by 95.5%



CIL Au recovery at Nugget Pond Mill—driving a C\$103m NPV<sub>5%-1750</sub>, 48% IRR. The company anticipates filing of the Hammerdown Development plans by 4Q22 and the approval of these plans by the Province by 1Q23 as well as a financing decision ahead of first gold production scheduled for 1Q24.

## Our view: Hammerdown thesis intact, final permitting remains a key catalyst

Against forecast: yesterday's DFS shows a published C\$103m NPV<sub>5%-1375</sub> (*vs PEA C\$111m* NPV<sub>5%-1750</sub>) modestly lower than our SCPe C\$223m NPV<sub>5%-1750</sub> driven by design changes that saw the UG excluded and conservative cost inputs. Even so, our thesis remains intact: Hammerdown is a low cost, high margin (US\$912/oz AISC per DFS) ~50kozpa operation—but now without the typical UG execution risk. More key however, we think prioritizing Hammerdown OP (brownfield and EA completed) through permitting is a logical approach to ease permitting of future satellites, similar to Marathon who just received FA approval today. Orion is earlier-staged so this decision also allows runway for drilling and permitting during the five years of Hammerdown-only production. Given this additional runway to de-risk / expand the Orion MRE, we continue to model Orion inventory for added life (9-years vs 5-year DFS) once mining at Hammerdown is completed—this drives our updated C\$202m NPV and 60% IRR.

Inventory / design: Different from the PEA / SCPe, the DFS excludes the Hammerdown UG, Orion pit, and Orion UG for lower 1.9Mt inventory (vs SCPe 2.5Mt previously), but at an improved grade 4.5g/t over the PEA albeit higher 20:1 strip (+34%). This lifts to 3.7Mt @ 3.9g/t in our model with the inclusion of Orion mining in Y6. Unlike the PEA we assumed Orion is OP only and include 74% of the PEA OP + UG inventory (we include 1.78Mt at 3.34g/t at 16.2x strip). We currently model production on a flat forward 1,200tpd sort / 700tpd mill, with first gold in 1Q24, but look to the full DFS schedule to refine our assumptions.

<u>Capex:</u> We lift our capex from C\$55m to C\$75m (inc. C\$7.2m contingency) to match the DFS, which is offset by the drop in LOM sustaining capital with the removal of Hammerdown UG, reducing total LOM capital by C\$62m over the PEA. Whilst the build capex is higher than our previous estimates, Hammerdown's smaller scale (vs substantial earthworks for peers), and existing plant refurbishment offer a quicker turnaround opportunity once financing is secured, minimizing the potential for capex creep. Maritime is developing a plan to begin earthworks as early as 4Q. <u>Operating costs</u> came in higher than our estimates, including C\$48.06/t processing (+37%), and \$12.04/t G&A (+81%) on fewer tonnes in the mine plan and adjustments for inflation. That said, margins remain strong at SCPe US\$1,047/oz AISC, only a 4% lift over our previous estimates.

<u>Next steps</u>: With the DFS now behind, Maritime is well placed to advance quickly to production with EA already completed, permit completion targeted for 1Q23 and mill site access agreement with Rambler well advanced. The benefit here is a short lead time, and short payback project that can start generating cash quickly against today's very low market cap.

erdown Gold Project (100%) PEA OP mining inventory (Mt) 2.5 1.9 2.5 3.7 49% OP grade (g/t) 3.80 4.46 3.80 3.92 301 54% OP Au contained (Moz) 301 OP strip ratio (waste:ore) 13.7 13.7 UG mining inventory (Mt) 2.0 --2.0 UG grade (g/t) 4.3 4.3 UG Au contained (koz) 268 268 LOM (years) 9 9 0% Ore sort throughput (ktpa) 0.52 0.44 0.52 0.44 -16% Ore sort recovery 93-95% 95% 0.23 9% Mill throughput (ktpa) 0.28 0.26 0.26 Recovery (% Au) 97.0% 95.5% 97.0% 95.7% -1% LOM production (koz) 522 247 522 421 -19%

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Table 1. Hammerdown PEA vs DFS, SCP 'old vs new' inputs and economics

PEA	DFS	Old	New	to old
57	75	55	75	36%
85	5	85	9	-90%
4.66	4.49	5.00	4.49	-10%
109.56		109.56	-	-
12.45	*ND	12.00	15.00	25%
0.13	0.18	0.20	0.20	0%
31.97	48.06	35.00	48.06	37%
6.65	12.04	6.65	12.04	81%
938	912	1,005	1,045	4%
1,375	1,750	1,850	1,850	-
111	103	249	202	-19%
51%	48%	69%	60%	-13%
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Avg annual production (koz pa) 58

Source: SCPe, Maritime Resources, \*ND =not disclosed



### Why we like Maritime Resources

- 1. Nearly permitted quick payback ~50kozpa Hammerdown generates >60% IRR
- 2. Trading at just 0.1x NAV for Hammerdown, cheap on all metrics
- 3. 358km² contiguous licences within trucking distance of mill

### **Catalysts**

- 1. 4Q22: final permits
- 2. 4Q22/1Q23: Construction finance and construction decision
- 3. 1H23: Construction start
- 4. 1Q24: SCPe first production

### Research

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Ticker: MAE CN		Price / mkt	cap:	0.05/sh, C\$	20m	Market P/NAV:	0.11x		Assets:	Hammerdov	vn
Author: B Gaspar / E Magdzinski		Rec / 0.75x	NAV PT:	BUY / C\$0.2		1xNAV3Q22 FD:	C\$0.99/sh		Country:		
Group-level SOTP valuation	1022	3Q22				Resource / Reserve	Mt	000oz	EV/oz		
croup reversion railadausi.		C\$m	0/ship	NAVx	C\$/sh	Measured, ind. & inf.	2.87	987	14		
Hammerdown (NFLD) NPV 3Q22		202	100%	1.00x	0.47	SCPe ROM Inventory inc. Orion	2.30	440	32		
Central SG&A & fin costs 3Q22		(45)	-	1.00x	(0.10)						
Ounces outside mine plan (US\$25/o	oz)	18	-	1.00x	0.04	Share data			Basic	FD	FD+FF
Exploration (\$25m)  Cash and restr. cash 1Q22		25 3	100%	1.00x 1.00x	0.06	Shares out (m) Funding: uses			400.3 Funding: s	433.3	741.0
Debt 1Q22		(0)	_	1.00x	(0.00)	DFS capex	C\$75m			ash + options	C\$4m
1xNAV5% US\$1850/oz		203			0.47	SCPe contingency				60% gearing	C\$60m
*above diluted for options but not fu	ındraises, fel	low diluted fo	or build raise			SCPe G&A + fin. cost to first Au	C\$21m		SCPe E	quity Raised	C\$40m
Cash raised		40	-	1.00x	0.05	SCPe working capital	C\$2m				
1xNAV5% US\$1850/oz - Fully Fun	ded	243	Viele	To	0.33 get (C\$/sh)	Total uses			To	otal proceeds	C\$104m
Price Target		P/NAV mult 0.75x	иріе	Idi	0.24	*Cash from options expiring pre first Commodity price	CY21E	CY22E	CY23E	CY24E	CY25E
· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·					0.24	Gold price (US\$/oz)	1,820	1,852	1,851	1,850	1,850
1xNAV sensitivity to gold price and	l discount / I	NAV multiple	2			Ratio analysis	CY21E	CY22E	CY23E	CY24E	CY25E
1xNAV asset (US\$m)	\$1500oz	\$1700oz	\$1850oz	\$2000oz	\$2200oz	FD shares out (m)	376.7	554.7	713.7	715.2	715.2
8% discount	83	132	168	204	252	EPS (C\$/sh)	(0.006)	(0.007)	(0.011)	0.021	0.029
7% discount 6% discount	88 93	139 147	177 186	214 225	264 277	CFPS before w/c (C\$/sh) FCFPS pre growth (C\$/sh)	(0.01)	(0.01)	(0.01)	0.04 0.05	0.06 0.06
5% discount	98	155	196	237	291	FCFPS (C\$m)	(0.01) (0.03)	(0.01) (0.01)	(0.01) (0.12)	0.05	0.06
4% discount	104	163	206	249	306	FCF yield pre growth (%)	(63%)	(15%)	(233%)	91%	113%
Valuation (C\$/sh)	\$1500oz	\$1700oz	\$1850oz	\$2000oz	\$2200oz	FCF yield (%)	(63%)	(15%)	(233%)	91%	113%
0.50xNAV	0.10	0.14	0.16	0.18	0.22	EBITDA margin (%)	nmf	nmf	-	43%	45%
0.75xNAV	0.14	0.20	0.24	0.28	0.34	FCF margin (%)				26%	28%
1.00xNAV	0.18	0.26	0.32	0.38	0.44	ROE (%)	(7%)	(6%)	(13%)	19%	21%
1.25xNAV  Valuation over time	0.24 3Q21E	0.32 3Q22E	0.40 3Q23E	0.46 3Q24E	0.56 3Q25E	ROA (%) ROCE (%)	(7%) (9%)	(5%) (6%)	(7%) (7%)	10% 43%	14% 42%
Mines NPV (C\$m)	186	195	205	294	262	PER (x)	(6.0)	(6.7)	(4.4)	2.3x	1.7x
Cntrl G&A & fin costs (C\$m)	(55)	(45)	(44)	(40)	(27)	P/CF (x)	(7.7)	(7.0)	(4.4)	1.1x	0.9x
Net cash at 1Q (C\$m)	7	43	(39)	(11)	29	EV/EBITDA (x)	(3.5x)	3.4x	(16.6x)	0.9x	0.1x
1xNAV (C\$m)	139	194	122	242	264	Income statement	CY21E	CY22E	CY23E	CY24E	CY25E
1xNAVPS FD (C\$/sh)	0.37	0.35	0.17	0.34	0.37	Revenue (C\$m)				123	142
P/NAV (x):	0.14x 635%	0.14x 164%	0.29x 50%	0.15x 61%	0.14x 49%	COGS (C\$m)				(66)	(74)
ROI to equity holder (% pa)  1.2xNAV share px FD (C\$/sh)	0.44	0.42	0.20	0.41	0.44	Gross profit (C\$m)  Expenses (C\$m)			(3)	(2)	(3)
ROI to equity holder (% pa)	783%	190%	60%	69%	55%	Impairment & other (C\$m)					(3)
Hammerdown 1xNAV sensitivity						Net finance costs (C\$m)	1	(O)	(4)	(7)	(6)
Hammerdown NPV5% (C\$m)	\$1700oz	\$1800oz	\$1850oz	\$1900oz	\$2000oz	Tax (C\$m)				(12)	(15)
8.0% discount	135	159	171	182	206	Minority interest (C\$m)					
7.0% discount	144	168	180	193	217	Net income attr. (C\$m)	1	(0)	(6)	37	43
6.0% discount 5.0% discount	152 162	178 188	191 <b>195</b>	203 208	229 235	Cash flow Profit/(loss) after tax (C\$m)	(2)	(4)	CY23E (8)	<b>CY24E</b> 15	<b>CY25E</b> 21
Hammerdown NPV5% (C\$m)	\$1700oz	\$1800oz	\$1850oz	\$1900oz	\$2000oz	Add non-cash items (C\$m)	(0)			18	21
Cost per tonne + 20.0%	109	136	150	163	190	Less wkg cap / other (C\$m)	(1)			(5)	(0)
Cost per tonne + 10.0%	136	162	176	189	216	Cash flow ops (C\$m)	(3)	(4)	(8)	29	42
No change	162	188	202	215	242	PP&E (C\$m)	(3)		(75)	(1)	(1)
Hammerdown NPV5% (C\$m)	\$1700oz	\$1800oz	\$1850oz	\$1900oz	\$2000oz	Other (C\$m)	1 (2)				
10.0% grade reconciliation 0.0% grade reconciliation	166 162	194 188	208 202	221 215	248 242	Cash flow inv. (C\$m)  Debt draw (repayment) (C\$m)	(8)	17	( <b>75)</b> 34	<b>(1)</b> 9	(1)
-10.0% grade reconciliation	154	180	193	207	233	Equity issuance (C\$m)	13	40	1		(23)
	Undergr			roup AISC (U		Other (C\$m)	(1)				
200koz	Ondergi	ound (00002	2) — 0	US	\$1750/oz	Cash flow fin. (C\$m)	12	58	35	9	(29)
150koz				U.S	\$1500/oz	Net change post forex (C\$m)	1	53	(48)	36	12
						Balance sheet	CY21E	CY22E	CY23E	CY24E	CY25E
100koz				US	\$1250/oz	Cash (C\$m) Accounts receivable (C\$m)	7	60	12	49 1	60 1
50koz				US	\$1000/oz	Inventories (C\$m)				14	15
0koz				US	\$750/oz	PPE & exploration (C\$m)	29	29	104	87	67
CY23E CY24E	CY25	SE CY2	26E CY	27E		Other (C\$m)	0	0	0	0	0
Production (100%)	CY23E	CY24E	CY25E	CY26E	CY27E	Total assets (C\$m)	36	90	117	151	144
Hammerdown (000oz)	-	49	57	57	57	Debt (C\$m)		17	51	60	31
Open Pit (000oz)	-	49	57	57	57	Other liabilities (C\$m)	1	1 06	1 00	12	13
Underground (000oz)  Hammerdown cash cost (US\$/oz)	-	- 916	938	- 830	- 955	Shareholders equity (C\$m) Retained earnings (C\$m)	45 (10)	86 (14)	86 (22)	86 (7)	86 14
Hammerdown AISC (US\$/oz)	-	997	938	881	988	Minority int. & other (C\$m)	(10)	(14)	(22)		
Group (000oz)	-	49	57	57	57	Liabilities+equity (C\$m)	36	90	117	151	144
Group cash cost (US\$/oz)	-	982	956	848	973	Net cash (C\$m)	7	43	(39)	(11)	29
Group AISC (US\$/oz)	-	1,072	1,036	920	1,027	Net debt to NTM EBITDA (x)	nmf	nmf	0.7x	0.2x	(0.4x)
Source: SCP estimates											



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