

# **Deutsche Rohstoff AG**

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Update

RATING PRICE TARGET

BUY €34.00

Return Potential 43.7% Risk Rating High

# **CUB CREEK/ELSTER RESERVE VALUE UP 120% SINCE END APRIL**

On 16 February DRAG published a reserve valuation dated end December 2016 for its two most valuable oil and gas subsidiaries, Cub Creek Energy and Elster Oil & Gas showing an increase of 120% on the previous end April 2016 valuation. The latest number is also USD45m or 21% above the valuation we published in our most recent note of 12 December for these two subsidiaries. The day before announcing the updated reserve valuation, DRAG withdrew its previous guidance for 2016 net profit before minorities of €8-10m. New guidance is for a number "slightly below" the 2015 result of €0.5m. The main reasons for the shortfall are delays in the start of oil and gas production in Q4 2016 and an unexpectedly large tax expense in connection with increased deferred tax liabilities. However, given that the oil and gas not produced in 2016 will be produced in 2017, and that the deferred tax-related charge is a non-cash item, the increase in the reserve valuation has a much greater impact on our price target. We now see fair value for DRAG at €34.0 per share (previously: €31.0) and maintain our Buy recommendation.

**Updated reserve valuation** DRAG published a reserve valuation for its two most valuable oil and gas subsidiaries, Cub Creek Energy (CCE) and Elster Oil & Gas (EOG) on 16 February. The reserve valuation is dated 31 December 2016 and updates a previous valuation of the two subsidiaries' oil and gas reserves dated 30 April 2016. The report has been prepared by the well-known consultant, Ryder Scott, and shows a 120% increase in the present value (discount rate: 10%) of proven and probable reserves at the two subsidiaries to USD256m (end April: USD117m). This increase is mainly the result of two factors. The valuation is based on NYMEX futures prices for West Texas Intermediate oil. At end December the NYMEX futures curve was flat at USD56 and well above the end April 2016 curve which climbed from USD47 for 2016 to USD53 for 2021 and then plateaued. Second, in August 2016 CCE added drilling locations on an additional 1,500 acres to the 2,300 acres and 800 acres already owned by CCE and EOG respectively. (p.t.o.)

## **FINANCIAL HISTORY & PROJECTIONS**

	2013	2014	2015	2016E	2017E	2018E
Revenue (€m)	17.76	22.87	1.90	11.60	100.42	155.98
Y-o-y growth	473.9%	28.8%	-91.7%	511.5%	765.7%	1244.6%
EBIT (€m)	-5.40	88.73	3.36	-0.75	62.44	93.61
EBIT margin	-30.4%	387.9%	176.9%	-6.5%	62.2%	60.0%
Net income (€m)	-8.31	25.17	1.16	-0.57	31.58	48.32
EPS (diluted) (€)	-1.56	4.80	0.23	-0.11	6.24	9.54
DPS (€)	0.00	0.50	0.55	0.60	1.00	1.00
FCF (€m)	-35.07	82.10	-12.11	-85.59	-14.98	-2.87
Net gearing	54.1%	-63.7%	-40.5%	109.0%	90.0%	62.8%
Liquid assets (€m)	46.06	92.82	71.04	10.83	19.88	16.15

## RISKS

Risks include negative movements in the oil price and other raw materials prices, dry well risk, mechanical failure, loss of key personnel.

## **COMPANY PROFILE**

Deutsche Rohstoff AG (DRAG) is a resources company with a portfolio of properties in oil/gas, so-called high tech metals such as tin and tungsten, base metals and rare earths. The business model is based on production in well explored areas in politically stable countries. DRAG is based in Mannheim, Germany.

MARKET DATA	As of 17 Feb 2017
Closing Price	€ 23.66
Shares outstanding	5.06m
Market Capitalisation	€ 119.80m
52-week Range	€ 13.15 / 26.45
Avg. Volume (12 Months)	9.893

Multiples	2015	2016E	2017E
P/E	103.7	n.a.	3.8
EV/Sales	96.5	15.8	1.8
EV/EBIT	37.1	81.1	2.2
Div Yield	2 3%	2 5%	4 2%

## STOCK OVERVIEW



COMPANY DATA	As of 30 Jun 2016
Liquid Assets	€ 65.01m
Current Assets	€ 73.34m
Intangible Assets	€ 21.83m
Total Assets	€ 129.15m
Current Liabilities	€ 2.77m
Shareholders' Equity	€ 55.28m

# SHARFHOI DERS

Management	9.7%
BASF-VC	6.3%
Free float	84.0%

Delays to start of production, deferred tax issues cause profit warning On 15 February DRAG issued a profit warning with regard to its 2016 results. The company was previously guiding towards a net profit before minorities of €8-10m. This guidance was initially issued in December 2015. The current expectation, which is based on preliminary and unaudited numbers, is that the result will be "slightly below" last year's figure of €0.5m. There are two main reasons for the shortfall between previous guidance and management's current expectation. First, the delays in the start of production from wells at CCE's Vail and Markham pads have had a greater impact on financial performance than previously expected. Secondly, the rebate on taxes paid following the mid-2014 sale of the Windsor Oil and Gas Project is likely to be partly cancelled out by a deferred tax liability.

CCE began production from 9 wells at the Vail drilling pad in mid-November and from 12 wells at the Markham drilling pad at the end of December. Production at the Vail and Markham pads was originally scheduled to start in mid-October and mid-November respectively. The lower than planned number of production days last year contributed to the discrepancy between previous guidance and the currently expected 2016 result.

Management continues to expect rebate on taxes paid in 2014 The Windsor Oil and Gas Project was sold in mid-2014 for total proceeds of USD220m. The profit before minorities (27.85%) on the sale was USD130m. Taxes paid by DRAG in 2014 on the profit on the sale of this asset amounted to over €30m. DRAG invested ca. USD52m in new oil and gas assets in the U.S. in 2016 excluding Salt Creek's Williston Basin acquisition in November. Management continues to expect this investment to allow the company to collect a rebate of c. USD10m on taxes paid in 2014. However, the tax rebate will to a large extent be cancelled out on the 2016 P&L by an expense relating to an increase in the company's deferred tax liability. Management has also indicated that positive currency effects were also lower than expected during 2016 and that last year's result also suffered to a greater extent than expected from various miscellaneous operational costs.

Negotiations for financing of Almonty's Sangdong project progressing well On 31 January Almonty published its annual report for the financial year ending 30 September. Low tungsten prices meant that the net result was again in the red at CAD-21.2m (2014/15: CAD-20.3m) on sales of CAD37.3m (2014/15: CAD36.1m). However, EBITDA was positive at CAD4.3m (2014/15: CAD-1.6m). Almonty continues to pursue the development of the Sangdong mine project in South Korea, whose average annual tungsten production is projected to account for ca. 10% of worldwide non-Chinese production. Last summer Almonty announced a binding letter of commitment (LoC) with the Korea Development Bank (KDB) for a term loan of KRW50bn (USD42.6m) to be used for underground mine development and construction of processing plant and infrastructure at Sangdong. An NI 43-101 technical report published in August put total mine development costs at USD66m. The LoC with KDB includes several conditions under which the loan may be drawn down. These include an off-take agreement and Almonty raising financing subordinate to the KDB loan to cover the balance of the development cost. In late November Almonty stated that it had received a LoC from a tungsten industry participant with regard to the subordinate component of the Sangdong financing. Almonty also started talks with the same industry participant about an off-take agreement covering 100% of the initial planned production of the Sangdong mine. We gather that negotiations between Almonty and the prospective financing parties have progressed since November and that KDB is now doing due diligence with a view towards moving to completion.

# P&L FORECAST

Figure 1: Changes to forecasts

All figures in € 000s	2016E New	2016E Old	Δ	2017E New	2017E Old	Δ	2018E New	2018E Old	Δ
Revenues	11,600	12,823	-9.5%	100,420	99,160	1.3%	155,977	156,123	-0.1%
EBITDA	2,259	3,217		84,928	83,509		131,689	131,532	
Depreciation and amortisation	3,010	3,288		22,490	22,211		38,080	38,120	
Operating income (EBIT)	-751	-71	958.2%	62,438	61,298	1.9%	93,609	93,413	0.2%
Net financial result	-2,778	-5,437		-3,548	-3,676		-3,808	-3,951	
Pre-tax income (EBT)	-3,530	-5,508		58,889	57,621		89,800	89,462	
Income taxes	2,891	14,070		-20,611	-20,167		-31,430	-31,312	
Net before minorities	-639	8,562		38,278	37,454		58,370	46,426	
Minority interests	73	-1,104		-6,703	-6,544		-10,050	-10,012	
Net income after mins.	-565	7,458		31,575	30,910		48,321	48,139	
EPS (€)	-0.11	1.47	-107.6%	6.24	6.11	2.1%	9.54	9.51	0.4%

Source: First Berlin Equity Research estimates

Figure 1 above shows changes to our forecasts in comparison with our previous report of 12 December. As far as 2016 is concerned, the changes relate to the delay in the start of production at CCE's Vail and Markham wells and the impact of the unexpectedly large tax expense in connection with increased deferred tax liabilities. For 2017 the increase in our revenue forecast is based on the assumption that the oil and gas output forgone in 2016 will be generated in the current year.

# **VALUATION SUMMARY**

We see fair value for the DRAG share at €34.0 (previously: €31.0) Figure 2 summarises the changes to our sum of the parts model discussed in the text above. Our valuation model also takes account of costs in the DRAG holding company not directly associated with the subsidiaries. We estimate that these costs amount to €1.3m annually. Discounting the next ten years of these costs at 5% yields a present value of €-10m. We now see fair value for the DRAG share at €34.0 (previously: €31.0).

Figure 2: Sum of the parts model

€m	New	Old
Cub Creek Energy (DRAG's stake 79.9%)	152.3	131.1
Elster Oil & Gas (DRAG's stake: 93%)	46.0	32.0
Salt Creek Oil & Gas (DRAG's stake: 90%)	31.9	50.5
Almonty (DRAG's stake: 12.58% plus CAD 12.6m in bonds)	11.7	9.6
Tin International (DRAG's stake: 61.5%)	0.2	0.2
Rhein Petroleum (DRAG's stake: 10%)	2.0	2.0
Ceritech (DRAG's stake: 67.9%)	1.0	1.0
Devonian Metals (DRAG's stake: 47%)	0.0	0.0
Hammer Metals (DRAG's stake: 17.8%)	1.4	1.1
Holding company costs	-10.0	0.0
Total enterprise value	236.5	227.6
Cash and financial assets	10.8	3.0
Debt	74.1	74.3
Net cash and financial assets (31.12.2016E)	-63.3	-71.3
Total equity value	173.2	156.3
No shares (m)	5.06	5.06
Equity value per share (€)	34.2	30.9

Source: First Berlin Equity Research estimates



# **INCOME STATEMENT**

All figures in € 000s	2013A	2014A	2015A	2016E	2017E	2018E
Revenues	17,762	22,871	1,897	11,600	100,420	155,977
EBITDA	1,907	114,160	4,933	2,259	84,928	131,689
Depreciation and amortisation	7,302	25,434	1,578	3,010	22,490	38,080
Operating income (EBIT)	-5,395	88,726	3,355	-751	62,438	93,609
Net financial result	-2,414	-4,065	-3,912	-2,778	-3,548	-3,808
Non-operating expenses	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pre-tax income (EBT)	-7,809	84,661	-557	-3,530	58,889	89,800
Taxes	154	-30,645	1,086	2,891	-20,611	-31,430
Minority interests	-650	-28,845	626	73	-6,703	-10,050
Net income / loss	-8,305	25,171	1,155	-565	31,575	48,321
<b>EPS</b> (in €)	-1.56	4.80	0.23	-0.11	6.24	9.54
Ratios						
EBIT margin on revenues	-30.4%	387.9%	176.9%	-6.5%	62.2%	60.0%
EBITDA margin on revenues	10.7%	499.1%	260.0%	19.5%	84.6%	84.4%
Net margin on revenues	-46.8%	110.1%	60.9%	-4.9%	31.4%	31.0%
Tax rate	2.0%	36.2%	195.0%	81.9%	35.0%	35.0%
Y-Y Growth						
Revenues	473.9%	28.8%	-91.7%	511.5%	765.7%	55.3%
Operating income	n.m.	n.m.	-96.2%	n.m.	n.m.	49.9%
Net income/ loss	n.m.	n.m.	-95.4%	n.m.	n.m.	53.0%



# **BALANCE SHEET**

All figures in € 000s	2013A	2014A	2015A	2016E	2017E	2018E
<u>Assets</u>						
Current assets, total	60,998	98,203	79,267	37,916	42,670	49,065
Cash and cash equivalents	46,063	92,821	71,041	10,826	19,880	16,151
Inventories	3,763	38	55	810	5,698	8,228
Receivables	1,319	106	2,831	3,240	6,837	9,874
Prepayments	137	190	276	810	1,140	1,646
Tax credit	0	0	0	10,891	0	0
Other current assets	5,559	726	4,530	11,339	9,116	13,165
Deferred tax assets	4,157	4,322	534	0	0	0
Non-current assets, total	70,535	36,493	48,786	109,623	171,281	223,942
Intangible assets	4,541	12,279	17,501	29,861	29,581	29,301
Land and buildings	1,856	0	0	400	600	800
Producing oil plants	32,802	0	5,314	47,901	91,802	129,306
Exploration and evaluation	20,153	1,647	1,596	14,386	27,572	38,836
Plant and machinery	2,873	513	444	4,002	7,670	10,804
Other equipment	209	94	119	1,073	2,056	2,896
Equity investments	3,703	11,456	11,822	12,000	12,000	12,000
Securities classified as fixed assets	4,398	10,504	11,990	0	0	0
Total assets	131,533	134,696	128,053	147,539	213,952	273,007
Shareholders' equity & debt						
Current liabilities, total	18,221	4,675	4,230	3,318	20,037	14,118
Bank debt	3,256	414	7	0	0	8,333
Bond debt	0	0	0	0	15,800	0
Accounts payable	13,928	217	957	995	1,271	1,735
Other current liabilities	1,037	4,044	3,266	2,322	2,966	4,049
Long-term liabilities, total	72,021	63,147	57,955	74,133	88,333	100,000
Bond debt	62,237	57,111	51,555	65,800	50,000	50,000
Bank debt	5,993	5,993	6,400	8,333	38,333	50,000
Other long term liabilities	3,791	43	0	0	0	0
Provisions	1,993	1,540	1,089	2,000	2,000	2,000
Minority interests	9,723	2,331	2,566	2,493	9,196	19,245
Shareholders' equity	29,171	60,157	59,274	55,596	84,387	127,644
Consolidated equity	38,894	62,488	61,840	58,089	93,582	146,889
Deferred tax liabilities	404	2,846	2,939	10,000	10,000	10,000
Total consolidated equity and debt	131,533	134,696	128,053	147,539	213,952	273,007
Ratios						
Current ratio (x)	3.35	21.01	18.74	11.43	2.13	3.48
Quick ratio (x)	3.14	21.00	18.73	11.18	1.85	2.89
Financial leverage	54.1%	-63.7%	-40.5%	109.0%	90.0%	62.8%
Book value per share (€)	5.48	11.94	11.77	11.04	16.75	25.34
Net cash (debt)	-21,025	39,807	25,069	-63,307	-84,253	-92,182
Return on equity (ROE)	-17.4%	106.6%	0.9%	-1.1%	50.5%	48.5%



# **CASH FLOW STATEMENT**

All figures in € 000s	2013A	2014A	2015A	2016E	2017E	2018E
EBIT	-5,395	88,726	3,355	-751	62,438	93,609
Depreciation and amortisation	7,302	25,434	1,578	3,010	22,490	38,080
EBITDA	1,907	114,160	4,933	2,259	84,928	131,689
Changes in working capital	-2,546	1,524	-4,625	-9,412	-5,673	-8,575
Interest paid	-35	-4,263	-3,912	-2,778	-3,548	-3,808
Tax paid	154	-29,091	1,086	0	-6,541	-31,430
Profit/loss from sale of Tekton Energy	0	-103,605	0	0	0	0
Other adjustments	-1,248	2,299	3,712	0	0	0
Operating cash flow	-1,768	-18,976	1,194	-9,931	69,165	87,876
Investing cash flow	-33,304	101,073	-13,307	-75,660	-84,148	-90,741
Free cash flow	-35,072	82,097	-12,113	-85,591	-14,983	-2,865
Dividends, share buybacks	-2,661	-38,929	-3,100	-2,785	-2,785	-5,063
Equity financing	4,558	0	0	0	0	0
Debt financing	67,600	0	0	16,171	30,000	20,000
Debt repayment	-2,749	-8,540	-6,182	0	0	-15,800
Other	2,128	999	-2,712	11,990	0	0
Financing cash flow	68,876	-46,470	-11,994	25,376	27,215	-863
Change in cash and equivalents	33,804	35,627	-24,107	-60,215	9,053	-3,728
Other	0	11,131	2,327	0	0	0
Cash and cash equivalents, start of the year	12,259	46,063	92,821	71,041	10,826	19,880
Cash and cash equivalents, end of the year	46,063	92,821	71,041	10,826	19,880	16,151
<b>EBITDA/share</b> (in €)	0.36	21.70	0.97	0.45	16.78	26.03
Y-Y Growth						
Operating cash flow	n.m.	n.m.	n.m.	n.m.	n.m.	27.1%
Free cash flow	n.m.	n.m.	n.m.	n.m.	n.m.	n.m.
EBITDA/share	-19.4%	5954.7%	-95.5%	-54.2%	3659.3%	55.1%



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Initial Report	22 July 2010	€7.45	Buy	€13.20
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23	8 July 2016	€15.72	Buy	€24.00
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