# **Deutsche Rohstoff AG**

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RATING	BUY
PRICE TARGET	€ 29.30
Return Potential	40.2%
Risk Rating	High

# PRICE TARGET RAISED ON LOWER TAX CHARGE/HIGHER OIL PRICE

DRAG stands to benefit from the reduction in the US corporate tax rate from 35% to 21%. The move will raise future net income at DRAG's three US-based oil and gas businesses, Cub Creek Energy (CCE), Elster Oil & Gas (EOG) and Salt Creek Oil & Gas (Salt Creek). In addition, since our note of 22 November the oil price futures curve (see figure 1) has shifted upward by between USD1.50 and USD3.00 with near term prices rising most strongly. Lastly, DRAG's stake in CCE - the most valuable of its US oil and gas holdings - rose from 80% to 88.5% following the departure of the business' CEO, Robert Gardner, to pursue other opportunities. The management team at CCE now consists of Dan Berberick (Vice President of Exploration), who joined the company in 2014, and Scott B. Baily (Vice President - Land and Business Development), who has been with DRAG since 2013. The changes described above cause us to raise our enterprise valuation of DRAG's U.S. oil and gas operations by 22.9% to €197.7m (previously: €160.9m). Given that these businesses account for over 90% of our enterprise valuation, and we estimate that DRAG had net debt of €60.6m at the end of 2017, our price target rises by 31.3% to €29.3 (previously: €22.3). The recommendation moves from Add to Buy.

**Production at Haley above blended type curve** DRAG has also published recent production data for CCE's three currently producing drill pads. Haley, which started production in October 2017, was producing at 2,746 BOEPD (barrels of oil equivalent per day) in late December, of which 1,992 barrels were oil. Five of Haley's seven wells are producing from the Niobrara Horizon while the other two are producing from the Codell Horizon. We estimate that BOEPD and oil production at Haley were respectively ca. 28% and 38% above the blended type curve for these horizons in December.

**Production at Vail and Markham pads below type curve** DRAG's Q3 results published on 19 November contained a profit warning stemming from lower than expected production at CCE's Vail and Markham production pads. (p.t.o.)

### **FINANCIAL HISTORY & PROJECTIONS**

	2014	2015	2016	2017E	2018E	2019E
Revenue (€m)	22.87	1.90	9.17	50.25	88.88	161.28
Y-o-y growth	28.8%	-91.7%	383.4%	448.0%	869.2%	220.9%
EBITDA (€m)	114.16	4.93	6.37	36.95	76.18	143.74
EBITDA margin	499.1%	260.0%	69.5%	73.5%	85.7%	89.1%
Net income (€m)	25.17	1.16	0.10	2.98	26.56	37.39
EPS (diluted) (€)	4.80	0.23	0.02	0.59	5.25	7.39
DPS (€)	0.50	0.55	0.60	0.70	1.00	1.00
FCF (€m)	82.10	-12.11	-57.26	-16.30	-54.60	-26.50
Net gearing	-63.7%	-40.5%	59.8%	73.0%	107.5%	98.7%
Liquid assets (€m)	92.82	71.04	28.09	42.50	20.68	17.97

### **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 DA	As of 1	0 Jan 2018	
<b>Closing Price</b>		€ 20.90	
Shares outstan	ding		5.06m
Market Capitali	sation	€	105.82m
52-week Range	;	€ 16.1	3 / 25.68
Avg. Volume (1		14,621	
Multiples	2016	2017E	2018E
P/E	1035.4	35.5	4.0
EV/Sales	18.1	3.3	1.9
EV/EBITDA	26.1	4.5	2.2
Div. Yield	2.9%	3.3%	4.8%

### **STOCK OVERVIEW**



COMPANY DATA	As of 30 Sep 2017
Liquid Assets	€ 28.36m
Current Assets	€ 36.91m
Intangible Assets	€ 38.06m
Total Assets	€ 194.43m
Current Liabilities	€ 12.03m
Shareholders' Equity	€ 61.75m
SHAREHOLDERS	
Management	9.7%
BASF-VC	6.3%
Free float	84.0%

Sales guidance for 2017 was reduced from a range of €55-€65m to €50m and for EBITDA from €40m to a range of €35-€37m. Production of oil and gas at Vail and Markham has suffered in recent months because of excessively high pressure in the local gas network.

**Installation of gas lifts planned at both Vail and Markham** In late December the combined output rate for the two production pads was 2,668 BOEPD, of which 1,060 barrels were oil. 14 of the 21 wells at these two pads produce from the Niobrara Horizon while the other seven produce from the Codell Horizon. We estimate that BOEPD and oil production at Vail/Markham were respectively ca. 8% and 40% below the blended type curve for these horizons in December. In Q4 2017 a new gas line was added to the Markham well site, thereby reducing pressure. Similar measures are planned for the Vail pad in the near term. Management also plan to install gas lifts at both production pads during the first half of 2018. We expect these measures to raise the share of production accounted for by oil, which on a BOE basis is over three times more valuable than gas.

We expect lower tax rates to outweigh higher depreciation at Vail/Markham Management have indicated that lower than expected production at Vail and Markham will lead to a downward revision of the two production sites' reserve estimates and hence more rapid depreciation of investments in their infrastructure. However, reduced deferred tax liabilities are expected to reduce the 2017 tax charge by around €3.3m. We expect the positive effect of the lower tax rate to outweigh the negative effect of higher depreciation on the 2017 result.



Figure 1: Upward shift in West Texas Intermediate futures curve since 21.11.2017

Source: Bloomberg

**No. of net 1 mile equivalent wells to treble over next 2 years** DRAG is planning to strongly increase oil and gas production during 2018 and 2019. The company is currently producing from around 33 equivalent 100% owned, 1 mile lateral wells. By spring of this year, we expect this figure to rise to 59 as 16 new wells at CCE's Litzenberger pad (working interest 80%), 20 2.5 mile wells at EOG (working interest 24%) and six 2 mile wells (working interest 8%) come on stream at Salt Creek.

By the end of 2019 we expect this number to reach 106. Figures 2, 3 and 4 below show our current DCF valuations of CCE, EOG and Salt Creek.

# Figure 2: DCF Valuation of CCE\*

USD 000s	2018E	2019E	2020E	2021E	2022E	2023E	2024E	2025E
Production (working interest): barrels of oil equivalent (000s)	2,054	4,203	4,448	2,646	1,999	1,636	1,399	1,228
Oil price period end (WTI -USD/barrel)	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00
No. 1 mile-lateral equivalent wells period end	68.0	92.0	116.0	116.0	116.0	116.0	116.0	116.0
Net revenue (working interest after royalty and ad valorem tax)	65,310	160,101	161,264	87,568	64,653	52,332	44,251	38,417
EBITDA	55,924	143,454	143,550	75,375	54,487	43,083	35,592	30,187
Depreciation	22,279	79,248	44,335	26,769	20,378	16,763	14,377	12,659
EBIT	33,646	64,206	99,215	48,606	34,109	26,321	21,216	17,528
NOPLAT	26,580	50,722	78,380	38,398	26,946	20,793	16,760	13,847
Tax Rate (%)	21.0%	21.0%	21.0%	21.0%	21.0%	21.0%	21.0%	21.0%
Depreciation	22,279	79,248	44,335	26,769	20,378	16,763	14,377	12,659
CAPEX	84,736	128,000	0	0	0	0	0	0
Working capital expenditure	-2,825	-14,219	-174	11,054	3,437	1,848	1,212	875
Free cashflow	-38,703	-12,248	122,541	76,222	50,762	39,404	32,349	27,381
PV free cashflow (12% discount rate)	-33,743	-9,534	85,171	47,301	28,126	19,494	14,289	10,799
Sum PV free cashflows	200,384							

Source: DRAG; First Berlin Equity Research estimates

# Figure 3: DCF Valuation of EOG\*

USD 000s	2018E	2019E	2020E	2021E	2022E	2023E	2024E	2025E
Production (working interest): barrels of oil equivalent (000s)	841	537	365	284	236	203	180	161
Oil price period end (WTI -USD/barrel)	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00
No. 1 mile-lateral equivalent wells period end	54.0	54.0	54.0	54.0	54.0	54.0	54.0	54.0
Net revenue (working interest after royalty and ad valorem tax)	26,255	15,039	9,695	7,139	5,840	5,013	4,399	3,914
EBITDA	22,413	12,914	8,243	5,830	4,641	3,864	3,287	2,833
Depreciation	6,966	4,490	3,086	2,420	2,018	1,744	1,544	1,389
EBIT	15,448	8,424	5,157	3,410	2,623	2,119	1,743	1,444
NOPLAT	12,204	6,655	4,074	2,694	2,072	1,674	1,377	1,140
Tax Rate (%)	21.0%	21.0%	21.0%	21.0%	21.0%	21.0%	21.0%	21.0%
Depreciation	6,966	4,490	3,086	2,420	2,018	1,744	1,544	1,389
CAPEX	14,976	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Working capital expenditure	-3,315	1,682	802	383	195	124	92	73
Free cashflow	878	12,827	7,962	5,497	4,285	3,543	3,013	2,602
PV free cashflow (12% discount rate)	766	9,985	5,534	3,411	2,374	1,753	1,331	1,026
Sum PV free cashflows	30,448	·		·		·		

Source: DRAG; First Berlin Equity Research estimates

# Figure 4: DCF Valuation of Salt Creek\*

USD 000s	2018E	2019E	2020E	2021E	2022E	2023E	2024E	2025E
Production (working interest): barrels of oil equivalent (000s)	439	573	637	671	650	481	381	321
Oil price period end (WTI -USD/barrel)	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00
No. 2 mile-lateral equivalent wells period end	103.0	113.0	133.0	153.0	160.0	160.0	160.0	160.0
Net revenue (working interest after royalty and ad valorem tax)	15,086	18,391	19,739	19,681	19,066	14,129	11,187	9,411
10% ad valorem tax	1,676	2,043	2,193	2,187	2,118	1,570	1,243	1,046
Direct op. costs (working interest)	1,230	1,632	1,846	1,991	1,975	1,497	1,212	1,042
Overhead costs	777	636	689	1,099	1,329	1,224	1,148	1,106
EBITDA	13,078	16,123	17,204	16,590	15,763	11,408	8,827	7,263
Depreciation	6,966	4,490	3,086	2,420	2,018	1,744	1,544	1,389
EBIT	6,112	11,633	14,118	14,170	13,745	9,664	7,283	5,874
NOPLAT	4,829	9,190	11,153	11,195	10,858	7,635	5,754	4,640
Tax Rate (%)	21.0%	21.0%	21.0%	21.0%	21.0%	21.0%	21.0%	21.0%
Depreciation	6,966	4,490	3,086	2,420	2,018	1,744	1,544	1,389
CAPEX	11,467	10,667	5,333	10,667	3,733	0	0	0
Working capital expenditure	-1,340	-496	-202	9	92	741	441	266
Free cashflow	-1,012	2,518	8,704	2,957	9,235	10,119	7,739	6,296
PV free cashflow (12% discount rate)	-883	1,960	6,049	1,835	5,117	5,006	3,418	2,483
Sum PV free cashflows	32,824							

Source: DRAG; First Berlin Equity Research estimates

\* our valuation models for CCE, EOG and Salt Creek extend to 2039 but for reasons of space we show numbers only out to 2025

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# Figure 5: Changes to our forecasts

All figures in € 000s	2017E New	2017E Old	Δ	2018E New	2018E Old	Δ	2019E New	2019E Old	Δ
Revenues	50,251	50,282	<b>-0.</b> 1%	88,876	86,625	2.6%	161,276	160,454	0.5%
EBITDA	36,951	36,809	0.4%	76,179	72,978	4.4%	143,742	141,510	1.6%
Depreciation and amortisation	26,625	24,657		32,985	32,542		80,759	100,507	
Operating income (EBIT)	10,326	12,152	-15.0%	43,194	40,436	6.8%	62,983	41,003	53.6%
Net financial result	-5,194	-4,749		-3,959	-5,315		-6,829	-7,442	
Pre-tax income (EBT)	5,132	7,403		39,235	35,120		56,154	33,562	
Income taxes	513	-2,591		-8,239	-12,292		-11,792	-11,747	
Net before minorities	5,645	4,812		30,996	22,828		44,362	21,815	
Minority interests	-2,664	-876		-4,437	-3,630		-6,973	-3,817	
Net income after mins.	2,981	3,936	-24.3%	26,559	19,198	38.3%	37,389	17,998	107.7%
EPS (€)	0.59	0.78	-24.5%	5.25	3.79	38.5%	7.39	3.55	<b>108.1%</b>

Source: DRAG; First Berlin Equity Research estimates

Figure 5 above shows changes to our forecasts. Depreciation rises in 2017 because of the reductions in the reserve estimates for Vail and Markham discussed above. However, we now believe our previous 2019 depreciation forecast was too conservative and have reduced this figure by nearly  $\in$ 20m. We have revised up our 2017 forecast for net profit before minorities to take account of the impact of the U.S. tax reform on DRAG's deferred tax liabilities. However, our 2017 EPS forecast falls by 24.5% to  $\in$ 0.59 (previously:  $\in$ 0.78) because of higher accruals to minority interests.

For 2018 and 2019 our forecasts for revenue, EBIT and net profit after minorities rise due to a higher oil price assumption, lower taxation and the increase in DRAG's stake in CCE from 80% to 88.5%.

We raise price target from  $\in 22.3$  to  $\in 29.3$  and moverating from Add to Buy As figure 6 shows, we have raised our enterprise valuation of DRAG's north American oil assets by 22.9% to  $\in 197.7m$  (previously:  $\in 160.9m$ ). These assets now account for 94.7% (previously: 94.2%) of our enterprise valuation of the group. We now see fair value for the DRAG share at  $\in 29.3$  (previously:  $\in 22.3$ ). The recommendation moves from Buy to Add.

€m	New	Old	$\% \Delta$
Cub Creek Energy (DRAG's stake 88.5%)	149.0	129.5	
Elster Oil & Gas (DRAG's stake: 93.0%)	23.8	15.5	
Salt Creek Oil & Gas (DRAG's stake: 90.2%)	24.9	15.8	
Subtotal: US oil and gas activities	197.7	160.9	22.9%
Almonty (13.3% equity stake	14.5	14.4	
plus CAD8.8m in convertible debentures, promissory notes)			
Tin International (DRAG's stake: 61.5%)	1.5	1.5	
Rhein Petroleum (DRAG's stake: 10%)	2.0	2.0	
Ceritech (DRAG's stake: 67.9%)	2.2	1.0	
Devonian Metals (DRAG's stake: 47%)	0.0	0.0	
Hammer Metals (DRAG's stake: 17.8%)	1.0	1.0	
Holding company costs	-10.0	-10.0	
Total enterprise value	208.8	170.8	22.3%
Cash and financial assets	50.1	36.0	
Debt	110.7	93.8	
Net cash and financial assets	-60.6	-57.9	
Total equity value	148.3	112.9	31.3%
No shares (m)	5.06	5.06	
Equity value per share (€)	29.3	22.3	31.3%

### Figure 6: Sum of the parts model

Source: First Berlin Equity Research estimates

# **INCOME STATEMENT**

All figures in € 000s	2014A	2015A	2016A	2017E	2018E	2019E
Revenues	22,871	1,897	9,170	50,251	88,876	161,276
Direct operating costs	5,080	59	4	5,601	7,780	12,617
General & administrative costs	10,408	5,321	6,681	4,425	4,917	4,917
Other losses/currency losses	-106,777	-8,416	-3,889	3,274	0	0
EBITDA	114,160	4,933	6,374	36,951	76,179	143,742
Depreciation and amortisation	25,434	1,578	6,874	26,625	32,985	80,759
Operating income (EBIT)	88,726	3,355	-500	10,326	43,194	62,983
Net financial result	-4,065	-3,912	-1,454	-5,194	-3,959	-6,829
Non-operating expenses	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pre-tax income (EBT)	84,661	-557	-1,953	5,132	39,235	56,154
Taxes	-30,645	1,086	2,028	513	-8,239	-11,792
Minority interests	-28,845	626	28	-2,664	-4,437	-6,973
Net income / loss	25,171	1,155	102	2,981	26,559	37,389
EPS (in €)	4.80	0.23	0.02	0.59	5.25	7.39
Ratios						
EBITDA margin on revenues	499.1%	260.0%	69.5%	73.5%	85.7%	89.1%
EBIT margin on revenues	387.9%	176.9%	-5.4%	20.5%	48.6%	39.1%
Net margin on revenues	110.1%	60.9%	1.1%	5.9%	29.9%	23.2%
Tax rate	36.2%	195.0%	103.8%	-10.0%	21.0%	21.0%
Y-Y Growth						
Revenues	28.8%	-91.7%	383.4%	448.0%	76.9%	81.5%
Operating income	n.m.	-96.2%	n.m.	n.m.	318.3%	45.8%
Net income/ loss	n.m.	-95.4%	-91.2%	2817.1%	790.8%	40.8%

# **BALANCE SHEET**

All figures in € 000s	2014A	2015A	2016A	2017E	2018E	2019E
Assets						
Current assets, total	98,203	79,267	51,874	56,505	57,612	95,040
Cash and cash equivalents	92,821	71,041	28,090	42,505	20,679	17,974
Inventories	38	55	139	280	739	1,541
Receivables	106	2,831	7,794	10,080	26,592	55,488
Prepayments	190	276	495	840	2,216	4,624
Other current assets	726	4,530	15,105	2,800	7,387	15,413
Deferred tax assets	4,322	534	251	0	0	0
Non-current assets, total	36,493	48,786	141,598	158,843	237,036	287,356
Intangible assets	12,279	17,501	40,614	39,614	38,614	37,614
Land and buildings	0	0	0	0	0	0
Producing oil plants	0	5,314	76,172	94,427	169,886	226,017
Exploration and evaluation	1,647	1,596	3,493	4,330	7,790	10,364
Plant and machinery	513	444	173	214	386	513
Other equipment	94	119	103	128	230	306
Equity investments	11,456	11,822	12,542	12,542	12,542	12,542
Loans to other investors			913	0		0
Securities classified as fixed assets	10,504	11,990	7,588	7,588	7,588	0
Total assets	134,696	128,053	193,472	215,348	294,649	382,396
Shareholders' equity & debt						
Current liabilities, total	4,675	4,230	33,904	25,282	25,015	52,199
Bank debt	414	7	0	0	0	0
Bond debt	0	0	0	15,800	0	0
Accounts payable	217	957	29,915	2,845	7,505	15,660
Other current liabilities	4,044	3,266	3,989	6,638	17,511	36,539
Long-term liabilities, total	63,147	57,955	75,243	94,884	147,000	167,000
Bond debt	57,111	51,555	66,705	66,500	66,500	66,500
Bank debt	5,993	6,400	8,538	28,384	80,500	100,500
Other long term liabilities	43	0	0	0	0	0
Provisions	1,540	1,089	5,308	2,000	2,000	2,000
Minority interests	2,331	2,566	9,698	12,362	16,799	23,772
Shareholders' equity	60,157	59,274	56,423	70,627	93,642	127,233
Consolidated equity	62,488	61,840	66,121	82,989	110,441	151,006
Deferred tax liabilities	2,846	2,939	12,896	10,192	10,192	10,192
Total consolidated equity and debt	134,696	128,053	193,472	215,348	294,649	382,396
Ratios						
Current ratio (x)	21.01	18.74	1.53	2.23	2.30	1.82
Quick ratio (x)	21.00	18.73	1.53	2.22	2.27	1.79
Financial leverage	-63.7%	-40.5%	59.8%	73.0%	107.5%	98.7%
Book value per share (€)	11.94	11.77	11.20	14.02	18.59	25.26
Net cash (debt)	39,807	25,069	-38,652	-60,591	-118,733	-149,026
Return on equity (ROE)	106.6%	0.9%	0.1%	7.6%	32.0%	33.9%

# **CASH FLOW STATEMENT**

All figures in € 000s	2014A	2015A	2016A	2017E	2018E	2019E
EBIT	88,726	3,355	-500	10,326	43,194	62,983
Depreciation and amortisation	25,434	1,578	6,874	26,625	32,985	80,759
EBITDA	114,160	4,933	6,374	36,951	76,179	143,742
Changes in working capital	1,524	-4,625	-5,809	-14,889	-7,400	-12,950
Interest paid	-4,263	-3,912	-1,413	-5,194	-3,959	-6,829
Tax paid/received	-29,091	1,086	1,724	11,613	-8,239	-11,792
Profit/loss from sale of Tekton Energy	-103,605	0	0	0	0	0
Other adjustments	2,299	3,712	2,038	0	0	0
Operating cash flow	-18,976	1,194	2,914	28,482	56,581	112,170
Investing cash flow	101,073	-13,307	-60,177	-44,783	-111,179	-138,667
Free cash flow	82,097	-12,113	-57,263	-16,301	-54,598	-26,496
Dividends, share buybacks	-38,929	-3,100	-2,714	-3,038	-3,544	-3,797
Equity financing	0	0	1,126	0	0	0
Debt financing	0	0	39,233	35,441	52,116	20,000
Debt repayment	-8,540	-6,182	-22,148	0	-15,800	0
Other	999	-2,712	-3,981	913	0	7,588
Financing cash flow	-46,470	-11,994	11,516	33,316	32,772	23,791
Other	0	0	2,246	-2,600	0	0
Change in cash and equivalents	35,627	-24,107	-43,501	14,415	-21,825	-2,706
FX/consolidation effects	11,131	2,327	550	0	0	0
Cash and cash equivalents, start of the year	46,063	92,821	71,041	28,090	42,505	20,679
Cash and cash equivalents, end of the year	92,821	71,041	28,090	42,505	20,679	17,974
EBITDA/share (in €)	21.70	0.97	1.26	7.30	15.06	28.41
Y-Y Growth						
Operating cash flow	n.m.	n.m.	144.1%	877.4%	98.7%	98.2%
Free cash flow	n.m.	n.m.	n.m.	n.m.	n.m.	n.m.
EBITDA/share	5954.7%	-95.5%	29.2%	479.7%	106.2%	88.7%

Report No.:	Date of publication	Previous day closing price	Recommendation	Price target
Initial Report	22 July 2010	€7.45	Buy	€13.20
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25	20 February 2017	€23.66	Buy	€34.00
26	16 October 2017	€19.59	Buy	€26.90
27	22 November 2017	€20.33	Add	€22.30
28	Today	€20.90	Buy	€29.30

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