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Ferrexpo & Poltava Iron Ore

Ferrexpo reports preliminary 2007 results

Current price: FXPO USD 6.95 PGOK USD 18.17 12M Target: FXPO USD 6.62 PGOK USD 14.51

FXPO: HOLD PGOK: SELL

Today Ferrexpo released its preliminary results for 2007 and confirmed mid-term growth plans, both of which are in line with our forecasts. Additionally, Ferrexpo said it would create a new entity to develop and ultimately operate the Belanovskoye and Yeristovskoye deposits, sidestepping from Poltava Iron Ore, just as we thought. We confirm our targets and recommendations on the stocks: Ferrexpo (USD 6.62 per share; HOLD) and Poltava Iron Ore (USD 14.51 per share; SELL).

Ferrexpo's preliminary 2007 financials are in line with our forecasts

According to a Ferrexpo press release, the company's top line totaled USD 698 mln (+28% yoy) in 2007. EBITDA surged 65% yoy to USD 246 mln (margin of 35.2%), and net income rose 128% yoy to USD 152 mln (margin of 21.7%). We maintain our 2008 financial projections.

| | | in USD min |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------|
| Ferrex | po's preliminary vs. Concorde's | s estimated results |
| | Ferrexpo | Concorde |
| Net revenue | 698 | 676 |
| EBITDA | 246 | 218 |
| Net income | 151 | 129 |
| Source: Company data, Concord | de Capital estimates as of March 14 | |

The company also plans to pay out USD 0.032 per share in dividends, implying a total payout of USD 19.4 mln (12.8% of net income). Dividend yield is 0.46%.

New entity to operate new deposits, leaving out Poltava Iron Ore

In its press release, the company also said that it is in the process of establishing a new entity with French DTP Terassement S.A. and Worley Parsons Europe to operate Belanovskoye and Yeristovskoye iron ore deposits (est. reserves of 1,627 mln mt and 833 mln mt, respectively). Specific details of the arrangement were not disclosed, but they stated that this entity will not be connected to Ferrexpo's main asset, Poltava Iron Ore (85.8% owned by Ferrexpo).

The company's announcement follows our pessimistic scenario (see our industry report of March 14, 2008), according to which Ferrexpo will develop the aforementioned deposits, sidestepping Poltava. Therefore, Poltava Iron Ore will be limited by its designed production capacity, at no more than 12 mln mt of pellets per annum.



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| Date | 12M target price, USD | Market price, USD | Rating | Action |
|-----------|-----------------------|-------------------|--------|-----------|
| 16-Jun-05 | 9.00 | 6.25 | BUY | Initiate |
| 7-Jul-05 | 12.00 | 6.93 | BUY | Maintain |
| 22-Mar-06 | 16.00 | 13.20 | BUY | Maintain |
| 18-Aug-06 | 10.38 | 10.40 | BUY | Downgrade |
| 23-Nov-06 | 8.80 | 8.60 | BUY | Maintain |
| 4-Dec-06 | 8.80 | 9.70 | BUY | Maintain |
| 22-May-07 | U/R | 11.00 | BUY | Review |
| 14-Mar-08 | 14.51 | 20.4 | SELL | Downgrade |
| 31-Mar-08 | 14.51 | 18.17 | SELL | Maintain |





| FXPO ratings history | | | | |
|----------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|--------|----------|
| Date | 12M target price, USD | Market price, USD | Rating | Action |
| 14-Mar-08 | 6.62 | 6.85 | HOLD | Initiate |
| 31-Mar-08 | 6.62 | 6.93 | HOLD | Maintain |

FXPO target price history, USD per share





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|---------------------------------------|-----|------|--|
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| Hold | 28 | 25% | |
| Sell | 18 | 16% | |
| Under Review | 16 | 14% | |
| Total | 111 | 100% | |

| Investment banking clien | ts* | |
|--------------------------|-----|------|
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| Sell | 0 | 0% |
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