Ukraine / Iron Ore



April 01, 2008

Eugene Cherviachenko ec@concorde.com.ua

+ 38 044 391 5577

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.



Appendix - Disclosures

Analyst certification

I, Eugene Cherviachenko, hereby certify that the views expressed in this research report accurately reflect my personal views about the subject securities and issuers. I also certify that no part of my compensation was, is, or will be, directly or indirectly, related to the specific recommendations or views expressed in this research report.

PGOK ratings history

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





Investment Ratings

The time horizon for target prices in Concorde Capital's research is 12 months unless otherwise stated. Concorde Capital employs three basic investment ratings: Buy, Hold and Sell. Typically, Buy recommendation is associated with an upside of 15% or more from the current market price; Sell is prompted by downside from the current market price (upside <0%); Hold recommendation is generally for limited upside within 15%. Though investment ratings are generally induced by the magnitude of upside, they are not derived on this basis alone. In certain cases, an analyst may have reasons to establish a recommendation where the associated range given above does not correspond. Temporary discrepancies between an investment rating and its upside at a specific point in time due to price movement and/or volatility will be permitted; Concorde Capital may revise an investment rating at its discretion. A recommendation and/or target price might be placed Under Review when impelled by corporate events, changes in finances or operations. Investors should base decisions to Buy, Hold or Sell a stock on the complete information regarding the analyst's views in the research report and on their individual investment objectives and circumstances.

Concorde Capital ratings distribution			
Buy	49	44%	
Hold	28	25%	
Sell	18	16%	
Under Review	16	14%	
Total	111	100%	

Investment banking clien	ts*	
Buy	6	100%
Hold	0	0%
Sell	0	0%
Under Review	0	0%
Total	6	100%

* Within the last twelve month period, Concorde Capital has obtained compensation from these companies for investment banking services.



CEO Igor Mazepa

Concorde Capital 2 Mechnikova Street 21st Floor Kyiv 01601, UKRAINI

JKRAINE		www.concorde.com.ua office@concorde.com.ua	
	im@concorde.com.ua	RESEARCH	
		Strategy	

Equity Sales Anastasiya Nazarenko Duff Kovacs, CFA Marina Martirosyan Andriy Supranonok

Director of Research Konstantin Fisun, CFA an@concorde.com.ua dk@concorde.com.ua mm@concorde.com.ua sap@concorde.com.ua

kf@concorde.com.ua

Tel.: +380 44 391 5577 Fax: +380 44 391 5571 www.concorde.com.ua office@concorde.com.ua

Strategy Konstantin Fisun Oleksandr Klymchuk

Metals & Mining Eugene Cherviachenko Andriy Gerus

Utilities (Telecom, Energy) Alexander Paraschiy

Oil & Gas, Chemicals Vladimir Nesterenko

Consumer/Real Estate Group Andriy Gostik, CFA Olha Pankiv Alexander Romanov Anna Dudchenko

Machinery Eugene Cherviachenko Inna Perepelytsya

Financial Services, Retail Alexander Viktorov

Macroeconomics Polina Khomenko

Fixed Income Oleksandr Klymchuk

News/Production Polina Khomenko

Editor Brad Wells kf@concorde.com.ua ok@concorde.com.ua

ec@concorde.com.ua ga@concorde.com.ua

ap@concorde.com.ua

vn@concorde.com.ua

ag@concorde.com.ua op@concorde.com.ua ar@concorde.com.ua ad@concorde.com.ua

ec@concorde.com.ua pi@concorde.com.ua

av@concorde.com.ua

pk@concorde.com.ua

ok@concorde.com.ua

pk@concorde.com.ua

bw@concorde.com.ua

Disclaimer

This report has been prepared by Concorde Capital investment bank for informational purposes only. Concorde Capital does and seeks to do business with companies covered in its research reports. As a result, investors should be aware that Concorde Capital might have a conflict of interest that could affect the objectivity of this report.

Concorde Capital, its directors and employees or clients might have or have had interests or long /short positions in the securities referred to herein, and might at any time make purchases and/or sales in them as a principal or an agent. Concorde Capital might act or has acted as a market-maker in the securities discussed in this report. The research analysts and/or corporate banking associates principally responsible for the preparation of this report receive compensation based upon various factors, including quality of research, investor/client feedback, stock picking, competitive factors, firm revenues and investment banking revenues.

Prices of listed securities referred to in this report are denoted in the currency of the respective exchanges. Investors in financial instruments such as depository receipts, the values or prices of which are influenced by currency volatility, effectively assume currency risk.

Due to the timely nature of this report, the information contained might not have been verified and is based on the opinion of the analyst. We do not purport this document to be entirely accurate and do not guarantee it to be a complete statement or summary of available data. Any opinions expressed herein are statements of our judgments as of the date of publication and are subject to change without notice. Reproduction without prior permission is prohibited. © 2008 Concorde Capital