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# **Market Analysis**

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### Summary and Recommended Investment Strategy.

Stockmarket investment can be counter intuitive. A major crisis, when everything is going wrong and getting worse is actually the best time to be buying shares! That is <u>not</u> what is happening now. A small crisis is causing uncertainty and the outlook for the stockmarket is relatively neutral. Remain invested in shares, but accumulate new cash for any future buying opportunity.

Investment Outlook.

Shares are volatile investments and can easily fluctuate 20-30% in value for no apparent reason. Throw in a small crisis and anything *can* happen. But that doesn't mean it is a good idea to sell shares to build a fallout shelter, buy flu vaccine, stockpile petrol or speculate on the "sure thing" that energy prices will keep rising rapidly forever.

Limited liability companies are *very adaptable* either changing to succeed *whatever future conditions may come* or failing and releasing their capital, labour and markets to new companies that can do the job. Its a jungle out there. Survival of the fittest. *Whatever* happens, we still need food and housing and water and electricity (and perhaps the latest mobile phone and the largest flat screen TV -if available on easy credit, interest free terms) and some company will make it and sell it to us and earn a profit.

As a result of the *Credit Crunch* the US economy *may* slow or weaken - but economic slowdowns used to happen every 3-4 years and somehow both consumers and investors managed to survive. The global economy, helped by China and India, is still expected to grow around 4.8% over the next year. That is well *above* historical average growth rates! So the current *Golden Age* of rapid economic growth (and high investment returns) should continue, even if the *Credit Crunch* results in a hiccup in stockmarket valuations!

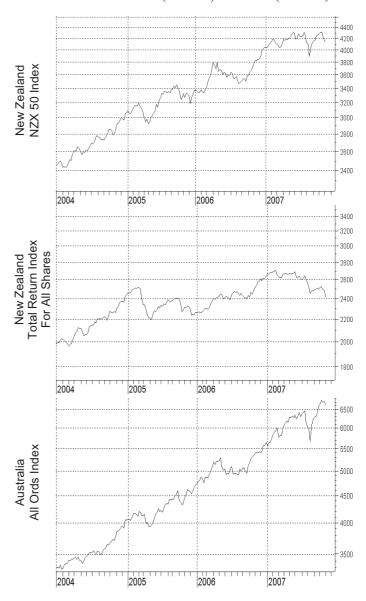
If you are worried about a major economic crisis, then (1) expect 3-4 new doomsday scenarios each year to keep you busy and (2) read our article on Pages 12-13. Perhaps that will help keep things in perspective!

Nevertheless, our One-Year Forecast for the NZ stockmarket is currently an unfavourable 27% while the Australian stockmarket is Neutral at 52%. The short term outlook for both markets is Neutral.

For the present time we shall continue to hold our current shares, accumulating cash (from dividends and new savings) for the recovery and the next buying opportunity.

#### **Stockmarket Forecasts**

Australia: One-Month 47% (Neutral) 52% (Neutral)
New Zealand: 41% (Neutral) 27% (Bearish)



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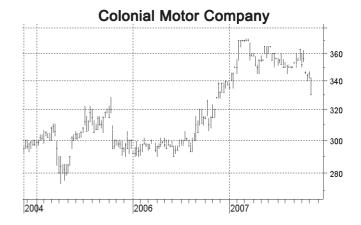
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### Recommended Investments

<u>Cavalier Corporation</u> will pay a steady first interim dividend of 3.0 cents (plus full imputation tax credits).

<u>Colonial Motor Company</u> reports a "significant turnaround" in trading for the first quarter of the new financial year. Sales of extra heavy duty trucks and tractors were "ahead of budget" and "significantly ahead of the same period last year". Car dealership profitability has also improved.

Michael Hill International reports a drop in same store sales for the first quarter, but a "significant increase" in profit margins. The September 2006 sales were boosted by discounting and clearing an "extensive amount of inventory" of (Continued on Page 4)



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CURRENT ADVICE	Company	v	Initial Recomr		Perform-		Vola- tility Ratio	Price/	Price/ Earnings Ratio	Gross	Recent	Cash Dividends Rec'd	Total Return %
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HOLD	CDL Investments Ltd	CDI	12/01/99	25	D	218.9	1.4	2.82	8	8.6	40		+122%
BUY	Cavalier Corporation	CAV	05/12/95	156*	С	65.5	0.9	0.94	13	9.3	305		+228%
HOLD+	Colonial Motor Company	CMO	10/11/92	150	В	27.9	0.5	0.21	14	10.4	330		+330%
HOLD	Lyttelton Port Company	LPC	12/12/00	150	В	102.3	0.7	3.21	25	2.5	240		+102%
HOLD+	Michael Hill Int'l Ltd	MHI	11/06/91	46*	В	38.3	0.4	1.15	19	3.7	1050		+2665%
HOLD+	Nuplex Industries Ltd	NPX	11/02/97	350	A	79.9	0.5	0.41	23	5.7	740	197.0	+168%
BUY	Postie Plus Group	PPG	08/05/06	71	С	40.0	1.0	0.23	11	11.6	77	6.0	+17%
HOLD+	Renaissance Corp	RNS	13/08/96	85*	С	39.0	1.1	0.16	4	23.4	67	50.9	+39%
BUY	Smiths City Group	SCY	09/10/06	64	D	53.0	1.3	0.11	7	9.8	56	5.5	-4%
HOLD	South Port New Zealand	SPN	13/02/96	120	Α	26.2	0.6	4.67	31	4.4	260	94.3	+195%
HOLD	Steel & Tube Holdings	STU	08/08/00	146	В	88.2	0.7	0.82	14	10.0	433	193.0	+329%
HOLD+	Taylors Group Ltd	TAY	09/11/99	102	С	24.3	0.7	0.66	12	10.0	180	74.0	+149%
1	Australian Shares (in Aust	cents)											
HOLD	AJ Lucas Group	AJL	13/05/03	120	Α	54.2	1.0	0.87	29	0.7	348	22.5	+209%
HOLD+	Atlas South Sea Pearl	ATP	14/05/96	73	В	89.3	1.4	2.67	12	9.0	39	15.5	-25%
BUY	Austin Group Ltd	ATG	08/02/05	93	В	62.2	1.6	0.34	NE	Nil	30	7.0	-60%
HOLD+	Campbell Brothers Ltd	CPB	12/10/99	406*	Α	51.6	0.3	2.68	33	2.1	3299	262.6	+777%
BUY	Candle Australia	CND	08/04/03	86	В	53.4	8.0	0.58	13	5.9	324	52.5	+338%
HOLD+	Cellnet Group Ltd	CLT	12/02/02	147*	D	74.3	1.2	0.06	NE	Nil	58	32.4	-8%
HOLD+	Centennial Coal Ltd	CEY	16/01/01	70*	Α	305.6	0.7	1.45	NE	3.0	440	34.0	+577%
HOLD+	Circadian Technologies	CIR	10/02/04	188	D	40.1	1.0	19.06	NE	Nil	124	65.0	+0%
HOLD+	Commander Comm.	CDR	11/09/01	92	D	228.8	1.6	0.08	NE	5.1	40	25.2	-30%
BUY	Computershare Ltd	CPU	12/08/03	189	В	590.9	0.6	3.36	20	1.8	941	51.5	+425%
BUY	Devine Ltd	DVN	13/11/06	94	В	236.8	8.0	0.66	17	5.2	154	8.0	+72%
BUY	Ellex Medical Lasers	ELX	14/03/06	49	В	68.4	1.3	1.24	24	Nil	84	Nil	+70%
HOLD+	Housewares Int'l	HWI	13/11/06	171	D	125.0	0.8	0.78	17	Nil	233	Nil	+36%
HOLD	Int'l AllSports	IAS	11/02/03	180	C	66.4	1.6	0.02	NE	Nil	34	4.0	-79%
HOLD+	Iluka Resources Ltd	ILU	12/10/04	471	D	232.9	0.9	0.89	8	5.4	410	64.0	+1%
HOLD	Keycorp Ltd	KYC	10/08/04	123*	C	82.2	1.6	0.31	NE	Nil	37	Nil	-70%
BUY	M2 Telecommunications	MTU	09/10/06	33	Ä	60.2	1.2	1.00	18	4.1	73	3.0	+130%
HOLD	Mercury Mobility	MMY	00/10/00	00	C	105.0	2.00	N/A	NE	Nil	30	0.0	10070
HOLD	Melbourne IT	MLB	10/02/04	53	Ä	76.0	0.6	2.65	43	2.2	357	29.0	+628%
HOLD	M.Y.O.B. Ltd	MYO	15/07/03	84*	Α	385.3	0.9	2.87	30	3.1	137	9.3	+74%
HOLD-	Namoi Cotton Co-op Ltd	NAM	14/03/06	65	В	107.8	1.3	0.14	4	11.5	48	3.5	-21%
BUY	Ross Human Directions	RHD	14/08/01	92	C	82.9	1.3	0.14	9	7.1	56	29.0	-8%
HOLD+	Skilled Engineering	SKE	12/03/02	126	A	104.6	0.6	0.13	19	4.1	540	98.5	+407%
HOLD+	Technology One Ltd	TNE	11/11/03	44	В	297.7	1.0	4.08	22	3.5	108	13.1	+174%
BUY	TFS Corporation Ltd	TFC	08/01/07	45	А	162.1	1.2	3.38	8	3.6	94	0.9	+111%
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The average Total Return (i.e. both Capital Gains/Losses plus Dividends received) of all current investments from initial recommendation is +230.1%. This is equal to an average annual rate of +39.6%, based upon the length of time each position has been held.

The average annual rate of gain of ALL recommendations (both the 37 current and 138 closed out) is +35.0%, compared with a mark et gain of +8.1% (by the SRC Total Return Index).

CURRENT ADVICE is either Buy, Hold+, Hold, Hold- or Sell. Hold+ indicates the most attractive shares not rated as Buy. Hold- indicates relatively less attractive issues.

<sup>\*</sup> Initial Recommendation Prices adjusted for Share Splits, Bonus and Cash Issues.

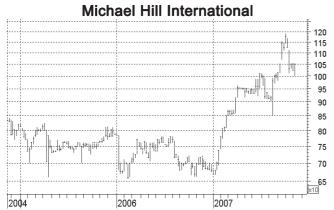
<sup>(1)</sup> Cellnet Group returns includes 1½ shares of Mercury Mobility distributed to shareholders,

#### **Recommended Investments**

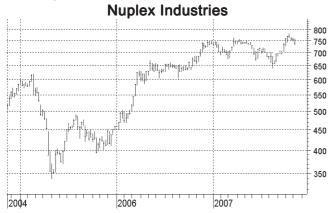
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branded watches "at low margins" ahead of the change to selling its own brand watches.

Overall, total revenues increased 0.9% (owing to new stores) to \$71.1 million - and profitability (which is not disclosed in the quarterly sales announcement) should be well ahead!



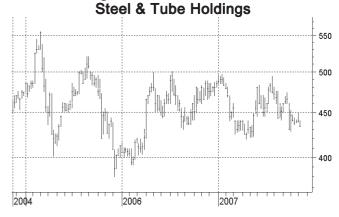
Nuplex Industries is forecasting a 15% increase in earnings (before interest, tax and depreciation) this year to around \$120 million. After consolidating major acquisitions, the business is "now positioned for further growth". Relatively high capital expenditure, totalling \$70 million over the next two years, will increase manufacturing capacity to enable future growth. The company will seek to partially finance this by reducing investment tied up in inventories and from the sale of surplus fixed assets. The closure of the Seven Hills business in Australia, for example, is expected to release around \$40 million.



Steel & Tube Holdings reports the volume of steel sold in the first quarter is similar to last year, but that profit margins are "substantially down" owing to currency volatility. The first half profit is expected to be 25-30% lower at around \$10½-11 million, but the company predicts that "the worst is behind us" with a better performance in the second half. Planned construction and infrastructure projects for the 2011 Rugby World Cup will need to begin in early 2008 and increase demand for steel products.

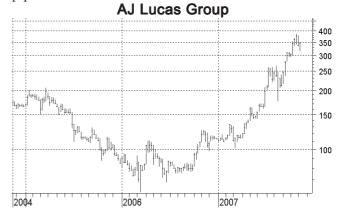
Steel & Tube Holdings - which has used its strong balance sheet and strong cashflows to finance a number of successful acquisitions in the past - has decided to more "actively pursue acquisition opportunities" to boost its long term growth. The company will also look

beyond steel businesses to "other metals and products" which can be distributed from its existing networks and/ or to its existing customer base.



#### **Australian Shares**

(This section is in Australian currency, unless stated.) AJ Lucas Group has been awarded the \$140 million contract to construct the 285km Bonaparte Gas Pipeline for APA Group. Construction will begin immediately with completion scheduled before the end of December 2008. This project will transport natural gas from the Blacktip Gas plant near Wadeye in the Northern Territory to join the existing Amadeus Basin to Darwin gas pipeline.



Atlas South Sea Pearl has completed its 2007 harvest of in excess of 182,000 pearls. 156,000 pearls have been sold to date for \$11.25 million with the final revenue still expected to be around \$14 million but the estimated pretax profits have been upgraded from \$4.5 million (estimated in August) to above \$5.4 million.

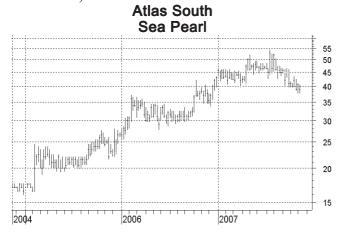
The company predicts revenues will rise around 20% to \$16.7 million in 2008, with pre-tax profits up a similar percentage amount to \$6.5 million. For the 2009 year, the company estimates around 5% revenue growth to \$17.6 million.

The next major growth will come from the company's expansion near Semporna, in the south east of Sabah, Malaysia. Atlas South Sea Pearl expects to invest \$7 million over the next three years to develop new pearl farms. This will be financed from existing cashflows and new debt facilities - so no new shares will be issued to dilute earnings per share growth. The Malaysian operations will be capable of seeding an additional 350,000 oysters annually and doubling pearl production within five years. This will add around \$13 million to annual revenues - taking the group's annual revenues to

around \$30 million.

So a \$7 million investment in expansion should create a Malaysian business worth around \$25-28 million and increase Atlas South Sea Pearl's share price by around 20-25 cents (i.e. about 50-65% to 60-65 cents over the next five years.

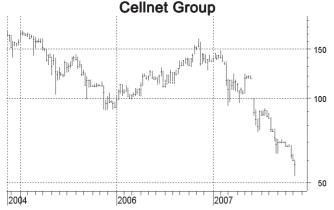
Significant additional growth is also possible from the company's research on pearl genetics which will be used to help selectively breed faster growing oysters. That will lower operating costs (i.e. the regular cleaning of the oysters) and decrease the time required for the oysters and pearls to grow before harvesting (i.e. so allow more pearls to be harvested from a given capacity of its farms).



Cellnet Group is seeking to raise \$11.7 million through a 2 for 5 non-renounceable cash issue at 55 cents. The money raised will be used to strengthen the balance sheet and replace short term debts.

The existing shares traded ex-entitlement to this cash issue from 8 November but this issue is "non-renounceable" so you can <u>not</u> sell rights to the new shares. Investors who do <u>not</u> wish to increase their holding in Cellnet Group can still realise the value of the "rights" but would need to sell some existing shares (at market prices around 58-62 cents) and then take up the new shares (at 55 cents).

Cellnet Group operates in a difficult business, but correctly restructured and efficiently run could become profitable and the shares could be re-rated significantly in value. We are therefore happy to slightly increase our shareholding in this company by taking up our entitlement to the new shares and recommend that other investors also take up their entitlement to the new shares. The offer documents will be mailed 19 November and the payment must be received by 19 December.

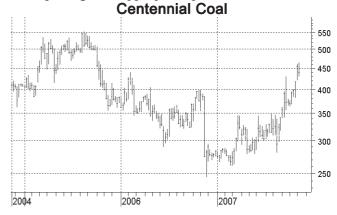


Centennial Coal is planning to make a return of capital of up to \$2.00 per share (subject to a favourable ruling from the Australian Taxation Office) which will distribute up to \$613 million of cash to shareholders.

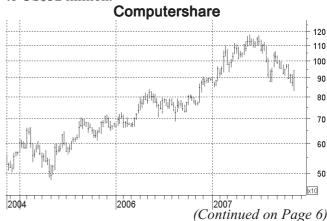
The company has received \$454.3 million (with another \$25 million to be received) from the sale of its *Anvil Hill Project* and \$479 million from the sale of its 86% holding in **Austral Coal**, plus a further \$178 million from loans made to Austral Coal.

Cash will also be used to reduce its own interest bearing debts from around \$770 million to just \$370 million *and* leave around \$125 million for re-investment in the remaining businesses.

These sales, capital repayment and debt reduction will leave Centennial Coal as an attractive *income* share and we continue to expect the shares to be re-rated to reflect the company's ability to pay high dividends in the future. Profitability will also improve as long term, fixed price domestic contracts to supply thermal coal expire or become subject to price review. Coal prices have increased significantly since these original contracts were negotiated - or inherited as part of a package to take over state owned coal mines many years ago - so the company will enjoy higher revenues and much improved margins as future coal sales are made at market prices. In new long term contracts, Centennial Coal is seeking either market prices at the time of future deliveries or fixed pricing with appropriate price escalation.



<u>Computershare</u> has made two small acquisitions, purchasing **Restricted Stock Systems Inc** (which provides software for processes and reporting restricted stock and insider trading) for US\$13 million and **Administar Services Group LLC** (which provides administration services for securities and consumer class action litigation and bankruptcy litigation) for up to US\$32 million.



#### **Recommended Investments**

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**Devine** is to make a 1 for 5 renounceable cash issue at 132 cents, raising \$62.5 million in new equity. This will be used to strength the balance sheet and further expand the company's land development and property development businesses. The company increased its capital 40% last year through a placement to **Leighton Holdings** and this issue will increase it by a further 20%. That has the potential to dilute earnings per share, unless the cash is wisely invested to rapidly expand the business. Devine is rapidly expanding, so the directors expect to "at least maintain" the current 8.0 cents annual dividend and predict that earnings per share will grow "in the medium term".

Devine shares still offer an attractive Dividend Yield - and the shares should appreciate steady in value - the shares remain attractive and investors can take up entitlements to this cash issue. Shareholders will also be able to apply for additional shares in excess of their entitlement which will be available from any shortfall in shares not taken up by other shareholders. Documentation will be mailed on 22 November and payment is due by 6 December. That *could* be a tight timetable for NZ investors, so having an Australian bank account and paying for the shares via BPAY can be an advantage!

Devine has acquired, in two separate transactions, a 33.51 hectare site for \$17.8 million and a 22.04 hectare site for \$12.35 million which adjoin an existing 68 hectare land holding on School Road, 28 km south west of Brisbane and 9 km east of Ipswich City. This gives the company a 123.55 hectare land parcel which is large enough to support a masterplanned community of over 1200 residential lots, landscaped parklands and three commercial super lots.

The company predicts that its residential land sales will rise from 961 lots in the year to June 2007 to 1600 this year and aims to raise that to around 2000 annually in the near future. This business has also expanded from selling just affordable house/land packages to first home buyers to include people buying their second and third home and property investors.

Devine has also pre-sold its *ICB Central* development on Butterfield Street, Brisbane for \$73.5 million on a "fund-through basis" to property trust, **Domaine SEQ Growth Fund**. We reported the start of construction last month but incorrectly described it as a 4,900m² project when it will actually have 11,000m² of lettable space (on a 4,900m² site).

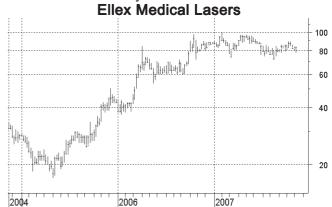
Devine has now pre-leased 100% of its 333 Ann Street office tower which has been pre-sold for \$120 million and will be completed around July 2008.

Ellex Medical Lasers will release initial results of its treatment of patients at St. Thomas' Hospital in London with its new Retina Regeneration Therapy - or Ellex 2RT - at the annual meeting of the American Academy of Ophthamology this month. Ellex 2RT is a unique, non-thermal laser that uses nanosecond pulses of laser energy to stimulate retinal pigment epithelium to preserve vision. This is a "potential new therapy" to treat early Age-Related Mascular Degeneration (AMD).

Ellex 2RT clinical trials will soon commence in

Australia and expand to several international centres over the next year to provide data to design a commercial laser from the current prototype. Once the company decides to commercial this product it would take 6-12 months to finalise design and to release product for sale.

AMD is the leading cause of blindness in people over 60 years. It is estimated that 1.8 million people in the United States have AMD, with this number expected to rise to three million by 2020.



International All Sports lifted September quarter receipts 8.6% to \$205.7 million compared with the September quarter of 2006. The quarterly operating cash surplus was up significantly at \$879,000 (from just \$49,000 the previous year). Cash on hand is \$25.7 million.

<u>Iluka Resources</u> has slightly downgraded its profit forecast for the current year - from \$55-65 million to \$45-50 million. This is partially owing to the fall in the US dollar and customers experiencing difficulties securing ships to take scheduled deliveries which will be deferred into 2008.

The company has increased its Inferred Mineral Resource estimate of its *West Balranald* heavy mineral deposit by 41% to 11.6 million tonnes - making it the largest heavy mineral resource discovered in the Murray Basin. This is a large, high-grade deposit but deeper than normal and will require the removal of significant over-burden. Potential development of this deposit would be after 2015.

Namoi Cotton Co-operative reported a 40.6% drop in revenues to \$143.3 million for the six months to 31 August. Profits were down 46.1% to \$12,932,000 (12.1 cents per share). This is a seasonal business with usually a large profit in the first half and a loss in the second half - so we estimate the full year result may be around a break-even. No interim dividend will be paid.

The Australian cotton crop fell 50% to 1.32 million bales, but Namoi Cotton increased its ginning market share to 30.2% from 23.8% in the previous year. Its share of cotton marking increased to 33.9% from 26.7%.

The company's start-up, *Namoi Cotton Commodities*, traded soundly, offering grain, oilseed and pulse marketing to growers.

Drought conditions are expected to result in a "substantially smaller" 2008 cotton crop, so the company continues to face lower than capacity volumes which will depress revenues and profitability over the coming year. This will result in *another* very difficult year for the company.

The business, however, is in a sound financial position, with no long term interest bearing debt. The company does have significant *short term* debts, but this finances seasonal inventories and seasonal advances to growers. With a shrinking cotton crop, there is little need for capital investment to increase capacity, while the company is using its infrastructure and customer contacts to expand services for other agricultural products. The net tangible asset backing is 100.2 cents and the company is steadily re-purchasing its own shares on-market.

Given the unfavourable outlook for cotton production volumes next year, we are downgrading Namoi Cotton Co-operative to "Hold-".

**Skilled Group** is predicting a net profit of \$34-37 million (32-35 cents per share) to June 2008 - up 17-28% on the previous year.

Technology One has paid \$10 million in cash to acquire Avand Pty, which provides the *DataWorks* Electronic Document Management software to organisations in Australia and New Zealand. Avand has

170 customers, 120 of which are councils, so this should help Technology One expand in the fragmented local government market where it currently has 140 customers.

As previously reported the company is changing its balance date from 30 June to 30 September. A lot of new licences are signed around December and June - so delays would carry revenues (and profits) into the next reporting period and create volatility in results. The change of balance date avoids this problem and the need to have contracts signed by an arbitrary date. Results for the three months to September 2007 will be meaningless, but the company is predicting profit growth of 15-20% to September 2008 with the dividend up 10%.

Expansion in the UK, which is three times the size of the Australian market, is an important source of growth over the medium to long term - especially for a software business which benefits significantly from economies of scale. The company is predicting this market will reach break-even this year (i.e. to September 2008), one year *earlier* than previously expected.

# Computer Selections of NZ Shares based upon our Comprehensive Share Selection Criteria

For an explanation of this table see the *Share Selection Methods* report sent to all new subscribers or available from our website. These shares are not formal "buy" and "sell" recommendations, but the "Under-Valued", "Best Performing" and "Income" shares should be considered for purchase, while the "Over-Valued" and "Worst Performing" shares can generally be sold to release money for re-investment in more attractive shares.

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NZ Refining Co	775	+4.4	-0.5	16	0-0		3.0		0.2	14	8.7	4.61	1,860	Cadmus Tech Ltd 15 -11.5 +0.1 85 0-0 - 2.6 - 1.0 NE Nil 1.	
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Optima ICM Ltd		+29.8		4	0-0	- 0.8		3.7			0.08	6	CMA Corporation	70	+10.9	+6.3	16	0-0	- 5.0	30 0.9	17	Nil	0.46	222
Citic Australia	90	+1.2		37	1-0	- 2.6		1.2	9	6.3	0.09	75	Sims Group Ltd		+10.6	-0.8	16	1-2	9 5.5	41 0.5		4.4	0.61	3,412
Danks Holdings	840	+2.6		32	1-0	- 1.0		0.3	14	5.2	0.10	55	Lighting Corp.		+10.6	+3.1	16	1-0	- 3.4	28 0.7			0.49	85
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Supply Network	31			36	2-0	- 0.7		1.5	19	3.2	0.20	7	KLM Group Ltd	72	+9.1	-6.8	18	1-2	- 4.8	41 1.0			0.36	43
Atlas Grp Hold.	86	+2.4		33	0-1	- 1.8		1.0	NE	3.5	0.21	89	Ambertech Ltd	72	+7.7	-0.7	21	0-0	- 1.5	17 0.9			0.37	22
Scott Corp Ltd	47	+4.0		28	1-0			1.3	10	2.1	0.22	28	Schaffer Corp	900	+7.6	-2.5	21	0-0	1 2.7	21 0.4			0.86	127
Wilson Leaders	116	+1.6		35	0-1	- 0.8		0.9	5	6.9	0.23	71	Zicom Group	39	+7.2	-4.8	21	8-0	- 3.5	39 1.8			0.74	71
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Pacifica Group	189	+0.6		39	0-0	1 1.3		1.0	12	2.1	0.30	268	Int'l Equities Country Road	300	+6.8	-2.4 -1.1	22	0-0	- 4.3	36 0.4			0.86	207
PeopleBank Aust	110	+1.6		35	1-0	- 10.0		1.0	10	5.9	0.33	45	Thomas & Coffey	105	+6.2	-2.2	23	7-1	- 4.6	29 1.0		3.3	0.35	78
A.P. Eagers	1461	+10.1	-4.0	17	8-0	1 1.8	12	0.2	15	2.9	0.34	395	Farm Pride Food	38	+5.8	-6.9	24	0-0	- 1.1	15 1.1			0.17	20
Folkestone Ltd	90	+5.4		25	1-0	- 1.2		0.9	6	7.2	0.34	27	Folkestone Ltd	90	+5.4	-0.9	25	1-0	- 1.2	19 0.6			0.34	27
Kresta Holdings	30	+2.3		33	2-0	1 2.1		1.6	10	6.7	0.34	40	Corp Express	659	+5.3	+0.1	25		13 26.4	- 0.5			0.98	1,215
Metcash Ltd Thomas & Coffey	442 105	+0.5 +6.2		39 23	3-4 7-1	 - 4.6		0.9	20 16	3.8	0.35	3,370 78	Astron Ltd	262 580	+5.2 +4.2	+1.8	25 27	0-0 0-1	- 2.1 11 2.0	19 0.8 12 0.4			0.84 0.76	158 11,513
KLM Group Ltd	72			18	1-2	- 4.8		1.3	12	4.2	0.36	43	Qantas Airways IiNet	171	+4.1	-3.0	28	4-2	6 9.5	79 0.7			0.76	214
Ambertech Ltd	72			21	0-0	- 1.5		1.1	9	7.0	0.37	22	Scott Corp Ltd	47	+4.0	+6.3	28	1-0		- 0.9		2.1	0.22	28
Lemarne Corp	300	+12.2	+1.6	14	1-0	- 1.0	18	0.5	5	6.2	0.41	29	Salmat Ltd	465	+3.9	-4.4	28	4-0	7 46.5	- 0.5			0.91	548
Skilled Group	540	+1.4		36	3-0	5 -		0.6	19	4.1	0.41	565	Walter Div Serv	274	+3.5	-3.7	29	2-0	- 10.1	52 0.7			0.97	215
Tamawood Ltd		+25.7		5	2-0	- 3.6		0.6	6	6.5	0.42	53	Devine	154	+3.1	+4.4	31	4-0	- 3.1	18 0.6			0.66	365
Data 3 Ltd	769 84	+15.8		10 31	2-4 0-0	- 9.6 - 0.9		0.5	17 5	3.4	0.42	120 11	Ausdrill Ltd	250 84	+3.0 +2.9	-1.9 -3.5	31 31	0-0 0-0	2 2.3	18 0.6 18 0.7			0.90 0.44	331 11
TransMetro Corp Crane Group	1598	+2.9	-2.4	34	1-0	8 3.8		0.9	22	4.1	0.44	970	TransMetro Corp Colorpak Ltd	55	+2.8	+1.7	31	3-0	- 9.2	- 1.0		5.0	0.44	21
Freedom Nut'l	51	+1.3			15-0	- 3.6		1.3	19	2.0	0.45	23	CTI Logistics	150	+2.7	+5.7	32	2-0	- 3.3	29 0.6			0.86	51
Lighting Corp.	95	+10.6		16	1-0	- 3.4		1.0	12	4.9	0.49	85	Danks Holdings	840	+2.6	-2.1	32	1-0	- 1.0	7 0.2			0.10	55
Embelton Ltd	510	+0.0	+0.5	41	0-0	- 1.5		0.4	14	3.7	0.51	11	Hills Indust.	540	+2.5	-2.9	32	0-4	6 4.3	21 0.5		5.1	0.92	939
Lend Lease Corp	1887	+1.7		35	0-0	7 3.1		0.5	15	4.1	0.53	7,569	Kresta Holdings	30	+2.3	+1.2	33	2-0	1 2.1	22 1.1		6.7	0.34	40
Ruralco Hold. W'bool Cheese	400 530	+2.2 +8.9		33 19	4-0 0-0	- 2.7 1 2.0		0.5	21 22	3.7 2.1	0.53 0.56	179 207	Over Fifty Grp	237 1887	+1.9 +1.7	+2.5 +1.4	34 35	1-0 0-0	- 2.7 7 3.1	15 0.5 20 0.5			0.95	140 7,569
ITX Group	110			6	2-0	1 2.0		1.3	13	0.9	0.60	55	Lend Lease Corp Wilson Leaders	116	+1.6	-0.1	35	0-0	- 0.8	18 0.7		4.1 6.9	0.53	7,309
Sims Group Ltd		+10.6		16	1-2	9 5.5		0.6	13	4.4	0.61	3,412	PeopleBank Aust	110	+1.6	+2.1	35	1-0	- 10.0	96 0.8			0.33	45
McPherson's Ltd	329	+1.1	-5.1	37	0-0	4 -		0.6	10	5.8	0.66	212	Supply Network	31	+1.5	+3.9	36	2-0	- 0.7	4 1.1			0.20	7
Devine	154	+3.1		31	4-0	- 3.1		8.0	17	5.2	0.66	365	Skilled Group	540	+1.4	+1.3	36	3-0	5 -	- 0.5		4.1	0.41	565
Hastie Group		+14.2		12	0-0	6 -		0.6	24	2.6	0.68	532	Freedom Nut'l	51	+1.3	+0.9	36	15-0	- 3.6	19 0.9			0.45	23
Symbion Health Zicom Group	411 39	+1.6 +7.2		35 21	0-0 8-0	11 -		0.6 2.2	33 9	2.3 9.0	0.69	2,659 71	Citic Australia McPherson's Ltd	90 329	+1.2 +1.1	+1.8 -5.1	37 37	1-0 0-0	- 2.6 4 -	30 0.9 - 0.5		6.3 5.8	0.09	75 212
Qantas Airways	580	+4.2		27		11 2.0		0.5	16	5.2	0.74	11,513	Hudson Invest.	5	+0.8	-1.6	38	0-0	- 0.6	11 3.1			0.75	12
Bluescope Steel	948	+0.7		38		13 -		0.6	10	5.0	0.78	6,956	Bluescope Steel	948	+0.7	-2.8	38	1-0	13 -	- 0.6		5.0	0.78	6,956
HGL Limited	216	+0.6	-0.9	39	0-0	- 1.6	14	0.6	11	5.4	0.78	104	Raptis Group	110	+0.7	+0.5	38	0-0	- 4.1	68 0.7	6	9.1	0.24	78
Pro-Pac Pack.	48	+15.7		10	0-0	- 4.8		1.4	17	4.2	0.79	21	Pacifica Group	189	+0.6	+1.5	39	0-0	1 1.3	10 0.8			0.32	268
Nat'l Can	223	+9.9		17	3-0			0.7	12	4.9	0.81	149	HGL Limited	216	+0.6	-0.9	39	0-0	- 1.6	14 0.5			0.78	104
Astron Ltd SuperCheap Auto	262 498	+5.2 +4.5		25 26	0-0 0-0	- 2.1 7 9.4		1.0	11 24	7.6 2.1	0.84	158 530	Lindsay Aust Embelton Ltd	24 510	+0.5 +0.0	-5.0 +0.5	39 41	1-1 0-0	1 1.1	11 1.3 11 0.3		6.8 3.7	0.19 0.51	34 11
CTI Logistics	150	+2.7		32	2-0	- 3.3		0.8	11	4.0	0.86	51	China Cons	310	+0.0	+0.0	41	0-0	- 0.0	0 3.7			0.76	16
Schaffer Corp	900	+7.6		21	0-0	1 2.7		0.5	12	5.6	0.86	127	Orinia Corio	·	.0.0	- 0.0		0 0	0.0	0 0.1	10		0.70	10
Country Road	300	+6.8	-1.1	22	0-0	- 4.3	36	0.5	12	2.4	0.86	207	INCOME SHARI	E <b>S</b> : Hig	hest Yi	elds, C	apita	lisatio	n > A\$250	) million				
RCR Tomlinson	274			12	2-3	1 3.4		8.0	18	1.8	0.87	315	Port Bouvard	210	-10.8	+4.1	77	6-0	- 3.3	23 0.5			6.50	274
AJ Lucas	348			2	1-0	- 15.8		1.0	29	0.7	0.87	189	Record Realty	78 76	-4.2	-2.8 -2.3	59 74	2-0	2 0.7	18 0.7			2.72	298
Watpac Ltd Ausdrill Ltd	541 250	+5.9 +3.0		23 31	0-1 0-0	1 4.1 2 2.3	17 18	0.6	24 12	2.2 3.6	0.87	428 331	Rubicon Europe City Pacific	76 370	-9.9 -4.3	-2.3 -0.8	74 59	1-0 0-0	4 0.7 - 2.8	17 0.7 37 0.4		12.4 12.2	4.38	325 557
Woolworths Ltd	3203	+9.5		17		13 -		0.4	30	2.3	0.91	38,709	Rubicon America	91	-5.0	-1.3	61	1-0	2 0.8	23 0.7			1.77	357
Salmat Ltd	465			28	4-0	7 46.5		0.6	20	3.9	0.91	548	Allco Eq Part.	392	-2.3	-2.3	51	1-0		- 0.7			2.62	382
Hills Indust.	540	+2.5		32	0-4	6 4.3		0.6	20	5.1	0.92	939	Mirvac Ind Trt	97	-2.5	-0.4	52	0-1	2 1.0	13 1.4			3.72	359
liNet	171	+4.1		28	4-2	6 9.5		0.9	12	3.5	0.93	214	Macquarie Media	459	-0.8	-0.8	45	3-0		- 0.4			1.38	957
Over Fifty Grp	237		+2.5	34	1-0	- 2.7	15		18	4.6	0.95	140	Envestra	101	-4.5		60	1-0	6 -	- 0.6			2.57	857
Walter Div Serv UXC Limited	274 239	+3.5	-3.7 -6.5	29 22	2-0 1-1	- 10.1 2 59.8	52	0.8	19 18	1.8	0.97	215 446	MFS Diversified Macquarie DDR	93 110	-2.3 -3.2	-0.3 -0.7	51 55	3-0 0-0	- 1.2 6 0.9	2 0.5 17 0.6		9.2 9.1	1.98 3.73	387 1,022
Corp Express	659		+0.1	25		13 26.4		0.5	18	3.3	0.98	1,215	SP Ausnet	124	-4.6	-0.8	60		10 1.1	8 0.6		9.1	2.55	2,595
M2 Telecom. Grp			-12.6	17	0-0	- 9.1		1.2	18	4.1	1.00	44	Zinifex Ltd	1545	-1.6	-2.9	49		13 2.9	32 0.7		9.1	3.90	7,523
													B & B Infrastr.	160	-4.4	+0.2	59	2-0	8 -	- 0.5			2.33	2,938
BEST PERFORM												_	CVC Limited	169	-2.3	-1.6	51	7-0	- 0.9	9 0.6			9.28	290
Optima ICM Ltd		+29.8		4	0-0	- 0.8		2.6	13	6.2	0.08	6	Centro Retail	152	-3.2	-0.5	55	2-0	6 0.8	12 0.6			4.26	1,723
Tamawood Ltd ITX Group		+25.7 +23.9		5 6	2-0 2-0	- 3.6	59	1.0	6 13	6.5 0.9	0.42	53 55	Tishman Speyer APN/UKA Euro Pr	205 124	-6.4 -0.7	-0.5 -0.7	66 45	0-0 0-0	6 0.8	29 0.5			1.57 6.87	703 654
Garratt's Ltd		+22.7		7	3-0			1.4	19	Nil	0.51	6	Chal Infra Fund	392	+4.6		26	1-1	5 -	- 0.3			8.08	1,083
Data 3 Ltd		+15.8		10	2-4	- 9.6		0.4	17	3.4	0.42	120	Ale Property	397	+0.3	-0.9	39	3-0	1 1.2	32 0.3			7.01	360
Pro-Pac Pack.	48	+15.7	-3.5	10	0-0	- 4.8		1.0	17	4.2	0.79	21	MMC Contrarian	99	-0.1	-2.0	42	1-2	- 1.0	8 0.6	13	8.1	N/A	258
Adtrans Group				11	1-3	- 2.7		0.3	14	4.6	0.19	122	Deutsche Ind Tr	196		-0.0	41	0-0	- 1.2	10 0.4		8.1	6.49	663
Nylex Ltd			+9.5		10-1	- 1.4		1.3	7 10	Nil	0.28	88 215	Multiplex Acum.	133		+0.3	33	4-0	1 1.0	11 0.7			7.34	270
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Solagran Ltd	119	+6.6			19-0	- 59.5		0.6		Nil	N/A	139	Kentor Gold Ltd				9	5-0		-		1.4	NE	Nil	N/A	10
Freedom Nut'l	51	+1.3	+0.9		15-0	- 3.6		0.7	19	2.0	0.45	23	Oroton Group	397	+15.6	+3.9	10	5-0	1	8.3	48	0.6	17	3.3	1.55	170
Auspine Ltd	557	+4.6	-6.4	26	13-0	- 1.1	-	0.3	NE	3.1	1.28	300	Prophecy Int'l	38	+1.7	-0.6	35	5-0	-	3.5	42	1.0	8	9.2	3.22	17
Helix Resources	50	+44.1	+19.0	2	12-0		-	1.1	NE	Nil	N/A	57	Sylvastate Ltd	520	+0.9	+0.3	38	5-0	-	0.9	7	0.3	13	3.8	N/A	93
Karmelsonix Ltd	19	+53.7	-69.0	1	10-0	- 18.5	-	1.3	NE	Nil	N/A	38	Greenland Min	137	+19.5	-12.1	8	5-0	-	-	-	1.0	NE	Nil	N/A	51
Servcorp Ltd	520	+0.5	+2.9	39	9-0	2 5.3	33	0.4	16	4.4	2.50	418	Avexa Limited	72	+8.6	+4.6	19	5-0	2	3.1	-	0.7	NE	Nil	N/A	292
Cochlear Ltd	7006	+10.4	+1.1	16	9-0	12 83.4	-	0.3	38	1.8	6.86	3,837	ADV Group	26	+9.2	-6.9	18	5-0	- 1	2.8	-	1.2	NE	Nil	N/A	78
Tamaya Res.	24	+10.3	-5.1	16	9-0		-	1.8	75	Nil	7.45	106	Rialto Energy	53	+9.0	-12.3	19	5-0	-	-	-	0.9	NE	Nil	N/A	10
Nylex Ltd	237	+13.8	+9.5	12	10-1	- 1.4	19	1.2	7	Nil	0.28	88	Magna Metals	62	+2.9	+17.6	31	5-0	-	-	-	0.9	NE	Nil	N/A	47
Western Areas	590	+3.8	+3.4	29	15-6	5 -	-	0.6	NE	Nil	N/A	828	St Barbara Ltd	76	+10.2	+9.5	16	5-0	2	6.9	-	1.5	NE	Nil	4.37	636
A.P. Eagers	1461	+10.1	-4.0	17	8-0	1 1.8	12	0.1	15	2.9	0.34	395	Elk Petroleum	71	+19.0	+28.6	8	5-0	-	-	-	0.7	NE	Nil	N/A	43
Zicom Group	39	+7.2	-4.8	21	8-0	- 3.5	39	1.6	9	9.0	0.74	71	Bass St Oil Co	12	+19.5	-0.6	8	5-0	-	-	-	1.4	NE	Nil	N/A	16
TFS Corporation	94	+15.2	-11.4	11	8-0	- 2.6	33	0.8	8	3.6	3.38	152	Ironbark Gold	97	+1.9	-4.4	34	5-0	-	-	-	1.0	NE	Nil	N/A	198
Probiotec Ltd	133	+4.4	+0.1	27	7-0	- 2.5	20	0.6	12	Nil	1.15	62	Tidewater Inv	75	+2.2	-5.2	33	5-0	-	1.0	27	0.6	4	3.3	1.35	13
Ind Minerals	39	+0.9	-5.6	38	7-0		-	1.0	NE	Nil	N/A	3	Oldfields Hold	120	+4.2	+0.0	27	6-1	-	1.2	1	0.4	92	5.4	6.05	14
Incremental Pet	148	+0.3	+0.1	39	7-0	- 1.5	19	0.7	8	5.4	2.24	93	BHP Billiton	4247	+18.4	+1.9	9	7-2	13	7.0	78	0.6	9	1.3	2.54	142,533
Brambles Ltd	1230	+6.3	+3.1	23	7-0	11 22.0	65	0.4	34	2.5	3.81	17,410	YTC Resource	132	+10.8	-3.2	16	4-0	-	_	-	8.0	NE	Nil	N/A	N/A
Pluton Resource	205	+49.4	-1.4	2	7-0	- 17.1	0	0.6	NE	Nil	N/A	108	Devine	154	+3.1	+4.4	31	4-0	-	3.1	18	0.5	17	5.2	0.66	365
Horizon Oil Ltd	39	+0.4	-2.2	39	8-1	2 -	-	1.3	NE	Nil	N/A	287	The Reject Sho	p 1350	+7.0	-3.0	22	4-0	8 1	1.7	42	0.4	28	2.3	1.23	346
Bow Energy Ltd	18	+2.3	+1.4	33	6-0		-	1.8	NE	Nil	N/A	19	Wesfarmers Lt	3815	+2.9	+1.4	31	4-0	10 1	8.1	96	0.4	19	5.9	1.52	14,805
Venus Resources	54	+7.2	+1.8	21	6-0		-	1.0	NE	Nil	N/A	14	Retail Food Gr	186	+15.2	+0.8	11	4-0	2	-	-	0.6	18	3.4	N/A	135
Sydney Attract.	645	+4.7	+2.3	26	6-0	3 20.8	18	0.2	116	0.8	2.74	140	AMP Ltd	1004	+0.8	+0.1	38	4-0	11 2	3.3	-	0.5	21	4.0	1.32	18,824
Visionmed Group	2	+2.9	-2.9	31	6-0		-	3.7	NE	Nil	7.39	11	Brickworks Inv.	146	+0.1	-0.3	40	4-0	-	0.9	4	0.5	25	3.6	N/A	368
Milton Corp.	2330	+1.9	-1.4	34	6-0	- 1.0	6	0.2	17	3.5	N/A	1,918	Multiplex Acum	133	+2.3	+0.3	33	4-0	1	1.0	11	0.7	9	8.1	7.34	270
Aberdeen Leader	216	+4.4	+0.3	27	6-0	- 1.1	10	0.5	11	4.2	6.66	123	Entek Energy	21	+1.6	-1.7	35	4-0	-	_	-	1.2	NE	Nil	N/A	31
Div. United Inv	420	+4.4	-0.2	27	6-0	- 1.0	3	0.3	31	2.9	N/A	519	Flat Glass Ind.	157	+9.0	-1.7	18	4-0	-	3.2	24	0.6	13	3.8	1.03	38
Vietnam Indust.	17	+5.1	-4.2	25	6-0	- 2.8	9	1.3	32	Nil	1.00	17	United Group	2001	+11.4	+1.1	15	4-0	8	_	-	0.5	30	2.4	1.08	2,755
Bannerman Res.	367	+2.4	+9.2	33	6-0		_	0.7	NE	Nil	N/A	468	Ruralco Hold.	400	+2.2	-0.8	33	4-0	-	2.7	13	0.3	21	3.7	0.53	179
Reed Resources	99	+25.1	+6.5	5	7-1		-	0.7	NE	Nil	N/A	96	Westgold Res.	38	+0.8	+2.3	38	4-0	-	_	-	1.2	27	Nil	N/A	28
Thomas & Coffey	105	+6.2	-2.2	23	7-1	- 4.6	29	0.8	16	3.3	0.35	78	Djerriwarrh	528	+4.1	+0.2	28	4-0	-	1.1	9	0.3	12	4.9	N/A	1,064
Aspen Group Ltd	295	+9.4		18	5-0	2 2.4		0.4	10	4.3	6.90	706	Proto Resource	s 82	+65.0		1	4-0		-		0.7	NE	Nil	N/A	35
Agenix Limited	17	+10.2		17	5-0	- 4.1	_	1.3	NE	Nil	N/A	63	Brickworks Ltd	1413		+1.0	35	4-0	3	2.6		0.2	17	2.7	3.35	1,875
Cromwell Group	128	+4.2		27	5-0	2 1.6	1	0.4	131	4.2	9.87	896	Equity Trustees	3000		-2.7	28	4-0	2 1			0.2	29	2.5	7.11	235
Finbar Group	82			38	5-0	- 1.9		0.6	37	9.8	9.49	112	Chal Financial	594			21		11			0.4	14	2.1	1.28	3,542
													Envirogold Ltd		+13.4			4-0		-		0.9	NE	Nil	N/A	21
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## Company Analysis: Probiotec

#### Probiotec (code PBP).

Probiotec is a small Australian Pharmaceutical company that is building on its contract manufacturing business to grow its high margin business in own brand products. Future growth is possible from the combination of Research & Development and acquisitions to expand the range of own brand products *and* the development of new export markets.

The shares qualify as a "Buy" under the *Most Insider Buying* section of our *Comprehensive Share Selection Criteria.* 

#### **Company History**

This company was established in 1997 to produce food and pharmaceutical additives. Recent acquisitions include **Pharmaction** (renamed Probiotec Pharma) in 2003 and **Milton** (from **Agenix**) in 2005 which produces 240 products under the brands *Milton*, *Gold Cross*, *Skin Basics*, *Medislim* and *David Craig*.

Probiotec listed on the Australian stockmarket in late 2006 after an initial public offering of 17,000,000 shares at 100 cents. Most of this money went to the existing shareholders, but about a quarter was retained by the company to reduce debt and finance working capital.

#### **Current Business**

The company has four divisions:

The <u>Owned Pharmaceutical Products</u> division owns over 122 TGA approved branded OTC (over-the-counter) Pharmaceuticals and complementary products. \$2.24 million was spent on Research & Development over the last year on new product development which will see

products for bone health, eczema, acne, cold sores, weight loss, eye health and heart medication released over the next year.

Manufacturing and distributing its own branded products offers the highest profit margins and the best opportunities to grow profits. OTC products are sold (without prescription) through Pharmacies but the company is expanding its distribution to include health food stores, hospitals, medical practitioners and directly to customers via a new website.

Probiotec is also seeking to build an export market for its branded products and is seeking overseas distributors.

The <u>Contract Manufacturing</u> division manufactures short run prescription and OTC pharmaceuticals for larger international companies. This business provides a large percentage of group revenues but involves low profit margins.

The <u>Licensed Pharmaceutical Products</u> division manufactures and distributes over 60 proprietary products under licence from international brand owners.

An <u>Additives</u> division has developed a range of specialty additives for food, nutraceutical and animal nutrition which are manufactured and distributed. This contributes stable revenues and profits to the group.

Over the year to June 2008 the company invested \$2.5 million to upgrade its manufacturing facilities which gives it excess production capacity and allows for future volume growth.

In March 2007 the company (Continued on Page 10)

**Probiotec** (Continued from Page 9) paid \$4.25 million in cash to acquire the intellectual property and business assets of Lomotil, Lofenoxal (both anti-diarrhoeal products) and Vermox (a de-worming product) from **Johnson & Johnson Pacific**. This had little impact on the results to June 2007 but is expected to be "materially earnings per share positive" in the current financial year.

#### **Recent Results**

The year to June 2007 - the first as a public listed company - saw revenues rise 30.2% to \$54.0 million, with profits up  $2\frac{3}{4}$ -fold to \$4,977,524 (10.7 cents per share). No dividend was paid, with funds currently being retained to finance future growth.

The net operating cash surplus was \$4.5 million. Profits for the year to June 2008 are forecast by the company to be "at least 30%" higher.

#### **Investment Criteria**

At 133 cents, Probiotec shares trade on a moderate Price/Sales ratio of 1.15 and a low Price/Earnings ratio of 12 but do not yet pay a dividend. The predicted profit growth this year would reduce the P/E ratio to under 10. Strong revenue and profit growth - plus a re-rating from their low valuation - offers the potential for the share price to increase several fold in value over the next few years.

With an issued capital of 46,525,000 shares the market capitalisation is \$62 million, making this a *smaller* listed Australian company.

Management have a significant holding in Probiotec. The Chief Executive CW Stringer holds 7,945,662 shares or 17.1% of the company. The Chairman M Van Ryn has 332,502 shares and non-executive director GH Buckeridge owns 1,818,684 shares (3.9%). The other non-executive director has just 5,000 shares. Large shareholdings in the company help to align management interests with those of shareholders.

There have been seven *insider* buys (and no sells) onmarket over the last year which rates Probiotec as a "Buy" under our *Comprehensive Share Selection Criteria*. The Chairman M Van Ryn bought almost all of his 332,502 shares on-market in six trades from January

to July 2007 at prices between 95 cents and 128 cents. GH Buckeridge made the best trade - buying 37,402 shares on-market at 88 cents in April. *Insiders* are the most knowledgeable shareholders, so on-market buying (or selling) by this group is often a good indicator of *future* share price performance.

No stockbrokers follow Probiotec closely enough to publish profit forecasts and there are no significant institutional shareholders. Shares that are *neglected* by stockbrokers and institutional investors tend to be *undervalued* relative to more widely followed shares.

Technically, the shares are in an uptrend, with a Relative Strength rating of +4.4%, ranked 27 (on a scale of 0-99). The shares initially traded on the market at around a 15% premium to their 100 cent offering price, but dipped to a low of 88 cents in April. Since then the shares have trended higher, hitting a new high last week.

#### **Summary and Recommendation**

Probiotec is a small company which is seeking to both expand its revenues *and* change its product mix towards its high margin own brand products. Research and Development, plus acquisitions, should build revenues, while success at building export markets could generate significant growth in both revenues and profits.

Probiotec is a small emerging growth company and such companies involve high risks, but can also yield far above average capital appreciation. Higher risk investors, with a diversified portfolio, could consider an investment in Probiotec shares.



# Company Analysis: Hansen Technologies

#### Hansen Technologies (code HSN).

A lot of investors (and newsletter writers and fund managers) say they are "contrarian investors, seeking under-valued, out-of-favour shares" . . . only to buy property shares during the property boom, technology shares during the technology boom and mining shares during the mining boom because "that is where the action is"

Hansen Technologies was a good example of the short term potential and long term risks of investing with a boom . . . and we now think it will *become* a good example of true "contrary investing". Technology shares

have recovered somewhat over recent years but are still generally out-of-favour with investors - all the *action* is in mining and commodities and energy - but the best <u>value</u> and the best <u>future</u> investment returns are probably to be found in shares like Hansen Technologies which trades at a low valuation and is generally *neglected* by investors, brokers and fund managers.

#### **Company History and Recent Results**

Founded in 1971, Hansen Technologies listed on the Australian stockmarket near the end of the Technology boom, in May 2000, after offering 24.0 million shares to investors at 100 cents.

Within just four months the shares were up almost 2½-fold in value but unfortunately shares bought in a boom seldom offer good long term investment value. Hansen Technologies suffered operating losses in the years to June 2002 and 2003 - with the shares losing almost 90% of their peak value to trade as low as 15 cents.

The business did little better in the June years to 2004, 2005 and 2006 - producing just an inadequately low profit. Over the last year, however, things have improved significantly.

Hansen Technologies has developed a proprietary billing solution for energy and telecommunication utilities and is experiencing "strong demand" from both new and existing customers in Australia and the UK.

For the year to June 2007, revenues were only 2.6% higher at \$52.6 million, but several difficult years have forced the company to review its business and cut costs, so profits jumped 4½-fold to \$3,307,000 (2.2 cents per share). A 1.0 cent dividend was declared.

The cash operating surplus more than *doubled* to a very healthy \$8.2 million - which in turn boosted the cash on hand to \$12.0 million (7.9 cents per share).

In August 2007 the company also announced the sale of its under-performing NSW based IT outsourcing business **Hansen Professional Services** for \$10.5 million (realising an after tax gain of \$9.4 million). This will lift its cash on hand to around \$22.5 million (14.9 cents per share). The company is virtually debt free, so is planning to distribute \$4.5 million to shareholders in December via a 3.0 cents per share capital repayment - subject to a favourable ruling from the Australian Taxation Office and approval by shareholders at the AGM this month.

That repayment would still leave around \$18 million in cash (12 cents per share), very strong operating cashflows and the likelihood of continued strong demand for the company's software. The directors believe the company has "sustainable profitable growth", "significant project work load" plus a "solid pipeline of opportunities".

For the period to December 2007, the company is predicting lower overall revenues (owing to the sale of the IT outsourcing business) but revenues 14% higher from its on-going businesses. Group profits will be around 20% higher at \$3.6 million (2.4 cents per share), plus there could be a further \$1 million received from settling a licensing dispute. Hansen Technologies expects to reinstate the payment of interim dividends.

#### **Investment Criteria**

At 38 cents, Hansen Technologies shares trade at a Price/Earnings ratio of 1.08, a low Price/Earnings ratio of 17 and offer a Dividend Yield of 2.6%. We often like to buy shares with P/S ratios under 1.00, but software companies can produce high profit margins so often trade at P/S ratios of 2.0-4.0.

The IT outsourcing division contributed about 45% of revenues but only 25% of profits in the year to June 2007, but only the NSW part of this division is being sold, with the company retaining its Melbourne based data centre facilities management and IT outsourcing services. So the sale of the NSW business should not

have a major impact on the value of the shares.

The issued capital of 150,790,000 ordinary shares gives a total market capitalisation of \$57 million.

Management still retain a large investment in this company. The Chairman K Hansen holds 93,757,267 shares (62.2% of the company) while the Managing Director A Hansen has 11,421,522 shares (7.6%). The two non-executive directors own 210,049 and 224,105 shares. The Chief Financial Officer has 750,426 shares and the Chief Operations Officer 189,221 shares.

The only downside to these large management shareholdings is that the shares are not too actively traded on the stockmarket.

*Insiders* have made two small buys over the last year, acquiring shares at 26½-27 cents in December 2006 and 33 cents in March 2007.

The shares are *neglected* with no brokers following Hansen Technologies and only one institutional shareholder (with 15.5% of the shares).

The shares hit their ultimate low in June last year and have generally been trending upwards in value over the last 17 months. Our Relative Strength rating is +10.9%, ranked 16 (on a scale of 0-99).

### **Summary and Recommendation**

Hansen Technologies has been a long term underperformer but is now experiencing strong demand for its billing software solutions. The company is in a very strong financial position, with surplus cash in the bank, no debt and strong cashflows. The shares look to be under-valued *and* likely to experience good growth - so will likely perform well in the future.

The *tight scrip* situation is both a problem and a potential source of rapid capital appreciation. It is a problem as it is difficult to buy large volumes of Hansen Technologies shares and these shares are just too inactively traded for this newsletter to even consider them as a formal "Buy" recommendation. The tight scrip situation, however, can result in the shares appreciating rapidly and significantly in value *if* the company continues to perform well and is "discovered" by brokers or institutional investors. Any significant buying could push the price sharply higher.

Investors may wish to consider a small investment in Hansen Technologies shares but patience may be required to pick shares up when they become available over the next few months.





# A Brief History of Major Recent Crises

As this newsletter has pointed out many times, some sort of financial, banking, economic and/or stockmarket crisis is likely to happen 3-4 times every year. All are important and have the potential to become worse - but somehow the world muddles through most (like the current *Credit Crunch*?) and they are quickly forgotten.

The following history of "crises" is therefore not complete. 24 hour financial news channels will make every profit downgrade, stockmarket fluctuation or quarter point interest rate rise seem like the end of the world! Here is what we considered important. Major crises that could have seriously impacted on the global economy:

#### The 1972-73 Oil Embargo

OPEC was formed in 1960 by five petroleum exporting countries and by 1971 membership had grown to 11 countries. <u>During this period oil prices were controlled by the United States</u> (through the Texas Railroad Commission) which set production volumes. That is, maintaining excess production capacity enabled the US to control the price of oil at around US\$2-3 per barrel. The US removed these production controls in March 1971.

In October 1973, Syria and Egypt attacked Israel - which was supported by the United States and many other western countries. Arab nations imposed an oil embargo on the United States and the Netherlands, increased prices to other western countries and cut oil production by five million barrels per day (about 7% of world production). By 1974 oil was trading around US\$11½-12.

The oil embargo disrupted normal economic activity, while the 4-fold increase in price resulted in hyperinflation and a recession. The United States stockmarket fell 40% - which was getting off lightly!! The United Kingdom stockmarket fell 70%.

The world was more dependent upon energy and oil in 1972-73 than it is today, so the embargo was a major shock. The oil shortage and higher oil price also triggered a major economic recession and an extended period of hyper-inflation. It also coincided with a period of labour and political unrest (especially in the UK). This is probably the most serious economic and financial crisis and even today we are not sure how the world survived or how the global economy has performed so very strongly over the subsequent 33 years?

The oil embargo lasted six months, but oil remained at its high level. In the UK, labour and political unrest led to major confrontations between the government and the miners union - but eventually resulted in major labour market deregulation. As is often the case, a real crisis forced change which was extremely painful but yielded long term benefits. Inflation was eventually controlled - after two decades of relatively high interest

rates (and the emergence of computer technology to lift labour productivity in the 1990's).

#### The 1979/1981 Oil Crisis

Oil prices were relatively stable around US\$13-14 from 1973-1979 - dropping in *real* terms owing to the high inflation following the 1972-73 crisis.

1979/81 wasn't a single crisis, but a series of unfortunate events with one crisis followed by another and another and another: The Iranian revolution temporarily cut oil production from November 1978 until mid-1979. In March 1979, there was a meltdown at the Three Mile Island nuclear reactor in the United States. The Soviet Union invaded Afghanistan in December 1979 and in September 1980 Iraq invaded Iran. By year end the total production of Iran and Iraq was down 5½ million barrels per day to just one million. Oil rose to around US\$35.

27 years later, oil production in both countries remains *below* their pre-war levels.

Higher oil costs eroded incomes and profits (in oil consuming nations), boosted inflation and resulted in a global recession plus a significant increase in interest rates.

At this time it looked as though everything was going wrong - as it was! The world economy was on an endless downwards spiral of stagflation - slow growth, recession, high unemployment, high inflation and high interest rates. The Middle East was in turmoil and the Soviet Union was positioning itself to take control of the region and its oil. Nuclear energy - a possible alternative to oil - was publicly discredited and further development would be blocked by environmentalists for the next quarter century.

The economic storm clouds weren't on the horizon. It was overcast - with not a silver lining in sight.

This may sound familiar today, but the popular investment advice at that time was (1) sell shares short, (2) buy gold (which had peaked at US\$890 in January 1980) and/or commodity futures and (3) invest in Canadian oil sands. An inconvenient truth? The western world didn't come to an end - but investment portfolios following that strategy quickly did (i.e. would have become close to worthless!).

#### The Third World Debt Crisis, 1982 onwards

While the developed world suffered during the 1970's and early 1980's, the oil producing countries were at least enjoying a massive inflow of cash from their much more valuable oil exports!! Being cautious investors they deposited that money in fixed interest investments with major western banks. The banks recycled these petro-dollars back into the world economy via riskless sovereign country loans to the cash hungry developing world, often to finance large scale infrastructure projects.

The 1979/81 Oil Crisis triggered the Third World

Debt Crisis. The global recession depressed the demand for exports from developing nations (i.e. lowered their income) while the increase in interest rates significantly raised the cost of servicing these loans. In 1982, Mexico went to the brink of defaulting on its loans - which could have resulted in major bank failures in the United States.

At the end of 1982, nine major US banks had lent an amount equivalent to almost three times their capital and reserves to developing countries. Current "mark to market" accounting standards could have seen these banks insolvent. US Federal Deposit Insurance helped prevent a run on the banks.

This crisis was managed through a wide range of creative solutions including debt-for-equity swaps but mainly interest and capital repayments were rescheduled and deferred and partially forgiven over a period of time (i.e. the banks suffered major losses but were allowed to spread them over the next decade or so, rather than recognise them with immediate write-downs).

The current Sub-Prime Mortgage crisis will diminish the value of some otherwise financially strong banks, investment banks and hedge funds, but is nothing compared with the size of defaulting third world loans and the potential impact on banks (and all the financial markets) during the early 1980's!

#### US Bank, Savings & Loan Failures, 1985-1992

These problems resulted from the three previous crises and the resulting financial deregulation and illustrate the extremely weak state of the financial system during the 1980's. If the banking system and financial markets were going to collapse, it would have been during this period.

After the Second World War, the Savings & Loans industry expanding rapidly, lending money on 20-30 year fixed rate mortgages. When interest rates rose in the 1970's and 1980's in response to inflation the S&Ls cost of borrowing increased while they still received the low interest income on loans made during the 1950's and 1960's. By 1980, the S&L industry had a negative net worth of \$18 billion (i.e. equivalent to about \$45-50 billion in today's money - and financial markets were much smaller, so \$18 billion was a significant sum at that time) and 85% of S&Ls were still losing money! To improve this situation the government deregulated the industry, enabling S&Ls to make commercial loans. Many began financing commercial real estate and oil. How could that go wrong? Inflation and an energy shortage was going to push up real assets like property and energy costs forever. When real estate and the oil business suffered a downturn, the insolvent S&Ls suffered further losses.

With the banking sector weakened by non-performing third world debts, banks (covered by the Federal Deposit Insurance) started to fail at an alarming rate from 1983. 79 banks, with \$3 billion in assets failed in 1984, while Continental Illinois National Bank (with \$34 billion in assets) would have failed but was considered too big to be allowed to fail. Instead it was provided with \$2 billion of emergency assistance and all deposits were guaranteed (above the normal \$100,000 limit) to prevent a run on the bank which could have spread across the industry.

Another 120 US banks failed in 1985, 138 in 1986

and 184 in 1987 with assets of about \$7-9 billion annually. 200 banks, with a total of \$36 billion in assets, failed in 1988. 206 banks (\$29 billion in assets) failed in 1989. 168 banks failed in 1990 and 124 banks in 1991.

Throughout this period from 1985-1992 the whole US banking system - probably the financial system of the world - was kept afloat by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (which was itself insolvent at times!). If the (financial) world was ever going to end - this is when it would have happened.

Somehow stockmarkets just kept on rising through the 1980's (with a very short, sharp dip in October 1987) and the 1990's - only ending after investors became too optimistic about the investment merits of Technology companies!

### What Saved the World from these Series of Crises?

How did the world recover from this series of major crises? Firstly, economic, financial and political systems are flexible and adaptable. Sometimes it requires a serious crisis to make necessary but painful changes. The oil shocks and resulting recessions and unemployment ended a period of cosy post-war growth and protectionism. Countries were forced to deregulate their labour markets, deregulate industries, remove import protection and embrace (if at times slowly) an open, competitive, global market.

Secondly, technology - especially the development of computers and the internet - changed the world economy. Labour productivity increased significantly during the 1980's -as a result of previous deregulation and the use of computers - boosting the economic growth and wealth of developed nations. Computers are directly responsible for transforming the banking industry and its turn around and prosperity since the early 1990's. The growth in globalisation and international trade finally ended inflation, with cheaper production in Asia replacing more expensive manufacturing in North America and Europe.

#### **Summary**

The founder of this newsletter has lived through all of the crises described above with virtually all of his personal net worth (albeit that being only a few hundred dollars in 1971) invested in the stockmarket. Having experienced those situations first hand, living through the days, months and sometimes years of these crises and with a significant personal financial stake in the outcome - it is often difficult to get too concerned about the *minor* crises like the October 1987 stockmarket crash, the 1997 Asian Crisis, 9/11 (what year was that again?), the current *Credit Crunch* or any of the other 3-4 annual crises.

Investors might also note that the last 35 years - despite all of its major problems - has been a *golden age* for both global economic growth and stockmarket returns. Share prices fell on every crisis - and with economies spiralling downwards with no end in sight it was widely believed that shares were a bad investment and would never recover. Interest rates have been everywhere from 1% to 22%. Economies survived and grew rapidly. Companies may have struggled, but overall corporate profits have grown very strongly! Stockmarkets recovered and have provided significant returns.

Australian Warrant / Option Analysis

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A1 Minerals AIM Resources	34 25 1-0 23 10 1-7			1.00 +15 1.00 +7	Copper Range Ltd 19 30 2-10 6.8 7.3 -7 0.75 1.66 1.00 +27 Coretrack Ltd 25 20 2-3 14.0 16.1 -13 1.04 1.31 1.00 +15
AXG Mining	22 20 2-9			1.00 +7	Cortona Resources 49 20 0-4 26.0 29.5 -12 0.55 1.66 1.00 -17
Accent Resources	22 20 1-10			1.00 +15	Costarella Design 7 20 2-10 1.6 1.7 -4 0.73 1.92 1.00 +50
Acclaim Exploration	3 5 0-7 30 50 4-8			1.00 +174 1.00 +15	Cougar Energy 8 5 1-1 3.8 4.9 -23 1.14 1.43 1.00 +7 Coziron Resources 16 20 0-8 2.1 3.7 -43 0.91 2.40 1.00 +62
Actinogen Ltd Activex Ltd	12 20 1-3			1.00 +13	Cudeco Ltd 397 20 0-7 370.0 377.8 -2 0.54 1.05 1.00 -3
Adelaide Energy	16 25 1-7		+28 0.72 2.19	1.00 +51	DMC Mining 21 20 1-7 7.0 7.0 +1 0.55 2.17 1.00 +17
Adv Ocular Systems Advanced Healthcare	3 110 0-7 2 12 0-1			1.00 +999 1.00 +999	Dart Mining NL 17 20 2-6 6.5 8.4 -23 0.83 1.51 1.00 +19 Dia-B Tech Ltd 7 20 3-1 2.5 2.6 -5 0.88 1.58 1.00 +46
Agenix Ltd	17 30 3-7			1.00 +26	Drake Resources 21 20 2-1 7.5 8.3 -10 0.59 1.88 1.00 +14
Alara Uranium	20 25 1-7			1.00 +28	Dyesol Ltd 150 20 1-0 137.5 131.4 +5 0.78 1.14 1.00 +5
Alexander Securities Alloy Resources	3 4 4-7 15 20 1-4			1.00 +13 1.00 +53	Dynasty Metals Aust 25 20 0-3 6.0 7.2 -17 1.00 2.57 1.00 +27 Eagle Bay Resources 7 15 1-7 2.2 1.2 +89 0.70 2.45 1.00 +73
Amcom Telecom.	20 17 2-1			1.00 +7	Eagle Eye Metals 10 20 2-7 3.5 2.3 +54 0.65 2.06 1.00 +42
Arafura Resources	113 20 0-7			1.00 +5	Eden Energy 46 20 1-10 25.0 32.0 -22 0.88 1.32 1.00 -1
Aragon Resources Artemis Resources	24 25 2-10 26 25 1-10			1.00 +15 1.00 +10	Electrometals Tech. 7 14 3-5 3.1 3.0 +3 0.79 1.55 1.00 +30 Elemental Minerals 14 20 1-2 4.0 3.5 +14 0.81 2.19 1.00 +59
Asburton Minerals	5 7 2-3			1.00 +35	Ellendale Resources 10 20 4-6 2.7 4.9 -45 0.80 1.40 1.00 +21
Astro Diamond Mines	3 5 5-0			1.00 +24	Emerald Oil & Gas 19 20 0-6 7.5 6.3 +19 1.24 1.99 1.00 +109
Astro Mining Astro Mining NL	3 5 5-0 3 75 2-1			1.00 +16 1.00 +378	Emerging Leaders 107 100 0-7 9.5 11.1 -14 0.04 9.67 1.00 +4 Empire Beer Group 16 35 1-0 1.0 0.6 +61 0.59 4.10 1.00 +132
Athena Resources	43 20 2-0	18.5 30.3	3 -39 0.98 1.28	1.00 -5	Empire Resources 19 25 1-7 6.5 6.2 +5 0.82 1.87 1.00 +40
Atlas Gold Audax Resources	242 20 0-3 24 20 1-1			1.00 -23 1.00 +19	Eneabba Gas 17 30 1-7 4.5 5.5 -18 0.94 1.80 1.00 +56 Energy Metals 458 30 0-7 420.0 429.2 -2 0.67 1.07 1.00 -3
Aura Energy	33 20 1-1			1.00 +19	Energy Metals 458 30 0-7 420.0 429.2 -2 0.67 1.07 1.00 -3 Enerji Ltd 3 20 0-2 0.1 0.0 +999 1.13 9.99 1.00 +999
Aurium Resources	15 20 2-6			1.00 +23	Entek Energy 21 20 2-1 8.0 10.2 -22 0.79 1.58 1.00 +15
Ausquest Ltd Aust Oil Company	20 20 2-0 13 20 2-1			1.00 +17 1.00 +38	Enterprise Energy 7 20 0-1 0.3 0.0 +999 0.92 9.99 1.00 +999 EnviroGold Ltd 22 20 0-1 2.5 2.9 -14 0.68 5.51 1.00 +31
Aust Renewable Fuels				1.00 +394	Eromanga Hydrocarb. 19 10 1-8 12.5 13.4 -7 1.17 1.27 1.00 +11
Aust Water Solutions	1 3 0-4			1.00 +999	Erongo Energy Ltd 40 20 1-5 18.0 25.5 -29 0.91 1.41 1.00 -4
Australasia Gold Auth Investments	14 20 0-7 3 25 2-4			1.00 +168 1.00 +152	Eureka Energy 23 20 0-4 11.0 6.9 +59 1.04 2.38 1.00 +145 Excalibur Mining 3 3 0-1 1.8 0.5 +300 0.72 5.29 1.00 +999
Avantogen Ltd	5 25 0-1			1.00 +999	Eyecare Partners 19 20 2-10 6.0 4.1 +48 0.21 3.40 1.00 +12
BQT Solutions	17 8 1-10			1.00 -2	Fairstar Resources 57 25 1-9 23.0 40.5 -43 1.02 1.28 1.00 -9
Balkans Gold Baraka Petroleum	17 25 1-9 10 25 0-10			1.00 +38 1.00 +240	Fall River Res. 5 10 1-5 2.0 1.2 +65 0.85 2.09 1.00 +79 Fall River Resources 5 25 0-0 0.4 1.2 -67 0.85 2.09 1.00 +999
Bass Metals	41 40 2-5		3 +12 0.64 1.71	1.00 +18	Fat Prophets Aust. 106 100 0-5 8.3 8.4 -1 0.0212.53 1.00 +6
Beacon Minerals Benitec Ltd	21 20 2-9 12 15 3-4			1.00 +13 1.00 +19	Ferrowest Ltd 59 25 2-6 36.0 46.5 -23 1.13 1.17 1.00 +2 Financial Resources 11 20 0-6 3.5 0.3 +999 0.66 5.09 1.00 +401
Benitec Ltd	12 13 3-4			1.00 +19	First Capital Group 5 25 2-0 0.5 0.4 +18 0.77 2.50 1.00 +126
Bionomics Ltd	34 22 1-2			1.00 +16	Fission Energy 14 20 3-3 4.6 2.9 +57 0.36 2.63 1.00 +19
Bioprospect Ltd Black Fire Energy	4 5 2-4 15 20 2-7			1.00 +27 1.00 +23	Flinders Resources 1 10 0-10 0.2 0.0 +999 0.63 7.99 1.00 +999 Fox Invest Ltd 111 130 0-7 3.0 6.4 -53 0.34 6.47 1.00 +36
Black Range Minerals				1.00 +4	Frontier Resources 16 20 0-0 0.6 6.4 -91 0.78 6.47 1.00 +999
Blackham Resources	80 20 1-0			1.00 +5	Gawler Resources 33 20 1-4 9.1 14.8 -39 0.20 2.22 1.00 -9
Boulder Steel Bounty Industries	31 20 1-0 7 20 4-1			1.00 +11 1.00 +33	Genesis Biomedical 3 3 3-0 1.0 1.4 -28 0.65 1.60 1.00 +11 Geodynamics Ltd 185 150 0-2 41.0 38.7 +6 0.47 4.28 1.00 +21
Bow Energy	18 20 0-4	5.0 2.7	+88 0.85 3.35	1.00 +192	Gippsland 9 9 0-1 1.3 0.7 +83 0.55 7.80 1.00 +288
Bowen Energy Buka Gold	22 20 2-0 48 65 0-7			1.00 +11 1.00 +94	Gladiator Resources 12 20 1-7 3.7 3.5 +6 0.85 1.93 1.00 +54 Gleneagle Gold 19 20 1-2 4.6 3.5 +31 0.40 3.33 1.00 +25
Burey Gold Ltd	19 20 1-7			1.00 +34	Global Masters Fund 88 100 0-0 0.1 3.5 -97 0.09 3.33 1.00 +999
Burleson Energy	16 25 2-9			1.00 +27	Gold Aura 8 13 1-4 3.5 1.2 +195 0.63 2.74 1.00 +75
C @ Ltd CO2 Group	3 20 0-4 38 12 3-11			1.00 +999 1.00 +1	Gold Company Ltd 137 20 3-7 116.0 134.4 -14 2.05 1.01 1.00 -0 Golden West Res 240 20 0-1 205.0 220.1 -7 0.60 1.09 1.00 -54
Cadence Capital	110 116 0-4	2.2 5.0	-56 0.25 9.92	1.00 +24	Gondwana Resources 2 1 1-7 1.1 1.4 -19 1.02 1.33 1.00 +3
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Cardia Technologies Catalyst Metals	19 20 1-1			1.00 +999	Gondwana Resources 2 1 2-7 1.1 1.4 -24 1.02 1.24 1.00 +6
Central Petroleum	21 25 2-7	11.0 9.0	+22 0.70 1.67	1.00 +23	Great Gold Mines 4 20 4-5 3.2 1.1 +204 0.70 1.76 1.00 +48
Centrex Metals Chameleon Mining	46 20 1-1 9 20 0-1		+7 0.85 1.46 +999 0.66 9.99	1.00 +11 1.00 +999	Great Gold Mines 4 125 2-10 0.2 0.0 +850 0.70 3.31 1.00 +234 Great Gold Mines 4 10 5-3 1.6 1.9 -17 0.70 1.46 1.00 +22
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Chemgenex Pharm.	100 75 4-2			1.00 +7	Green Rock Energy 12 10 0-5 3.8 4.3 -11 1.15 2.09 1.00 +45
Cheviot Bridge Chrome Corporation	12 40 0-1 11 2 1-10			1.00 +999 1.00 -37	Greenvale Mining 95 30 4-1 74.0 79.8 -7 0.85 1.14 1.00 +2 Gt Australian Res 29 20 1-1 13.0 13.3 -2 0.72 1.82 1.00 +13
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Coal Fe Resources	18 20 2-1			1.00 +200	Gujarat NRE Res 63 20 0-1 40.0 43.1 -7 0.72 1.46 1.00 -44 Gulf Resources 30 20 3-7 16.0 21.6 -26 0.93 1.22 1.00 +6
Cobar Cons Res	18 20 0-9	3.1 5.8	3 -47 1.05 2.00	1.00 +42	Gulfx Ltd 10 20 2-1 3.5 6.9 -49 1.62 1.20 1.00 +51
Colonial Resources Commoditel Ltd	19 20 3-1 3 2 1-7			1.00 +11 1.00 +0	Haddington Res 30 35 2-6 11.5 20.8 -45 1.28 1.22 1.00 +19 Havilah Resources 189 160 2-5 90.0 189.0 -52 4.97 1.00 1.00 +12
Con Global Invest.	7 20 2-2	2.0 6.1	-67 2.83 1.03	1.00 +76	Health Corporation 42 120 4-0 4.4 14.9 -70 0.73 1.64 1.00 +31
Contact Resources Convergent Minerals	55 20 0-7 18 20 4-1			1.00 +0 1.00 +9	Helix Resources 50 30 1-7 24.0 29.6 -19 0.86 1.46 1.00 +5 Hemisphere Resources 19 20 2-4 7.5 7.5 +0 0.64 1.78 1.00 +19
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					IC2 Global 17 15 1-7 3.5 9.0 -61 0.98 1.50 1.00 +5

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IC2 Global	17	2 1-7	1.0	15.3		0.98 1.10		-67	Nthn Uranium	63	25 2-		51.0	-22 1.29 1.1	
IC2 Global	17	15 1-7	5.5	9.0		0.98 1.50		+13	Nuenco NL	6	66 0-		0.0	+999 0.59 9.9	
IC2 Global	17	200 1-7	3.5	0.6		0.98 2.63		+380	Nuenco NL	. 6	6 0-		0.5	-81 0.59 7.1	
IFC Capital	24	30 0-10		4.8		0.72 2.67		+57	Nuenergy Capita		20 2-		8.9	-72 1.16 1.3	
IM Medical	5	4 1-1	3.0	2.4		1.06 1.59		+42	Nupower Resou		20 0-		22.6	+22 0.78 1.7	
Imagine UN	7	125 1-1	0.1		+152	1.06 3.42		+999	Nusep Ltd	23	50 0-			+688 0.79 5.7	
Impedimed Ltd	85 20	72 4-11 20 2-1	30.0 7.5	34.2 8.6		0.10 2.47 0.70 1.72		+4 +17	Nylex Ltd	237 237	184 2- 184 2-		98.9 98.9	-96 0.47 1.9 -17 0.47 1.9	
India Resources Industrial Minerals	39	20 2-1	30.0	23.8		0.60 1.72		+13	Nylex Ltd Oil Basins Ltd	11	20 1-1			+999 0.24 7.3	
Integra Mining	52	20 1-12		37.5		0.82 1.30		+3	Olympia Resour		35 2-			+492 0.53 3.9	
Intermet Resources	22	20 0-0		37.5		1.06 1.30		+999	Olympia Resour		20 2-			+176 0.53 2.7	
Iron Mountain Mining		20 4-2		33.0	-36	1.15 1.10		+2	Olympia Resour		25 0-			+999 0.53 9.9	
JV Global	18	20 0-11	5.0	4.0		0.65 2.66		+46	On Q Group	23	30 0-			+117 0.90 2.8	
Jaguar Minerals	12	20 0-10	1.5	0.5	+205	0.47 4.98	1.00	+101	Orchid Capital	4	5 4-	3 1.1	2.3	-53 0.95 1.2	25 1.00 +14
Jupiter Energy	15	8 2-7	9.5	11.3	-16	1.06 1.21	1.00	+6	ORT	1	6 0-	3 0.3	0.0	+999 0.98 7.6	69 1.00 +999
Jutt Holdings	22	20 1-8	4.2	6.0		0.34 2.80		+6	ORT	1	14 0-			+999 0.98 9.3	
KTL Technologies	4	5 1-6	1.1	1.6		1.16 1.52		+45	Orient Resource		20 0-			+999 0.93 9.9	
Kairiki Energy	21	5 1-1	16.0	16.4		0.63 1.28		+0	Oropa Ltd	6	50 0-			+999 0.94 9.9	
Kalgoorlie-Boulder	13	20 0-8		2.7	+35	1.04 2.33		+146	Oropa Ltd	6	20 2-		1.5	-5 0.94 1.8	
Kangaroo Metals	10	20 1-9		1.7		0.67 2.42		+60	Oroya Mining	2	5 1-			+267 0.68 2.6	
Karmelsonix Ltd Key Petroleum	19 24	10 0-7 35 1-4	10.0 10.0	10.7	-6 +133	1.25 1.52 0.63 2.61		+14 +63	Oz Brewing	11 45	20 5- 18 0-		6.3 27.4	-51 0.78 1.3 +28 0.65 1.6	
L & M Petroleum	9	25 0-11	3.0			0.68 4.12		+271	Pacmag Metals Palace Resource		20 4-		5.7	-49 0.97 1.2	
LV Living	1	5 0-11	0.2			0.84 1.00		+999	Papyrus Australi		20 0-			-5 0.65 1.3	
Labtech Systems	22	20 5-7	14.0	13.8		0.59 1.36		+8	Paradigm Gold	15				+123 1.04 2.9	
Labtech Systems	22	20 5-7	10.0	13.8		0.59 1.36		+6	Peak Resources	15	25 1-1			+162 0.50 2.9	
Lefroy Resources	16	25 1-7	3.7	5.2	-29	0.92 1.79	1.00	+48	Peel Exploration	25	20 3-	18.0	13.8	+31 0.65 1.5	51 1.00 +15
Legend Mining	6	4 0-8	5.3	2.1	+148	0.67 2.19	1.00	+114	Pegasus Metals	13	20 2-	3.6	3.9	-8 0.69 1.9	90 1.00 +31
Lincoln Minerals	21	30 2-7	6.0	9.5		0.87 1.53		+24	Pelican Resourc		20 1-		8.5	-6 1.12 1.6	
Lindian Resources	37	30 2-1	17.0	19.4		0.77 1.55		+12	Pensinsula Mine				2.2	+10 0.88 1.5	
Lion Energy	15	35 3-9		6.4		0.79 1.53		+29	Peplin Ltd	94	84 2-			-1 0.38 2.2	
Lion Selection	177 on 4	151 1-5 5 0-8		43.6		0.23 3.48 0.61 3.54		+11 +92	Perseus Mining PharmAust Ltd	146 6	20 1- 30 0-			-3 0.57 1.1 -100 0.84 1.1	
Lodestone Exploration  Lumacom Ltd	2	7 1-1	0.3			0.69 3.97		+264	PharmaNet Grou		5 1-			+999 0.63 4.3	
M2M Corporation	3	20 2-3		0.3		0.77 2.47		+125	Phosphagenics	ب 24	20 1-		7.0	+58 0.35 2.7	
MGM Wireless	14	20 3-0		5.1		0.61 1.80		+25	Polaris Metals N		20 1-		51.1	-9 0.79 1.3	
Macmin Silver	28	25 0-11	10.5	8.0	+31	0.60 2.46		+32	Portland Orthopa		25 1-			+115 0.44 3.9	
Magellan Financial	170	120 1-7	100.0	62.8	+59	0.14 2.70	1.00	+18	Poseidon Nickel	125	81 2-	65.0	96.6	-33 1.43 1.1	17 1.00 +8
Magna Mining NL	2	10 2-0	0.7	0.1	+389	0.71 2.71	1.00	+126	Poseidon Nickel	125	92 4-	70.0	111.1	-37 1.43 1.0	7 1.00 +7
Magnesium Int'l	6	10 4-6		6.2		3.14 1.00		+21	Prairie Downs M		25 0-			-1 0.80 1.2	
Malachite Resources		20 0-9		21.7		0.64 1.75		+0	Primary Resource				9.4	-20 0.78 1.5	
Mamba Minerals	35	20 2-4				0.71 1.43		+0	Prime Minerals	80	20 1-1			-10 0.87 1.2	
Mantle Mining Corp	20	25 1-5 20 1-7		6.6				+30 +0	Progen Pharms	272			65.4 71.1	+15 0.80 1.9	
Mantra Resources Marengo Mining	137 38	20 1-7		119.6 18.4				-10	Proto Resources Pryme Oil & Gas		20 3-9 40 0-1		5.1	-21 0.91 1.1 +97 0.48 4.0	
Marginbet Ltd	9	20 2-10				0.33 4.06		+38	Pulse Health	18	20 0-			+361 0.60 9.9	
Mavuzi Resource	45	20 2-7				0.52 1.44		-3	Pure Energy Res					-10 0.79 1.4	
Maximus Resources	25	20 0-7	8.0	9.1	-13	0.88 2.10	1.00	+21	QRScience Hold		45 4-	5.0	10.6	-53 0.73 1.4	16 1.00 +20
Mec Resources	12	20 0-0	0.4	9.1	-96	0.90 2.10	1.00	+999	Qld Gold & Mine	raľs 17	20 0-	7 3.0	2.4	+23 0.63 3.4	15 1.00 +68
Medic Vision Ltd	14	20 4-2		7.1		0.70 1.48		+16	Quantum Resou					+747 0.58 2.5	
Medical Therapies	14	20 0-1	0.2	0.1		0.92 8.92		+999	Quantum Resou					+106 0.58 2.0	
Metal Storm	11	0 1-9		10.4		0.43 1.01		-41	Quantum Resou				1.0	+1 0.58 1.6	
Metals Australia	10	5 1-10		6.7		0.89 1.35		+4	Queensland Ore					+32 0.62 2.5	
Metals X Ltd Metroland Australia	44 16	20 1-1 26 1-6	24.0 1.2	26.1 1.4		0.68 1.57 0.43 3.78		+1 +42	Quest Investmer Ramelius Resou				2.4 129.5	+51 0.85 2.2 -13 1.29 1.2	
Midas Resources	13	10 1-10		7.4		1.01 1.40		+12	Ramelius Resou		20 0-		160.1	+0 1.29 1.2	
Millepde Internationa		15 0-3		0.0		1.29 5.11		+999	Range River Gol					+999 0.90 3.8	
Millepede Int'l	3	5 4-4		2.7		1.29 1.11		+14	Reco Financial S		10 1-			+999 0.84 3.7	
Mindax Ltd	18	20 0-7	4.1	5.0	-18	1.01 2.22	1.00	+65	Record Realty	78	100 0-	4 0.9	0.1	+711 0.21 9.9	99 1.00 +121
Minemakers Ltd	27	30 1-1	7.8	9.0		0.85 1.99		+36	Red Fork Energy					-6 0.60 1.3	
Mineral Securities	170	115 0-2		56.5		0.46 2.97		+11	Red River Resou					-15 0.97 1.2	
Mining Projects Grou		1 1-8		0.5		0.99 1.51		+30	Red Sky Energy	12				+127 0.53 3.4	
Moby Oil & Gas	14 51	30 0-7				0.48 7.74			Redbank Mines	10				+221 1.02 3.6	
Monax Mining Montec International	51 2	120 0-1 10 0-7	2.5 0.2			0.97 9.99 1.08 3.60		+999 +999	Regal Resources Regis Resources				1.2 7.5	+38 0.65 3.1	
Monteray Group	3	10 0-7	0.2			0.69 3.78			Regis Resources				3.4	+15 0.57 1.7	
Monteray Group	3	10 1-1	3.5			0.69 3.78			Regis Resources				5.5	+27 0.57 1.4	
Montezuma Mining	30	20 3-9				0.73 1.31		+3	Republic Gold	16				-7 1.35 1.1	
Morning Star Gold	38	25 1-1	16.5	17.3		0.68 1.84		+10	Resonance Heal		40 0-			+999 0.77 9.9	
Mt Magnet South	43	25 2-9		26.6		0.63 1.44		-0	Reward Minerals		20 1-			-20 1.17 1.2	
Multi Channel Solution		7 1-1	0.9	1.2		1.09 1.86		+83	Rey Resources	. 11	20 0-			+999 0.84 9.9	
Murchison Holdings	101	100 1-1	7.0	11.6		0.17 6.19		+6	Rialto Energy Ltd					-32 0.82 1.3	
Murchison Metals	482	20 0-0				0.79 6.19		+999	Richfield Internat					-100 0.90 1.3	
Mutiny Gold	16	20 0-10				0.60 3.12		+72 +40	Rockeby Biomed					+999 0.41 5.2	
My Net Fone Neptune Marine	16 119	25 1-5 20 3-1		3.9 103.5		0.80 2.11 0.71 1.13		+49 -0	Rocklands Richfi Royal Resources		30 2- 20 -1-1		13.6 13.6	-65 0.91 1.5 +3 0.80 1.5	
New Hope Corp	232	45 0-9		189.4		0.43 1.22		-0 +2	Royal Resources		20 -1-1			+2 0.80 1.4	
New Privateer Hold	310	125 0-9				0.43 1.22		+999	Rusina Mining N					-13 0.96 1.7	
Newera Uranium	17	25 0-5		1.7		0.88 3.47		+262	Safety Medical F				17.8	+12 1.20 1.4	
Northern Mining	18	20 1-1	4.2	5.4		0.76 2.15		+31	Safety Medical F					-70 1.20 1.3	
Northwest Resource	s 28	20 0-2	8.9	8.3	+8	0.41 3.34	1.00	+21	Sapex Ltd	24	25 4-	2 14.0	14.4	-3 0.73 1.3	
Norton Gold Fields	49	20 2-10				0.93 1.20		+4	Saracen Mineral	Hold. 46	10 5-	7 24.0	39.6	-39 0.60 1.1	13 1.00 -5
Nthn Star Resources	14	20 0-10	5.0	1.0	+390	0.51 4.17	1.00	+109							

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Company		Exercise			Scholes	Over/	Vola-	Lever-	to Buy	Even
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O Min	40	40	0.0	440	040		0.00	4.00	4.00	00
Saracen Mineral Hold Segue Resources	46 11	13 100	2-0 2-7	14.0 5.0	34.6 6.2	-60 -19	0.60	1.29	1.00	-23 +144
Select Vaccines	3	20	0-6	0.2		+999	0.81	7.68		+999
Shieldliner Ltd	12	15	0-0	6.3	3.1	+106	1.06	2.24		+167
Sierra Mining	20	20	3-1	7.0	10.9	-36	0.75	1.46	1.00	+10
Souls Private Equity	23	30	2-1	3.5		+132	0.73	5.60	1.00	+22
Sovereign Metals	45	20	2-7	27.5	32.6	-16	0.83	1.27	1.00	+2
Stirling Minerals	20	20	2-7	4.2	7.4	-43	0.48	1.99	1.00	+8
Stirling Products	6	20	0-1	0.1		+999	0.62	9.99		+999
Stonehenge Metals	41	25	2-1	20.0	23.2	-14	0.64	1.55	1.00	+5
Strathfield Group	4	7	0-4	0.2		+999	0.50	9.73		+529
Strike Resources	238	20	0-7	229.0	218.8	+5	0.62	1.09	1.00	+8
Style Plantation	80	20	1-2	60.0	61.6	-3	0.45	1.30	1.00	+0
Sub-Sahara Res	8	15	1-7	3.6	0.7	+414	0.47	3.50	1.00	+68
Sun Resources NL	10	20	1-1	1.5	0.4	+284	0.50	4.48	1.00	+103
Sundance Energy	52	38	0-0	14.0	14.0	-0	0.63	3.71	1.00	+0
Sunnycove Mgmt	85	150	1-6	9.1		+163	0.36	4.95	1.00	+52
Swish Group	1	2	2-2	0.3	0.3	+10	0.85	1.80	1.00	+54
Synergy Metals	4	3	3-9	2.4	2.7	-10	0.94	1.22	1.00	+11
Talisman Mining	121	20	3-1	100.0		-10	1.26	1.06	1.00	-0
Target Energy	28	25	1-12	11.0	14.1	-22	0.81	1.56	1.00	+14
Tasman Resources	28	20	2-1	12.5	16.0	-22	0.80	1.47	1.00	+7
Tawana Resources	16	100	0-5	0.7		+999	0.89	7.03	1.00	+999
Telezon	24	20	0-7	9.2	7.5	+23 +1	0.79	2.31	1.00	+45 +19
Terrain Minerals Territory Uranium	20 30	25 70	2-8 2-7	6.8 6.5	6.7 6.5	+0	0.55	1.96 2.11	1.00	+44
Texon Petroleum	68	50	2- <i>i</i> 1-5	27.0	24.5	+10	0.03	2.11	1.00	+9
Thundelarra Exp	46	19	1-7	30.0	30.2	-1	0.66	1.44	1.00	+4
Tidewater Invest	75	125	1-6	0.5	4.1	-88	0.37	4.58	1.00	+41
Tiger Resources	39	45	0-4	11.0		+208	0.63	4.59		+208
Tomahawk Energy	29	20	1-1	9.5	13.9	-32	0.85	1.69	1.00	+3
Tomahawk Energy	29	20	1-10	10.0	16.3	-39	0.85	1.47	1.00	+3
Torrens Energy	55	25	2-4	32.0	37.7	-15	0.74	1.34	1.00	+2
Trafford Resources	118	25	0-11	89.5	96.3	-7	1.26	1.19	1.00	-3
Transit Holdings	48	25	2-1	26.0	33.5	-22	0.98	1.29	1.00	+3
Transol Corporation	3	2	3-6	1.8	1.9	-7	1.03	1.19	1.00	+11
Trojan Equity	101	100	0-7	6.0	6.8	-11	0.14	9.99	1.00	+9
U308 Limited	48	25	1-7	24.0	29.6	-19	0.84	1.43	1.00	+2
Unilife Medical Sol	34	50	0-7	9.0		+354	0.57	4.60		+164
Union Resources	2	10	1-4	0.4	0.1	+342	0.89	2.82	1.00	+273
Union Resources	2	10	1-4	4.0	0.1	+999	0.89	2.80		+361
United Minerals Corp	98	20	0-8	77.0	79.5	-3	1.14	1.22	1.00	-2
United Uranium	20	20	1-7	5.0	7.0	-28	0.63	2.02	1.00	+15
Uran Ltd	30	20	1-6	16.0	20.3	-21	1.36	1.27	1.00	+14
Uranium Exploration	26	20	0-4	10.0	7.7	+30	0.69	2.77	1.00	+54
Uranium Oil & Gas	15 16	20	2-8	5.5	5.4	+3	0.62	1.84	1.00	+22 +36
Uraniumsa Ltd Venture Minerals	16 39	25 25	2-2 0-7	6.0 20.0	4.2 16.7	+42 +20	0.63	2.11	1.00	+36
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Company		Exercise		Option		Over/	Vola-	Lever-	to Buy	Even
	Price	Price	Expiry	Price	Valuation	Under- Valued	tility	age	1 Share	Rate
Victoria Petroleum	13	25	2-2	5.5	1.5	+259	0.50	2.88	1.00	+51
View Resources	31	20	0-7	15.0	13.0	+15	0.68	2.10	1.00	+23
Virax Holdings Ltd	9	20	2-1	2.6	0.7	+254	0.46	3.38	1.00	+54
Visiomed Group	2	12	0-4	0.1	0.0	+999	0.79	9.99	1.00	+999
Vital Metals	90	80	0-9	29.0	22.0	+32	0.49	2.99	1.00	+29
WAM Capital	178	180	0-1	0.6	1.4	-58	0.14	9.99	1.00	+42
WCP Diversified Inv.	11	2	2-7	6.8	9.0	-24	0.75	1.15	1.00	-7
WCP Resources	11	4	2-7	3.5	7.8	-55	0.75	1.27	1.00	-12
Washington Res	25	25	0-3	4.8	4.3	+10	0.90	3.31	1.00	+119
Werstern Metals	17	35	2-5	8.4	7.0	+20	0.95	1.56	1.00	+47
West Aust Metals	36	5	0-9	30.0	30.8	-2	0.60	1.15	1.00	-2
Western Uranium	16	20	2-7	10.0	7.2	+39	0.81	1.56	1.00	+29
Westonia Mines	11	10	2-7	5.5	4.9	+12	0.64	1.65	1.00	+16
Westralian Gas & P	14	25	1-10	5.7	9.5	-40	1.68	1.22	1.00	+55
Westside Corporation		50	1-4	20.0	21.0	-5	0.72	1.91	1.00	+21
Whinnen Resources	30	20	1-2	19.0	15.1	+26	0.81	1.67	1.00	+25
Xceed Biotechnology	15	20	2-2	4.1	4.5	-10	0.64	1.97	1.00	+26
Xenolith Gold	9	8	3-7	5.5	6.3	-13	1.06	1.20	1.00	+13
Yellow Rock Res	28	20	2-0	13.0	16.2	-20	0.89	1.42	1.00	+10
Zamia Gold Mines	13	20	1-7	3.5	2.3	+54	0.57	2.66	1.00	+45
Zedex Minerals	32	20	1-0	13.0	14.6	-11	0.57	1.96	1.00	+3

# New Zealand Warrant / Option Analysis

			Yr/Mth		Black-		Share		Options	Break-
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	Price	Price	Expiry	Price	Valuation	Under-	tility	age	1 Share	Rate
						Valued				
Burger Fuel W/wide	70	100	1-3	1.0	4.2	-76	0.33	5.1	1.00	+34
Infratil (B)	292	175	1-7	135.0	140.1	-4	0.22	2.1	1.00	+
Infratil (C)	292	425	4-7	62.0	57.3	+8	0.22	3.1	1.00	+12
Kingfish	127	100	0-1	32.0	27.7	+15	0.23	4.6	1.00	+59
Salvus Strategic	101	100	0-1	6.0	3.0	+97	0.18	21.2	1.00	+79

#### **Review of Existing Options**

Verus Investments

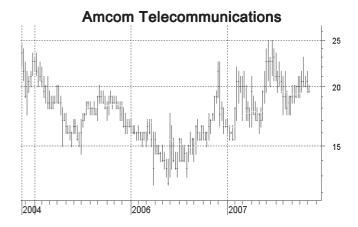
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<u>Current Action</u>: Our Marengo Mining options expire in just three months, so we are looking for the opportunity to realise some further partial profits on any price strength to around 20-22 cents.

Amcom Telecommunications (codes AMM and AMMO). Amcom Telecommunications lifted revenues 17.6% to \$36.7 million for the year to June 2007. Profits were up 64.6% at \$7,900,000 (1.6 cents per share) and the annual dividend rate was 33.3% higher at 0.5 cents.

These options give us the right to buy shares at 17 cents on 31 December 2009. At 5.4 cents the options trade at a 26% discount to their fair value, offer a high 2.07 times leverage and have a low 7% per annum "Break-Even rate" (i.e. the shares need to rise by 7% p.a. to add further value to the options).

This is an attractive leveraged investment.



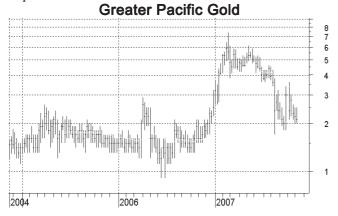
**Aurox Resources** (codes AXO and AXOO). Aurox Resources options finished trading around 109 cents - up 19½-fold on our initial cost of 5.6 cents in May 2005. Options are volatile and *wasting* investments that

can often expire worthless - so one very big winner like this more than makes up for a few that fail.

As we indicated in August, we like Aurox Resources' iron and vanadium projects, so we exercised our options to buy shares at 20 cents (rather than selling on-market to realise 109 cents per option). The shares have since dipped back a little to  $120\frac{1}{2}$  cents.

#### Greater Pacific Gold (codes GPN and GPNO).

The shares have fallen 46.2% to 2.1 cents over the last quarter, so the options are down 35.7% at 0.9 cents. This is a very volatile company - so could recover - but the options (to buy shares at 3.0 cents) have only six months until their final exercise/expiry date. That short period means there is a high probability that the options could expire worthless.

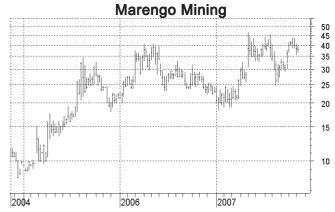


#### Marengo Mining (codes MGO and MGOO).

Exploration continues to discover further high grade base metals at the company's *Yandera Copper-Molybdenum Project*. A Definitive Feasibility Study is now being undertaken by **GRD Minproc** and **URS Australia** which will be completed by mid-2009.

Marengo Mining will then need to raise around US\$942 million initially (plus another US\$198 million to increase production volumes) to establish a mining operation.

We originally bought these options at 10 cents in August 2005 and sold about one-third in May this year at around  $21\frac{1}{2}$  cents. The final exercise/expiry date is 28 February 2008 - so we would look to realise further profits on any strength. If the shares rise to around 40-42 cents we would look to sell some of our options at 20-22 cents.



#### Metroland Australia (codes MTD and MTDO).

Revenues increased 3-fold to \$27.5 million and profits more than quadrupled to \$3,006,000 (2.8 cents per share), but the annual dividend remained steady at 0.5 cents. This is a small property development company, so results fluctuate owing to the timing and profitability of individual development projects.

The options will allow us to buy shares at 26 cents on 28 May 2009. So the shares need to rise *very strongly* from 16 cents - but have 18 months - if the options are to have any value. That is *possible*, but the situation becomes more high risk as time ticks away! Hold.

#### **ORT** (codes ORT and ORTO).

These options became virtually worthless some time ago and will expire on 28 February 2008.

#### **Stirling Products** (codes STI and STIO).

These options also became worthless a while ago and will expire at the end of next month.

# Options Offer Possible Entry to a High Risk, Potential High Growth Company

#### QRSciences Holdings (code QRS and QRSOA).

This company sought to commercialise the use of *Quadrupole Resonance* (QR) to detect chemicals (e.g. screening for explosives) but since listing on the Australian stockmarket five years ago the shares have fallen 85% in value *and* the issued capital has expanded 8½-fold as the company made a series of share placements and cash issues to raise (and spend) large amounts of cash. In July 2006, every ten old shares were consolidated to one new share. Overall this company has *destroyed* significant shareholder wealth!

But the company's future *may* be about to turn around and improve. As this is still an uncertain and risky situation, the options (to buy shares at 45 cents in December 2012) offer a way to gain an exposure to the company while minimising the amount of capital put at risk immediately.

#### **Company History**

This business listed on the Australian stockmarket in December 2002 via a reverse takeover by listed **Clearwater Group** (which changed its name to QRSciences Holdings in September 2003).

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#### **QRSciences** (Continued from Page 17)

The potential for an improvement in the company's fortunes and prospects for the immediate future result from its expansion to acquire the business and assets of **Baxall Australia** (renamed QRSciences Security) in February 2007 for \$4.3 million in cash plus a further payment in February 2008 (i.e. 25% in shares, 75% in cash) equal to four times earnings (before interest and tax) for the year to December 2007. This business sells surveillance and monitoring equipment (i.e. closed circuit television, security cameras, digital video recorders) and generated revenues of \$5 million in the year to December 2006. Revenues are expected to *double* to \$10 million this year and again to \$20 million in 2008.

QRSciences Security has recently won contracts to supply over \$4 million of security cameras, \$3-5 million worth of video cameras (to be delivered over three years) to a transport company and CCTV to over 30 shopping centres (worth \$500,000-750,000).

The company owns 27.4% of **Spectrum San Diego**, **Inc** (at a cost of US\$2.6 million) with US\$100,000 of convertible notes which could take its ownership to 28.7%. It also has an option to increase that to 100% (on undisclosed terms) until 18 February 2009. Spectrum has developed *CastScope*, a portable low dose X-ray to scan casts, bandages and artificial limbs which has been successfully tested at US airports. In October the company received a contract worth up to US\$37.2 million (A\$42 million). Delivery will be over 2008 and 2009, with service and maintenance through to 2012. This order should make Spectrum profitable from 2008. Further sales of this product are possible internationally and for non-aviation applications (i.e. scanning at courthouses, prisons, border crossings).

In August Spectrum was awarded a US\$1.6 million contract from the US Government to develop an ultra low dose vehicle scanner, *CarScan*, capable of detecting bombs, hidden persons, drugs and other contraband.

Since balance date, QRSciences Holdings has raised \$9.07 million from a cash issue to existing shareholders at 30 cents (plus an option for every new share).

#### **Recent Results**

For the year to June 2007, revenues rose 5.4-fold to \$14.3 million although the company traded at a 58.1% greater *loss* of \$10,736,000. Since balance date, however, the company reports it is trading "close to break-even" before interest and tax.

#### **Investment Criteria**

It is difficult to value QRSciences Holdings as the company has been unprofitable - and, in fact, has sustained significant losses in the past. The Price/Sales ratio is 1.39 - but the issued capital has increased since balance date (which would dilute this figure) although revenues also appear to be rising rapidly.

The issued capital is 85,244,000 shares, so the market capitalisation is around \$18.3 million, making this a *micro-cap* company.

The only reliable indicator of the possible value of the shares is *insider* buying. Over the last year there have been nine insider buys (and no sells) on-market.

The Chairman K Russeth made four buys, purchasing 160,000 shares at 40 cents in May, 11,406 shares at 26-26½ cents and 105,373 shares at 25½ cents in September and 200,000 shares at 27-31½ cents in October to increase his holding to 2,150,336 shares (about 2.5% of the company).

RG Halverson purchased 100,000 shares at 36-39 cents in May and 68,131 shares at 25 cents in September to lift his holding to 290,131 shares.

RJ Schoer bought 15,000 shares at 35-37 cents in April and 54,372 shares at 25 cents in September, taking his shareholding to 324,372.

N Shank bought 91,497 shares on-market at 25 cents in September, to own 221,497 shares.

The shares are *neglected* by stockbrokers and there are only a few institutional shareholders. One institution owns 22.3% of the company and four others own a total of 14.1%.

QRSciences Holdings shares have performed *very poorly* over the last five years *and are still in a downtrend!* The Relative Strength rating is -15.8%, ranked 86. The shares hit a low of 23 cents in August, recovering to 49 cents in early October, but have since slipped back to a new low of 21 cents before closing at 22 cents.

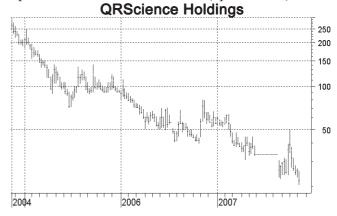
### Summary and Recommendation

We would recommend extreme caution investing in QRSciences Holdings. This company has been very successful (if that is the right word?) at *destroying* shareholder wealth!!

The share price continues to hit new lows - but *insiders* have been actively buying shares over recent months and the company does appear to be growing its revenues.

So there is *perhaps* recovery and growth potential, but this situation still looks extremely risky and we would be unwilling to make any significant investment in QRSciences Holdings shares at this stage.

The options, however, enable us to minimise an initial investment (i.e. only 5 cents to buy an option, compared with 22 cents at risk buying the shares) and *if* the company is successful then the share price should have risen above 45 cents by June 2012 and the options could have become extremely valuable. For example, if the shares recover to 100 cents (up 4½-fold) then the options would be worth 55 cents (up 11½-fold).



### Dividend\$

Company	Cents per Share	Ex- Date	Pay- able	Tax Credit
Allied Work Force	2.80	22-11	30-11	Full
Canterbury Building Socie	ety 8.00	23-11	30-11	Full
Cavalier Corporation	3.00	30-11	07-12	Full
Dairy Equity	1.31	09-11	16-11	Full
Dominion Finance	5.00	09-11	16-11	Full
F & P Appliances	9.00	23-11	05-12	2.25
Goodman Property Trust	2.475	-	-	PIE
ING Property Trust	2.030	07-12	14-12	0.345
Kermadec Property	2.16	09-11	16-11	PIE
Kircaldie & Stains	5.00	07-12	17-12	Full
Loan & Building	8.00	23-11	30-11	Full
Lyttelton Port Company	2.70	31-10	14-11	Full
Northland Port special	10.00	09-11	16-11	Nil
NZ Finance	1.00	16-11	23-11	Full
Oyster Bay	5.00	02-11	15-11	Full
Postie Plus Group	2.50	09-11	11-12	Full
Property For Industry	1.625	08-11	19-11	0.165
Restaurant Brands	3.00	09-11	23-11	Full
Scott Technology	6.00	23-11	29-11	Full
Trust Power	15.00	30-11	14-12	Full
Wakefield Healthcare	8.00	30-11	07-12	Full
<u>Au</u>	stralian Share	<u>s</u>		
TFS Corporation	2.50	12-11	30-11	

Total Return Index for All Listed Shares			
	Oct 8	2523.30	
	Oct 9	2524.93	
	Oct 10	2525.66	
	Oct 11	2547.13	
	Oct 12	2529.45	
Oct 15	2529.94	Oct 22	Holiday
Oct 16	2534.43	Oct 23	2493.24
Oct 17	2524.58	Oct 24	2509.16
Oct 18	2525.55	Oct 25	2503.91
Oct 19	2496.70	Oct 26	2482.62
Oct 29	2475.30	Nov 5	2448.72
Oct 30	2480.79	Nov 6	2417.86
Oct 31	2474.59	Nov 7	2419.10
Nov 1	2476.28	Nov 8	2419.87
Nov 2	2455.95	Nov 9	2415.62

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A "Portfolio Investment Entity" will pay income tax on its income (although the tax on NZ dividend income will be largely covered by imputation tax credits received) while capital gains on NZ shares and Australian shares in the All Ordinaries index will be tax-free. Investments in smaller Australian shares and other international shares will be subject to income tax on the deemed 5% rate of return, regardless of actual gains or losses incurred.

All distributions to investors (either from income or capital gains) will be "excluded distributions" not subject to personal income tax.

This puts Investment Funds on a similar tax basis as individual NZ resident investors after 32 years!

Robert Muldoon introduced the capital gains tax in 1975, attacking finance companies and institutional investors as part of his negotiations with unions aimed at controlling wages and prices at a time when inflation was out of control. Whew! It took half a lifetime, but the Government has finally got *that* anomoly out of the tax system.

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