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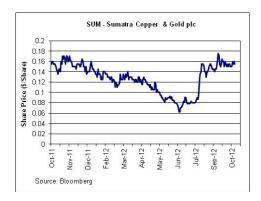
GOLD

DFS COMPLETED/PROJECT FINANCING

**EXCHANGE: ASX:SUM** 

#### **CAPITAL PROFILE**

Share price (A\$)	0.155		
52 week range (A\$/share)	0.06	to	0.18
Number of shares (m)	219		
Options and warrants (m)	99		
Convertible notes (m)	0		
Fully diluted (m)	318		
Market capitalisation (undiluted) (A\$m)	33.9		
Debt* (A\$m) - Sept 12F	5.0		
Enterprise value (A\$m)	38.9		
Major shareholders: National Nominees 9.6%,	Provident Group	p 8.89	%,
Macquarie Bank (8.1%), SUM Management (7.7%	b), New crest (6	.1%)	
Avg monthly volume (m)	10		
Cash (A\$m) - Sept 12F	7.9		
Price/Cash (x)	4.3		
Price/Book (x)	2.0		
Listed company options:	No		
* Macquarie convertible note due March 2013			



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# **SUMATRA COPPER & GOLD plc**

Price: A\$0.16

Tembang (100% SUM) production expected 4Q13 (~40koz Au, 280koz Ag pa). DFS enhanced economics, 36% IRR (US\$1500/oz gold price). RCR valuation is \$0.30/share with further upside to exploration success (including strategic JV with Newcrest) and leverage to the strengthening gold price.

#### **INVESTMENT POINTS**

- RCR risk adjusted valuation \$0.30/share. Valuation rises to \$0.30-0.45/share, with upside to financing, production post-commissioning, exploration success and leverage to the strengthening gold price (spot price US\$1760/oz).
- Low EV/resource ratio of an explorer at ~US\$40/resource oz Au, well below pre-development peers.
- Expected initial Au/Ag production at flagship Tembang project 4Q13 (40kozpa Au, 280kozpa Ag). Reserves 403koz Au and 5.5moz Ag.
- Tembang stage 1 DFS and Stage 2 PFS completed 3Q12. Two stage mine development. Stage 1 (years 1-5): low C1 cash costs ~US\$487/oz, capex US\$68m; with cash flow funding larger capacity Stage 2 (years 6 to 8). C1 target US\$431/oz over LOM stages 1 and 2 (total 8 years).
- Re-rated 3Q12, with strong share price appreciation (rising from ~\$0.08 to \$0.15) on robust PFS/DFS economics, low C1 costs (<US\$500/oz), QE3 and new strategic shareholder Provident Group.
- Debt/equity financing required valuation factors in part equity financing (US\$30m). Key shareholders include financial market groups Macquarie Bank and Provident Group – each likely sources of additional funding.
- Experienced project team for transition to mining. Lessons learned from 1997-2000 Tembang mine operators (mine closed due to low gold price). Existing infrastructure reduces start-up costs.
- Previous Tembang mining left many unexploited veins with exploration upside - intersections 15.2m @ 5g/t Au in Berenai deeps, 4m @ 15.2g/t Au in Asmar deeps and 2m @ 82g/t Au in Belinau deeps are not in the reserves.
- SUM has 7 properties (3,200 km²) along the well mineralized Sumatra Fault Zone, host to Way Linggo (Kingrose), Martabe (G Resources) and Sihayo Gold (Sihayo). Targets are low sulphidation epithermal systems (> 5g/t Au).
- Tandai project is a high grade epithermal vein (1.4moz @ 15.4g/t) mined by the Dutch. Newcrest is spending US\$12m over 5 years for 70%. Two new prospects discovered. Drilling results from Ulukau prospect expected 4Q12.

## **COMPANY STATISTICS**

Currency unit British Pounds

Year End December	Jun-12a	Sep-12F	2010a	2011a	2012
Exploration and evaluation - gross (GBPm)	0.89	0.50	3.04	4.36	3.08
Corporate (GBPm)	0.60	0.35	1.64	1.24	1.51
Exploration/(Expl.+ Corporate) (%)	60	59	65	78	67
Funding duration at current burn (years)			0.9	0.3	0.9
Shares on issue (pr end) (m shares)	190.6	218.6	153.9	190.6	218.6
Drilling - RAB (m)	0	0	0	0	0
Drilling - Other/Diamond (m)	1,000	0	8,615	7,402	2,000
Land holding ('000 ha)	322	322	322	322	322
Tenement costs (\$k per year)	-	-	-	-	-
Capital raisings (GBPm)	0.00	3.78	4.50	3.47	3.78
Funding from JV partners (GBPm)	1	1	0	2	4
Cash (GBPm)	2.1	5.1	4.2	1.6	4.0
Cash backing (p/share)	1.1	2.3	2.8	0.8	1.8
Net asset backing (p/share)	7.3	7.9	10.1	9.6	7.9

Quarters refer to calendar year

#### **KEY PROJECTS**

	Ownership/		J۷	Target	Process	Project	
Project	Option	Metal	Partner	Type	Route	Status	Location
Tembang	100%	Au	none	Epitherma	l CIL	DFS	Indonesia
Tandai	100/30*	Au	Newcrest	Epitherma	I N/A	Adv. Exp	Indonesia
Sontang**	100%	Au	none	Replacemen	nt N/A	Adv. Exp	Indonesia
Jambi	100%	Au	none	Epitherma	I N/A	Early Expl.	Indonesia
Musi Rawas	100%	Au	none	Sed hosted	A/N b	Early Expl.	Indonesia
Madina	100%	Au	none	Epitherma	I N/A	Early Expl.	Indonesia

Local people hold a nominal percentage in all projects, as required by Indonesian law

\* Newcrest earning 70%

\*\* Replacement style in sandstone

#### **COMPANY COMMENT**

**Overview:** Sumatra Copper & Gold plc is a Perth based company listed on the ASX Oct '09 to explore for gold and copper in Sumatra, Indonesia. SUM holds  $\sim 3,219~\text{km}^2$  of tenements in 7 mining permits, including brownfields sites, along the Sumatra Fault Zone (host to Martabe - 5.3moz and Sihayo 1.4moz). RCR visited site 2Q12.

**Tembang (Sumatra):** Located ~120km NNE of Bengkulu in South Sumatra. This brownfields site produced from the **Berenai, Belinau and Bujang** pits from 1997-2000. Plant footings, roads and tailings dam infrastructure will be reused. Epithermal veins are 1 to 20m wide.

JORC resource ~1moz Au and ~13moz Ag, beneath and along strike from previously mined pits. Reserve 0.4moz Au, 5.5moz Ag for a 5 year Stage 1, producing 146koz gold and 1.4moz silver from Belinau and Asmar pits, and Belinau underground. High grade Belinau u/g resource (8g/t Au, 70g/t Ag) and low strip Asmar pit (1:3) keep cash costs low. Cash flow from Stage 1 to fund plant expansion for nominal 3 year Stage 2 (staged production).

Well defined reserve (150,000m drilling) but some veins have little drilling. Deeper intersections (not in reserve) include 15.2m @ 5g/t Au in Berenai deeps, 4m @ 15.2g/t Au in Asmar deeps and 2m @ 82g/t Au in Belinau deeps. The southern high grade shoot at Berenai (with values of >25 gram-metres) remains open at depth. The Stage 1 DFS (SUM and consultants) was released 10 Sept 2012 for production in 4Q13.

SUM reduced pre-production capex to \$38.6 m and total capex to \$68 m in Stage 1 and \$37.5 m for Stage 2 plant upgrade, Mining licence and environmental approval received, forestry in-principle agreement negotiated, final approval for 4Q12 (no issues expected).

Stage 1 mine (5 year life) 400 ktpa for ~40kozpa Au, 280kozpa Ag. C1 cash costs ~US\$487/oz after silver credits, C3 <US\$\$800. Gold recoveries 90% and silver 80%. Stage 2 - 900 ktpa throughput. MOU signed for future gas supply reducing opex. LOM (Stage 1 and 2) C1 ~US\$431/oz after Ag credits, C3 costs ~US\$766/oz Au. Open pit reserve cut off 0.5 g/t, u/g cut off 2.78 g/t, using US\$1,500/oz gold price and US\$30/oz silver price. Exploration upside beneath and along strike from planned pits.

Tandai (Sumatra – Newcrest JV): Former Dutch mine site that produced 1.4moz at 15.4g/t Au. Newcrest spending

US\$12m over 5 years for 70%. Initial drilling discovered a small high grade shoot in TDD11024: including 21m @ 4.74g/t Au. SUM can buy back Newcrest's 70% for a nominal consideration if Newcrest does not spend US\$12m. SUM is managing the exploration program over the first 18 months. 2012 budget US\$4.3m. SUM is drilling out the newly discovered Ulukau vein system, which has rock chip results to 44 g/t Au and 3.7 g/t in stockwork veining and will evaluate two other priority areas. Veining suggests this is the upper level of an epithermal system, with potential for high grade gold/silver in veins or stockworks at deeper levels. Results expected 4Q12.

Corporate: Board member Mr Sjoekri an experienced Indonesian geologist provides permitting and government relations expertise. Newcrest is a ~ 6% shareholder. Macquarie bank have 31.25m options at \$0.16 from a US\$5m 1 year convertible debt facility. Provident Capital Partners (Indonesian group) made a \$3.8m capital injection and holds 8.4% of SUM, with option rights to increase to 29%, providing a likely source of additional funding and a move towards increased Indonesian participation in the project.

Investment Comment: SUM has optimized costs for Tembang production in 2013 via a low capex owner operator model, using leased equipment. The recent share price increase to ~A\$0.16/share (A\$39m Mcapundiluted) reflects this and the support of a new strategic investor in Provident Capital. The EV/resource ratio of ~US\$40/oz is still modest for this pre-production project when compared to high grade peers such as Kingsrose and Medusa Mining.

**Valuation:** The Stage 2 PFS results confirm our nearterm risk adjusted valuation of \$0.30/share (see adjacent table), taking account of a higher degree of cost certainty from the Stage 1 DFS and Stage 2 PFS. The valuation factors in equity financing (US\$30m, at \$0.10/share) and Stage 2 development with gas. The longer term post commissioning valuation rises to \$0.30-0.45/share.

Stage 1 debt financing is under negotiation. Successful capital raising through a combination of debt and equity is a key to unlocking value for the company, in the currently difficult capital markets, taking Tembang into production. Other share price catalysts include pending exploration results from Ulukau. (Tandai) and incremental optimisation of capital costs at Tembang.

#### RESERVES AND RESOURCES/MINERALISED MATERIAL

Code for reporting mi	neral resources - Australian:	(JORC)						
Gold	Classification	Project	Ore	Au	Cutoff	Au	Ag	Eqty Au
Au		Equity	Mt	g/t	g/t	Koz	Koz	Koz
Reserves (JORC)						0.0	0.0	
Tembang	Proven	100%	2.4	2.5	٨	190.0	2,991	190.0
	Probable	100%	<u>3.1</u>	<u>2.1</u>	٨	213.0	2,547	213.0
	Total	100%	5.5	2.3	٨	403.0	5,539	403.0
^ Economic cut-off for	open pit reserves is 0.5 g/t Au, for unde	rground reserves	is 2.78 g/t A	u at US\$ 1,50	0 Au and \$30	) Ag		
Resources (JORC	)							
Tembang	Measured	100%	2.7	2.5	#	224.0	3,517	224.0
	Indicated	100%	16.0	1.0	#	522.0	6,741	522.0
	Inferred	100%	3.8	1.9	#	229.0	2,536	229.0
	Total	100%	22.6	1.4		976.0	12,794	976.0

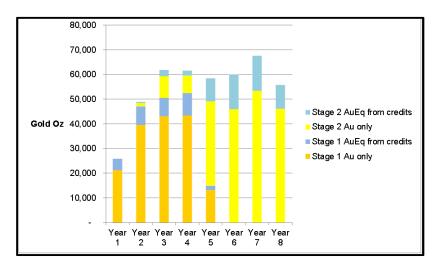
 $<sup>\# \ (</sup>Measured, Indicated, inferred) \ u/g \ 2.78 \ g/t \ cutoff, o/c \ 0.5 \ g/t \ cutoff \ except \ sheeted \ veins \ (0.3 \ g/t) \ - \ the latter \ excluded \ from \ reserves$ 

## **TEMBANG KEY RESULTS SUMMARY - STAGE 1 DFS/STAGE 2 PFS**

Source SUM September 24th ASX Announcement	Units	Stage 1 DFS	Stage 2 (incremental impacts)	Total Tembang Project after Stage 2
Gold production	Oz	146,000	249,000	395,000
Silver production	Oz	1,388,000	3,446,000	4,834,000
Processing Rate	tpa	400,000	500,000	900,000
Mine Life		5 years	3 years	8 years
Pre-production capital	US\$ M	\$38.50	\$1.50	\$40.0
Total Capital	US\$ M	\$68.0	\$37.5	\$105.5
Revenue	US\$ M	\$261	\$477	\$738
Net Cashflow	US\$ M	\$71	\$151	\$222
Cash operating Cash Cost C1 <sup>(1)</sup>	US\$/ Oz	\$487	(\$56)	\$431

Note 1) C1 Costs are as defined by Brook Hunt and are cash costs before tax and royalties and after silver credits using a silver price of US\$30 per ounce and a recovery of 82%.

# **TEMBANG PRODUCTION PROFILE**



Source SUM September 24th ASX Announcement

## **SUMATRA COPPER AND GOLD LIMITED VALUATION**

		Equity (%)	Reserve Val'n (US\$/oz AuEq)	NAV* (A\$m)	NAV Factor (%)	Adjusted Value (A\$m)		Adju Gold Price (A\$	Sensitivity*	
Assumptions LT Realised Gold Price : U LT Exchange Rate: AUUS	S\$/oz			<b>1500</b> 1.00		<b>1500</b> 1.00	<b>1100</b> 1.00	<b>1300</b> 1.00	<b>1600</b> 1.00	<b>1800</b> 1.00
		Au, 1.4 100%	moz Ag, 174koz . 475	AuEq 118	0.7	83	48	65	91	109
	PV @ 5%	Au, 3.5 100%	moz Ag, 318koz . 138	AuEq 88 <u>10</u> 98	<u>0.5</u>	44 <u>10</u> 54	5 <u>5</u> 10	25 <u>7</u> 32	54 <u>10</u> 64	74 <u>14</u> 88
Assets + Cash + Tax losses				7.9 1		7.9 1	7.9 1	7.9 1	7.9 1	7.9 1
Liabilities - Debt -Macquarie 5m convertible - Corporate	debt facility dr	rawn/cor	nverted to options	4		4	4	4	4	4
SUM Net Assets				221		141	62	101	160	201
Fully Diluted Shares (m) Cash on Option Conversion				318.0 14.5		318.0 14.5	318.0 14.5	318.0 14.5	318.0 14.5	318.0 14.5
SUM Net Asset Value per share: A	\$/share \$/share dil			1.01		0.65	0.29	0.46	0.73 0.50	0.92
Sensitivity of Net Asset Value to Equ		rice:		0.03		0.77	U.EU	0.02	0.00	0.00
SUM Net Asset Value (assuming A\$30 SUM Net Asset Value (assuming A\$30 SUM Net Asset Value (assuming A\$30	Om capex raise	d throug	gh share issue at A	A\$0.12)		0.36 0.33 0.30	0.21 0.19 0.17	0.28 0.26 0.24	0.39 0.36 0.33	0.47 0.43 0.40
* NPV Gold price sensitivities indicated and assumed for	rom 1Q13									

## TEMBANG GOLD PROJECT KEY ASSUMPTIONS (derived from Stage 1 DFS/Stage 2PFS (SUM) - Sept 2012)

	Gold Rese	Gold Reserve		Grade	Gold eq (50 Ag = 1 Au)			
			Mt	g/t AuEq	Cutoff Au g/t	AuEq oz		
Stage 1	Reserve*	Reserve*		2.9	0.5 op/2.78 u/g	173,760		
Stage 2 Stage 2 Inferred resource in LOM plan (but				2.9 2.8	0.5	317,920 59,781		
*Sept 2012 PFS & DFS	Total Sta	ge 1 & 2	6.1	2.9		551,461		
MINING METHOD	OPEN P	TS and UNDERG	GROUND					
PROCESS METHOD	CENTRA	LISED GOLD PL	ANT - CIL. Optim	ised from the	previous site plant	, with enhanced Ag recoveries		
RESOURCE CONVERSION Stage 1 & 2	:%	73	(Indicated and	d measured to	reserves)			
TONNAGE DILUTION	:%	10	Reserves incl	ude 10% diluti	on with barren wall	rock and 95% ore recovery		
GRADE UPLIFT	:%	7	PSV sheeted veins are a low grade envelope around some veins - limiting di These are not included in reserves and act as "upside" recovery					
BASE CASE ASSUMPTIONS			111036 018 110	. III Oluubu III IB	ooi voo anu aut as	apolao 1000voly		
PRODUCTION RATE	:mtpa	0.4	Production from two pits. Additional pits /plant expansion to 0.9 mtpa in Stage					
AVERAGE HEAD GRADE	:gpt	na	~2.3 g/t Au and 30 g/t Ag in Stages 1 and 2					
RECOVERY - GOLD	:%	90	DFS: 90% p	ant recovery	-			
RECOVERY - SILVER	:%	80	DFS: 80% p	ant recovery	Enhanced recovery	with oxygen plant		
GOLD PLANT CAPACITY	mtpa	0.4				ge 2 est 0.9 mtpa total		
GOLD PRODUCTION	koz	40-45 AuEq				) annual production, year 1 ra		
PRE-PRODUCTION CAPITAL	:US\$m	38.50		n stage 1 capi				
TOTAL STAGE 1 CAPITAL COSTS	:US\$m	68		-	ntral processing pl	ant		
TOTAL STAGE 2 CAPITAL COSTS	:US\$m	37.5		ant, mining fle	et, TSF			
TOTAL PROJECT CAPITAL COST	:US\$m	105.5		2 capital costs				
OPERATING COSTS: C1	:US\$/oz			•	vith silver credit at	·		
Total production costs C3	:US\$/oz	766	After silver cr	edit, royalty, de	epreciation, amorti	zation, but before tax		
TAX	:%	30						
ROYALTY	:%	3.75% Au, 3.2						
	:Years	8 Years		ears, phased S	stage 2 start (from	2015 to 2017)		
MINE LIFE		4Q13	Stane 1 assu	mes 12 month	ramn-un Stage 2	extends for 3 years beyond 5		

These figures are preliminary in nature and are intended to provide only a general indication of project scale and economic robustness. Considerable refinement may result from subsequent feasibility studies.





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