

**INDUSTRY UPDATE - 17 December 2018** 

### **VALUATION MULTIPLES**

Forward EV / EBITDA Multiples (monthly to 30/11/2018) Source: FactSet Research Systems Inc.

Multiples in the Cleantech, Energy & Resources sector have decreased over the period. At the end of November, the sector traded on a forward EV / EBITDA multiple of 6.2x, compared to the ASX200 on 9.0x.



Average Values and Trading Multiples (values as at 17/12/2018) Source: FactSet Research Systems Inc.

Subsector	Enterprise Value (\$m)	EV/EBITDA FY2019	EV/EBIT FY2019	Price / Earnings FY2019
Energy & Utilities	66,515	8.0x	13.2x	16.9x
Environmental Services	7,240	8.5x	13.4x	19.2x
Metals & Mining	196,013	5.4x	9.0x	13.7x
Natural Resources	299	8.3x	9.9x	12.3x
Oil & Gas	62,383	5.3x	8.0x	13.0x
Cleantech, Energy & Resources	332,449	6.1x	9.8x	14.5x

Note: Multiples are based on the forward year of the unreported period, which for the majority of companies in the sector is FY2019. Difference in forward EV/EBITDA multiples between Figure and Table are representative of the timing difference between month-end result, and current day result.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The InterFinancial Cleantech, Energy & Resources Index set is an unweighted index comprising Cleantech, Energy & Resources sector related companies trading on the Australian Securities Exchange (ASX). Estimates are sourced from FactSet Research Systems Inc.



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### **MERGER & ACQUISITION NEWS...**





Value: \$25m

Australian gold producer, **Tribune Resources Limited** announced it has acquired 100% of the Singapore based **Prometheus Developments Pte Ltd** (Prometheus) via the issue of 5.5 million shares in the Company for a total consideration of \$24.75m. As part of the transaction, **Prometheus** has the right to acquire an 80% economic interest and 40% legal interest in three mining tenements covering the **Diwalwal Gold Project**.



Value: \$161.7m, EV / EBITDA: 7.4x

Service Stream Ltd. has entered into a binding agreement to acquire Comdain Infrastructure Pty Ltd., a provider of engineering and asset management services to the gas and water utility sectors in the Australian eastern states, for \$161.7m. The agreed purchase price equates to an attractive FY19F EV/EBITDA multiple of 7.4x, with \$93.7m payable in cash at completion and \$68.0m of scrip payable at completion in Service Stream ordinary shares.





Value: \$25m

Intermin Resources Ltd. and MacPhersons Resources Ltd. have executed a merger implementation agreement to progress the proposed combination of the two companies through a Scheme of Arrangement. Intermin Resources intends to offer 1 Intermin share for every 1.8227 MacPhersons Resources shares held, valuing MacPhersons at about \$0.0825 per share or \$25m for the entire company.





Value: \$3.3bn

**GrainCorp** is understood to have agreed terms for due diligence with its suitor **Long Term Asset Partners**, which offered a \$3.3 billion bid for the company. Both parties had been negotiating the terms of the due diligence and it is understood they have overcome an impasse. The **LTAP** proposal involves an acquisition, via a scheme of arrangement, of 100% of the shares in **GrainCorp** for cash consideration of \$10.42 per share.

## DRILLING FOR DEALS...

- Australia Pacific LNG is likely to buy Origin Energy's Ironbark project. The deal is anticipated to value Ironbark at \$230m to \$240m
- The Chilean-based Sigdo Koppers is thought to be in discussions to acquire Downer Group's mining division. Downer could
  be keen to sell the mining division so that investors will treat it more as an engineering and infrastructure services business.
   Downer's mining division has annual turnover of \$1bn.
- Yanzhou Coal is likely to sell part of its majority stake in Yancoal. Yancoal CEO Reinhold Schmidt, said that Yanzhou is prepared to change its investment and will sell to the right party for the right price. Yanzhou owns 65.5% of Yancoal which has a market capitalization of \$4.4bn.
- Malaysia's Malakoff Corporation will sell its 50% stake in the Macarthur Wind Farm, Australia's largest wind farm. The
  vendors have not yet formally launched a sale process but this is expected to get underway in 2019. The stake is likely to be
  valued at over \$500m
- Watpac confirmed that it is in the process of negotiating with a prospective party in relation to the sale of Watpac Civil & Mining Pty Ltd. Remagen Capital, a Sydney, Australia-based investment firm, is thought to be interested in the Watpac unit. Due diligence is currently being undertaken.
- Pure Alumina Limited has signed a nonbinding term sheet which contemplates exclusive negotiation of terms for the
  acquisition of 100% of Toronto-based high purity alumina (HPA) producer Polar Sapphir. Both parties have committed to work
  towards agreeing formal terms of a potential transaction on or before 31 January 2019.



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- Carnegie Clean Energy announced that it has terminated the sale of Energy Made Clean (EMC) to Tag Pacific Limited (TAG). Nevertheless, Carnegie considers other M&A opportunities for the asset (valued at \$13m).
- Ramelius Resources announced that it has decided not to proceed with its indicative, non-binding and incomplete takeover proposal for Explaurum. The decision came following its confirmatory due diligence investigations and continued commercial discussions.
- Stanmore Coal has rejected the takeover offer made by Golden Energy and Resources. The company sees the \$0.95 per share offer as undervaluing its corporate value. Stanmore Coal shares were recently traded at \$0.99, with a market capitalization of \$250.3m.
- Albemarle Corporation, a North Carolina-based chemicals industry producer, has signed an exclusivity agreement with an Australian miner, Mineral Resources Limited for a potential 50/50 joint venture to develop an integrated lithium hydroxide operation in Wodgina.



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