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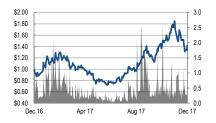
COPPER MOUNTAIN MINING | CMMC:TSX

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- Valuation: We have a BUY rating and C\$1.70/shr 12M-Fwd Price Target, based on 1) a 40% weighted NAVPS C\$1.10/shr target using an 0.8x risk multiple, and 2) a 60% weighted P/CF C\$2.14/shr target using a using a 4.5x multiple. Copper producer peers are trading at an average 0.9x P/NAV and 5.7x P/CF.

Rating	BUY
12-M Target Price (C\$)	\$1.70
Price (C\$)	\$1.42
Expected Return	19.7%
Est. Dividend Yield	0.0%
Expected Total Return	19.7%
Shares Outstanding (M)	133.6
Market Cap (C\$M)	\$189.8
Enterprise Value (C\$M)	\$588.9
52-Week Price (C\$)	\$0.72 - \$1.85
3-Month Volume (k)	489
3-M Daily Turnover (C\$M)	\$0.7
P/NAV	1.03x
EV/EBITDA 12M Fwd	6.4x
P/E 12M Fwd	6.6x
P/CF 12M Fwd	2.4x

12M Price & Volume



Source: CapitalIQ

Company Description

CMMC's principal asset is the 75% owned open pit Copper Mountain Mine located in southern British Columbia, near the town of Princeton. CMMC has a strategic alliance with Mitsubishi Materials Corporation which owns 25% of the Copper Mountain Mine and purchases 100% of the copper concentrate produced under a life of mine offtake agreement.

All figures in US\$ except where noted.

RATIOS	2017E	2018E	2019E
EV/EBITDA	6.8x	6.6x	5.8x
P/E	5.3x	11.5x	8.4x
P/CF	2.3x	2.8x	2.5x
EBITDA, %	29%	25%	28%
ROE, %	14%	6%	7%
ROA, %	5%	3%	4%
Current Ratio	0.7x	0.8x	1.1x
Net Debt/Equity	1.2x	0.9x	0.5x

	Q1/17A	Q2/17A	Q3/17A	Q4/17E	2016A	2017E	2018E	2019E
Gold Prod. (000oz)	5.9	5.9	6.7	6.7	30.9	25.2	26.8	26.8
Copper Prod. (Mlbs)	18.1	17.2	20.9	19.1	83.0	75.3	80.8	78.3
Total Cash Cost, net	1.86	1.74	1.62	2.22	1.56	1.85	2.07	2.12
Total Revenue (\$M)	55.6	51.7	61.7	62.9	211.4	231.9	272.6	282.2
EBITDA (\$M)	15.4	14.4	24.7	12.5	56.1	66.9	69.5	79.0
Net Income (\$M)	3.9	5.8	15.9	0.7	12.6	26.3	12.9	18.4
Basic EPS	0.03	0.04	0.12	0.01	0.12	0.21	0.10	0.13
CFPS	0.12	0.11	0.19	0.07	0.45	0.48	0.40	0.43

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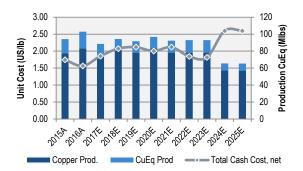
Copper Mountain Mining | CMMC:TSX

FINANCIALS (US\$M)

Copper Mountain Mining Corp. (CMMC-TSX, \$1.42 | BUY, \$1.70) Company Profile

PRICE DECK	2016A	2017E	2018E	2019E	2020E
Gold	1,249	1,264	1,350	1,400	1,400
Silver	17.09	17.52	19.85	21.55	21.55
Copper	2.20	2.81	3.20	3.40	3.40
Lead	0.85	1.02	1.05	1.05	1.00
Zinc	2.20	2.81	3.20	3.40	3.40
CAD/USD	0.77	0.77	0.78	0.78	0.78
OPERATING	2016A	2017E	2018E	2019E	2020E
Gold Prod. ('000 oz)	30.9	25.2	26.8	26.8	26.8
Change YoY (%)	6%	-18%	6%	0%	0%
Copper Prod. ('Mlbs)	83.0	75.3	80.8	78.3	83.5
Change YoY (%)	7%	-9%	7%	-3%	7%
Total Cash Cost, net	\$1.56	\$1.85	\$2.07	\$2.12	\$2.00
Change YoY (%)	-10%	19%	12%	2%	-5%
All-in Sust. Cost, net	\$1.56	\$1.85	\$2.07	\$2.12	\$2.00
Change YoY (%)	NA	19%	12%	2%	-5%
Levered FCFPS, \$	0.07	-0.05	0.08	0.12	0.24
Change YoY (%)	757%	-169%	NA	55%	101%
Lev. FCFPS Yield, %	5%	-3%	5%	8%	17%
Net Cash (\$M)	-267.5	-243.1	-191.1	-123.9	-54.7

PRODUCTION



VALUATION

NAV Target	D.Rate	US\$M	%/NAV	US\$/Sh	C\$/Sh
Operating					
Copper Mountain	8.0%	345.6	221%	2.37	3.04
Copper Mountain Resources	0.0%	37.6	24%	0.26	0.33
Cloncurry	12.0%	0.0	0%	0.00	0.00
Operating Sub-total		383.2	245%	2.63	3.37
Corporate					
Working Capital		-27.5	-18%	-0.19	-0.24
Dilutive ITM Proceeds		12.3	8%	0.08	0.11
Minority Interest		-65.1	-42%	-0.45	-0.57
Long-Term Debt		-146.5	-94%	-1.00	-1.29
Corporate Sub-total		-226.8	-145%	-1.55	-1.99
Total NAV		156.4	100%	1.07	1.37
Target Multiple				0.80x	
Target / 145.9M Diluted ITM Shares	i			0.86	1.10
CFPS Target				US\$/Sh	C\$/Sh
12-Month CFPS				0.37	0.48
Target Multiple				4.5x	0.00x
CFPS Target Price				1.67	2.14

Source: Company reports, analyst estimates

T INANGIALO (OGGIN)	2010/1	2017L	20 TOL	2013L	2020L
PROFIT & LOSS	244.4	224.0	070.0	202.2	200.2
Total Revenue	211.4	231.9	272.6	282.2	298.3
Cost Of Goods Sold	151.1	160.1	198.7	198.7	200.2 98.1
Gross Profit	60.4	71.8	74.0	83.5	
Depreciation/Amortization	39.8	36.3	32.0	32.0	32.1
Operating Expenses	4.3 16.3	4.9 30.6	4.5	4.6 46.9	4.5 61.4
Operating Income	-9.4	-9.6	37.5 -7.4	-6.5	-5.7
Net Interest Expense	-9.4 9.6	-9.6 17.7	0.0	-0.5 0.0	
Net Non-Operating Pretax Income	9.6 16.5	38.6	30.1	40.5	0.0 55.8
Income Tax Expense	0.9	1.7	9.0	12.1	16.7
Minority Interest	3.0	10.6	8.1	10.0	12.8
Extraordinary/Pref.Div	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Net Income	12.6	26.3	12.9	18.4	26.3
Adj. Net Income	7.2	13.2	12.9	18.4	26.3
CASH FLOW	1.2	13.2	12.3	10.4	20.5
Op. Cash Flow bef. WC	56.0	64.4	53.6	60.9	71.7
Change in WC	-22.5	-24.3	0.0	0.0	0.0
Cash From Operations	33.5	40.1	53.6	60.9	71.7
Capital Expenditure	-3.7	-2.9	-3.0	-3.0	-3.0
Other Investing Activities	-3. <i>1</i> -1.1	-2.5 -1.1	0.0	0.0	0.0
Cash from Investing	-4.8	-4.0	-3.0	-3.0	-3.0
Other Financing Activities	-0.3	-6.5	0.0	0.0	0.0
Dividends	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Issuance Of Common Stock	5.8	0.5	1.4	9.4	0.6
Issue Of Debt, Net	-21.3	-43.5	-40.2	-40.9	-34.6
Cash from Financing	-15.8	-49.5	-38.8	-31.6	-34.0
Net Change in Cash	12.5	-14.9	11.8	26.3	34.6
BALANCE SHEET					•
Cash, ST Investments	23.4	11.1	22.8	49.2	83.8
Other Current Assets	55.5	61.6	61.6	61.6	61.6
Total Current Assets	78.9	72.6	84.4	110.7	145.3
PP&E, Net	344.8	336.2	307.2	278.2	249.0
Other Long-Term Assets	58.7	80.3	80.3	80.3	80.3
Total Assets	482.3	489.1	471.9	469.1	474.7
Payable/Other ST Liabilities	29.7	31.4	31.4	31.4	31.4
Current Debt	49.8	71.2	72.0	65.7	65.7
Total Current Liabilities	79.4	102.6	103.3	97.1	97.1
LT Debt/Capital Leases	241.1	182.9	142.0	107.4	72.8
Other Long-Term Liabilities	16.2	8.9	8.9	8.9	8.9
Total Liabilities	336.7	294.5	254.3	213.4	178.7
Total Equity	145.6	194.6	217.6	255.8	295.9
RATIOS	2016A	2017E	2018E	2019E	2020E
Basic EPS (US\$)	0.12	0.21	0.10	0.13	0.19
P/E	9.6x	5.3x	11.5x	8.4x	5.9x
Adj. Basic EPS (US\$)	0.06	0.10	0.10	0.13	0.19
DPS (US\$)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Dividend Yield (%)	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
CFPS (US\$)	0.45	0.48	0.40	0.43	0.51
P/CF	2.5x	2.3x	2.8x	2.5x	2.2x
EBITDA	56.1	66.9	69.5	79.0	93.6
EV/EBITDA	8.2	6.8	6.6	5.8	4.9
PROFIT & SOLVENCY	2016A	2017E	2018E	2019E	2020E
EBITDA, %	27%	29%	25%	28%	31%
FCFPS	0.23	0.28	0.38	0.41	0.49
ROE, %	9%	14%	6%	7%	9%
ROA, %	3%	5%	3%	4%	6%
Current Ratio	1.0x	0.7x	0.8x	1.1x	1.5x
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Net Debt to Equity

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PRO-FORMA ACQUISITION ANALYSIS

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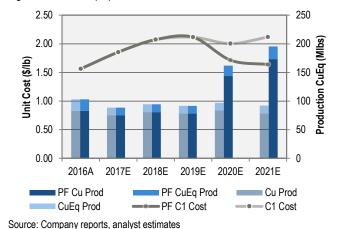
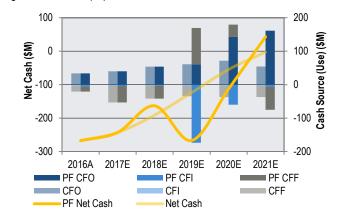


Figure 2: Pro-Forma (PF) vs. Current Cash Flow Profile



Source: Company reports, analyst estimates

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Figure 3: Pro-Forma vs. Current Operating and Financial Estimates

OPERATING	2017E	2018E	2019E	2020E	2021E
Gold Prod. (000oz)	25.2	26.8	26.8	38.2	45.9
Current `	25.2	26.8	26.8	26.8	26.
Change, %	0%	0%	0%	42%	729
Copper Prod. (Mlbs)	75.3	80.8	78.3	143.9	173.
Current	75.3	80.8	78.3	83.5	78.
Change, %	0%	0%	0%	72%	1219
Total Cash Cost, net	1.85	2.07	2.12	1.71	1.6
Current	1.85	2.07	2.12	2.00	2.1
Change, %	0%	0%	0%	-14%	-239
All-in Sust. Cost, net	1.85	2.07	2.12	1.83	1.7
Current	1.56	1.85	2.07	2.12	2.1
Change, %	19%	12%	2%	-13%	-189
CuEq Prod./Share	0.66	0.52	0.47	0.68	0.8
Current	0.66	0.70	0.65	0.69	0.6
Change, %	0%	-26%	-28%	0%	249
FINANCIAL	2017E	2018E	2019E	2020E	2021
Total Revenue	231.9	272.6	282.2	497.2	571.
Current	231.9	272.6	282.2	298.3	270.
Change, %	0%	0%	0%	67%	1119
EBITDA	66.9	69.5	79.0	193.3	217.
Current	66.9	69.5	79.0	93.6	67.
Change, %	0%	0%	0%	107%	222
Net Income	26.3	12.9	18.4	83.3	100.
Current	26.3	12.9	18.4	26.3	14.
Change, %	0%	0%	0%	217%	615
Basic EPS	0.21	0.07	0.09	0.35	0.4
Current	0.10	0.10	0.13	0.19	0.1
Change, %	110%	-26%	-28%	86%	319
CFPS	0.48	0.30	0.31	0.59	0.6
Current	0.48	0.40	0.43	0.51	0.3
Change, %	0%	-26%	-28%	17%	749
Cash, ST Investments	11.1	50.7	46.4	166.0	252.
Current	11.1	22.8	49.2	83.8	101.
		122%	-6%	98%	1509

PRO-FORMA VALUATION

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NAV Target	D.Rate	US\$M	%/NAV	US\$/Sh	C\$/S
Operating					
Copper Mountain	8.0%	345.6	86%	1.73	2.2
Copper Mountain Resources		37.6	9%	0.19	0.2
Cloncurry	12.0%	217.2	54%	1.09	1.4
Operating Sub-total		600.4	150%	3.01	3.8
Corporate					
Working Capital		0.2	0%	0.00	0.0
Dilutive ITM Proceeds		12.3	3%	0.06	0.0
Minority Interest		-65.1	-16%	-0.33	-0.4
Long-Term Debt		-146.5	-36%	-0.74	-0.9
Corporate Sub-total		-199.0	-50%	-1.00	-1.2
Total NAV		401.4	100%	2.02	2.5
Target Multiple				0.75x	
Target / 199.2M Diluted ITM Sha	ares			1.51	1.9
CFPS Target				US\$/Sh	C\$/S
12-Month CFPS				0.30	0.3
Target Multiple				5.0x	
CFPS Target Price				1.49	1.9
Blended Target			Weight	US\$/Sh	C\$/S
NAV			40%	\$1.51	\$1.9
CFPS			60%	\$1.49	\$1.9
12M Target Price (Rounded)				\$1.50	\$1.9

Figure 5: Target Price Scenario: Current (\$1.70/shr) vs. Pro-forma (\$1.90/shr)



Source: Capital IQ, analyst estimates

Figure 6: Copper Producer Comparables

Company	Ticker	Close Price	Market Cap (US\$M)	EV (US\$M)	P/NAV	EV/'17 EBITDA	EV/'18 EBITDA	P/'17 EPS	P/'18 EPS	P/'17 CF	P/'18 CF
BHP Billiton	BLT-L	13.84	98,485	115,260	1.0x	5.3x	5.5x	12.7x	13.5x	5.9x	6.1x
Rio Tinto	RIO-A	70.05	93,597	100,823	1.0x	5.5x	6.1x	11.2x	12.5x	7.3x	7.5x
Southern Copper	SCCO-N	43.23	33,418	38,545	1.1x	12.0x	10.2x	23.2x	18.6x	15.9x	13.9x
Freeport	FCX-N	16.32	23,625	33,409	1.2x	6.0x	4.7x	15.0x	9.5x	5.9x	4.8x
Newcrest Mining	NCM-A	22.00	12,820	14,318	1.2x	11.4x	8.4x	54.7x	23.9x	10.8x	9.1x
First Quantum Minerals	FM-T	16.90	9,057	13,021	0.9x	11.6x	6.9x	-	16.0x	8.8x	6.0x
Turquoise Hill	TRQ-T	3.87	6,054	8,708	0.7x	37.0x	25.3x	72.9x	71.1x	46.3x	26.7x
Lundin Mining	LUN-T	7.52	4,255	3,095	0.8x	2.9x	4.2x	11.6x	21.0x	5.3x	7.2x
Katanga Mining	KAT-T	1.89	2,802	6,394	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ivanhoe Mines	IVN-T	4.22	2,583	2,383	0.6x	-	-	-	-	-	-
Hudbay Minerals	HBM-T	9.70	1,970	2,638	0.9x	4.5x	3.9x	14.8x	9.9x	3.9x	3.9x
Taseko	TKO-T	2.63	464	637	1.1x	4.5x	5.8x	9.1x	12.9x	3.7x	6.1x
Capstone Mining	CS-T	1.38	427	607	0.8x	4.3x	3.4x	184.0x	8.2x	3.9x	2.8x
Ero Copper	ERO-T	6.52	378	529	0.9x	17.4x	11.8x	-	162.3x	10.2x	8.9x
Imperial Metals	III-T	2.28	169	824	0.5x	11.9x	5.3x	-	7.9x	2.7x	1.9x
Copper Mountain	CMMC-T	1.42	148	369	0.7x	5.3x	4.4x	10.3x	5.7x	2.6x	2.4x
Amerigo Resources	ARG-T	1.02	140	184	-	8.6x	7.4x	13.2x	9.3x	6.1x	3.6x
Atico Mining	ATY-T	0.61	47	49	0.6x	2.1x	2.2x	12.0x	13.7x	2.7x	2.7x
Average					0.9x	9.4x	7.2x	34.2x	26.0x	8.9x	7.1x
Excluding Outliers (>10%,<90%	6 Percentiles)				0.9x	7.6x	6.1x	18.7x	14.1x	6.2x	5.7x

Source: CapitalIQ

CLONCURRY PROJECT OVERVIEW

Altona's key asset is the 100% owned, undeveloped open pit Cloncurry Copper Project in Queensland, Australia. The Project is largely permitted, and has been evaluated to a Bankable Definitive Feasibility Study level.

Reserves and Resources: Cloncurry contains total Proven and Probable Reserves of 85.6Mt of 0.5% Cu and 0.07g/t Au for 939Mlbs Cu and 203,900oz Au. Measured and Indicated Resources include 64.1Mt of 0.63% Cu and 0.05g/t au for 890Mlbs Cu and 103,000oz Au, and Inferred Resources include 99.0Mt of 0.55% cu and 0.05g/t Au for 1.2Blbs Cu and 159,100 oz Au.

Feasibility Study: The recent (August 2017) DFS highlights a 19,200tpd milling operation producing ~86Mlbs Cu and 17.2koz Au per over 14 years, at a LOM average cash cost of \$1.65/lb and AISC of \$1.92/lb. Capital and sustaining costs are estimated at \$216M and \$105M, respectively. The estimated after-tax NPV(7.5%) is \$220M (A\$293M) at US\$2.95/lb Cu and \$1,250/oz Au, with an after-tax IRR of 28%.

The Project comprises the large Little Eva open pit and five smaller satellite pits which will deliver sulphide ore to a 7Mtonne/year processing plant adjacent to the Little Eva and Turkey Creek pits. Little Eva is a typical Iron Oxide Copper Gold system.

There is potential to add resources at depth and along strike in each of the deposits, and through exploration at numerous prospective targets within Altona's approximate 397,000 hectare land package.

Extensive grinding and flotation/reagent test work material has consistently demonstrated that high copper and gold recoveries were achievable at a relatively low operating cost across all feed grades that are planned. SAG and ball milling delivers a grind size of 212µm and rougher concentrates are re-ground to 38µm. Test work indicates that the designed circuit will achieve a 96% copper recovery at a concentrate grade of 25% copper. Gold recovery is predicted to be 85% at a concentrate grade of 4g/t. Standard milling and flotation technology will be used to generate approximately 150,000 tonnes of copper concentrate on an annual basis.

Figure 7: Cloncurry Location, Queensland, Australia

Source: Company reports, analyst estimates

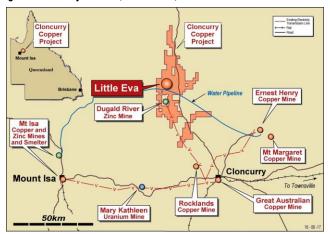
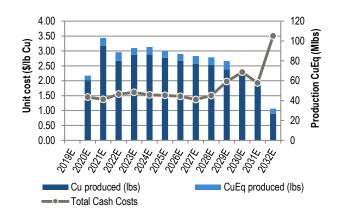


Figure 8: Cloncurry Modelled LOM Production



Source: Company reports, analyst estimates

Figure 9: Cloncurry Project Parameters

	Cloncurry	
	DFS	Estimates
Project life (Years)	14	14
Processing rate (Mt/year)	7.0	7.0
Production		
Tonnes Processed (Mt)	91.5	92.3
Copper Grade (%)	0.49%	0.49%
Gold Grade (g/t)	0.07	0.07
Copper recovery (%)	96%	96%
Gold recovery (%)	85%	85%
Recovered copper (tonnes)	432,513	435,414
Recovered gold (oz)	184,184	187,709
Av. Annual Copper Production	30,894	31,101
Av. Annual Gold Production	2,013	2,034
Production Costs		
Mining Cost/Tonnne Mined (US\$)	2.69	2.69
Processing Cost/Tonne (US\$)	6.09	6.09
G&A Cost/Tonne (US\$)	1.59	1.59
Unit Costs		
Cash Cost, Net/lb Cu	1.65	1.69
Capital Costs		
Capital cost (US\$M)	216	217
Life of mine sustaining capital	105	103
Post-Tax NPV(7.5%) (US\$M)	220	328
IRR	28%	34%
Prices		
Copper price (US\$/lb)	2.95	3.10
Gold price (US\$/ounce)	1,250	1,400
Source: Company reports, analyst estimates		

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INVESTMENT THESIS

INVESTMENT RATING

Our BUY rating is based on CMMC's leverage to and positive outlook for the price of copper. CMMC is a relatively high cost copper producer, and its financial leverage also increases the earnings and cash flow upside associated with increasing copper prices. Our positive copper price outlook is based on the increasing electrification of vehicles and consequent increase in intensity of use of copper per vehicle, which is driving expected demand. Our industry view considers a lack of production investment in recent years, creating potential near-term supply deficit situation and tight warehouse inventories.

VALUATION

Our C\$1.70/shr 12M-Forward Price Target is based on 1) a 40% weighted NAVPS C\$1.10/shr target using an 0.8x risk multiple, and 2) a 60% weighted P/CF C\$2.14/shr target using a using a 4.5x multiple. Our target weighting considers the typically greater weight ascribed to cash flow multiples for producing copper company valuations. Copper producer peers are trading at an average 0.9x P/NAV and 5.7x P/CF.

INVESTMENT RISKS

Risks to our target price mainly include the price of copper. Our longer-term production forecast from Copper Mountain considers the eventual use of low-grade reserves which will likely require long-term copper prices; a sustained decrease in copper prices may make these reserves unprofitable.

We are not including the Altona acquisition into our estimates at this time, pending the close of the transaction, which is expected in March 2018.

These risk are in addition to the typical risks associated with mining/mineral investments, including operating, financial, political/sovereign, labour, and commodity price risks.

INCOME STATEMENT (\$000)	Q1/17A	Q2/17A	Q3/17A	Q4/17E	2017E	Q1/18E	Q2/18E	Q3/18E	Q4/18E	2018E	2019E
Total Revenue	55,601	51,665	61,726	62,895	231,888	67,227	67,974	68,721	68,721	272,642	282,227
Cost of Goods Sold	38,158	36,111	35,996	49,835	160,099	48,966	49,526	50,087	50,110	198,689	198,700
Gross Profit	17,444	15,553	25,730	13,061	71,788	18,260	18,448	18,634	18,611	73,953	83,527
SG&A	2,013	1,276	1,046	471	4,805	1,392	966	960	621	3,939	4,057
Exploration	26	0	0	0	26	0	0	0	0	0	0
Depreciation/Amortization	9,031	9,151	10,089	8,073	36,344	7,898	7,985	8,073	8,073	32,029	32,029
Other Operating	10	-115	14	124	34	159	134	121	104	519	496
Operating Income	6,364	5,241	14,581	4,393	30,579	8,811	9,363	9,480	9,812	37,467	46,946
Net Interest Expense	-2,728	-2,674	-2,229	-1,999	-9,630	-1,935	-1,877	-1,819	-1,760	-7,391	-6,459
Other Non-Operating	3,078	-131	-5,359	3,997	1,586	3,871	3,754	3,637	3,520	14,782	12,918
Pretax Income bef. Unusual Items	6,014	8,046	22,169	2,394	38,623	6,876	7,486	7,661	8,052	30,076	40,487
Other, Net	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pretax Income	6,014	8,046	22,169	2,394	38,623	6,876	7,486	7,661	8,052	30,076	40,487
Income Tax Expense	281	74	630	718	1,703	2,063	2,246	2,298	2,416	9,023	12,146
Net Income After Taxes	5,733	7,972	21,539	1,676	36,920	4,813	5,240	5,363	5,636	21,053	28,341
Minority Interest	1,796	2,222	5,629	966	10,613	2,008	2,027	2,046	2,042	8,123	9,978
Extraordinary/Discontinued	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Net Income	3,937	5,750	15,911	709	26,307	2,805	3,213	3,317	3,595	12,930	18,363
Basic Weighted Average Shares	132,817	133,087	133,298	133,629	133,208	160,272	187,378	187,840	187,840	180,833	193,30

BALANCE SHEET (\$000)	Q1/17A	Q2/17A	Q3/17A	Q4/17E	2017E	Q1/18E	Q2/18E	Q3/18E	Q4/18E	2018E	2019E
Assets					Ī	İ				İ	İ
Cash, ST Investments	22,607	28,549	34,919	11,072	11.072	38,042	44,908	44.916	50,689	50.689	46,404
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Receivables	18,803	12,657	-,	- ,	-,	-,	16,005	- ,	16,005	-,	
Inventory	39,287 740	41,856 424	45,285 266	45,285 266	45,285 266	45,285 456	45,285 456	45,285 456	45,285 456	45,285 456	45,28 456
Other											
Total Current Assets	81,437	83,486	96,474	72,627	72,627	99,977	106,653	106,661	112,434	112,434	108,14
PP&E, Net	338,468	341,709	343,541	336,218	336,218	361,491	354,256	346,933	339,610	339,610	481,58
Deferred Tax Assets, LT	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other	63,730	70,992	80,264	80,264	80,264	87,214	87,214	87,214	87,214	87,214	87,21
Total Assets	483,636	496,187	520,279	489,110	489,110	548,682	548,123	540,807	539,258	539,258	676,94
Liabilities											
Accounts Payable	24,637	18,075	17,064	17,064	17,064	17,064	17,064	17,064	17,064	17,064	17,06
Accrued Expenses	0	14,759	13,304	13,304	13,304	13,304	13,304	13,304	13,304	13,304	13,30
Total Short-Term Debt	59,023	60,546	70,841	71,248	71,248	74,448	71,613	74,813	71,978	71,978	65,69
Other	3,152	422	998	998	998	1,238	1,238	1,238	1,238	1,238	1,238
Total Current Liabilities	86,812	93,801	102,207	102,614	102,614	106,054	103,219	106,419	103,584	103,584	97,30
LT Debt/Capital Leases	230,991	225,981	216.306	182,929	182,929	166,929	162.474	146.474	142,019	142,019	247,78
Deferred Income Tax	0	0	0	0	0	Ó	Ó	Ó	Ó	Ó	Ó
Other	13,156	11.856	8,918	8.918	8.918	9,288	9,288	9,288	9.288	9.288	9,288
Total Liabilities	330,958	331,638	327,431	294,462	294,462	282,272	274,982	262,182	254,892	254,892	354,38
Shareholders Equity											
Minority Interest	46,976	50,390	58.025	58,992	58,992	60,999	63,027	65.073	67,114	67,114	77,09
Common Stock	146,018	149,723	156,071	156,071	156,071	222,861	224,217	224,217	224,217	224,217	233,57
Additional Paid-In Capital	11,411	11,918	12,493	12,493	12,493	12,493	12,493	12,493	12,493	12,493	12,49
Retained Earnings	-51,727	-47,482	-33,741	-33,031	-33,031	-30,226	-27,013	-23,696	-20,101	-20,101	-1,73
Other	-51,727	0	0	124	124	283	417	539	643	643	1,139
Total Equity	152,678	164,550	192,848	194,648	194,648	266,410	273,141	278,625	284,366	284,366	322,56

CASH FLOW (\$000)	Q1/17A	Q2/17A	Q3/17A	Q4/17E	2017E	Q1/18E	Q2/18E	Q3/18E	Q4/18E	2018E	2019E
Operating					1	I				I	I
Net Income	3.544	5.558	15,632	1.676	26,409	4.813	5.240	5.363	5.636	21.053	28,341
Depreciation & Amortization	9,041	9,036	10,103	8,073	36,253	7,898	7,985	8,073	8.073	32,029	32,029
(Gain) Loss From Sale Of Assets	-16	0	-3	0,070	-19	0	0	0,070	0,070	02,023	02,023
(Gain) Loss On Sale Of Invest.	269	320	-62	0	527	0	0	0	0	0	0
Writedown & Restructuring Costs	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Stock-Based Compensation	380	205	279	124	988	159	134	121	104	519	496
Other Operating Activities	2.161	-936	-957	0	269	0	0	0	0	0	0
Op. Cash Flow bef. WC	15,379	14,183	24,993	9.873	64,428	12.870	13,360	13,557	13,814	53,601	60,865
Change in Receivables	219	6,556	-2.802	0	3.974	-190	190	0	0	0	0
Change In Inventories	-5,825	-5,447	-5,844	0	-17,115	0	0	0	0	0	0
Change in Payables	-7,306	4,341	-8,225	0	-11,189	0	0	0	0	0	0
Change in Unearned Revenue	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Change in Other Net Operating Assets	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Change in WC	-12,911	5,451	-16,870	0	-24,331	-190	190	0	0	0	0
Cash From Operations	2,468	19,634	8,122	9,873	40,097	12,680	13,550	13,557	13,814	53,601	60,865
Investing											
Capital Expenditure	-478	-812	-857	-750	-2,897	-750	-750	-750	-750	-3,000	-174,000
Other Investing Activities	-1,072	0	-2	0	-1,073	0	0	0	0	0	Ó
Cash from Investing	-1,550	-812	-858	-750	-3,970	-750	-750	-750	-750	-3,000	-174,000
Financing											
Other Financing Activities	-1,671	-3,286	-1,555	0	-6,512	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Dividends Paid	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Special Dividend Paid	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Issuance of Common Stock	228	0	310	0	538	0	1,356	0	0	1,356	9,360
Issue of Debt, Net	38	-10,100	-482	-32,970	-43,513	-12,800	-7,290	-12,800	-7,290	-40,180	99,490
Cash from Financing	-1,405	-13,386	-1,727	-32,970	-49,488	-12,800	-5,934	-12,800	-7,290	-38,824	108,850
FX Adjustment	-146	-339	-1,069	0	-1,555	0	0	0	0	0	0
Net Change in Cash	-633	5,097	4,468	-23,847	-14,915	-870	6,866	7	5,774	11,777	-4,285
Source: Company reports, analyst estimate	c										

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