



COMPANY UPDATE | COMMENT

FEBRUARY 3, 2012

Resource Generation Ltd. (ASX: RES)
H1 FY12 result immaterial - Awaiting progress on approvals and key agreements

**Outperform
 Speculative Risk**

Price:	0.40	Price Target:	0.80
Shares O/S (MM):	257.9	Implied All-In Return:	103%
Dividend:	0.00	Market Cap (MM):	102
NAVPS:	1.56	Yield:	0.0%
BVPS:	0.52	P/NAVPS:	0.3x
		P/BVPS:	0.8x

Major shareholders: Integrated Coal Mining 11.6%
 Priced as at 3.00pm on February 3, 2012.

Event

Resource Generation reported its H112 financials.

Investment Opinion

RES reported a H112 underlying loss of \$0.8m, in-line with RBCe and a minor improvement on the \$3m loss in H111. The reported profit of \$0.7m was boosted by the sale of Tasmanian coal tenements (\$1.5m). The result, however, is in our view immaterial from a valuation perspective given the pre-development stage of the Boikarabelo project. We expect near term catalysts to be the receipt of the final two approvals for the project and commercial agreements with Eskom and TransNet; these would be positive. As previously reported, cash balances declined to \$21m (net cash \$20m), sufficient to fund the operation until approvals and commercial agreements are reached, at which point funding will be sought for development.

Approvals: We look for RES to receive the NEMA (environmental) approval for the rail spur in early 2012; this was originally due in July however due to minor variations to the application a second EIA was required. The IWULA water usage license is now at a 'mature stage'; this was targeted by year-end however no time frame was advised in the Dec-qtrly. The Mining Right continues to remain under appeal, however, RES is confident this will be confirmed. Further delays would be disappointing, but not unexpected.

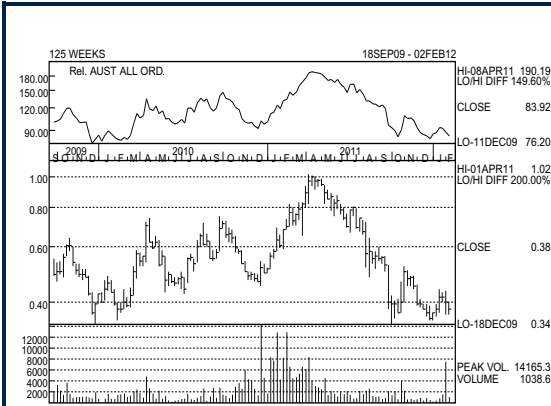
Transnet/Eskom agreements: An MoU for rail haulage was signed with Transnet in the Dec-qtr; this is a positive step but does not represent a binding agreement. There was no update on the discussions with Eskom for offtake, however, we believe the negotiations are progressing well. We believe the formalisation of agreements with both parties should be key stock drivers.

Funding: The Company reported in the Dec-qtrly that there continues to be strong interest from debt funders for the project; however, completion of due diligence requires formal agreements with Eskom and Transnet.

Outperform, \$0.80: We continue to see substantial value in the Boikarabelo project. We expect key drivers of near-term value to be an Eskom offtake and Transnet rail haulage agreement. Our NAV of A\$1.56 incorporates more conservative capex, costs, timing, and price assumptions than management's. Our target of A\$0.80 adjusts our NAV for an equity raising (\$350m at \$0.75) before applying a 25% risk weighting for development risks.

Priced as of prior trading day's market close, EST (unless otherwise noted).

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FY Jun	2011A	2012E	2013E
Adj EPS - Basic	(0.02)	(0.01)	0.00
P/AEPS	NM	NM	NM
Cash Cost	NA	NA	NA
Prod.	0	0	0

All values in AUD unless otherwise noted.

Exhibit 1: Earnings summary

		Dec-10	Dec-11		Dec-11	
		Actual	Actual	yoy %	Estimate	a vs e%
Sales Revenue	A\$m	0.0	0.0		0.0	
Total Revenue	A\$m	0.0	0.0		0.0	
EBITDA	A\$m	-3.3	-1.8	46%	-2.5	29%
D&A	A\$m	-0.1	-0.1	15%	0.0	
EBIT	A\$m	-3.4	-1.8	45%	-2.5	27%
Interest	A\$m	0.4	1.1	193%	0.6	79%
PTP	A\$m	-3.0	-0.8	75%	-1.9	60%
Tax	A\$m	0.0	0.0	64%	0.6	-101%
NPAT Underlying	A\$m	-3.0	-0.8	74%	-1.3	42%
NPAT Reported	A\$m	-3.5	0.7	119%	-1.3	-152%
EPS Underlying	A\$ cps	-1.3	-0.3	76%	-0.5	42%
EPS Reported	A\$ cps	-1.5	0.3	118%	-0.5	-152%

Source: Company data, RBC Capital Markets estimates

Exhibit 2: Earnings changes

		FY12E	FY12E		FY13E	FY13E	
		NEW	OLD	%	NEW	OLD	%
Sales Revenue	A\$m	0	0		0	0	
Total Revenue	A\$m	0	0		0	0	
EBITDA	A\$m	-4	-5	14%	-5	-5	0%
D&A	A\$m	0	0		0	0	
EBIT	A\$m	-4	-5	13%	-5	-5	0%
Interest	A\$m	2	1	41%	2	2	-3%
PTP	A\$m	-3	-4	30%	-3	-3	-2%
Tax	A\$m	1	1	-50%	1	1	2%
NPAT Underlying	A\$m	-2	-3	21%	-2	-2	-2%
NPAT Reported	A\$m	-1	-3	76%	-2	-2	-2%
EPS Underlying	A\$ cps	-0.8	-1.0	21%	-0.3	-0.3	-2%
EPS Reported	A\$ cps	-0.2	-1.0	76%	-0.3	-0.3	-2%

Source: RBC Capital Markets estimates

Valuation

Our NAV for the Stage 1, 6mtpa development is A\$1.56. We model a more conservative development path than management forecasts: we incorporate \$850m capex vs. the targeted \$750m, and we also assume a 12-month delay to startup, with first coal from Q2 2015. In setting our price target, we consider the need for an equity raising. We adjust our base case NAV to incorporate the dilutive effects of a \$350m raising at \$0.75 per share. While this is at a premium to the current share price, we consider that by the time a potential equity raising is required RES will have completed its rail agreements, Eskom offtake, approvals, BFS and debt funding, and as such will be materially de-risked, which would be expected to see the share price trade higher. Furthermore, given the degree of risk that remains with the project in terms of timeline, capex, and development hurdles, we set our price target at a 25% discount to our equity-raising-adjusted NAV. This is a greater-than-usual discount for development projects in our bulk commodities coverage universe, reflecting a view that the market is likely to more heavily discount the project given that it is in South Africa.

Price Target Impediment

As with all mining companies, world economic growth, commodity prices, and currency fluctuations could materially affect Resource Generation's earnings and valuation. There is also material development risk, with a possibility that the project takes longer and costs more to develop than management estimates. Infrastructure access poses a risk for Resource Generation: without rail-haulage agreements, it will not be able to get its product to market, undermining the project's viability. A sales agreement with Eskom will also be key to underpinning the economic viability of the project, and this is yet to be secured. In addition, the mining rights, water usage, and rail development approval are yet to be granted.

Company Description

Resource Generation is developing the Boikarabelo thermal coal project in the Waterberg coal fields, 300km north of Johannesburg, South Africa. The resource is substantial at 3bt. Stage 1 targets production of 6mtpa, split between 3mtpa export thermal coal and 3mtpa domestic thermal coal sales. Capital costs are estimated at \$552m and at this stage are unfunded. Operating costs are forecast to be extremely favourable; we estimate an overall average unit cost of approximately US\$33/t, benefiting from 0.6:1 strip ratios. The development is at an advanced stage, with the majority of work done and final approvals anticipated over the next three to six months. Offtake has been arranged for 1.5mt of the export coal, a port allocation is in place, and a domestic sales agreement with Eskom is under negotiation as is a rail-haulage agreement with Transnet. Longer-term, RES envisages a substantial expansion to 18mtpa production.

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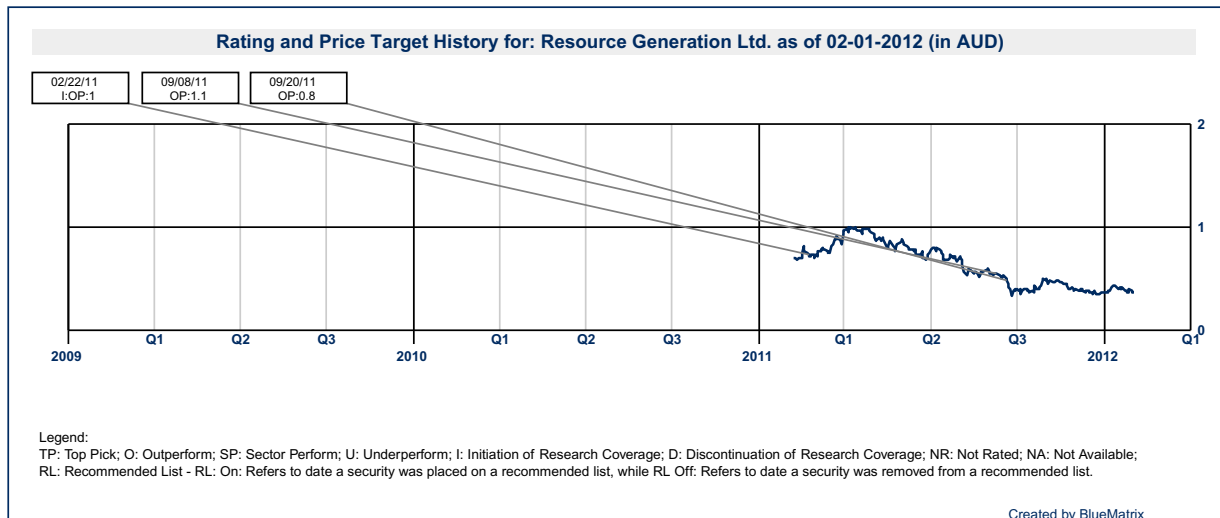
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