

Research Report

Denison Mines Corp. (DML-T, C\$1.55; DNN-AMEX, \$1.56)

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Rating: SECTOR OUTPERFORM

Revised Target Price: (-C\$0.10) C\$2.00 Return: 29%

YTD Performance: +22%

Risk Profile: SPECULATIVE

Denison Mines is in the exclusive group of active uranium producers from their US Based Assets, feeding their 100%-owned White Mesa mill, as well as Canadian based production potential from their share in the McClean Lake mill JV & the Midwest Project.

F2011: High Costs and Writedown Headlines Results

Event: Denison releases F2011 results

Impact - Negative: Denison produced ~1.0 Mlb U₃O₈ and 1.3 Mlb V₂O₅ in the yearended December 31^{st} , 2011, and sold ~1.1 Mlb U_3O_8 at an average realized price of \$58 lb⁻¹ and 1.8 Mlb V₂O₅ at an average realized price of ~\$6 lb⁻¹. Those data are in-line with our expectations. Production costs, excluding depreciation/amortization were \$51 lb⁻¹ U_3O_8 (†30% YoY) for FQ4`11, and \$48 lb⁻¹ U_3O_8 (†24% YoY) for the full year ended 12/31/2011. The Company generated a net loss of \$65.5 M or \$0.17/share for Q4`11, and \$70.9 M or \$0.19/share for the full year. Financial Q4 results were negatively impacted by a \$32.6 M (~\$0.085/share) impairment charge taken against Goodwill, said to be related to the U.S. mining segment, resulting from an impairment test that implements the UxCo pricing strip as a price assumption. The higher than expected production costs, and unanticipated writedown combine for a disappointing F2011, falling significantly below our expectations.

- Forecasts We had previously revised our 2012 sales and production profile downward, in-line with guidance, and continue to forecast sales of 1.6 Mlb U₃O₈ and 0.6 V₂O₅, with production of 1.4 Mlb U₃O₈ and 0.5 V₂O₅. We project cash costs for `12 of \$35 lb⁻¹ versus company guidance of \$33.50 lb⁻¹.
- Target Price, Ratings The adjustments to our model have a slightly negative impact on our valuation, with higher costs projected in 2012, and a reduced working capital base as a result of higher costs in F2011, our formal target falls to C\$2.00 from C\$2.10, now carrying an implied return of ~29% to the current share price. Given the 29% implied return in our new target to the current share price, we maintain our Sector Outperform rating and Speculative risk Rating.
- **2012 Outlook** Sales of $^{\sim}1.6$ Mlb U_3O_8 and 0.5 Mlb V_2O_5 , and production of $^{\sim}1.4$ Mlb U_3O_8 and 0.6 Mlb V_2O_5 from U.S. operations. Expected cash costs are \$35 lb⁻¹ U₃O₈, with the McClean Lake Mill in Canada not expected to return to production until at least 2013, depending on feed from the Cigar Lake JV (operator: Cameco). Denison also plans an aggressive exploration and development program in 2012, budgeted at >\$25 million spread across Canada, the U.S., Zambia, and Mongolia, providing an array of potential catalysts this year.
- 2011 Production & Sales All 2011 production was from U.S. operations at its White Mesa. As noted above, Denison produced $^{\sim}1.0$ Mlb U_3O_8 and 1.3 Mlb V_2O_5 , and sold ~1.1 Mlb U_3O_8 (\$58 lb⁻¹) and 1.3 Mlb V_2O_5 (~\$6 lb⁻¹). We estimate 2011 cash costs were \$48 lb⁻¹ U₃O₈, net of vanadium credit, and excluding DD&A.

Valuation: Our DCF 10.0% analysis of DML's operations, less net corporate charges, produces a NAV of C\$312 million. Strategic resources & company investments provide a credit of C\$363 million (C\$0.93/share) to the total corporate NAV of C\$765 million. Applying a 1.0x P/NAV multiple imparts a 12-month target price of C\$2.00.

Forecast Risk Financial Risk Valuation Risk Political Risk	High Moderate High Moderate
52-Week High/Low	\$4.16 / \$0.87
Dividend Yield	N/A
Shares O/S	385M (basic)/
	392M (F/D)
Market Capitalization	\$600M
Cash	\$54M
Debt	\$0.22M
Working Capital	\$94M
Daily Volume	1,548,415
Currency	US\$ unless noted

Company Profile

Website - www.denisonmines.com

CEO - Ron Hochstein

Denison is a North American uranium producer from conventional mining and processing operations.

Estimates

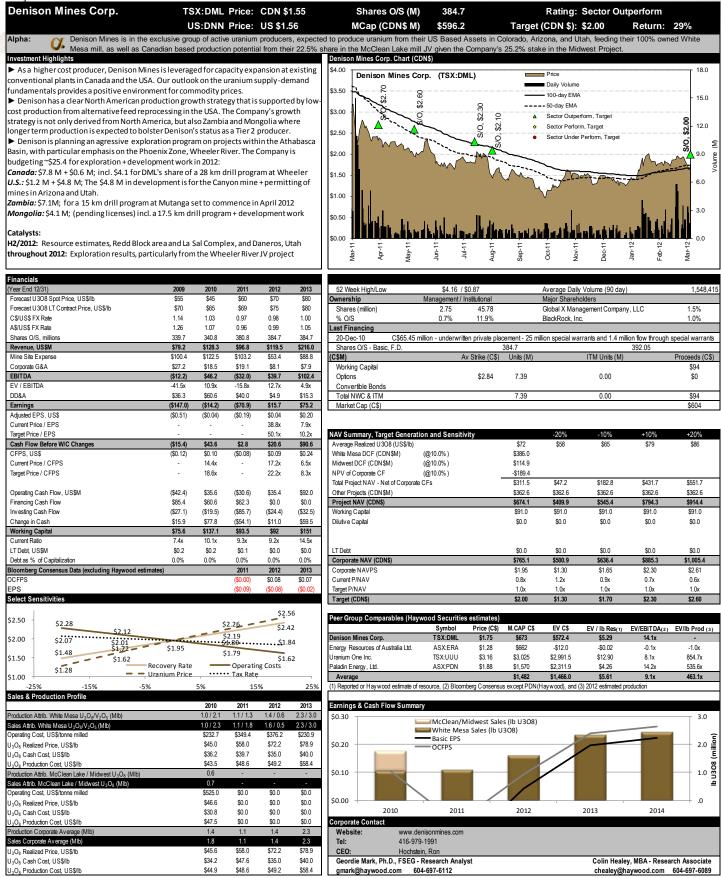
	2010A	2011A	2012E
Shares (O/S),million	340.8	380.8	384.7
U ₃ O ₈ Prod. (Mlb)	1.4	1.1	1.4
Op. Costs: U ₃ O ₈ lb ⁻¹	\$34.2	\$47.6	\$35.0
Revenue, US\$M	\$128.3	\$96.8	\$119.5
EBITDA, US\$M	\$46.2	(\$32.0)	\$39.7
Op. CFPS, US\$	\$0.10	(\$0.08)	\$0.09
Current Price / CF	14.4x	-	17.2x
Target Price / CF	18.6x	-	22.2x

Price Performance



Source: Capital IQ and Haywood Securities





Source: Haywood Securities, Capital IQ, Bloomberg, Denison Mines



2011 Production, Sales & Costs, plus 2012 Preview

Denison produced ~1.0 Mlb U_3O_8 and 1.3 Mlb V_2O_5 in the year-ended December 31st, 2011, and sold ~1.1 Mlb U_3O_8 at an average realized price of \$58 lb⁻¹ and 1.8 Mlb V_2O_5 at an average realized price of \$6.21 lb⁻¹. Those numbers are in-line with our sales and production estimates, which were revised slightly in our January report on DML, following the release of an operations update. Production costs, excluding depreciation/amortization were \$51 lb⁻¹ U_3O_8 ($\uparrow 30\%$ YoY) for FQ4`11, and \$48 lb⁻¹ U_3O_8 ($\uparrow 24\%$ YoY) for the full year ended 12/31/2011. The Company generated a net loss of \$65.5 M or \$0.17/share for Q4`11, and \$70.9 M or \$0.19/share for the full year. Financial Q4 results were negatively impacted by a \$32.6 M (~\$0.085/share) impairment charge taken against Goodwill, said to be related to the U.S. mining segment, resulting from an impairment test which implements the UxCo pricing strip as a price assumption. The higher than expected production costs, and unanticipated write down combine for a disappointing F2011, falling significantly below our expectations.

Having recently downward-revised our 2012 sales and production profile, in-line with the latest guidance, we continue to forecast sales of 1.6 Mlb U_3O_8 and 0.6 V_2O_5 , with production of 1.4 Mlb U_3O_8 and 0.5 V_2O_5 . Our expectations of 2012 cash costs of production are \$35.0 lb⁻¹. We are taking a conservative view of DML's 2012 operations and realized costs on the basis of the disappointing 2011 performance at the U.S. operations. All 2011 production was from U.S. operations, where Denison processed ore at its White Mesa mill near Blanding, Utah. As noted above, Denison produced ~1.0 Mlb U_3O_8 and 1.3 Mlb V_2O_5 , and sold ~1.1 Mlb U_3O_8 (\$58 lb⁻¹) and 1.3 Mlb V_2O_5 (~\$6 lb⁻¹). We estimate 2011 cash costs of \$40 lb⁻¹ U_3O_8 , net of vanadium credit, and excluding depreciation & amortization.

2012 Plan & Forecast

Guiding for sales of $^{\sim}1.6$ Mlb U_3O_8 and 0.5 Mlb V_2O_5 , and production of $^{\sim}1.4$ Mlb U_3O_8 and 0.6 Mlb V_2O_5 , born entirely from U.S. operations, at expected cash costs of \$35 lb⁻¹ U_3O_8 , with the McClean Lake Mill in Canada not expected to return to production until at least 2013, depending on feed from the Cigar Lake JV. Denison also plans an aggressive exploration and development program in 2012, budgeted at >\$25 million spread across Canada, the U.S., Zambia, and Mongolia, providing an array of potential catalysts this year. As outlined on page 1, we do not account for any production from Canadian-based operations at the McClean Lake Mill JV and Midwest project in the near term. The 2012 exploration and development plan includes:

- Canada: \$7.8 M Exploration + \$0.6 M Development; includes \$4.1 million for DML's share of a 28,000 m drill program at the Wheeler River Project, and \$3.7 million for DML's share of exploration work at the Moore Lake, Hatchet Lake, Murphy Lake, Bell Lake, Ahenakew Lake, South Dufferin, McClean Lake and Wolly projects;
- U.S.: \$1.2 M Exploration + \$4.8 M Development; DML is budgeting \$1.2 million for exploration work at the La Sal Complex where DML is targeting resource expansion focusing on Beaver and Pandora. The \$4.8 M in development at the Canyon mine is in preparation for initial shaft sinking in late 2012, as well as permitting of the EZ1 & EZ2 deposits in Arizona, and the Redd Block mine near the Beaver mine in Utah;
- **Zambia: \$7.1M**; firstly, DML intends to publish an NI 43-101 resource estimate for the Mutanga project in Q1/2012, followed by a 15 km drill program set to commence in April 2012;
- Mongolia: \$4.1 M; including \$1.6 million for a 17.5 km drill program (pending licenses) focused on the Ulziit and Urt Tsav discoveries, with development work planned to include a design of a pilot plant.

2012 Catalysts

- **H2/2012:** Resource estimates, Redd Block area and La Sal Complex, and Daneros, Utah
- **2012:** Exploration results, particularly from the Wheeler River JV project

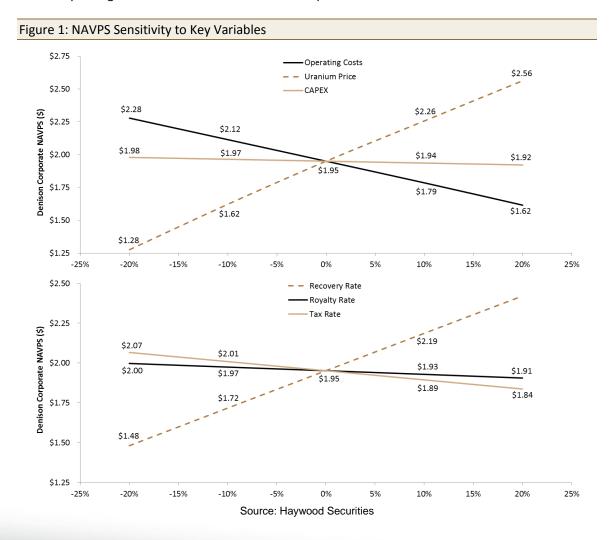


The adjustments to our model have a slightly negative impact on our valuation, with higher costs projected in 2012, and a reduced working capital base as a result of higher costs in F2011, our formal target falls to C\$2.00 from C\$2.10, now carrying an implied return of ~29% to the current share price. Denison shares have rallied significantly since the end of December when they closed the year at C\$1.27. DML is up ~22% year-to-date in 2012, and as a result, there is reduced upside suggested in our revised target. Given the 29% implied return in our new target, we maintain our Sector Outperform rating and Speculative Risk rating.

Our DCF 10.0% analysis of Denison Mines' McClean Lake operation (C\$115 million) and USA mining operations (C\$386 million), less net corporate charges, produces a NPV of C\$312 million. Consideration of strategic resources and company investments provides a credit of C\$363 million (C\$0.93 per share) to the total corporate NAV of C\$765 million. Applying a 1.0x P/NAV multiple imparts a formal 12-month target price of C\$2.00.

Sensitivities

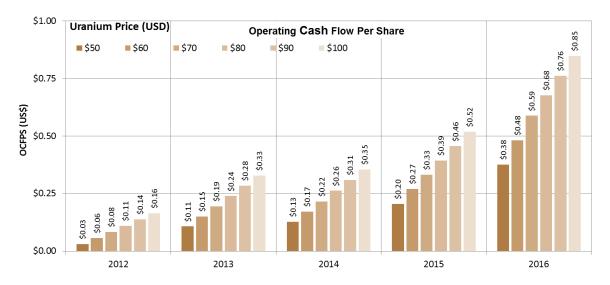
The sensitivity graphs below highlight our contention that Denison provides investor with good leverage to an increasing (recovering) commodity price environment where a 20% increase in uranium prices generates a ~31% increase in our corporate NAV.





Sensitivities (continued)

Figure 2: OCFPS and EPS Sensitivity to Uranium Price







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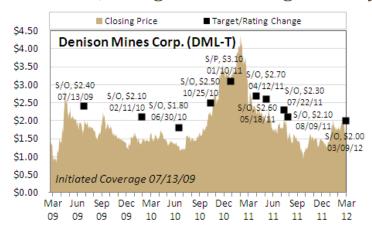
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