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Altius Minerals Corporation (ALS-T, \$20.39)

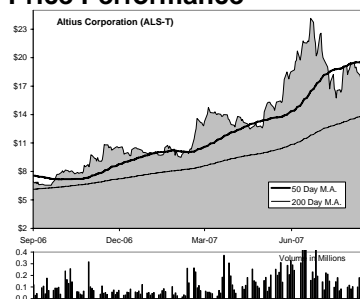
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Target Price \$27.00
 Current Price \$20.39
 Return 32.4%

Risk Profile: SPECULATIVE
 Forecast Risk: High
 Financial Risk: Low
 Valuation Risk: High
 Political Risk: Low

52-Week High / Low \$25.00 / \$6.40
 Shares O/S 28.85 million (basic)
 30 million (F/D)
 Market Capitalization \$588.3 million
 Enterprise Value \$471.8 million
 Daily Volume (3 mo avg) 178,831
 Company Web Site Altiusminerals.com
 CEO Brian Dalton

Price Performance



Rating: SECTOR OUTPERFORM; 12-month Target: \$27:00;

Risk: SPECULATIVE

Impact: Neutral

Event: Q1 Arrives as Public Comments Period for Refinery Subsidiary Ends, Provincial EIS Decision Due Oct.5

- In its fiscal 2008 first quarter, Altius reported that its stake in Aurora Energy (AXU-T) was reduced by 834,900 as of quarter end (July 31). Subsequent to this, Altius further reduced the holding by 500,000 shares at an average price of \$15. The current economic interest in AXU is now approximately 2.75 million shares.
- The timing of the release coincides with a pivotal point on the timeline for permitting of the refinery subsidiary (NLRC). September 14th marks the last day for public comments on the project to be submitted for the EIS. We now look to October 5th, which is the deadline for the provincial decision on acceptance of the Environmental Impact Statement. This should be followed by the Federal decision a few weeks hence. Recall that the Provincial process involves the environmentally sensitive issues in the process and we feel this is the decisive hurdle in the permitting process.
- We continue to view permitting success as likely. In addition to public support, the project appears to have garnered government support. In the recently released *Newfoundland and Labrador Energy Plan*, increasing oil refinery capacity is listed as an important opportunity for the province and NLRC is identified as a candidate. The document goes on to note that the refinery would be a source of significant future employment and ‘spin-off’ opportunities.

Valuation – Our sum-of-parts valuation sees a hard liquid asset value of over \$9 per share. We calculate a conservative NPV valuation for Altius’ 37% equity stake in NLRC of \$21 per share post dilution, which we adjust down for potential future capital gains taxes. The result provides us with a forecasted NAV for Altius shares of \$27

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<i>Current Asset Values</i>					
<i>Holding</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Notes</i>	<i>Valuation Method</i>	<i>Estimated Total Value</i>	<i>Value per Share</i>
Cash					
Estimate for tax-adjusted cash and short-term investments less LTD	Primarily generated from sales of AXU-T shares in the market.	Adjusted for estimated capital gains taxes		\$116,538,000	\$4.04
Royalties					
10% stake in Labrador Nickel Royalty Limited Partnership (LNRLP)	0.3% Net Smelter Return Royalty on the Voiseys Bay Nickel Company (CVRD Inco) project. Applicable to the entire region.	Assumptions for cash flow estimate based on Haywood price assumptions for nickel and copper of \$19 and \$2.75 in 2007 and \$7 and \$1.50 long term.	15.0x CY2008E CF. Compare to Haywood valuation multiple of 15x 2007E for IRC and Royal Gold's trading multiple of 24x	\$52,835,544	\$1.83
2% Gross Sales Royalty on Aurora CMB Uranium project and 2% base metals	Attached to Aurora Energy - below		Pre-feasibility/pre-permitting project with little visibility: value not assigned	N/A	N/A
Public Market Securities					
Aurora Energy (AXU-T) 9.9% equity interest	Central Mineral Belt uranium project in Labrador.	Original stake sold into the market on several occasions throughout 2006. We expect divestment to be ongoing.	<i>Market value of current holdings (-2.75M shares) plus 2.5 million shares sold forward</i>	\$76,860,130	\$2.66
Rambler Metals and Mining (RAB-V) 12M shares	Consisting of a historic copper-gold project in Newfoundland.	Listed on TSX Venture Exchange February 7th, 2007.	Market Value	\$14,400,000	\$0.50
Paragon Minerals Corporation (PGR-V) 17.4% equity interest	Paragon is a junior gold and base metals exploration company with several projects in Newfoundland.		Market Value	\$1,526,500	\$0.05
Alba Mineral Resources PLC (ALBA-AIM) 1.9% equity interest	Alba is a base-metals exploration company in Europe		Market Value	\$83,648	\$0.00
TOTAL per ALS share					\$9.09
Incremental Value of Refinery Asset					
Private Equity Interests					
37% Equity interest in Newfoundland and Labrador Refining Corporation (NLRC)	Currently in advanced engineering and permitting stage.	Financial Partners with European venture capitalists. Operating group has global experience with world class projects.	Net Present Value post dilution stake at return to equity finance participants of 15% IRR and 66% financial leverage.	\$686,086,994	\$21.26
62% stake in a 1 - 10% Sliding scale royalty on gross refining margins of \$4 - \$20 per barrel	Attached to NLRC	It is undetermined whether this would remain intact post-financing of NLRC. Do not assign to remain conservative.	N/A	N/A	N/A
TOTAL per ALS share					\$30.35

Source: Company reports and Haywood Securities

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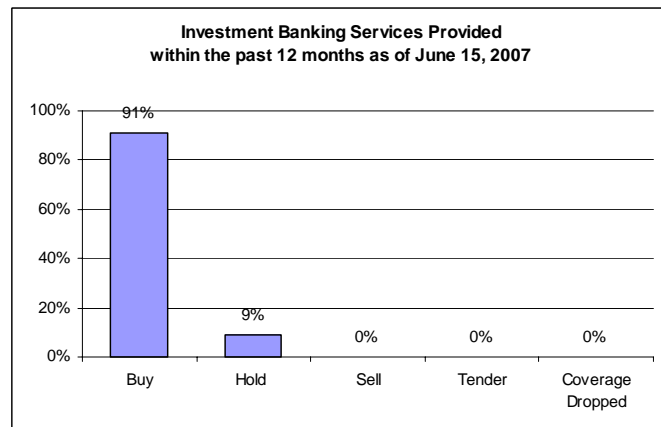
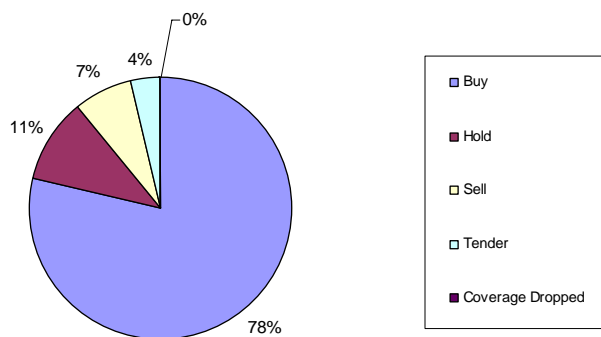
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