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Nickel Industries Ltd (NIC)

Waiting game

Recommendation

Buy (unchanged)
Price
\$0.72
Target (12 months)
\$1.20 (previously \$1.35)

Sector

Materials

Expected Return	
Capital growth	67%
Dividend yield	0%
Total expected return	67%
Company Data & Ratios	
Enterprise value	\$4,472m
Market cap	\$3,126m
Issued capital	4,341m
Free float	55%
Avg. daily val. (52wk)	\$7.0m
12 month price range	\$0.42-\$0.995

Price Performance							
	(1m)	(3m)	(12m)				
Price (A\$)	0.72	0.79	0.97				
Absolute (%)	0.7	-8.3	-25.4				
Pol market (%)	2.1	11.6	35.3				



September 2025 quarterly report

NIC produced 31,148t contained Ni in NPI (BPe 31,800t), at cash costs 14% below our forecast at US\$9,846/t (BPe US\$11,448/t) and 5% lower qoq. Operations benefitted from lower power and maintenance costs. Attributable production from the HNC HPAL plant was 2,166t of MHP (BPe 2,021t) and continues to operate above nameplate capacity. Costs were US\$7,610/t and remained below our US\$8,100/t forecast. The Hengjaya Mine (HM) achieved record ore sales of 3.1Mt (vs BPe 3.35Mt sales) despite the delay to the issuance of an increased ore sales permit (RKAB) which resulted in sales being suspended prior to quarter end. NIC ended the quarter with cash and equivalents of US\$986.9m (from US\$145.3m qoq), following the issue of US\$800m unsecured notes. US\$550m in debt repayments were made post quarter-end.

Permit delays re-emerge

This was a positive production performance for the quarter. Production and costs at the RKEF and HPAL operations all improved qoq and delivered EBITDA growth. Overshadowing a successful mining ramp-up however was the delay of a key sales permit at the HM. While expectations remain that it will be issued imminently, the worst case is that mining operations remain on standby until end CY25, when the existing annual sales volume resets. NIC currently has good balance sheet flexibility and 2Mt of stockpiled ore awaiting sale, but the re-emergence of permitting risk in Indonesia will reinforce some views in the market that higher risk premia should be applied.

Investment thesis – Buy, TP\$1.20/sh (from Buy, TP\$1.35/sh)

EPS changes in this report are: CY25: -70%; CY26: -89%; CY27: -17%, primarily on cuts to our nickel price forecast. Our NPV-based valuation is lowered 11% to \$1.20/sh. NIC is one of the world's largest listed nickel producers and offers exposure across a range of nickel products and markets. It continues to make money through low nickel prices, benefitting from its upstream and downstream operations, diversified risk and margin exposure across an integrated value chain. We retain our Buy recommendation.

Earnings Forecast								
Year ending 31 December	2024a	2025e	2026e	2027e				
Sales (US\$m)	1,744	1,615	2,519	3,742				
EBITDA (US\$m)	297	289	438	1,102				
Attributable NPAT (reported) (US\$m)	(169)	28	56	471				
Attributable NPAT (reported) (A\$m)	(256)	43	84	683				
EPS (adjusted) (A¢ps)	2.4	1.0	2.0	15.9				
EPS growth (%)	-211%	nm	95%	712%				
PER (x)	nm	71.8	36.7	4.5				
FCF Yield (%)	0%	7%	1%	40%				
EV/EBITDA (x)	9.9	10.1	6.7	2.7				
Dividend (A¢ps)	4.0	-	-	8.0				
Yield (%)	5.6%	0.0%	0.0%	11.1%				
Franking (%)	0%	0%	0%	0%				
ROE (%)	-8%	2%	6%	33%				

SOURCE: BELL POTTER SECURITIES ESTIMATES

Waiting game

September 2025 quarterly report

NIC released its September 2025 quarter report, announcing production and costs from its Rotary Kiln Electric Furnace (RKEF) operations, producing Nickel Pig Iron (NPI); its Hengjaya Mine (HM), producing laterite nickel ore and its 10% interest in the Huayue Nickel Cobalt (HNC) HPAL (High Pressure Acid Leach) project which is currently producing ~80ktpa nickel in Mixed Hydroxide Precipitate (MHP, 100% basis). All assets are in Indonesia.

Production

NIC produced 31,148t contained Ni in NPI (BPe 31,800t), with 24,918t attributable (BPe 25,440t). Cash costs were 14% below our forecast at US\$9,846/t (BPe US\$11,448/t) and 5% lower qoq on lower power and maintenance costs. Attributable production from the HNC HPAL plant was 2,166t of MHP (BPe 2,021t) and continues to operate above nameplate production. Costs for the HPAL operations were US\$7,610/t, remained below our US\$8,100/t forecast and continued to demonstrate the higher margins of these assets. The HM achieved matched record ore mining volumes of 5.9Mt qoq and achieved record ore sales of 3.1Mt (vs BPe 3.35Mt sales). Disappointingly, the delay to the issuance of an increased ore sales permit (RKAB) resulted in sales being suspended prior to quarter end. While the permit is expected imminently, it remains an overhang and could have a material impact on the balance of CY25.

This was a positive production performance for the quarter. Production and costs at the RKEF and HPAL operations all improved qoq and were ahead of our forecasts. RKEF sales prices were flat qoq and MHP prices improved on higher payabilities and higher cobalt credits, which are emerging as an opportunity for NIC, particularly with the ENC project commissioning in early CY26. Ore mining and sales from the HM were on track for fresh records until operations were placed on standby, pending the RKAB permit.

EBITDA, costs and sales

NIC reported consolidated quarterly EBITDA of US\$86.6m (vs US\$85.9m qoq), comprising US\$40.5m (US\$33.7m qoq) from RKEF operations, US\$32.8m (US\$41.4m qoq) from the Hengjaya Mine and US\$13.1m (US\$10.8m qoq) from the ENC HPAL plant.

Key metrics from the September 2025 quarter are summarised below:

	Sep-24 Actual	Dec-24 Actual	Mar-25 Actual	Jun-25 Actual	Sep-25 Actual	Sep-25 BP est.	Variance qoq %	Variance vs BPe %
RKEF nickel production								
Contained nickel (t)	30,663	32,785	31,793	30,463	31,148	31,800	2%	-2%
Contained nickel (t, attributable)	24,530	26,228	25,434	24,370	24,918	25,440	2%	-2%
Cash Cost (US\$/t Ni)	\$10,882	\$10,576	\$9,896	\$10,348	\$9,846	\$11,448	-5%	-149
HPAL nickel production								
Contained nickel (t, attributable)	2,125	2,099	2,118	2,075	2,166	2,021	4%	79
Cash Cost (US\$/t Ni)	9,000	\$7,311	\$7,197	\$7,881	\$7,610	\$8,100	-3%	-69
Hengjaya Mine								
Ore sales (t)	2,971,415	2,798,530	2,840,966	3,021,678	3,094,230	3,350,000	2%	-80
Mine OPEX (US\$/t)	\$23.00	\$17.50	\$11.70	\$12.50	\$14.60	\$13.00	17%	129
Avg price received (US\$/t)	\$31.93	\$30.50	\$22.60	\$26.20	\$25.20	\$23.00	-4%	109

SOURCE: COMPANY DATA AND BELL POTTER SECURITIES ESTIMATES

NIC ended the quarter with cash and equivalents of US\$986.9m (from US\$145.3m qoq). This followed the issue of US\$800m 5-year bullet senior unsecured notes at a coupon of 9%. Post quarter-end, NIC repaid US\$400m of senior unsecured notes and US\$150m of



amortising bank loans. The refinancing extended NIC's debt maturities, reduced interest costs and removes US\$88m in annual note amortisation and US\$31m in annual loan amortisation, providing increased balance sheet flexibility.

Changes to our forecasts

Beyond updating for the September quarter 2025 production and cost report, we make the following changes to our modelled assumptions:

- Update for NIC's latest debt repayment and amortisation schedule;
- Lower our December quarter production forecast for the HM and increase our cost forecast, reflecting potential standby costs and higher unit costs reported by NIC for the end of the September quarter;
- Lower our attributable HPAL nickel production forecast, reflecting the deferral during the quarter of ENC acquisition payments to 2HCY26;
- Update for our latest nickel price forecasts, which include cuts of 11% and 17% to our CY25 and CY26 prices; and
- Update for NIC's latest net cash position and capital structure and roll our model forward.

The net impacts of these changes are summarised in the table below:

Table 2 - Changes to our CY forecasts									
	Previous			New			Change		
Year end 31 December	Dec-25	Dec-26	Dec-27	Dec-25	Dec-26	Dec-27	Dec-25	Dec-26	Dec-27
Prices & currency				, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,	·				
Nickel price (US\$/t)	17,166	20,282	20,944	15,297	16,755	20,393	-11%	-17%	-3%
US\$/A\$	0.63	0.65	0.69	0.65	0.67	0.69	3%	3%	0%
Production & costs									
Ore mined (t)	12.563	14.300	15.200	10.957	13.200	15.200	-13%	-8%	0%
RKEF NPI production (t)	108,920	111,028	112,628	108,543	111,028	112,628	0%	0%	0%
Contained nickel (t)	10,738	11,572	12,105	10,358	11,572	12,105	-4%	0%	0%
Contained nickel (t, attributable)	8,235	46,870	51,600	8,380	35,991	51,600	2%	-23%	0%
Cash costs (US\$/t Ni)	7,874	8,328	8,536	7,754	8,328	8,536	-2%	0%	0%
Earnings & valuation									
Revenue (consolidated, US\$m)	1,772	3,416	3,838	1,615	2,519	3,742	-9%	-26%	-2%
EBITDA (consolidated, US\$m)	411	1,070	1,192	289	438	1,102	-30%	-59%	-8%
EBITDA (attributable, US\$m)	328	771	820	191	319	756	-42%	-59%	-8%
NPAT (consolidated, US\$m)	127	737	880	39	129	754	-69%	-82%	-14%
NPAT (attributable, US\$m)	89	494	570	28	56	471	-69%	-89%	-17%
EPS (reported) (Acps)	3.3	17.7	19.3	1.0	2.0	15.9	-70%	-89%	-17%
PER (x)	16.6	4.3	4.1	71.8	36.7	4.5	55.2	32.4	0.4
EPS growth (%)	nm	437%	9%	nm	95%	712%	nm	-342%	704%
DPS (Acps)	-	8.0	10.0	=	-	8.0	na	-100%	-20%
Yield	5.3%	13.2%	13.2%	0.0%	0.0%	11.1%	-5%	-13%	-2%
NPV (A\$/sh)	1.23	1.36	1.44	1.06	1.21	1.27	-14%	-11%	-11%
Price Target (A\$/sh)		1.35			1.20			-11%	

SOURCE: COMPANY DATA AND BELL POTTER SECURITIES ESTIMATES

EPS changes in this report are: CY25: -70%; CY26: -89%; CY27: -17%. These are driven primarily by the cuts to our nickel price forecasts, with the reduced HM mine production and deferral of ENC ownership increase also contributing. Our valuation is supported by the long-life nature of the assets and ENC's production ramp-up in CY26. Our NPV-based valuation is lowered 11%, to a rounded \$1.20/sh. We retain our Buy recommendation.

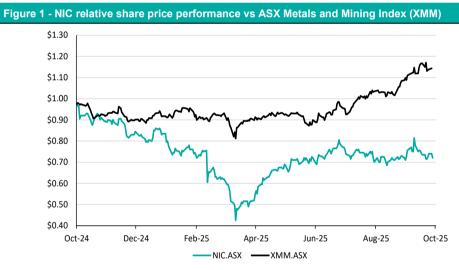
Upcoming catalysts

Upcoming catalysts for NIC include:

- Construction updates for the ENC HPAL plant, which is progressing towards commissioning in early CY26;
- Confirmation of receipt of increased ore sales permit (RKAB) required for the Hengjaya Mine to continue its ramp-up of the through CY25;
- Release of NIC's December 2025 quarter production and cost report, expected in late January 2026;
- Update on qualification of potential sales of nickel cathode from the ENC HPAL project to third party customers, diversifying NIC's customer base;
- Payment of the final scheduled investment instalments for the ENC HPAL project of: US\$126.5m in each of July and October 2026, to lift NIC's interest from 44% to 55%; and
- Exploration and development updates on the Sampala and Siduarsi Nickel-Cobalt laterite ore projects.

NIC vs the ASX Metals and Mining Index

Relative performance chart below:



SOURCE: IRESS

Nickel Industries Limited (NIC)

Company description: Fully integrated NPI producer

Nickel Industries Limited (NIC) was formed in 2007 and listed on the ASX in 2018 as Nickel Mines Ltd. Its operations are focused in Indonesia, where it holds an 80% interest four Rotary Kiln Electric Furnace (RKEF) NPI production lines (the two Hengjaya lines and the two Ranger lines), an 80% interest in the Oracle Nickel Project, comprising four new generation RKEF NPI production lines, a 10% interest in the Huayue Nickel Cobalt (HNC) HPAL project and a 55% interest in the Excelsior Nickel Cobalt (ENC) HPAL project which is under construction. All these projects are within the Indonesia Morowali Industrial Park (IMIP), a fully integrated stainless steel production facility in Central Sulawesi, Indonesia and in partnership with Shanghai Decent Investments (SDI) a subsidiary of Tsingshan Group, the world's largest stainless steel producer.

NIC also holds an 80% interest in the Angel Nickel Project, comprising four new generation RKEF NPI production lines currently in production within the Indonesia Weda Bay Industrial Park (IWIP) on Halmahera Island in Indonesia.

NIC also holds an 80% interest in Hengjaya Mine ('HM'), a high-grade, long-life nickel laterite deposit, in close proximity to the IMIP. The HM produces Direct Shipping Ore (DSO), the bulk of which is sold into the IMIP facility.

Investment thesis – Buy, TP\$1.20/sh (from Buy, TP\$1.35/sh)

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Valuation: \$1.20/sh

Our 12-month forward NIC valuation incorporates DCF models of its attributable interests in the Hengjaya laterite nickel ore mine (HM), its 80% interests in the Hengjaya Nickel RKEF lines, the Ranger Nickel RKEF lines, Angel Nickel RKEF lines and Oracle Nickel RKEF lines.

We also include an NPV-based valuation for NIC's 10% interest in in the HNC HPAL plant and a risk-adjusted NPV-based valuation for the ENC HPAL plant, which is currently under construction and in which NIC will hold a 55% interest.

We also include a notional value for other exploration and development projects, an estimate of corporate overhead costs and NIC's last reported net cash position. Our valuation is calculated on a fully diluted basis.

Resource sector risks

Key risks to our investment case include (but are not limited to):

- Funding and capital management risks: Funding and capital management risks can include access to debt and equity finance, maintaining covenants on debt finance, managing dividend payments and managing debt repayments. Exploration and development companies with no sales revenues are reliant on access to equity markets and debt financing to fund the advancement and development of their projects.
- Operating and development risks: Mining companies' assets are subject to risks
 associated with their operation and development. Risks for each company can be
 heightened depending on method of operation (e.g. underground versus open pit
 mining) or whether it is a single mine company. Development of mining assets may be
 subject to receiving permits, approvals timelines or weather events, causing delays to
 commissioning and commercial production.
- Pandemic risks: Mining companies rely on freedom of movement of workforces, functioning transport routes, reliable logistics services including road, rail, aviation and ports in order to maintain operations and get their products to market. They also rely on liquid, functioning markets to sell their products. Measures that could be put in place to combat a pandemic could pose risks to these conditions.
- Operating and capital cost fluctuations: The cost and availability of exploration, development and mining inputs can fluctuate widely and cause significant differences between planned and actual operating and capital costs. Key operating costs are linked to energy and labour costs as well as access to, and availability of, technical skills, operating equipment and consumables.
- Commodity price and exchange rate fluctuations: The future earnings and valuations of exploration, development and producing Resources companies are subject to fluctuations in underlying commodity prices and foreign currency exchange rates.
- Resource growth and mine life extensions: The viability of future operations and the
 earnings forecasts and valuations reliant upon them may depend upon resource and
 reserve growth to extend mine lives, which is in turn dependent upon exploration
 success, of which there are no guarantees.
- Regulatory changes risks: Changes to the regulation of infrastructure and taxation (among other things) can impact the earnings and valuation of mining companies. NIC's assets are located in Sulawesi, Indonesia, which has in the past implemented regulatory changes related to mining project ownership, fiscal terms and mineral export requirements.
- **Geopolitical risks:** Mining companies' assets are subject to geopolitical risks, arising from events in, and outside, the jurisdictions they operate in.
- Sovereign risks: Mining companies' assets are subject to the sovereign risks of the
 jurisdiction within which they are operating. NIC's assets are in Indonesia, a G20
 country with one of the largest economies in SE Asia. Its sovereign debt is rated
 investment grade by the major ratings agencies.
- Corporate/M&A risks: Risks associated with M&A activity including differences
 between the entity's and the market's perception of value associated with completed
 transactions. NIC is the junior partner co-investing in production assets with a large,
 privately owned Chinese company. The strength and cohesiveness of this relationship
 over the long term has the potential to both add and reduce value to the partnership. A
 mitigating factor in this respect has been the +20% holding in NIC equity.

Nickel Industries Ltd as at 28 October 2025

RecommendationBuyPrice\$0.72Target (12 months)\$1.20

Table 3 - Financial sur	nmary												
PROFIT AND LOSS							FINANCIAL RATIOS						
Year ending 31 Dec.	Unit	2023a	2024a	2025e	2026e	2027e	Year ending 31 Dec.	Unit	2023a	2024a	2025e	2026e	2027e
Revenue	US\$m	1,880.1	1,744.5	1,614.8	2,518.6	3,742.4	VALUATION	LIO¢	404.0	(400.0)	07.0	50.0	474.0
Expense EBITDA	US\$m US\$m	(1,476.8) 403.3	(1,447.6) 296.8	(1,325.5) 289.3	(2,080.6) 438.0	(2,640.0) 1,102.4	Attributable NPAT Attributable NPAT	US\$m A\$m	121.6 183.0	(168.6) (255.6)	27.8 43.0	56.3 84.1	471.3 683.0
Depreciation	US\$m	(111.7)	(128.0)	(120.9)	(171.3)	(187.6)	Reported EPS	USc/sh	3.6	(255.6)	0.6	1.3	11.0
EBIT	US\$m	291.7	168.8	168.3	266.7	914.8	Reported EPS	Ac/sh	5.4	(6.0)	1.0	2.0	15.9
Net interest expense	US\$m	(55.6)	(78.5)	(88.7)	(99.8)	(92.5)	Adjusted EPS	Ac/sh	5.4	2.4	1.0	2.0	15.9
Unrealised gains (Impairments)	US\$m	-	(236.6)	-	-	-	EPS growth	%	-37%	-211%	nm	95%	712%
Other	US\$m	(32.8)	(27.2)	(19.3)	(11.3)	(32.2)	PER ¹	х	13.4x	nm	71.8x	36.7x	4.5x
РВТ	US\$m	203.3	(173.5)	60.3	155.6	790.1	DPS	Ac/sh	4.5	4.0	-	-	8.0
Tax expense	US\$m	(27.1)	(16.3)	(21.0)	(26.5)	(36.0)	Franking	%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Consolidated profit (loss) for the year	US\$m	176.2	(189.8)	39.2	129.1	754.1	Yield	%	6.3%	5.6%	0.0%	0.0%	11.1%
Non-Controlling Interest	US\$m	54.6	(21.2)	11.5	72.8	282.8	FCF/share	Ac/sh	(40.8)	(0.3)	5.0	0.4	28.7
Attributable NPAT (reported)	US\$m	121.6	(168.6)	27.8	56.3	471.3	FCF yield	%	-57%	0%	7%	1%	40%
NPAT (attributable, underlying)	US\$m	121.6	68.0	27.8	56.3	471.3	P/FCFPS EV/EBITDA	X X	-1.8x 7.3x	-271.0x 9.9x	14.5x 10.1x	193.3x 6.7x	2.5x 2.7x
CASH FLOW							EBITDA margin	%	21%	17%	18%	17%	29%
Year ending 31 Dec.	Unit	2023a	2024a	2025e	2026e	2027e	EBIT margin	%	16%	10%	10%	11%	24%
OPERATING CASHFLOW							Return on assets	%	5%	-5%	1%	3%	16%
Receipts	US\$m	1,763.1	1,805.7	1,718.2	2,383.0	3,558.9	Return on equity	%	9%	-8%	2%	6%	33%
Payments	US\$m	(1,485.2)	(1,481.8)	(1,405.2)	(1,929.6)	(2,528.1)	LIQUIDITY & LEVERAGE						
Tax	US\$m	(56.4)	(55.3)	(29.7)	(32.4)	(58.7)	Net debt (cash)	\$m	66	832	923	913	301
Net interest	US\$m	11.7	14.2	(88.7)	(99.8)	(92.5)	ND / E	%	3%	39%	44%	42%	13%
Other	US\$m	(3.5)	(1.5)	404.0	-		ND / (ND + E)	%	3%	28%	31%	30%	11%
Operating cash flow INVESTING CASHFLOW	US\$m	229.8	281.4	194.6	321.3	879.5	Attr. EBITDA / Interest	X	6.2x	3.5x	2.2x	3.2x	8.2x
Property, plant and equipment	US\$m	(19.1)	(54.2)	(57.4)	(310.6)	(30.9)	ATTRIBUTABLE DATA - NICKEL MIN	NES LTD					
Mine development	US\$m	(179.9)	(3.7)		-	-	Year ending 31 Dec.	Unit	2023a	2024a	2025e	2026e	2027e
Exploration & evaluation	US\$m	(24.9)	(18.4)	-	-	-	Revenues	US\$m	1,661.0	1,580.1	1,529.7	2,161.2	2,922.9
Other Investing cash flow	US\$m US\$m	(929.2) (1,153.1)	(212.6) (288.9)	(57.4)	(310.6)	(30.9)	EBITDA NPAT	US\$m US\$m	342.5 121.6	275.5 (168.6)	191.1 27.8	318.9 56.3	756.4 471.3
Free Cash Flow	US\$m	(923.3)	(288.9) (7.5)	137.2	10.7	(30.9) 848.6	Net distributable cash flow	US\$m	121.6	(64.4)	216.2	(81.3)	471.3
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FINANCING CASHFLOW	1:00						PER P/FOF	x	13.4	nm	71.8	36.7	4.5
Share issues/(buy-backs)	US\$m US\$m	828.9 580.5	454.8	800.0	-	-	P/FCF	Х	nm	nm	nm	nm	4.7
Debt proceeds Debt repayments	US\$m	(315.5)	(252.7)	(605.0)	(101.0)	(101.0)	ORE RESERVE AND MINERAL RES	OURCE					
Distributions to non-controlling interests	US\$m	(38.9)	(31.4)	-	-	-	Hengjaya Nickel Mine (HM)				Mdmt	% Ni	t Ni
Dividends	US\$m	(85.6)	(142.7)	(42.0)	-	(236.8)	Mineral Resources						
Other	US\$m	91.6	(91.9)	(50.0)	-	-	Measured				20.000	1.30%	260,000
Financing cash flow	US\$m	1,061.2	(64.0)	103.0	(101.0)	(337.8)	Indicated				109.000	1.30%	1,417,000
Change in cash	US\$m	137.8	(71.5)	240.3	(90.3)	510.8	Inferred Total				56.000 185.000	1.30% 1.30%	728,000 2,405,000
BALANCE SHEET							Total				100.000	1.0076	2,400,000
Year ending 31 Dec.	Unit	2023a	2024a	2025e	2026e	2027e	ASSUMPTIONS - Prices						
ASSETS							Year ending 31 Dec. (avg)	Unit	2023a	2024a	2025e	2026e	2027e
Cash & short term investments	US\$m	778.8	222.5	462.7	372.4	883.2							
Accounts receivable	US\$m	429.9	395.1	291.7	427.3	610.9	Nickel	US\$/lb	\$9.75	\$7.40	\$6.94	\$7.60	\$9.25
Property, plant & equipment	US\$m	1,836.8	1,572.7	1,509.1	1,648.4	1,491.7	Nickel	US\$/t	\$21,494	\$16,321	\$15,297	\$16,755	\$20,393
Mine development expenditure	US\$m	-	-	194.0	194.0	194.0	Currency						
Exploration & evaluation	US\$m	24.9	56.2	56.2	56.2	56.2	AUD:USD		0.66	0.66	0.65	0.67	0.69
Other	US\$m	1,001.0	1,649.8	1,649.8	1,649.8	1,649.8	ASSUMPTIONS - Production & costs						
Total assets LIABILITIES	US\$m	4,071.3	3,896.2	4,163.6	4,348.1	4,885.8	Year ending 31 Dec.	Unit	2023a	2024a	2025e	2026e	2027e
Accounts payable	US\$m	192.8	194.8	265.1	416.1	528.0	Hengjaya Mine	Unit	2023a	2024a	2025e	2026e	20276
Income tax payable	US\$m	26.1	21.6	21.0	26.5	36.0	Ore mined	Mwmt	5.756	9.377	10.957	13.200	15.200
Borrowings	US\$m	845.0	1,054.6	1,249.6	1,148.6	1,047.6	Ore grade	% Ni	1.6%	1.7%	1.8%	1.8%	1.8%
Other	US\$m	100.8	77.1	82.4	82.4	82.4	Nickel in ore	t Ni	52,238	99,060	88,121	129,600	129,600
Total liabilities	US\$m	1,164.7	1,348.0	1,618.1	1,673.5	1,693.9	Nickel in ore (attributable)	t Ni	41,790	79,248	70,497	103,680	103,680
SHAREHOLDER'S EQUITY							RKEF + HPAL ops						
Share capital	US\$m	2,032.9	2,035.2	2,035.2	2,035.2	2,035.2	NPI production	t	970,209			1,060,000	1,064,000
Reserves	US\$m	19.1	19.1	19.1	19.1	19.1	NPI nickel (attributable)	t Ni	104,240	110,151	108,543	111,028	112,628
Retained earnings	US\$m	373.1	61.7	47.5	103.9	338.4	HPAL nickel (attributable)	t Ni	3,233	8,341	8,380	35,991	51,600
Total equity to NIC holders	US\$m	2,425.1	2,116.0	2,101.8	2,158.1	2,392.6	Costs	l l					
Non-controlling interest	US\$m	481.6	432.2	443.7	516.5	799.3	RKEF costs	US\$/t Ni	\$11,503	\$10,248	\$10,358	\$11,572	\$12,105
Total equity	US\$m	2,906.6	2,548.2	2,545.5	2,674.6	3,191.9	HPAL costs	US\$/t Ni	\$10,424	\$9,025	\$7,754	\$8,328	\$8,536
Weighted average shares	m	3,407.1	4,286.9	4,289.8	4,289.8	4,289.8	VALUATION						
CAPITAL STRUCTURE							Ordinary shares (m)						4,340.9
ON THE OTROCTORE							Options in the money (m)						4,340.9 9.2
Shares on issue	m					4,340.9	Total shares diluted (m)						4,350.2
Other	m					0.0	Valuation	Curi	rent	+12 m	onths	+24 mc	
Total shares on issue	m					4,340.9	Sum-of-the-parts	A\$m	A\$/sh	A\$m	A\$/sh	A\$m	A\$/sh
Share price	A\$/sh					0.720	IMIP RKEF (NPV12)	469.6	0.11	539.0	0.12	629.3	0.14
Market capitalisation	A\$m					3,125.5	ANI RKEF (NPV12)	1,039.0	0.24	1,111.4	0.26	1,209.2	0.28
Net cash	A\$m					-1,346.7	ONI RKEF (NPV12)	1,044.4	0.24	1,112.6	0.26	1,196.7	0.28
Enterprise value (undiluted)	A\$m					4,472.1	Hengjaya Mine (NPV12)	660.7	0.15	695.2	0.16	709.5	0.16
Options outstanding (m)	m	(wtd avg ex.	price \$0.00 p	er share)		9.2	HNC HPAL (NPV12)	702.4	0.16	724.2	0.17	747.2	0.17
Options (in the money)	m					9.2	ENC HPAL (NPV12)	2,601.6	0.60	2,601.6	0.60	2,601.6	0.60
Issued shares (diluted for options)	m					4,350.2	Other exploration	410.0	0.09	410.0	0.09	410.0	0.09
Market capitalisation (diluted)	A\$m					3,132.1	Corporate overheads	(991.0)	(0.23)	(1,085.2)	(0.25)	(1,182.8)	(0.27)
Net cash + options	A\$m					-1,346.7	Subtotal (EV)	5,936.7	1.37	6,108.8	1.41	6,320.7	1.46
Enterprise value (diluted)	A\$m					4,478.8	Net cash (debt) Total (undiluted)	(1,346.7)	(0.31)	(832.1) 5 276 7	(0.19)	(776.1) 5 544 6	(0.18)
MAJOR SHAREHOLDERS							Dilutive effect of options	4,590.0	(0.00)	5,276.7	(0.00)	5,544.6	(0.00)
Shareholder					%	m	Add cash from options	_	(0.00)	_	(0.00)	_	(0.00)
Shanghai Decent (SDI)					21.7%	942.5	Total (diluted)	4,590.0	1.06	5,276.7	1.21	5,544.6	1.27
PT United Tractors (conditional placement	nt)				19.7%	857.0		.,.,.,		.,		.,	
L1 Capital					6.8%	294.5							
BlackRock Investment Management					5.0%	217.1							
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