

Wheaton Precious Metals

Q119 results

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Metals & mining

Once again, Wheaton's Q119 results were closely in line with our prior expectations, with the exception of a large oversale of gold relative to production, which broadly offset a large under-sale of silver to result in net earnings that were within 3.5% of our prior forecast for the quarter. Consistent with its policy, Wheaton Precious Metals (WPM) declared a dividend of US\$0.09/share for the quarter to bring the total for the year to date to US\$0.18/share. In recognition of a lower precious metal price environment in Q219 than previously expected plus production disruptions owing to illegal industrial action at Penasquito, we have revised our EPS forecasts for FY19 downwards by a very modest 5.6%, but continue to remain optimistic for the medium to longer term.

Year end	Revenue (US\$m)	PBT* (US\$m)	EPS* (c)	DPS (c)	P/E (x)	Yield (%)
12/17	843.2	277.4	63	33	32.2	1.6
12/18	794.0	203.1	48	36	42.3	1.8
12/19e	845.7	221.2	50	36	40.9	1.8
12/20e	1,140.3	521.8	117	48	17.3	2.4

Note: *PBT and EPS are normalised, excluding amortisation of acquired intangibles, exceptional items and share-based payments.

Rosemont first production before end of FY22

Further to receiving its Section 404 Water Permit from the US Army Corps of Engineers and its Mine Plan of Operations from the US Forest Service in March, Hudbay has indicated that it expects to seek board approval to commence construction work at its Rosemont project by the end of the year, which "should enable first production by the end of 2022". In the meantime, it has commenced an early works programme to run concurrently with financing activities (including a potential joint venture partner) during the remainder of the year. The proposed mine is located near a number of large porphyry-type producing copper mines and is expected to be one of the largest copper mines in the US, with output of c 112,000t copper in concentrate per year. Total by-product production of silver and gold attributable to WPM will be c 2.7Moz Ag pa and c 16,100oz Au pa and we estimate it will contribute an average c US\$0.11 per share to WPM's basic EPS in its first nine years of operations from FY22-30 for an upfront payment of US\$230m (equivalent to US\$0.52/share)

Valuation: C\$45.03 in FY20

Assuming no material purchases of additional streams (which we think unlikely), we now forecast a value per share for WPM of US\$33.41, or C\$45.03 in FY20 at (unchanged) average precious metals prices of US\$25.95/oz Ag and US\$1,482/oz Au (vs US\$33.97, or C\$45.18, previously). This valuation excludes the value of 20.9m shares in First Majestic held by WPM, with an immediate value of C\$165.9m, or US\$0.28 per WPM share. In the meantime, WPM's shares are trading on near-term financial ratios that are cheaper than those of its royalty/streaming 'peers' in at least 91% of financial measures considered in Exhibit 7, and the averages of the miners themselves in at least 41% of the same measures, despite being associated with materially less operating and cost risk.

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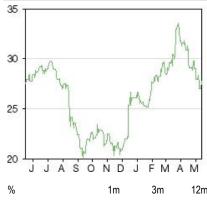
Price C\$27.37 Market cap C\$12,185m

C\$1.3478/US\$

Net debt (US\$m) at 31 March 2019 1,057.7 Shares in issue 445.2m Free float 100.0% Code WPM TSX

Primary exchange NYSE Secondary exchange

Share price performance



%	1m	3m	12m
Abs	(10.0)	0.3	(8.0)
Rel (local)	(8.4)	(3.2)	(2.1)
52-week high/low	(C\$33.69	C\$20.15

Business description

Wheaton Precious Metals is the world's preeminent ostensibly precious metals streaming company, with c 30 high-quality precious metals streaming and early deposit agreements relating to assets in Mexico, Peru, Canada, Brazil, Chile, Argentina, Sweden, Greece, Portugal and the US.

Next events

Q219 dividend record date	24 May 2019
Q219 dividend payment	About 6 June 2019
Q219 results	8 August 2019
Q319 results	14 November 2019

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Investment summary

Wheaton's results in Q119 were closely aligned with our prior expectations (see Exhibit 1), with the exception of the fact that a large oversale of gold relative to production (resulting from a drawdown in inventory – see 'Ounces produced but not yet delivered – aka inventory' on page 3) broadly offset a large under-sale of silver, resulting in a US\$5.4m positive variance in revenues during the quarter relative to our expectations. This was then augmented by a US\$2.2m positive variance in depletion, but offset by a US\$7.3m negative variance in general and administrative expenses (albeit including stock-based compensation, which Edison declines to attempt to forecast) to result in net earnings that were within 3.5% of our prior forecast for the quarter. A full analysis of WPM's Q1 results relative to our prior forecasts is provided in the table below:

US\$000s (unless otherwise stated)	Q118	Q218	Q318	Q418	Q418 (underlying)	Q119e	Q119a	***Change (%)	****Variance (%)	****Variance (units)
Silver production (koz)	7,428	6.091	5,701	5,499	5,499	5,807	5,614	2.1	-3.3	-193
Gold production (oz)	79,657	85,292	101,552	107,567	107,567	93,011	93,585	-13.0	0.6	574
Palladium production (koz)	0	05,232	8,817	5,869	5,869	5,500	4,729	-19.4	-14.0	-771
Silver sales (koz)	6,343	5,972	5,018	4,400	4,400	5,807	4,294	-2.4	-26.1	-1,513
Gold sales (oz)	69,973	87,140	89,242	102,813	102,813	92,975	115,020	11.9	23.7	22,045
Palladium sales (koz)	09,973	07,140	3,668	5,049	5,049	5,478	5,189	2.8	-5.3	-289
Avg realised Ag price (US\$/oz)	16.73	16.52	14.80	14.66	14.66	15.59	15.64	6.7	0.3	0.05
Avg realised Au price (US\$/oz)	1,330	1,305	1,210	1,229	1,229	1,304	1,308	6.4	0.3	4.00
Avg realised Pd price (US\$/oz)	N/A	N/A	955	1,137	1,137	1,441	1,443	26.9	0.1	2.00
Avg Ag cash cost (US\$/oz)	4.49	4.54	5.04	4.66	4.66	4.76	4.64	-0.4	-2.5	-0.12
Avg Au cash cost (US\$/oz)	399	407	418	409	409	420	417	2.0	-0.7	-3
Avg Pd cash cost (US\$/oz)	N/A	N/A	169	205	205	259	254	23.9	-1.9	-5
Sales	199,252	212,400	185,769	196,591	196,591	219,665	225,049	14.5	2.5	5,384
Cost of sales										
Cost of sales, excluding depletion	56,414	62,580	63,202	63,598	63,598	68,141	69,214	8.8	1.6	1,073
Depletion	57,265	62,494	64,684	67,844	67,844	70,615	68,381	0.8	-3.2	-2,234
Total cost of sales	113,679	125,074	127,886	131,442	131,442	138,756	137,595	4.7	-0.8	-1,161
Earnings from operations	85,573	87,326	57,883	65,149	65,149	80,909	87,454	34.2	8.1	6,545
Expenses and other income										
- General and administrative**	9,757	11,972	8,779	21,142	16,597	9,250	16,535	-0.4	78.8	7,285
- Foreign exchange (gain)/loss	(170)	26	0	144	144	0	0	-100.0	N/A	0
- Net interest paid/(received)	5,591	5,659	12,877	17,060	12,743	12,009	13,946	9.4	16.1	1,937
- Other (income)/expense	2,757	466	1,301	1,302	581	0	(266)	-145.8	N/A	-266
Total expenses and other income	17,935	18,123	22,957	39,648	30,065	21,259	30,215	0.5	42.1	8,956
Earnings before income taxes	67,638	69,203	34,926	25,501	35,084	59,651	57,239	63.1	-4.0	-2,412
Income tax expense/(recovery)	(485)	(3,224)	905	18,672	(1,662)	250	(110)	-106.6	-56.0	-140
Marginal tax rate (%)	(0.7)	(4.7)	2.6	73.2	(4.7)	0.4	(0.2)	-95.7	-150.0	-0.6
Net earnings	68,123	72,427	34,021	6,828	36,745	59,401	57,349	56.1	-3.5	-2,052
Avg no. shares in issue (000s)	442,728	443,191	443,634	444,057	444,057	444,057	444,389	0.1	0.1	332
Basic EPS (US\$)	0.15	0.16	0.08	0.02	0.08	0.13	0.13	62.5	0.0	0.0
Diluted EPS (US\$)	0.15	0.16	0.08	0.02	0.08	0.13	0.13	62.5	0.0	0.0
DPS (US\$)	0.09	0.09	0.09	0.09	0.09	0.09	0.09	0.0	0.0	0.0

Source: Wheaton Precious Metals, Edison Investment Research. Note: *As reported by WPM, excluding exceptional items. **Quarterly forecasts exclude stock-based compensation costs. ***Q119a vs Q418 (underlying). ****Q119a vs Q119e.

The 22.9% oversale of gold relative to production was largely the consequence of a significant drawdown of ounces produced but not yet delivered at Salobo in particular and resulted in a record level of gold sales during the quarter and gold sales accounting for 66.8% of WPM's total sales (almost exactly the reverse of the situation as recently as Q415 when silver sales were dominant).

From an operational perspective, the star performer within WPM's portfolio of streams was once again Salobo, at which production (although lower than the previous quarter) continued at high



levels, despite a lower throughput and grade, which was offset by higher recoveries. WPM's other assets performed broadly in line with our expectations, with the exception of Penasquito, Constancia and Stillwater. Penasquito continued to be affected by the higher than expected ore hardness that has compromised mill performance since Q318, albeit this has now become the focus of management efforts to remedy. Nevertheless, the newly commissioned Pyrite Leach Project was operated successfully throughout the quarter. In the meantime, production was lower than our expectations at Constancia, owing to delays in mining the Pampacancha satellite deposit (in lieu of which WPM is entitled to receive an additional 2,005oz gold per quarter during FY19 and FY20 relative to its precious metals purchase agreement). Over the remainder the year, Sibanye-Stillwater has also indicated that it will commit additional resources to recover its lower Q1 production. By contrast, silver and gold grades at San Dimas were reported to be 10% and 8% higher compared to the prior quarter, owing to higher in-situ grades in the Victoria and Jessica areas of the mine, together with improvements in mine dilution controls.

Ounces produced but not yet delivered - aka inventory

Sales of gold and silver diverged further in Q119 relative to production. Whereas sales of gold increased to 122.9% of production during the three-month period (relative to a prior long-term average of 91.2% of production), silver sales fell further, to 76.5% of production (cf a prior long-term average of 89.3%),

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Exhibit 2: Over/(under) sale of silver and gold as a % of production, Q112-Q119

Source: Edison Investment Research, Wheaton Precious Metals

As at 31 March, payable ounces attributable to WPM produced but not yet delivered amounted to 3.5Moz silver and 51,515oz gold (vs 3.2Moz silver and 77,074oz gold in December, 3.0Moz silver and 77,588oz gold in September, 3.4Moz silver and 70,259oz gold in June, and 4.1Moz silver and 75,153oz gold in March 2018). This 'inventory' equates to 1.92 months and 1.66 months of forecast FY19 silver and gold production, respectively (vs 1.59 months and 2.49 months of FY18 production in Q418), and compares with WPM's target level of two months of annualised production for silver, and two to three months of annualised gold and palladium production.



Exhibit 3: WPM ounces produced but not yet delivered, Q316-Q119 (months of production)



Source: Edison Investment Research, Wheaton Precious Metals

Note that, for these purposes, the use of the term 'inventory' reflects ounces produced by WPM's operating counterparties at the mines over which it has streaming agreements, but which have not yet been delivered to WPM. It in no way reflects the other use of the term in the mining industry itself, where it typically refers to metal in circuit (among other things) and may therefore be considered to be a consequence of metallurgical recoveries in the plant.

Medium-term outlook

WPM has maintained its production guidance for FY19 of 365,000 ounces of gold, 24.5 million ounces of silver, 22,000 ounces of palladium and 690,000 ounces of gold equivalent production. For the five-year period ending in FY23, the company estimates that average annual gold equivalent production will amount to 750,000 ounces per year. This aligns closely with both our current and prior expectations with the exception of the fact that we are also anticipating a production contribution from Rosemont (see below) from FY22 and a production contribution from Salobo III in FY23.

Exhibit 4: WPM precio	Exhibit 4: WPM precious metals production – Edison forecasts vs guidance								
	FY19e	FY20e	FY21e	FY22e*	FY23e*				
Previous Edison forecast									
Silver production (Moz)	23.2	23.0	21.3	23.0	21.1				
Gold production (koz)	373	347	325	344	356				
Cobalt production (klbs)	0	0	2,100	2,100	2,100				
Palladium production (koz)	22	27	27	27	30				
Gold equivalent (koz)	680	770	755	812	793				
Current Edison forecast									
Silver production (Moz)	22.1	23.0	21.3	23.0	21.1				
Gold production (koz)	372	347	325	344	356				
Cobalt production (klbs)	0	0	2,100	2,100	2,100				
Palladium production (koz)	21	27	27	27	30				
Gold equivalent (koz)	655	770	754	812	793				
Company guidance									
Silver production (Moz)	24.5								
Gold production (koz)	365								
Cobalt production (klbs)	0								
Palladium production (koz)	22								
Gold equivalent (koz)	690	750	750	750	750				
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Source: Company guidance, Edison Investment Research forecasts. Note: *Edison forecast includes a contribution from Rosemont in these years and a contribution from Salobo III in FY23e.

In the medium term, silver output from Penasquito attributable to WPM is expected to recover back to its steady-state level of 7Moz as the Chile Colorado pit contributes to mill feed and grades improve once again at the main Penasco pit with mine sequencing. It will also benefit from the



development of the Pyrite Leach Project, which will add an additional 1.0–1.5Moz of silver attributable to WPM per year by recovering 48% of the silver that previously reported to tailings. In the short term however, we expect it to continue to be affected by harder than anticipated ore for at least one more quarter. In addition, on 29 April, Newmont Goldcorp announced that it is to temporarily suspend operations at Penasquito, pending resolution of an illegal blockade, which we forecast will affect production there for a one-month period during the second quarter. At the same time, mining at Constancia will not start at the Pampacancha pit (which hosts significantly higher gold grades than those mined hitherto and of which WPM will now be entitled to an increased portion) until FY20. The company also expects palladium and gold production at Stillwater to increase as the Blitz project ramps up to full capacity in FY21.

Longer-term outlook

Salobo

On 24 October, Vale announced the approval of the Salobo III brownfields mine expansion, intended to increase processing capacity at Salobo from 24Mtpa to 36Mtpa, with start-up scheduled for H122 and an estimated ramp-up time of 15 months. According to its agreement with Vale, , depending on the grade of the material processed, WPM will be required to make a payment to Vale in respect of this expansion, which WPM estimates will be in the range US\$550–650m in FY23, in return for which it will be entitled to its full 75% attributable share of gold production. Note: this compares to its purchase of a 25% stream in August 2017 for an estimated consideration of US\$820.8m (including renegotiated warrants and cost inflation terms) and the US\$900m it paid in March 2015 (when the gold price averaged US\$1,179/oz) for another 25% gold stream from Salobo (see our note, Silver Wheaton: Going for gold, published on 30 August 2016).

Potential future growth

WPM is ostensibly a precious metals streaming company (plus one cobalt stream). Considering only the silver component of its investible universe, WPM estimates the size of the potential market open to it to be the lower half of the cost curve of the 70% of global silver production of c 870Moz in FY17 that is produced as a by-product of either gold or base metal mines (ie approximately 305Moz pa silver vs WPM's production of 28.5Moz Ag in FY17). Inevitably, WPM's investible universe may be further refined by the requirement for the operations to be located in good mining jurisdictions, with relatively low political risk. Nevertheless, such figures serve to illustrate the fact that WPM's marketplace is far from saturated or mature.

As a consequence, WPM reports that it is busy on the corporate development front. It has the potential for up to six deals with a value in the range US\$100–300m, thus fully financeable via the c US\$0.94bn available to WPM in cash and under its US\$2bn revolving credit facility as at end-Q119.

While it is difficult, or impossible, to predict potential future stream acquisition targets with any degree of certainty, it is perhaps possible to highlight two that may be of interest to WPM in due course for which it already has strong, existing counterparty relationships:

- the platinum group metal (PGM) by-product stream at Sudbury; and
- the 50% of the gold output at Constancia that is currently not subject to any streaming arrangement.

One further, major project rapidly moving closer to development is the Rosemont copper project in Arizona, after its operator, Hudbay, announced that it had received both a Section 404 Water Permit from the US Army Corps of Engineers and its Mine Plan of Operations (MPO) from the US Forest Service. The Section 404 permit regulates the discharge of fill material into waterways according to



the Clean Water Act and is effectively the final material administrative step before the mine can be developed. Hudbay has since indicated that it expects to seek board approval to commence construction work by the end of the year, which "should enable first production by the end of 2022". In the meantime, it has commenced an early works programme to run concurrently with financing activities (including a potential joint venture partner) during the remainder of the year. The proposed mine is located near a number of large porphyry-type producing copper mines and is expected to be one of the largest copper mines in the US, with output of c 112,000t copper in concentrate per year and accounting for c 10% of total US copper production. Total by-product production of silver and gold attributable to WPM will be c 2.7Moz Ag pa and c 16,100oz Au pa and we estimate it will contribute an average c US\$0.11 per share to WPM's basic EPS in its first nine years of operations from FY22–30 for an upfront payment of US\$230m (equivalent to US\$0.52/share) in two instalments (vs three previously) of US\$50m and US\$180m. Note that, for the purposes of our financial modelling, we have assumed that these instalments will be paid from WPM to Hudbay in FY20 and FY21, respectively, although they could fall in FY19 and FY20.

Other matters

General and administrative expenses

WPM has forecast non-stock general and administrative expenses for FY19 in the range US\$36–38m, or US\$9.0–9.5m per quarter (vs a comparable forecast of US\$34–36m, or US\$8.5–9.0m per quarter, for FY18), including all employee-related expenses, charitable contributions, etc. Investors should note, however, that our financial forecasts in Exhibits 5 and 8 exclude stock-based compensation costs.



FY19 by quarter

Taking into account the aforementioned considerations, our updated forecasts for FY19 for WPM, by quarter, are now as shown below:

Exhibit 5: Wheaton Preci	ious Meta	ls FY19 f	orecast,	by quarte	er*					
US\$000s	Q118	Q218	Q318	Q418	Q119	Q219	Q319	Q419	FY19	FY19
(unless otherwise stated)										(previous)
Silver production (koz)	7,428	6,091	5,701	5,499	5,614	4,874	5,807	5,807	22,102	23,228
Gold production (oz)	79,657	85,292	101,552	107,567	93,585	93,011	93,011	93,011	372,617	372,043
Palladium production (oz)	0	0	8,817	5,869	4,729	5,500	5,500	5,500	21,229	22,000
Silver sales (koz)	6,343	5,972	5,018	4,400	4,294	4,874	5,807	5,807	20,782	23,228
Gold sales (oz)	69,973	87,140	89,242	102,813	115,020	92,975	92,975	92,975	393,944	371,898
Palladium sales (oz)	0	0	3,668	5,049	5,189	5,478	5,478	5,478	21,623	21,912
Avg realised Ag price (US\$/oz)	16.73	16.52	14.80	14.66	15.64	14.90	14.83	14.83	15.01	15.59
Avg realised Au price (US\$/oz)	1,330	1,305	1,210	1,229	1,308	1,281	1,263	1,263	1,280	1,287
Avg realised Pd price (US\$/oz)	N/A	N/A	955	1,137	1,443	1,349.00	1,320	1,320	1,357	1,565
Avg Ag cash cost (US\$/oz)	4.49	4.54	5.04	4.66	4.64	4.87	4.76	4.76	4.76	4.76
Avg Au cash cost (US\$/oz)	399	407	418	409	417	420	420	420	419	420
Avg Pd cash cost (US\$/oz)	N/A	N/A	169	205	254	243	238	238	243	281
Sales	199,252	212,400	185,769	196,591	225,049	199,114	210,750	210,750	845,662	875,012
Cost of sales	100,202	212,400	100,700	130,001	220,040	133,114	210,700	210,750	040,002	070,012
Cost of sales, excluding depletion	56,414	62,580	63,202	63,598	69,214	64,087	67,959	67,959	269,219	273,013
Depletion	57,265	62,494	64,684	67,844	68,381	62,946	65,801	65,801	262,928	282,458
Total cost of sales	113,679	125,074	127,886	131,442	137,595	127,033	133,759	133,759	532,147	555,471
Earnings from operations	85,573	87,326	57,883	65,149	87,454	72,081	76,990	76,990	313,515	319,541
Expenses and other income										
- General and administrative**	9,757	11,972	8,779	21,142	16,535	9,250	9,250	9,250	44,285	37,000
- Foreign exchange (gain)/loss	(170)	26	0	144	0				0	0
 Net interest paid/(received) 	5,591	5,659	12,877	17,060	13,946	11,363	11,363	11,363	48,034	48,034
- Other (income)/expense	2,757	466	1,301	1,302	(266)				(266)	0
Total expenses and other income	17,935	18,123	22,957	39,648	30,215	20,613	20,613	20,613	92,053	85,034
Earnings before income taxes	67,638	69,203	34,926	25,501	57,239	51,468	56,377	56,377	221,462	234,507
Income tax expense/(recovery)	(485)	(3,224)	905	18,672	(110)	370	370	370	1,000	1,000
Marginal tax rate (%)	(0.7)	(4.7)	2.6	73.2	(0.2)	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.5	0.4
Net earnings	68,123	72,427	34,021	6,828	57,349	51,098	56,007	56,007	220,462	233,507
Ave. no. shares in issue (000s)	442,728	443,191	443,634	444,057	444,389	445,219	445,219	445,219	445,012	444,057
Basic EPS (US\$)	0.15	0.16	0.08	0.02	0.13	0.11	0.13	0.13	0.50	0.53
Diluted EPS (US\$)	0.15	0.16	0.08	0.02	0.13	0.11	0.13	0.13	0.50	0.53
DPS (US\$)	0.09	0.09	0.09	0.09	0.09	0.09	0.09	0.09	0.36	0.36

Source: Wheaton Precious Metals, Edison Investment Research. Note: *Excluding impairments and exceptional gains. **Forecasts exclude stock-based compensation costs. Totals may not add up owing to rounding.

Our forecast basic EPS of US\$0.50/share for FY19 compares with a consensus forecast of US\$0.53/share (source: Refinitiv, 9 May 2019), within a range of US\$0.46–0.69 per share.

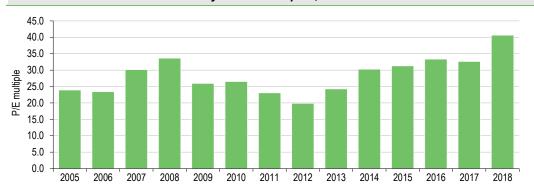
Our US\$1.17 basic EPS forecast for FY20 (see Exhibit 8) compares with a consensus of US\$0.67 (source: Refinitiv, 9 May), within a range of US\$0.50–1.17. However, our estimate is predicated on an average gold price during the year of US\$1,482/oz and an average silver price of US\$25.95/oz. These are 15.8% and 75.0% above current spot prices, respectively, but are consistent with our historical practice and, in particular, assume that silver will, at some point, revert to the long-term correlation that it has exhibited with gold since the latter was demonetised in 1971. In the event that precious metals prices remain at current levels (US\$1,280/oz Au and US\$14.83/oz Ag at the time of writing), we forecast that WPM will instead earn US\$0.47 per share in FY20.



Valuation

Excluding FY04 (part-year), WPM's shares have historically traded on a contemporary average P/E multiple of 28.5x current year basic underlying EPS, ie excluding impairments (vs 40.9x Edison or 38.2x Refinitiv consensus FY19e, currently – see Exhibit 7).

Exhibit 6: WPM's historical current year P/E multiples, 2005-18



Source: Edison Investment Research

Applying this 28.5x multiple to our updated EPS forecast of US\$1.17 in FY20 (vs US\$1.19 previously) implies a potential value per share for WPM of US\$33.41, or C\$45.03 in that year (vs US\$33.97, or C\$45.18 previously). Note that this valuation excludes the value of 20.9m shares in First Majestic currently held by WPM, with an immediate value of C\$165.9m, or US\$0.28 per WPM share (priced as at 9 May).

In the meantime, from a relative perspective, it is notable that WPM is cheaper than its royalty/streaming 'peers' in at least 91% (22 out of 24) of the valuation measures used in Exhibit 7 and on multiples that are cheaper even than the miners themselves in at least 42% (33 out of 78) of the same valuation measures (irrespective of whether Edison or consensus forecasts are used), despite being associated with materially less operational and cost risk (since WPM's costs are contractually predetermined).



	P/E (x)		Yield (%)		P/CF (x)		
	Year 1	Year 2	Year 1	Year 2	Year 1	Year 2	
Royalty companies							
Franco-Nevada	56.5	45.8	1.4	1.4	24.9	21.5	
Royal Gold	51.5	38.4	1.3	1.3	19.1	17.2	
Sandstorm Gold	59.4	54.3	0.0	0.0	16.9	15.6	
Osisko	71.4	50.6	1.7	1.6	20.4	17.5	
Average	59.7	47.3	1.1	1.1	20.3	18.0	
WPM (Edison forecasts)	40.9	17.3	1.8	2.4	18.4	11.4	
WPM (consensus)	38.2	30.4	1.7	2.0	17.6	16.1	
Gold producers							
Barrick	32.3	26.4	1.2	1.0	8.2	7.1	
Newmont	23.1	20.3	1.9	1.9	7.1	6.8	
Newcrest	23.5	18.8	1.1	1.2	10.8	9.0	
Kinross	23.1	19.3	0.0	0.0	3.9	3.6	
Agnico-Eagle	71.3	39.5	1.1	1.1	12.6	9.8	
Eldorado	26.6	5.9	0.1	0.5	3.3	1.9	
Yamana	53.5	35.1	1.5	1.7	4.5	3.9	
Average	36.2	23.6	1.0	1.0	7.2	6.0	
Silver producers							
Hecla	N/A	31.8	0.5	0.5	7.7	5.3	
Pan American	40.0	18.9	1.3	1.3	7.3	5.4	
Coeur Mining	N/A	394.4	0.0	0.0	5.3	3.6	
First Majestic	N/A	88.6	0.0	0.0	11.2	8.0	
Hocschild	25.5	18.1	1.8	1.8	4.9	4.7	
Fresnillo	21.6	17.0	2.5	2.9	9.4	8.8	
Average	29.0	94.8	1.0	1.1	7.6	5.9	

Financials: Solid equity base

As at 31 March 2019, WPM had US\$125.8m in cash and US\$1,183.5m of debt outstanding under its US\$2bn revolving credit facility (which attracts an interest rate of Libor plus 120–220bp and matures in February 2024), such that it had net debt of US\$1,057.7m overall, after US\$118.2m (US\$0.27/share) of cash inflows from operating activities during the quarter. Relative to the company's Q1 balance sheet equity of US\$5,225.9m, this level of net debt equates to a financial gearing (net debt/equity) ratio of 20.2% and a leverage (net debt/[net debt+equity]) ratio of 16.8%. It also compares with a net debt position of US\$1,188.2m as at end-December and US\$1,261.1m as at end-September 2018. Self-evidently, such a level of debt is well within the tolerances required by its banking covenants that:

- net debt should be no more than 0.75x tangible net worth; and
- interest should be no less than 3x covered by EBITDA (we estimate that it will be covered 11.1x in FY19).

All other things being equal and subject to its making no further major acquisitions (which is unlikely in our view), on our current cash flow projections WPM will be net debt free early in FY21.



US\$000s	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019e	2020
Year end 31 December	IFRS	IFR						
PROFIT & LOSS								
Revenue	706,472	620,176	648,687	891,557	843,215	794,012	845,662	1,140,34
Cost of Sales	(139,352)	(151,097)	(190,214)	(254,434)	(243,801)	(245,794)	(269,219)	(268,026
Gross Profit	567,120	469,079	458,473	637,123	599,414	548,218	576,443	872,31
EBITDA	531,812	431,219	426,236	602,684	564,741	496,568	532,158	828,03
Operating Profit (before amort. and except.)	387,659	271,039	227,655	293,982	302,361	244,281	269,230	556,61
Intangible Amortisation	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Exceptionals	0	(68,151)	(384,922)	(71,000)	(228,680)	245,715	0	
Other	(11,202)	(1,830)	(4,076)	(4,982)	8,129	(5,826)	266	
Operating Profit	376,457	201,058	(161,343)	218,000	81,810	484,170	269,496	556,61
Net Interest	(6,083)	(2,277)	(4,090)	(24,193)	(24,993)	(41,187)	(48,034)	(34,777
Profit Before Tax (norm)	381,576	268,762	223,565	269,789	277,368	203,094	221,196	521,84
Profit Before Tax (FRS 3)	370,374	198,781	(165,433)	193,807	56,817	442,983	221,462	521,84
Tax	5,121	1,045	3,391	1,330	886	(15,868)	(1,000)	(1,000
Profit After Tax (norm)	375,495	267,977	222,880	266,137	286,383	181,400	220,462	520,84
Profit After Tax (FRS 3)	375,495	199,826	(162,042)	195,137	57,703	427,115	220,462	520,84
Average Number of Shares Outstanding (m)	355.6	359.4	395.8	430.5	442.0	443.4	445.0	445.
EPS - normalised (c)	106	75	53	62	63	48	50	11
EPS - normalised and fully diluted (c)	105	74	53	62	63	48	49	11
EPS - (IFRS) (c)	106	56	(41)	45	13	96	50	11
Dividend per share (c)	45	26	20	21	33	36	36	4
Gross Margin (%)	80.3	75.6	70.7	71.5	71.1	69.0	68.2	76.
EBITDA Margin (%)	75.3	69.5	65.7	67.6	67.0	62.5	62.9	70.
Operating Margin (before GW and except.) (%)	54.9	43.7	35.1	33.0	35.9	30.8	31.8	48.
	34.3	43.7	33.1	33.0	33.3	30.0	31.0	40.
BALANCE SHEET								
Fixed Assets	4,288,557	4,309,270	5,526,335	6,025,227	5,579,898	6,390,342	6,129,414	5,636,639
Intangible Assets	4,242,086	4,270,971	5,494,244	5,948,443	5,454,106	6,196,187	5,935,259	5,442,48
Tangible Assets	5,670	5,427	12,315	12,163	30,060	29,402	29,402	29,40
Investments	40,801	32,872	19,776	64,621	95,732	164,753	164,753	164,75
Current Assets	101,287	338,493	105,876	128,092	103,415	79,704	407,560	1,206,36
Stocks	845	26,263	1,455	1,481	1,700	1,541	1,518	2,04
Debtors	4,619	4,132	1,124	2,316	3,194	2,396	2,317	3,12
Cash	95,823	308,098	103,297	124,295	98,521	75,767	403,725	1,201,19
Other	(04.404)	(40.474)	(40,500)	(40.057)	(40.442)	(00.044)	(25 544)	(25.202
Current Liabilities	(21,134)	(16,171)	(12,568)	(19,057)	(12,143)	(28,841)	(35,511)	(35,393
Creditors	(21,134)	(16,171)	(12,568)	(19,057)	(12,143)	(28,841)	(35,511)	(35,393
Short term borrowings	(1,002,164)	(1,002,856)	(1.469.009)	(1.104.274)	(771 506)	(1,269,289)	(1.260.290)	(1,269,289
Long Term Liabilities	(1,002,164)	(1,002,636)	(1,468,908)	(1,194,274)	(771,506)		(1,269,289)	, , ,
Long term borrowings	(998,136)		(),,	(1,193,000)	(770,000)	(1,264,000)	(1,264,000)	(1,264,000
Other long term liabilities Net Assets	(4,028) 3,366,546	(4,338) 3,628,736	(2,908) 4,150,735	(1,274) 4,939,988	(1,506) 4,899,664	(5,289) 5,171,916	(5,289) 5,232,174	(5,289 5,538,32
	3,300,340	3,020,730	4,100,700	4,939,900	4,099,004	5,171,910	5,232,174	3,330,32
CASH FLOW								
Operating Cash Flow	540,597	434,582	435,783	608,503	564,187	518,680	539,196	826,57
Net Interest	(6,083)	(2,277)	(4,090)	(24,193)	(24,993)	(41,187)	(48,034)	(34,777
Tax	(154)	(204)	(208)	28	(326)	0	(1,000)	(1,000
Capex	(2,050,681)	(146,249)	(1,791,275)	(805,472)	(19,633)	(861,406)	(2,000)	221,35
Acquisitions/disposals	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Financing	58,004	6,819	761,824	595,140	1,236	1,279	(400,004)	(0.4.4.000
Dividends	(160,013)	(79,775)	(68,593)	(78,708)	(121,934)	(132,915)	(160,204)	(214,693
Net Cash Flow	(1,618,330)	212,896	(666,559)	295,298	398,537	(515,549)	327,958	797,46
Opening net debt/(cash)	(728,156)	902,313	690,420	1,362,703	1,068,705	671,479	1,188,233	860,27
HP finance leases initiated	0 (10.100)	(4.000)	(5.704)	0 (4.000)	(4.044)	0 (4.005)	0	
Other	(12,139)	(1,003)	(5,724)	(1,300)	(1,311)	(1,205)	0	22.22
Closing net debt/(cash)	902,313	690,420	1,362,703	1,068,705	671,479	1,188,233	860,275	62,80



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