# (BML \$0.41) Speculative Buy

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### Sorby Hills Site Visit

#### **Event**

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We recently visited Boab Metals' (BML) Sorby Hills Project, located in the Kimberley region, WA.

### **Impact**

- The lead-silver project (75%-owned by BML) is in its final stages of development studies for a large-scale open pit operation; DFS due Q1CY22, and FID Q2CY22.
- Project well located: options for a residential workforce (nearby regional centre), and existing sealed roads (being upgraded by the government work programs) for the proposed concentrate transport route from Project to Port (Wyndham), ~150km haul.
- BML is currently completing its Phase 5 drilling program, designed to test targets for mine life extensions and also assessing potential expansion of the proposed processing scale for the DFS.
- Additional metallurgical testwork for DFS is nearing finalisation, with results to date in-line of expectations.
- As part of DFS activities, BML is investigating a potential project scale increase to 2.0Mtpa (1.5Mtpa PFS), possible +30% increase in metal production levels, at lower cost due to scale of economy benefits.
- Lead prices continue to be strong, prices not seen since mid-2018, currently +US\$1.10/sh; +16% higher than the PFS price inputs bodes well for improved project economics.
- BML remains funded to complete drilling and DFS activities, with cash of ~A\$13m at JunQ end.

#### **Action**

We maintain our **Speculative Buy** recommendation. Our valuation at this stage is still based on the 1.5Mtpa scale, but we will update as studies evolve. Latest Valuation \$0.73/sh (P/NAV 0.6x) and Price Target \$0.80/sh (unchanged). Spot NAV \$1.21/sh (upside potential).

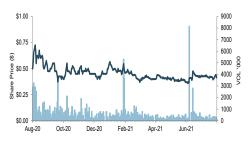
### **Key Catalysts**

- Drilling results from Phase 5 program.
- DFS met-testwork results.
- Updated Sorby Hills resource.
- Offtake agreements for concentrate production.
- Sorby Hills DFS (Q1CY22).
- Project financing execution (debt financing package)
- FID and final regulatory approvals (Q2CY22).
- Construction contracts awards.
- Construction.

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<b>Boab Metals Ltd</b>		Year End	d 30 Jun
Share Price Price Target Valuation		0.41 <b>0.80</b> 0.73	A\$/sh <b>A\$/sh</b> A\$/sh NPV10
Shares on issue	Vil	154m,	diluted *
Market Capitalisation		62	A\$m
Enterprise Value		49	A\$m
Debt		0	A\$m
Cash		13	A\$m
Largest Shareholder		liers QLD	10.6%
Production F/Cast	2022F	2023F	2024F
Lead Prod'n (kt) Cash Cost (A\$/lb) Cash Cost (US\$/lb)	0 0.00 0.00	0.00 0.00	36 0.48 0.47
Assumptions	2022F	2023F	2024F
Pb Price US\$/lb	0.95	0.90	0.90
AUDUSD	0.83	0.81	0.81
Key Financials	2022F	2023F	2024F
Revenue (A\$m)	0	1	129
EBITDA (A\$m)	-7	-5	52
NPAT (A\$m)	-8	-12	30
Cashflow (A\$m)	-8	-12	31
CFPS (Ac)	-2	-4	4
P/CFPS (x)	-25	-11	11
EPS (Ac)	-5	-8	20
EPS growth (%)	3	1	-4
PER (x)	-8	-5	2
EV:EBITDA (x)	na	-41.1	3.4
EV:EBIT (x)	na	-41.1	3.5
DPS (Ac)	0.0	0.0	0.0
Dividend Yield (%)	0%	0%	0%
ND:Net Debt+Equity (%	5) 91%	77%	62%
Interest Cover (x)	na	na	na

#### **Share Price Chart**



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#### **Analysis**

- We visited Boab Metals' (BML) Sorby Hills Project, located ~50km NE of Kununurra, Kimberley region, WA.
  - The lead-silver project is 75%-owned by BML, with 25% contributing JV partner, Henan Yuguang; China's largest lead smelting company and major silver producer.
  - The base metal project is in its final stages of development studies for a large-scale open pit operation; DFS due Q1CY22, and FID Q2CY22.
  - o Project well located, options for a residential workforce (nearby regional centre), and existing sealed roads (now being upgraded by the Federal/State government work programs), fully sealed roads for the proposed concentrate transport from Project to Port (Wyndham), a distance of ~150km.
  - Existing permitting (with granted MLs) also lowers development hurdles.

Fig 1. Project Location



Source: BML

- BML is currently completing its Phase 5 drilling program at Sorby, designed to test targets for mine life extensions and also assessing potential expansion of the proposed processing scale for the DFS.
  - Over 3,000m of drilling completed (thus far) in the latest program;
  - Highly encouraging preliminary results (visuals) highlighting mineralised extensions to the Omega deposit (~100m NW), a new zone of mineralisation (Wildcat Target) ~500m to the west of the Norton deposit and more extensions to the B deposit (south of Omega);
  - While lead-silver continues to be the dominant metals within the Mississippi Valley Type (MVT) system, more zones of zinc mineralisation continues to be encountered and may in time provide an additional revenue stream;

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- o Current resource estimate: 44.9Mt @ 4.3% PbEq (3.2% Pb and 0.5% Zn and 37g/t Ag); 49% M+Ind; another update expected after Phase 5 drill results; reserve update with the DFS;
- o Drilling is also expected to test a number of conceptual targets at Eight Mile Creek (along strike and to the south of Sorby;
- Assays are pending and expected soon.

Fig 2. Diamond Drilling at the Wildcat Target



Source: Euroz Hartleys

Fig 3. Hydrothermal Vein and Breccia-style Mineralisation (Omega)



Source: Euroz Hartleys; Diamond hole SHDD\_070 displaying visible Galena (Pb)

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- Additional metallurgical testwork for DFS is nearing finalisation, with results to date in-line of expectations.
  - Updated met-testwork results expected to be released in the current quarter (SepQ);
  - Strong +93-95% recoveries for lead (used ~93%),~ 80% recoveries for silver reported in the PFS;
  - Good quality lead-silver concentrates (concentrate grades of +62%, up to 65%) for high payable terms anticipated.
- Sorby Hills PFS (Aug'20) assumed an open pit operation processing 1.5Mtpa over 10-years for 50ktpa lead and 1.5Mozpa silver production at C1 Costs of US\$0.40/lb Pb.
  - A project scale change to 2.0Mtpa provides a potential 33% increase for 65ktpa lead and 2.0Moz silver (100%) or 50ktpa lead and 1.5Moz silver (attr. 75%), assuming grades and recoveries hold.
  - We would expect capex to increase but improved scale of economy benefits lower operating costs. PFS capex for the 1.5Mtpa operation was ~A\$183m and we would assume capex for a 2.0Mtpa operation would increase to total +A\$200-220m, so a ~20% increase in capex for +33% improvement in revenues looks attractive, especially with improving base metal (lead) and precious metal (sliver) prices.
  - Our valuation at this stage is still based on the 1.5Mtpa processing scale, but we will update as studies evolve.
- BML is already in discussions with NAIF and EFA (Federal government agencies) to provide debt financing for the project development; with preliminary discussion also underway with a suite of commercial banks for additional debt funding.
- BML remains well funded to complete drilling and DFS activities, with cash of ~A\$13m at JunQ end.
- Speculative Buy.

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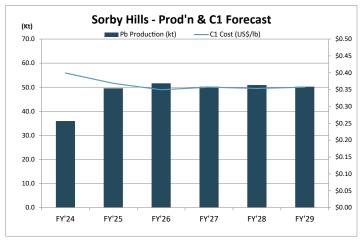
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#### **Key Variables**

Val/	/ Sh					Lead \$				
	\$0.73	-20%	-15%	-10%	-5%	0%	5%	10%	15%	20%
	15%	\$0.11	\$0.19	\$0.26	\$0.34	\$0.41	\$0.49	\$0.57	\$0.64	\$0.72
	10%	\$0.19	\$0.27	\$0.35	\$0.43	\$0.51	\$0.59	\$0.67	\$0.75	\$0.83
SD	5%	\$0.28	\$0.36	\$0.45	\$0.53	\$0.61	\$0.70	\$0.78	\$0.86	\$0.94
AUDUSD	0%	\$0.38	\$0.46	\$0.55	\$0.64	\$0.73	\$0.81	\$0.90	\$0.99	\$1.07
PA	-5%	\$0.48	\$0.58	\$0.67	\$0.76	\$0.85	\$0.94	\$1.04	\$1.13	\$1.22
	-10%	\$0.60	\$0.70	\$0.80	\$0.89	\$0.99	\$1.09	\$1.18	\$1.28	\$1.38
	-15%	\$0.74	\$0.84	\$0.94	\$1.04	\$1.15	\$1.25	\$1.35	\$1.46	\$1.56

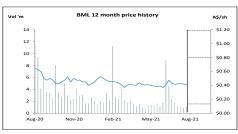
Val/	' Sh					Silver \$				
	\$0.73	-20%	-15%	-10%	-5%	0%	5%	10%	15%	20%
	15%	\$0.30	\$0.33	\$0.36	\$0.39	\$0.41	\$0.44	\$0.47	\$0.50	\$0.53
	10%	\$0.39	\$0.42	\$0.45	\$0.48	\$0.51	\$0.54	\$0.57	\$0.60	\$0.63
SD	5%	\$0.49	\$0.52	\$0.55	\$0.58	\$0.61	\$0.64	\$0.67	\$0.70	\$0.73
AUDUSD	0%	\$0.60	\$0.63	\$0.66	\$0.69	\$0.73	\$0.76	\$0.79	\$0.82	\$0.85
PA	-5%	\$0.72	\$0.75	\$0.78	\$0.82	\$0.85	\$0.89	\$0.92	\$0.95	\$0.99
	-10%	\$0.85	\$0.88	\$0.92	\$0.96	\$0.99	\$1.03	\$1.06	\$1.10	\$1.13
	-15%	\$1.00	\$1.03	\$1.07	\$1.11	\$1.15	\$1.18	\$1.22	\$1.26	\$1.30

Euroz Forecast	FY'2021	FY'2022	FY'2023	FY'2024
Silver (US\$/oz)	\$25	\$23	\$22	\$22
Lead (US\$/lb)	\$0.90	\$0.95	\$0.90	\$0.90
AUDUSD	\$0.75	\$0.75	\$0.74	\$0.74





#### **Our Share Price Sensitivity**



#### **Our Market Sensitivity**

#### Price Target \$0.80/sh Valuation \$0.73/sh

#### Bull Scenario \$1.20/sh

Sorby Hills is successfully developed as a strong margin lead producer (with silver credits) based by late CY23 (FY24). Lead and Silver prices above our LT price assumptions. Project scale increased to 2Mtpa for higher attributable production levels.

#### Base Scenario \$0.80/sh

Sorby Hills delivers a positive DFS in line of expectations by Q1CY22. The project can be successfully funded into production for contruction to commence in CY22. We now assume first production in FY24 (2HCY23)

#### Bear Scenario \$0.15/sh

Sorby Hills project stalls due to falling lead and silver prices. Financing becomes problematic.

#### **Company Summary**

Boab Metals Ltd (formerly Pacifico Minerals) has a 75% interest in the Sorby Hills Lead-Silver Project located in the Kimberley region of WA. An optimised PFS (Aug'20) highlighted annual production (1.5Mtpa) of 50kt of Pb and 1.5Moz of Ag for 10 yrs. A DFS is underway and due for release in Q1CY22. The DFS will investigate a potential increase in processing scale, which should enhance the project economics by lowering operating costs (scale of economy benefits) for higher production margins and cash flows. We now assume first production in FY24, which has slightly adjusted our valuation and price target.

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<b>Market Statistics</b>			Y	ear End	30 June
	0.410 A\$/s	h Dire	ectors		
Issued Capital			y Comb		airman
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Options (var. prices)			nard Mon		NE Dir
Total Dil. FPOrd	154.2 ı		rew Park		NE Dir
Market Cap (dil)	\$62 r		ny Monzi id Englis		np Sec COO
Enterprise Value	i		on Dorlir		pl Man
Cash			reholder	-	ричан
Debt	· .		ers QLD	3	10.6%
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<b>Asset Valuation</b>			A\$m		A\$/sh
(+) 75% Sorby Hills Pro	oject (risk a	dj 70%)	78		0.51
(-) Corporate			(19)		(0.12)
(+/-) Heding			-		-
(+) Exploration			40		0.26
(+) Unpaid Capital			- 17		-
(+) Cash (-) Debt			13		0.08
Total @ 10%			112		0.73
Spot NAV			186		1.21
F/Cast Production (A	(\$m)	2021F	2022F	2023F	2024F
Sorby Hills 100%	4117	202		2020.	
Pb in Conc.	Kt	-	-	-	36.0
Ag in Conc.	Moz	-	-	-	1.24
Cash Costs (C1)	A\$/lb	-	-	-	0.85
Cash Costs (incl Roy)	A\$/lb	-	-	-	0.95
By production credits		-	-	-	(0.38)
Total Costs Total Costs	A\$/lb US\$/lb			-	0.56 0.35
Total Costs	Ο Ο Ψ/ ID				0.55
Assumptions					
Spot Pb Price	US\$/lb	0.90	0.95	0.90	0.90
Spot Ag Price FX Rate ass'd	US\$/lb A\$/US\$	20.35	18.40 0.64	17.60 0.63	17.60 0.63
	Αψ/ U3φ	0.03	0.04	0.03	0.03
Ratio Analysis (A\$m)		2021F	2022F	2023F	2024F
Cashflow		-2	-8	-12	27
Cashflow Per Share		-0	-2	-4	3
Cashflow Ratio		na	-25	-11	13
Earnings		-5	-8	-12	27
Earnings Per Share		-1	-5	-8	17
EPS Growth		na	3	1	-3
P/e Ratio		-28	-8	-5	2
Enterprise Value		51	141	206	182
EV/EBITDA		na	na	206 -41.1	3.8
EV/EBIT		na	na	-41.1	3.9
Net Debt/(Net Debt +	· Equity)	-3	0.9	0.8	0.6
Interest Cover		na	na	na 70	na O 4
EBIT Margin Return on Equity		na	na na	-7.8 -0.3	0.4 0.4
Return on Assets		na na	na	-0.3	0.4
Dividend per Share		0	0	0	0
Dividend Payout Ratio	)	0	0	0	0
Dividend Yield	-	Ö	Ö	Ö	Ö
Dividend Franking		100%	100%	100%	100%

Profit and Loss (A\$m)	2021F	2022F	2023F	2024F
(+) Pb Revenue (+) Ag Revenue	-	-	-	92 32
(+/-) Hedging Revenue	-	-	-	-
(+) Interest Income (+) Other Revenue	0	0	1 -	0
Total Revenue	0	0	1	124
Operating Costs	(3)	(3)	-	(71)
Dep/Amort WriteOff (expl'n)	(0) (0)	-	-	(1)
O/H + New Bus Dev Provisions	(3)	(4)	(5) -	(5) -
EBITDA EBIT	(6) (6)	(7) (7)	(5) (5)	48 47
Interest Expense	-	(4)	(12)	(12)
NPBT Tax	(5) -	(11)	(16)	35
Minority Interest	1	3	4	(9)
Net Profit	(5)	(8)	(12)	27
Minority Interest Net profit After Abnormal	- (E)	-	- (12)	- 27
Met profit After Abflormal	(5)	(8)	(12)	
Cash Flow (A\$m)	2021F	2022F	2023F	2024F
Net Profit (+) WC adj.	(2)	(8)	(12)	27
(+) Dep/Amort (+) Provisions & W/O	0	-	-	1 -
(+) Tax Expense	-	-	-	-
(-) Deferred Revenue (-) Tax Paid	-	-	-	-
Operating Cashflow	(2)	(8)	(12)	27
(-) Capex + Dev. (-) Exploration	(3)	(80) (2)	(102) (2)	(2) (2)
(-) Asset Purchased	-	-	-	-
(+) Asset Sale (+/-) Other	(0)	-	-	-
Investing Cashflow	(3)	(82)	(104)	(4)
(+) Equity Issues (rts,plc,opts) (+) Loan Drawdown/receivable	14	100	50 60	-
(+) Loans from(to) other entities	-	-	-	-
(-) Loan Repayment (-) Dividends	-	-	-	(30)
Financing Cashflow	14	100	110	(30)
Net Cashflows (+/-) FX Adj.	10	10	(6)	(7) -
EoP Cash Balance	13	23	17	10
Balance Sheet (A\$m)	2021F	2022F	2023F	2024F
Assets Cash	13	23	17	10
Current Receivables	0	0	0	0
Other Current Assets Non-Current Assets	0 5	0 85	0 187	0 189
Total Assets	18	108	204	199
Balance Sheet		100	160	170
Borrowing(s) Current Accounts payable	0	100 0	0	130 0
Other Liabilites Total Liabilities	0 <b>1</b>	0 <b>101</b>	0 <b>161</b>	0 <b>131</b>
Net Assets	18	8	44	68

### **Reserves and Resources**

		re Reserve	<b>.</b>	1	Mineral Resource			
	ore	Pb grade	metal	ore Pb grade met				
	Mt	%	kt	Mt	%	kt		
Sorby Hills	13.6	3.6%	494	44.9	3.2%	1438		
Total contain	ed Pb		494			1,438		

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