

LYCOPODIUM LTD (LYL)

Breakthrough \$400m win for Mondium

Lycopodium Limited (LYL) has today announced that Mondium (LYL 40% / MND 60%) has been awarded a ~\$400m contract with Rio Tinto (RIO).

The contract is for the design and construction of the Western Turner Syncline Phase 2 (WTS2) mineral processing facilities and associated infrastructure and forms part of the ~\$1bn investment into WTS2 announced by RIO in November 2019. Work under the contract has commenced with completion expected in 1H22.

Mondium building prudently backed by two industry leaders

This is a significant win for Mondium and an equally significant endorsement of Mondium's capabilities from a global Tier 1 client in RIO.

Prior to today's announcement, Mondium's largest contract award had been its \$100m design and construction contract at Talison Lithium's Greenbushes operations in Western Australia, awarded in May 2019.

Mondium was established by MND and LYL as an incorporated JV in October 2016 specifically to "deliver EPC minerals projects domestically and in selected international markets".

In its early days, Mondium has been building and testing its capabilities through working on a number of smaller projects. shareholders that are leaders in their respective fields we remain confident in the prospects over the longer term for Mondium.

Accounting Treatment

Mondium profit contributions to LYL are recognised on an equity-accounted basis. No revenue from Mondium's activities will be recognised by LYL, only LYL's share of Mondium NPAT will be recognised in LYL's P&L. Mondium's policies around items such as project profit recognition and distribution of dividends to its two shareholders are a matter for the Board of Mondium.

As a broad guide, on a stand-alone basis, conservatively assuming this project delivers EBIT margins of 8%, this would imply project EBIT of \$32m and NPAT of ~\$22.4m, of which LYL's share would be ~\$9.0m.

FY20 forecasts unchanged; FY21 up 11%

We maintain our FY20 NPAT forecast at \$16.5m while our FY21 forecasts increase 11% (see page 3).

Buy; Price Target \$6.76

Today's announcement is a significant step for Mondium, providing a public acknowledgement of the last 3+ years of investment and largely under the radar work (from an equity market perspective) undertaken by its two shareholders. While project delays continue to impact the short-term the outlook remains positive with LYL well-placed to benefit. We upgrade our recommendation from Accumulate to Buy. Our price target moves to \$6.76 / share, from \$5.70 / share previously.

	13 Jan 2020
Share Price:	\$5.89
12mth price target:	\$6.76

Brief Business Description:

Engineering and project management business operating across a range of industries, primarily resource projects in Australia and internationally.

Hartleys Brief Investment Conclusion:

LYL is a well-managed, highly cash generative business, leveraged to the improving outlook for resource spend.

Chairman & CEO:

Michael Caratti (Non-Exec. Chairman) Peter De Leo (MD / CEO)

Top Shareholders:

Michael Caratti	23%
Luala P/L	8%
Braeside Invest.	8%

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Issued Capital:	40m
- fully diluted	40m
Market Cap:	\$234m
- fully diluted	\$235m
Net Debt (FY19):	-\$60m

	FY19a	FY20e	FY21e
Revenue	151.1	205.0	219.4
EBIT (\$m)	21.1	17.6	21.3
NPAT (A\$m)	16.5	16.5	22.4
EPS (\$, dil)	41.5	41.6	56.4
P/E (basic)	14.2x	14.2x	10.4x
P/E (cash adj.)	11.4x	11.5x	8.3x
EV / EBIT	7.9x	8.0x	5.7x
DPS (cps)	30.0	30.0	36.7
Dividend Yield	5.1%	5.1%	6.2%
Net Cash (\$m)	60	61	67
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Source: Hartlevs Research.



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Disclaimer: The analyst has a beneficial interest in LYL shares.

SUMMARY MODEL

Lycopodium Limit	ted (LYL)				Recommendation:				Bu
Company Information					Profit & Loss (\$m)	6/18A	6/19A	6/20F	6/21
Date Share Price 52 Week High-Low	13 Jan 2020 \$5.89 \$6.14-\$4.35		1 Adel st Perth W 2h: (08) 62		Operating Revenue Expenses	192.0 -167.9	151.1 -128.5	205.0 -185.9	219 -196
Market Cap (\$m)	\$234	www.l	ycopodium	n.com.au	EBITDA	24.1	22.6	19.1	22
Net Debt (\$m) Enterprise Value (\$m)	-\$60 \$174				Depn & Amort. EBIT	-1.2 22.9	-1.5 21.1	-1.5 17.6	-1 21
Ordinary Shares	39.7				Net Interest	1.8	1.7	2.0	- 2
Fully Diluted Shares	39.9				PBT	24.6	22.9	19.6	23
					Tax	-7.1	-7.1	-5.9	-7
Price Target	\$6.76				Associates Contribution NPAT pre Minorities	1.1 18.7	0.7 16.4	3.0 16.7	22
Upside / Downside	15%				Minorities	0.2	-0.1	0.2	(
Dividend Yield - FY19 Total Return	5% 20%				NPAT to LYL	18.5	16.5	16.5	2:
Price Target				\$6.76	Pre-tax Adjustments Adjusted EBITDA	0.0 24.1	0.0 22.6	0.0 19.1	2:
12 Month Price Target				\$6.76	Post-tax Adjustments	0.0	0.0	0.0	
P/E (FY20) at price target - Repor P/E (FY21) at price target - Repor				16.3x 12.0x	Adjusted NPAT	18.5	16.5	16.5	2
Dis VIII (EVO) - (mais - (- mas)				4.40/	Reported EPS (basic, wghtd)	46.5	41.5	41.6	50
Div. Yld (FY20) at price target Div. Yld (FY21) at price target				4.4% 5.4%	Normalised EPS (dil, wghtd) DPS (cps)	46.5 30.0	41.5 30.0	41.6 30.0	5 3
Multiples (S/price at \$5.89)	6/18A	6/19A	6/20F	6/21F	Franking	100%	100%	100%	10
P / E (basic, weighted)	12.7x	14.2x	14.2x	10.4x	Payout Ratio	64.5%	72.2%	72.2%	65.
P / E (norm, diluted, weighted)	12.7x	14.2x	14.2x	10.4x					
Dividend Yield	5.1%	5.1%	5.1%	6.2%					
EV/EBITDA multiple EV/EBIT multiple	6.8x 7.1x	7.4x 7.9x	7.5x 8.0x	5.5x 5.7x	Cashflow Statement (\$m)	6/18A	6/19A	6/20F	6/2
EV/EDIT Mulupie	7.1X	1.58	3.0x	J./ X	Cash from Operations	2.2	11.7	18.7	2
Price / Book Value	2.9x	2.9x	2.8x	2.7x	Net interest Paid	1.8	1.8	2.0	
Price / NTA	3.2x	3.2x	3.1x	2.9x	Tax Paid	-5.9	-12.4	-7.1	-
Ratios	6/18A	6/19A	6/20F	6/21F	Net Operating Cash Flow Capital Expenditure	-1.8 -1.7	1.1 -1.6	13.6 -2.0	1
ROE (NPAT / Equity)	23%	21%	20%	25%	Dividends from JV	0.6	2.0	1.5	:
ROA (EBIT / Total Assets)	16%	18%	13%	15%	Other (inc Investments, Asset sales etc)	1.1	1.0	0.5	
ND / ND + Equity ND / Equity	-1155% -92%	-303% -75%	-289% -74%	-323% -76%	Net Investing Cash Flow Proceeds from Equity Issues	0.0 0.0	1.4 0.0	0.0 0.0	
Net Interest Cover (EBIT)	-13.0	-12.2	-74%	-10.7	Net Change in Debt & Leases	-0.4	-0.8	0.0	
Revenue growth	-11%	-21%	36%	7%	Dividends Paid	-8.3	-13.1	-11.9	-1-
EBIT growth	95%	-8%	-17%	21%	Other	-0.4	0.7	0.0	
NPAT growth EPS (dil, wghtd) growth	80% 80%	-11% -11%	0% 0%	36% 36%	Net Financing Cash Flow Movement in Cash	-9.2 -11.0	-13.2 -10.7	-11.9 1.6	-1
EBIT Margin	12%	14%	9%	10%	Movement in Cash	-11.0	-10.7	1.0	,
	2//21	2//24	0/00=	0/015	Balance Sheet (\$m)	6/18A	6/19A	6/20F	6/2
Cash Flow Analysis Net Operating Cash Flow	<u>6/18A</u> -1.8	6/19A 1.1	6/20F 13.6	6/21F 18.8	Cash Receivables	74.3 37.6	60.5 34.4	62.1 46.7	6 4
+ Tax Paid	5.9	12.4	7.1	5.9	Inventories	0.8	0.9	1.2	
+ Net Interest	-1.8	-1.8	-2.0	-2.0	Other	3.1	5.6	5.6	
Ungeared pre-tax cashflow Reported EBITDA	2.2 24.1	11.7 22.6	18.7 19.1	22.7 22.8	Total Current Assets	115.8 3.4	101.3 3.8	115.6 4.3	12
Cash Conversion	9%	52%	98%	100%	Property, Plant & Equipment Intangibles	6.8	5.6 6.7	6.7	
Capex / D&A	1.4x	1.1x	1.4x	1.4x	Other	12.7	6.5	6.5	
					Total Non Current Assets	22.9	17.0	17.6	1
Share Data	6/18A	6/19A	6/20F	6/21F	Total Assets Accounts Payable	138.7 31.7	118.4 34.2	133.1 46.4	14 :
Ord Issued shares (m)	39.7	39.7	39.7	39.7	Interest Bearing Liabilities	0.7	0.4	0.4	-4-
growth	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	Provisions	16.4	3.0	3.0	
Weighted ave shares (m)	39.7	39.7	39.7	39.7	Other Total Current Liabilities	10.3	1.1	0.4	5
growth Diluted shares wgted (m)	0.0% 39.7	0.0% 39.7	0.0% 39.7	0.0% 39.7	Total Current Liabilities Interest Bearing Liabilities	58.4 0.6	38.3 0.3	49.9 0.3	5
growth	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	Other	0.4	0.3	0.3	
					Total Non Current Liabilities	1.0	0.6	0.6	_
Directors & Senior Met		Substanti	al Shareh	oldore	Total Liabilities	59.4	38.9 70.4	50.5	5
Directors & Senior Mgt Michael Caratti (Non-Exec. Chairn	nan)	Substanti Michael Ca		22.9%	Net Assets	79.4	79.4	82.6	8
Peter De Leo (MD / CEO)	/	Luala P/L		8.0%	Net Asset Value / Share (\$)	2.00	2.00	2.08	2
Lawrie Marshall (NED)		Braeside I	nvest.	7.7%	NTA / Share (\$)	1.83	1.83	1.91	2
Steven Chadwick (NED)					Net Debt (net cash)	-73	-60	-61	
Rodney Leonard (NED) Robert Osmetti (NED)									
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Sources: IRESS, Company Informatio	n, Hartleys Research						13 Jaii	uary 2020	

FORECAST CHANGES

LYL's current guidance, provided at the time of its FY19 result, was for FY20 revenue of \$220m, with NPAT to be "generally in line" with FY19.

As highlighted by LYL's Mondium JV partner, MND, at its AGM, while the broader outlook for the sector continues to be increasingly positive, current opportunities are advancing to execution later than expected; in other words, project delays persist.

Given this current broader environment we reduce our FY20 revenue expectations for LYL with associated flow through to the earnings lines. This is offset by our assumption that LYL receives an increased profit contribution from Mondium on the back of today's announcement, hence our FY20 NPAT expectations remain at \$16.5m.

We expect LYL to provide an update at the time of its 1H20 results.

Our FY21 NPAT forecast increases by 11%.

Fig. 1: Forecast	t Changes						
Forecast Changes	FY19	FY20 old	FY20 new	Chg	FY21 old	FY21 new	Chg
Revenue	151.1	220.0	205.0	-7%	220.0	219.4	0%
Expenses	-128.5	-198.8	-185.9	-7%	-194.9	-196.6	1%
EBITDA	22.6	21.2	19.1	-10%	25.1	22.8	-9%
Depn & Amort.	-1.5	-1.5	-1.5		-1.5	-1.5	
EBIT	21.1	19.7	17.6	-11%	23.7	21.3	-10%
Net Interest	1.7	2.0	2.0		2.0	2.0	
PBT	22.9	21.7	19.6	-10%	25.7	23.3	-9%
Tax	-7.1	-6.5	-5.9		-7.7	-7.0	
Associates contribution	0.7	1.5	3.0		2.5	6.3	
NPAT pre minorities	16.4	16.7	16.7	0%	20.5	22.6	11%
OEI	-0.1	0.2	0.2		0.2	0.2	
NPAT to LYL	16.5	16.5	16.5	0%	20.3	22.4	11%
EPS	41.5c	41.5c	41.6c	0%	51.0c	56.4c	11%
EPS (adj., fully diluted)	41.5c	41.5c	41.6c	0%	51.0c	56.4c	11%
DPS	30.0c	30.0c	30.0c	0%	33.2c	36.7c	11%
EBITDA Margin	15.0%	9.6%	9.3%	-0.3%	11.4%	10.4%	-1.0%
EBIT Margin	14.0%	9.0%	8.6%	-0.4%	10.8%	9.7%	-1.0%
Dividend Payout Ratio	72.2%	72.2%	72.2%	-0.1%	65.0%	65.0%	0.0%

Source: LYL, Hartleys

VALUATION & PRICE TARGET

We value LYL using an EV / EBIT methodology given the significant net cash held on LYL's balance sheet.

We apply an 8.0x EV/EBIT multiple (up from 7.0x previously, given the strengthening outlook) to the average of our FY20 and FY21 EBIT forecast in deriving a price target of \$6.76 / share, up from \$5.70 / share previously.

LYL's implied valuation multiples based on our price target are shown in Figure 2.

Fig. 2: Price Target &	Implied Multip	ples		
Price Target				
Avg. FY20 & FY21 EBIT	\$26.1m			
EV / EBIT	8.0x			
Enterprise Value	\$209m			
Add Net Cash (FY19)	\$60m			
Equity Value	\$269m			
Equity Value per Share	\$6.76			
Implied Multiples at Price Target	FY19	FY20	FY21	
EV/EBITDA	9.0x	8.9x	6.6x	
EV/EBIT	9.6x	9.5x	6.9x	
PER	16.3x	16.3x	12.0x	
PER - Cash Adjusted	13.7x	13.8x	9.9x	
Dividend Yield	4.4%	4.4%	5.4%	

Source: Hartleys

NB. EBIT used in calculating our price target is based on our forecast LYL EBIT, plus the estimated EBIT contribution we forecast from Mondium, which is reported below the line.

Key assumptions and i	risks for valuation		
Assumption	Risk of not realising assumption	Downside risk to valuation if assumption is incorrect	Comment
Revenue \$205m in FY20 and \$220m in FY21.	Low	Medium	LYL generally only announces material contract wins, so visibility on revenue build (for external parties) can be low. Current contracts (e.g. Yaouré, Sanbrado) coupled with a strong pipeline, provide comfort around our revenue forecasts.
EBITDA margins of 12%-13%.	Low	Medium	Margins are above those achieved in the recent difficult years for the overall industry, though sit well below the ~15% margins LYL achieved between FY08 and FY12. Given LYL's conservative approach to profit recognition on EPC contracts we expect reported margins to be lumpy from period to period.
Successful delivery of WTS2	Low	High	WTS2, being Mondium's first major project is a key. Successful delivery will be beneficial for margins specifically related to this project, in addition to further building on the fledgling quality reputation that Mondium has established. Conversely were this project not to be delivered as expected, this would impact both the short and longer-terms.
Conclusion	We believe our estimates We see the key risks to L		the current environment.
	and lower margins. (FY14-FY16) by LYL	The effects of such a do	ced opportunities, resulting in tougher competition ownturn have been experienced in recent years ity dropped materially, its strong balance sheet, uality client outcomes saw the business emerge in
	LYL's work has beei	n conducted on an EPCI	ly not been an issue given the vast majority of M basis. With LYL now tendering for more EPC nforted by LYL's prudent approach to tendering
		we have seen during FY evenues and earnings.	19, delays to client projects can push out expected

Stock illiquidity. LYL is a thinly traded stock, with little share market liquidity.

Source: Hartleys

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Hartleys Recommendation Categories

Share price appreciation anticipated. Buy

Share price appreciation anticipated but the risk/reward is Accumulate

not as attractive as a "Buy". Alternatively, for the share price to rise it may be contingent on the outcome of an uncertain or distant event. Analyst will often indicate a

price level at which it may become a "Buy".

Neutral Take no action. Upside & downside risk/reward is evenly

Reduce / It is anticipated to be unlikely that there will be gains over Take profits the investment time horizon but there is a possibility of

some price weakness over that period.

Sell Significant price depreciation anticipated.

No Rating No recommendation.

Speculative Share price could be volatile. While it is anticipated that, Buy

on a risk/reward basis, an investment is attractive, there is at least one identifiable risk that has a meaningful possibility of occurring, which, if it did occur, could lead to significant share price reduction. Consequently, the

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