

27 June 2025

## Metro Mining Limited (MMI)

**BUY****Share Price: A\$0.06**

### Site visit highlights operational leverage

**Target Price: A\$0.12**

We attended a site visit on Wednesday June 25<sup>th</sup> to MMI's Bauxite Hills operation (Figs. 1-8) located 95km north of Weipa, QLD. The trip provided an overview of mining operations, screening, barge loading and transshipping including a forty-five minute boat ride to the Offshore Floating Terminal (OFT) which was busy loading a Newcastlemax ship (~205kt). Whilst CY25 guidance is 6.5-7.0Mt, upside exists towards installed capacity of 8Mtpa if MMI can alleviate the current barging bottleneck via larger 8-9kt barges (5-6kt currently). Additional capacity increases to 10Mtpa exist with studies considering upgrading of the Barge Loading Facility (BLF - currently 8Mtpa) at modest capex (<A\$20M). MMI offers attractive leverage to bauxite with potential for price rises in the short term should recent Guinea licence restrictions (~40Mtpa) persist. Retain BUY with PT of A\$12.2c/sh (unch).

#### Operational upside exists

- Simple low strip (0.2:1), free dig DSO bauxite.
- 7Mtpa mining requires only two loaders and six trucks.
- Basic screening to 90-100mm with no washing required
- BLF operating well with fully loaded barges evident.
- The OFT is impressive; 132m long, 28m wide, 45 rooms, 2 electric cranes (35t each), 30m outreach.
- The conveyor system and ship loading boom can cover three holds of a Newcastlemax (205kt) ship.
- The OFT provides strong operational leverage with capacity of 10Mtpa assuming 250 working days per yr.
- Peak OFT ship loading rates historically are 1.3Mt per month when the OFT previously operated in Guinea.

#### Bauxite prices and market

- MMI pricing negotiations with customers for the Sep. Q'25 are expected to be finalised shortly.
- Spot bauxite prices equate to ~US\$63/t CIF China compared to our forecast of US\$67/t 2H25.
- Upside potential to bauxite prices exist should recent Guinea licence restrictions (up to 40Mtpa) persist, and Chinese stockpiles are worked through.

#### Financial Summary

- Valuation – 12.2c/share based on 1xP/NPV<sub>10</sub>.
- PE (CY25/26): 3.1x & 2.9x. EV/EBITDA – 1.8x & 0.7x.
- Cash – A\$12M (end March), debt A\$88M.

#### Key Dates Ahead

- CY25 – Ongoing debottlenecking studies.
- June/July '25 – Pricing negotiations for Sep. Q'25.

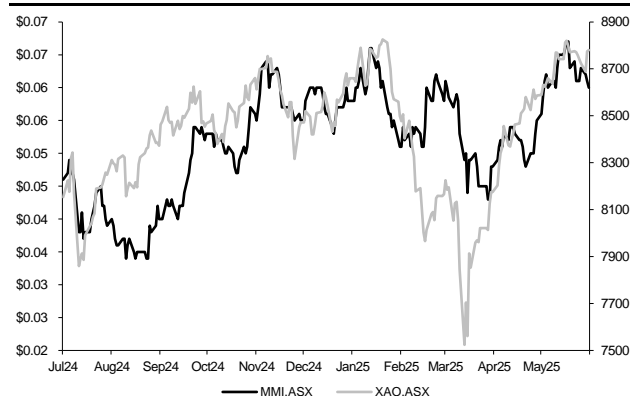
#### Company Data

Shares – ordinary (M)	6098.1
Dilution (M)	205.1
Total (fully diluted) (M)	6303.2
Market capitalisation (\$M)	378.1
12 month low/high (\$)	0.03 / 0.07
Average monthly turnover (\$M)	19.3
GICS Industry	Metals & Mining

#### Financial Summary (fully diluted/normalised)

Year End Dec	CY24A	CY25F	CY26F	CY27F	CY28F
Revenue (\$M)	309.1	468.7	571.5	517.4	462.4
Costs (\$M)	264.9	307.9	352.6	340.5	332.5
EBITDA (\$M)	40.8	160.7	219.0	176.9	129.9
NPAT (A\$M)	0.1	127.6	132.9	109.5	78.0
EPS (cps)	0.0	2.0	2.1	1.7	1.2
EPS Growth (%)	na	>100	4.1	-17.6	-28.8
PER (x)	na	3.1	2.9	3.6	5.0
Cashflow (A\$M)	20.2	156.0	223.3	130.8	95.6
CFPS (c/sh)	0.3	2.5	3.5	2.1	1.5
PCFPS	18.0	2.5	1.8	3.0	4.1
EV	408.3	294.7	146.9	112.7	88.5
EV/EBITDA	10.0	1.8	0.7	0.6	0.7
Payout ratio (%)	na	na	50%	80%	80%
DPS	0.0	0.0	1.1	1.4	1.0
Yield (%)	0.0	0.0	17.0	22.4	16.0
Franking (%)	0.0	0.0	50.0	100.0	100.0

#### MMI – performance over one year



#### Disclosure and Disclaimer

This report must be read with the disclosure and disclaimer on the final page of this document.

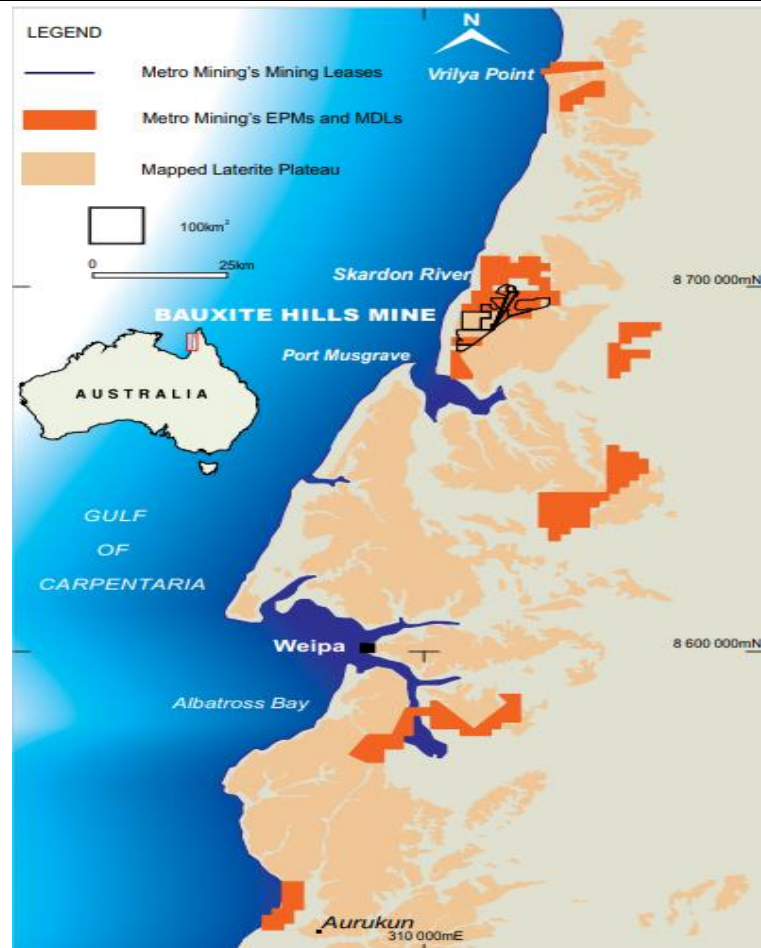
Andrew Richards  
 +61 2 9239 9600

							Share Price	(\$)	0.062							
							Iss. Shares	(M)	6,098.1							
							Performance Rights	(M)	205.1							
							Mkt Cap.	(\$M)	378.1							
26-Jun-25																
Year End Dec																
A\$																
PROFIT & LOSS							RESERVES & RESOURCES					CY24A	CY25F	CY26F	CY27F	CY28F
Sales Revenue	\$M	307.3	468.7	571.5	517.4	462.4	Reserves									
Other Income	\$M	1.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	Tonnes	Mt	77.7	71.2	64.2	57.2	50.2			
Operating Costs	\$M	264.9	307.9	352.6	340.5	332.5	Grade Al2O3	%	49.8	49.8	49.8	49.8	49.8			
Exploration	\$M	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	Grade SiO2	%	13.3	13.3	13.3	13.3	13.3			
Other	\$M	3.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	M & I Resources									
EBITDA	\$M	40.8	160.7	219.0	176.9	129.9	Tonnes	Mt	114.4	107.9	100.9	93.9	86.9			
Dep. & Amort.	\$M	18.0	28.4	33.5	31.3	31.1	Grade Al2O3	%	48.8	48.8	48.8	48.8	48.8			
EBIT	\$M	22.8	132.3	185.5	145.6	98.7	Grade SiO2	%	14.2	14.2	14.2	14.2	14.2			
Net Interest	\$M	22.7	4.7	(4.3)	(10.8)	(12.6)	PRODUCTION (100%)									
Pre-Tax Profit	\$M	0.1	127.6	189.8	156.4	111.4	Bauxite Mined	Mt	5.66	6.48	7.00	7.00	7.00			
Tax	\$M	0.0	0.0	56.9	46.9	33.4	Bauxite Sales (Shipped)	Mt	5.68	6.48	7.00	7.00	7.00			
Minorities	\$M	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	REVENUE (attributable)									
Net Profit	\$M	0.1	127.6	132.9	109.5	78.0	Bauxite Hills	\$M	307.3	468.7	571.5	517.4	462.4			
Abnormal	\$M	(22.1)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	Other	\$M	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0			
Reported Profit	\$M	0.1	127.6	132.9	109.5	78.0	Total	\$M	307.3	468.7	571.5	517.4	462.4			
Dividends Paid	\$M	0.0	0.0	66.4	87.6	62.4	COSTS									
Adjustments	\$M	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	Site Costs	A\$/WMT	27	24	23	23	23			
Retained Earnings	\$M	(254.5)	(126.8)	(60.4)	(38.5)	(22.9)	Royalties	A\$/WMT	6	10	10	9	8			
CASH FLOW							Total Costs	A\$/WMT	47	46	49	47	46			
Revenue	\$M	315.2	468.7	571.5	517.4	462.4	Total costs	\$M	264.9	297.9	341.6	329.5	321.5			
Costs	\$M	(282.0)	(307.9)	(352.6)	(340.5)	(332.5)	Corp / Other	\$M	0.0	10.0	11.0	11.0	11.0			
Net Interest	\$M	(13.0)	(4.7)	4.3	10.8	12.6	Total	\$M	264.9	307.9	352.6	340.5	332.5			
Tax Paid	\$M	0.0	0.0	0.0	(56.9)	(46.9)	CAPEX									
Gross Cash Flow	\$M	20.2	156.0	223.3	130.8	95.6	Bauxite Hills	\$M	29.1	16.0	9.0	9.0	9.0			
Net Capex	\$M	(29.1)	(16.0)	(9.0)	(9.0)	(9.0)	Other	\$M	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0			
Exploration	\$M	(0.2)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	Total	\$M	29.1	16.0	9.0	9.0	9.0			
Dividends	\$M	0.0	0.0	(66.4)	(87.6)	(62.4)	DEPRECIATION									
Other	\$M	(8.7)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	Bauxite Hills	\$M	18.0	28.4	33.5	31.3	31.1			
Free Cashflow	\$M	(17.7)	140.0	147.9	34.2	24.2	Other	\$M	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0			
Equity Issues	\$M	51.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	Total	\$M	18.0	28.4	33.5	31.3	31.1			
Net Borrowings	\$M	(11.9)	(15.8)	(47.5)	(11.9)	0.0	EBITDA									
Net Investments	\$M	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	Bauxite Hills	\$M	42.4	160.7	219.0	176.9	129.9			
Surplus Cash Flow	\$M	21.3														

Source: Petra Capital

## Bauxite Hills Site Visit (June 25th)

Figure 1: Bauxite Hills location map



Source: MMI.

Figure 2: Scania truck with triple trailer (180t) being loaded with bauxite



Source: Petra Capital. Material from this pit was being trucked ~5km to the Skardon River BLF.



**Figure 3: Bauxite being loaded for screening and conveyer to barges**



Source: Petra Capital. Ore is screened to 90-100mm with oversize bauxite ore transferred across the wobbler screen for additional crushing.

**Figure 4: Bauxite being loaded from BLF onto a barge**



Source: Petra Capital.

**Figure 5: Loaded barge ready to be pushed out to OFT**



*Source: Petra Capital.*

**Figure 6: OFT (left) loading Newcastlemax ship around 20km offshore**



*Source: Petra Capital.*



**Figure 7: OFT showing two cranes loading bauxite from barge into chutes for transfer via conveyor onto the Newcastlemax ship**



Source: Petra Capital.

**Figure 8: OFT ship loading boom transferring bauxite into Newcastlemax cargo hold**



Source: Petra Capital.



PANMURE  
LIBERUM



## Petra Capital

Level 17, 14 Martin Place, Sydney NSW 2000 Office: +61 2 9239 9600  
Level 5, 1 Collins Street, Melbourne VIC 3000 Office: +61 3 9123 3000

ABN 95 110 952 782  
ACN 110 952 782  
AFSL 317 944

### Disclosure

This document has been prepared in Australia by Petra Capital Pty Ltd which holds an Australian Financial Services License AFSL 317 944. Petra Capital Pty Ltd is an ASX and Chi-X Market Participant. Petra Capital Pty Ltd and its associates, officers, directors, employees and agents, from time to time, may receive brokerage, commissions, fees or other benefits or advantages, hold securities in companies researched by Petra Capital Pty Ltd and may trade in these securities either as principal or agent.

### Disclaimer

The information or advice contained in this report has been obtained from sources that were accurate at the time of issue, however the information has not been independently verified and as such, Petra Capital Pty Ltd cannot warrant its accuracy or reliability. Persons relying on this information do so at their own risk. To the extent permitted by law, Petra Capital Pty Ltd disclaims all liability or responsibility for any direct or indirect loss or damage (including consequential loss or damage) caused by any error or omission within this report, or by persons relying on the contents of this report.

This report is published by Petra Capital Pty Ltd by way of general information or advice only. This report does not take into account specific investment needs or other considerations that may be pertinent to individual investors. Before making any investment decisions based on this report, parties should consider, with or without an investor adviser, whether any relevant part of this report is appropriate to their financial circumstances and investment objectives. Petra Capital Pty Ltd is a licensed institutional/wholesale stockbroking firm. The report is only intended for institutional and sophisticated clients to whom Petra Capital Pty Ltd has issued the report. Petra Capital Pty Ltd is not licensed to advise retail investors – retail investors should contact their own stockbroker or financial adviser/planner for advice.

### Ratings

Information regarding the scope and expertise of our research services, processes for selection for coverage, and the management of conflicts of interest can be found on Petra Capital's website at <http://www.petracapital.com.au/research-disclosures>. Petra Capital uses the following ratings system and definitions: Buy - Forecast to re-rate by more than 5% in 12 months; Hold - Forecast to perform up to 5% above or below the current market price in 12 months, or alternatively, where a share price exceeds Petra Capital's valuation but there is a belief that business growth opportunities or commodity price moves, may result in material valuation and share price upside within 12 months; Sell - Forecast to underperform by more than 5% in 12 months; Speculative Buy - Speculative Investment; Take Profits - Recommend taking short term profits in a stock we remain fundamentally positive on a medium term view; Accept Offer - For a company under takeover where we see the offer as a fair price with low risk of a competing offer; No Rating - No rating at this time.

### US Investors

This material is intended for use in the US only by major US Institutional Investors, as that term is defined by the SEC Rule 15a-6. Transactions with US Institutional Investors and major US Institutional Investors, as those terms are defined by SEC Rule 15a-6, are chaperoned by Global Alliance Securities, LLC, ("Global Alliance"), a SEC-registered broker-dealer and FINRA member (web: [www.globalalliancecurities.com](http://www.globalalliancecurities.com)) in accordance with the agreement between Global Alliance and Petra Capital Pty Ltd. The information upon which this material is based was obtained from sources believed to be reliable, but has not been independently verified. Therefore, its accuracy is not guaranteed. Additional and supporting information is available upon request. This is not an offer or solicitation of an offer to buy or sell any security or to make any investment. Any opinion or estimate constitutes the preparer's best judgement as of the date of preparation and is subject to change without notice. Petra Capital Pty Ltd or Global Alliance and their associates or affiliates, and their respective officers, directors and employees may buy or sell securities mentioned herein as agent or principal for their own account.

### Canadian Investors

Petra Capital Pty Ltd is not registered as an adviser in Canada and is relying upon the international adviser exemption in British Columbia, Ontario and Quebec as permitted under National Instrument 31-103. Petra Capital is incorporated and headquartered in Australia and has an Australian Financial Services License. All its assets are situated outside Canada and, as a result, there may be difficulty enforcing any legal rights against Petra Capital. Its agents for service of process are: Lawdell Corporate Services Limited, 1600, 925 West Georgia Street, Vancouver, British Columbia V6C 3L2; ToryCo Services c/o Torys LLP, 79 Wellington Street West, Suite 3000, Toronto, Ontario, M5K 1N2; and Torys Law Firm LLP, 1 Place Ville Marie, Suite 2880, Montréal, Québec H3B 4R4.

### Other International

International investors are encouraged to contact their local regulatory authorities to determine whether restrictions apply in buying/selling this investment.