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Metro Mining Limited (MMI)**BUY****Share Price: A\$1.39****Balance sheet strengthens despite higher costs****Target Price: A\$1.89**

MMI reported Jun. Q'26 shipments of 1.8Mt (+7% yoy) with site costs up 9% due to higher diesel costs and stripping. Despite the higher costs impacting margins, the balance sheet improved from net debt of A\$43.6M at end of March to A\$22.0m end of June. Bauxite prices have firmed from a low in March, with Sep. Q'26 CIF prices agreed US\$4/DMT higher (+9% qoq) than Jun. Q'26. Production and cashflow is expected to increase this quarter based on our forecast of 2.5Mt sales. Full year CY26 guidance remains unchanged at 6.6-7.1Mt (Petra 6.6Mt). Retain BUY with PT of A\$1.89/sh (prev. A\$2.07/sh) after bauxite price, cost and FX revisions.

Jun. Q'26 and Outlook

- Net operational cashflow was \$21.2M (after interest and lease payments) which is -50% vs Dec. Q'25.
- FOB margin reduced 11% (\$5.2/t) from A\$49.1/t (Dec. Q'25) to A\$43.9/t due to lower prices and higher costs.
- Site costs rose 9% (A\$2.7/t) to A\$33.7/t primarily due to higher diesel costs and accelerated stripping.
- Higher freight and demurrage costs (in part due to cyclone Narelle) added another A\$1.5/t.
- Cash at hand increased from A\$9.6M (end March) to A\$23.8M (end June) including A\$5.3M received from reimbursement of a rehabilitation bond.
- Debt equates to A\$45.8M (US\$31.5M) after repayment of A\$7.0M during the quarter.
- Sales are expected to rise this quarter as weather and tides improve, enabling higher shipping rates.

Bauxite Market

- Australian prices have improved marginally this year to ~US\$58/t CIF DMT (Figure 2) in line with our forecast.
- Higher seaborne freight costs (+US\$15/t) are impacting the higher cost Guinea producers which may provide bauxite pricing support as marginal ops reduce or close.
- MMI has locked in freight rates including fuel for ~80% of CIF sales for CY26 & CY27.
- Several trial cargos have been agreed with new customers looking to diversify away from Guinea.

Financial Summary

- Valuation – \$1.89/share based on 1xP/NPV₈.
- PE (CY26/27): 10.9x & 6.2x.
- EV/EBITDA (CY26/27): 6.4x & 3.1x.

Key Dates Ahead

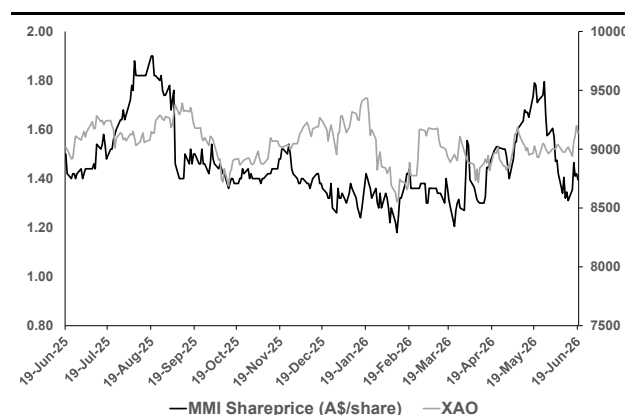
- Ongoing debottlenecking studies & initiatives.
- Sept. '26 – Pricing negotiations for Dec. Q'26.

Company Data

Shares – ordinary (M)	308.2
Dilution (M)	14.2
Total (fully diluted) (M)	322.4
Market capitalisation (\$M)	428.4
12 month low/high (\$)	1.16 / 1.90
Average monthly turnover (\$M)	30
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Financial Summary (fully diluted/normalised)

Year End Dec	CY25A	CY26F	CY27F	CY28F	CY29F
Revenue (\$M)	378.8	400.4	433.8	442.7	442.7
Costs (\$M)	300.5	335.7	331.6	332.9	332.9
EBITDA (\$M)	78.3	64.7	102.2	109.8	109.8
NPAT (A\$M)	33.4	41.3	68.7	57.0	62.6
EPS (cps)	0.5	12.8	22.4	18.6	20.4
EPS Growth (%)	>100	>100	74.7	-17.0	9.8
PER (x)	13.9	10.9	6.2	7.5	6.8
Cashflow (A\$M)	56.6	61.5	104.0	116.3	94.8
CFPS (c/sh)	0.9	19.1	33.8	37.9	30.9
PCFPS	8.2	7.3	4.1	3.7	4.5
EV	465.8	416.7	319.4	237.3	181.2
EV/EBITDA	5.9	6.4	3.1	2.2	1.7
Payout ratio (%)	na	na	55%	55%	55%
DPS	0.0	0.0	6.2	8.2	9.7
Yield (%)	0.0	0.0	4.4	5.9	7.0
Franking (%)	0%	0%	0%	50%	100%

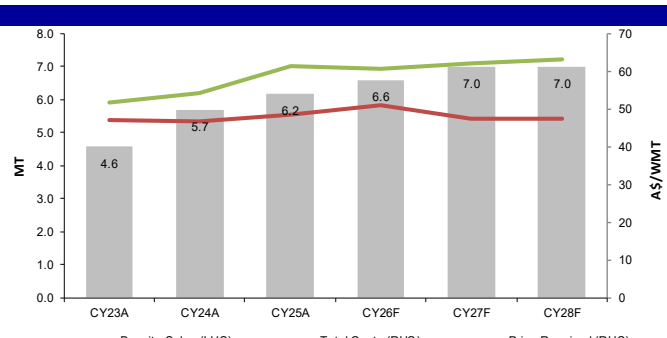
MMI – performance over one year**Disclosure and Disclaimer**

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Analysis

METRO MINING LIMITED (MMI)

30-Jul-26							Share Price	(\$)	1.39						
Year End Dec							Iss. Shares	(M)	308.2						
A\$							Performance Rights	(M)	14.2						
							Mkt Cap.	(\$M)	428.4						
PROFIT & LOSS							RESERVES & RESOURCES								
Sales Revenue	\$M	CY25A	CY26F	CY27F	CY28F	CY29F			CY25A	CY26F	CY27F	CY28F	CY29F		
Sales Revenue	\$M	378.4	400.4	433.8	442.7	442.7	Tonnes	Mt	69.6	63.0	56.0	49.0	42.0		
Other Income	\$M	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	Grade Al2O3	%	49.7	49.7	49.7	49.7	49.7		
Operating Costs	\$M	300.5	335.7	331.6	332.9	332.9	Grade SiO2	%	13.5	13.5	13.5	13.5	13.5		
Exploration	\$M	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	M & I Resources								
Other	\$M	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	Tonnes	Mt	107.4	100.8	93.8	86.8	79.8		
EBITDA	\$M	78.3	64.7	102.2	109.8	109.8	Grade Al2O3	%	48.6	48.6	48.6	48.6	48.6		
Dep. & Amort.	\$M	24.5	20.2	35.2	34.8	29.8	Grade SiO2	%	14.4	14.4	14.4	14.4	14.4		
EBIT	\$M	53.9	44.4	66.9	75.0	80.0	PRODUCTION (100%)								
Net Interest	\$M	20.5	3.1	(1.8)	(6.5)	(9.5)	Bauxite Mined	Mt	6.20	6.60	7.00	7.00	7.00		
Pre-Tax Profit	\$M	33.4	41.3	68.7	81.5	89.5	Bauxite Sales (Shipped)	Mt	6.18	6.60	7.00	7.00	7.00		
Tax	\$M	0.0	0.0	0.0	24.4	26.8	REVENUE (attributable)								
Minorities	\$M	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	Bauxite Hills	\$M	378.4	400.4	433.8	442.7	442.7		
Net Profit	\$M	33.4	41.3	68.7	57.0	62.6	Other	\$M	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Abnormal	\$M	109.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	Total	\$M	378.8	400.4	433.8	442.7	442.7		
Reported Profit	\$M	142.3	41.3	68.7	57.0	62.6	COSTS								
Dividends Paid	\$M	0.0	0.0	18.9	25.1	29.8	Site Costs	A\$/WMT	28	28	25	25	25		
Adjustments	\$M	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	Royalties	A\$/WMT	8	7	8	8	8		
Retained Earnings	\$M	(112.1)	(70.8)	(21.0)	10.9	43.7	Total Costs	A\$/WMT	51	51	46	46	46		
CASH FLOW							Total costs	\$M	300.5	335.7	320.6	321.9	321.9		
Revenue	\$M	379.4	400.4	433.8	442.7	442.7	Corp / Other	\$M	0.0	0.0	11.0	11.0	11.0		
Costs	\$M	(313.5)	(335.7)	(331.6)	(332.9)	(332.9)	Total	\$M	300.5	335.7	331.6	332.9	332.9		
Net Interest	\$M	(9.3)	(3.1)	1.8	6.5	9.5	CAPEX								
Tax Paid	\$M	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	(24.4)	Bauxite Hills	\$M	10.8	12.6	9.0	9.0	9.0		
Gross Cash Flow	\$M	56.6	61.5	104.0	116.3	94.8	Other	\$M	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Net Capex	\$M	(10.8)	(12.6)	(9.0)	(9.0)	(9.0)	Total	\$M	10.8	12.6	9.0	9.0	9.0		
Exploration	\$M	(0.9)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	DEPRECIATION								
Dividends	\$M	0.0	0.0	(18.9)	(25.1)	(29.8)	Bauxite Hills	\$M	24.5	20.2	35.2	34.8	29.8		
Other	\$M	(10.5)	(16.0)	0.0	0.0	0.0	Other	\$M	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Free Cashflow	\$M	34.5	32.9	76.1	82.1	56.0	Total	\$M	24.5	20.2	35.2	34.8	29.8		
Equity Issues	\$M	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	EBITDA								
Net Borrowings	\$M	(15.2)	(30.2)	(28.7)	0.0	0.0	Bauxite Hills	\$M	77.9	64.7	102.2	109.8	109.8		
Net Investments	\$M	(1.0)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	Other (incl. writedowns)	\$M	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Surplus Cash Flow	\$M	18.3	2.7	47.4	82.1	56.0	Total	\$M	78.3	64.7	102.2	109.8	109.8		
BALANCE SHEET															
Cash	\$M	57.5	60.2	107.6	189.8	245.8									
Other Current	\$M	32.1	60.1	65.1	66.4	66.4									
Total Current	\$M	89.6	120.3	172.7	256.2	312.2									
Fixed Assets	\$M	212.1	204.5	178.2	152.5	131.7									
Exploration	\$M	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.6									
Intangibles	\$M	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0									
Other	\$M	57.0	73.1	73.1	73.1	73.1	ASSUMPTIONS								
Total NC Assets	\$M	271.8	280.1	253.9	228.1	207.3	Exchange Rate	A\$/US\$	0.64	0.67	0.69	0.69	0.69		
TOTAL ASSETS	\$M	361.4	400.4	426.6	484.3	519.5	Benchmark Price CIF	US\$/DMT	70	57	59	60	60		
Total Debt	\$M	58.9	28.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	Bauxite Price CIF	US\$/DMT	63	50	52	53	53		
Current Liab	\$M	61.2	61.2	61.2	85.7	88.1	Bauxite Price CIF	US\$/WMT	55	44	46	47	47		
Non Current Liab	\$M	54.4	82.3	87.3	88.6	88.6	Bauxite Price CIF	A\$/WMT	85	66	66	68	68		
TOTAL LIAB	\$M	115.6	143.5	148.6	174.4	176.8	Bauxite Price FOB	A\$/WMT	71	50	52	53	53		
NET ASSETS	\$M	186.9	228.2	278.0	309.9	342.7	Av Price Received	A\$/WMT	61	61	62	63	63		
SH/HDRS FUNDS	\$M	186.9	228.2	278.0	309.9	342.7	EBITDA Margin	A\$/WMT	13	10	15	16	16		
RATIO ANALYSIS							VALUATION (fully diluted)								
EPS	¢	0.5	12.8	22.4	18.6	20.4	Bauxite Hills Mine (NPV8)	\$	592.4	\$	1.93				
PER	x	13.9	10.9	6.2	7.5	6.8	Exploration	\$	25.0	\$	0.08				
EPS Growth	%	>100	>100	74.7	(17.0)	9.8	Corporate / Other	\$	(68.7)	\$	(0.22)				
EBITDA per share	¢	1.3	20.1	33.3	35.7	35.7	Net Cash (Debt)	\$	31.5	\$	0.10				
EBITDA Multiple	x	5.9	6.9	4.2	3.9	3.9	Total	\$	580.2	\$	1.89				
EV/EBITDA	x	5.9	6.4	3.1	2.2	1.7									
CFPS	¢	0.9	19.1	33.8	37.9	30.9									
PCFR	x	8.2	7.3	4.1	3.7	4.5									
DPS	¢	0.0	0.0	6.2	8.2	9.7									
Yield	%	0.0	0.0	4.4	5.9	7.0									
Franking	%	0.0	0.0	0.0	50.0%	100.0%									
Payout Ratio	%	0.0	0.0%	55.0%	55.0%	55.0%									
Gearing ND/E	%	1	na	na	na	na									
Interest Cover	x	0.0	14.2	na	na	na									
EBITDA Margin	%	20.7	16.1	23.6	24.8	24.8									
EBIT Margin	%	14.2	11.1	15.4	16.9	18.1									
Return On Assets	%	14.9	11.1	15.7	15.5	15.4									
Return On Equity	%	17.9	18.1	24.7	18.4	18.3									
Eff Tax rate	%	0.0	0.0	0.0	30.0	30.0									
OTHER DATA															
Share Price	\$/sh.	0.076	1.39	1.39	1.39	1.39									
Number of shares	M	6110.8	322.4	307.2	307.2	307.2									
Market Capitalisation	\$M	464.4	448.2	427.0	427.0	427.0									
EV	\$M	465.8	416.7	319.4	237.3	181.2									

Source: Petra Capital

Jun Q'26

Weaker site EBITDA of A\$4.4/WMT reflects the combined impact of lower bauxite pricing, higher freight cost impacts, and elevated site costs associated with diesel pricing and accelerated pre-strip activity. The stripping activity has positively impacted stockpiles with ~180kt of ore on site.

Figure 1: Quarterly production, costs and margins

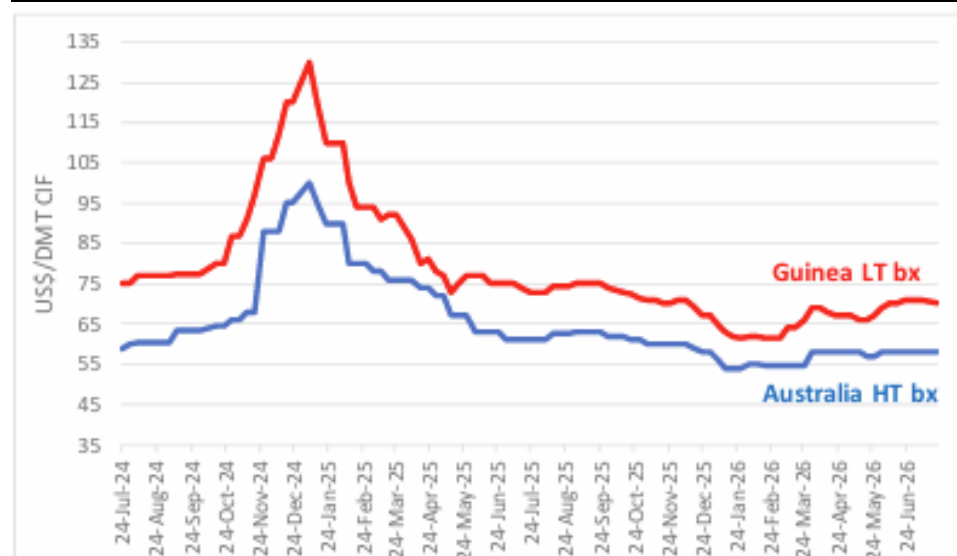
	Q2 2026 Apr – Jun	Q4 2025 Oct – Dec	Q2 2025 Apr – Jun
Production Results (WMT '000)			
Bauxite Mined	1,919	2,188	1,713
Bauxite Shipped	1,799	2,058	1,685
Unit Operating Results (A\$ / WMT)			
CIF Pricing ¹	63.2	73.7	81.3
FOB Margin²	43.9	49.1	71.9
Less: Site Costs	(33.7)	(28.5)	(31.0)
Less: Royalties	(5.8)	(8.6)	(9.0)
Total Costs	(39.5)	(37.1)	(40.0)
Site EBITDA	4.4	12.0	31.9

Source: MMI. 1 - Average CIF pricing. 2 - Sales revenue for FOB and CIF less ocean freight costs.

Bauxite Market

Significant rises in fuel costs for shipping have resulted in global freight rates increasing significantly during the quarter. Capesize rates from West Africa averaged ~US\$40 /DMT up from ~US\$25 /DMT before the start of the Gulf conflict. This lifted Jun. Q'26 traded bauxite prices ~10% higher from the cyclical lows of February/March. However, bauxite prices have not risen in line with the freight rate rises due to excess bauxite stocks in ports in China and continuing low alumina prices. Further bauxite price rises are expected as high cost operations close in Guinea and stockpiles are worked through in China.

Figure 2: Traded Bauxite Price (US\$/DMT CIF China)



Source: MMI, CM Group.

Summary of Changes

- We have reduced A\$ bauxite prices by 3% CY26, -1% CY27, -1% long term.
- We have increased costs 4% CY26, +2% CY27, +2% long term.
- Updated share count (+1%).
- NPV has reduced 9% to A\$1.89/share.

Figure 3: Summary of changes

		CY26F			CY27F			CY28F		
		New	Old	% var	New	Old	% var	New	Old	% var
Revenue	A\$M	400.4	411.5	-3%	433.8	440.2	-1%	442.7	449.2	-1%
Operating Costs	A\$M	335.7	322.4	4%	331.6	326.4	2%	332.9	327.7	2%
EBITDA	A\$M	64.7	89.0	-27%	102.2	113.7	-10%	109.8	121.5	-10%
EBIT	A\$M	44.4	55.0	-19%	66.9	81.1	-18%	75.0	89.2	-16%
NPAT	A\$M	41.3	52.3	-21%	68.7	83.9	-18%	57.0	67.9	-16%
EPS	A\$/sh	12.8	16.4	-22%	22.4	27.6	-19%	18.6	22.3	-17%
DPS	A\$/sh	0.0	0.0	na	6.2	7.6	-19%	8.2	9.9	-18%
Valuation	A\$M	580	629	-8%						
Price Target	A\$/sh	1.89	2.07	-9%						
Shares Fully Diluted	M	322	319	1%						
Bauxite Sales	Mt	6.60	6.60	0%	7.0	7.0	0%	7.0	7.0	0%
Benchmark Price CIF	US\$/DMT	57	57	0%	59	59	0%	60	60	0%
MMI Price CIF	US\$/WMT	50	50	0%	52	52	0%	53	53	0%
AUD/USD	#	0.67	0.67	0%	0.69	0.68	1%	0.69	0.68	1%
Av Price Received	A\$/WMT	61	62	-3%	62	63	-1%	63	64	-1%
AISC	A\$/WMT	51	49	4%	47	47	2%	48	47	2%
EBITDA Margin	A\$/WMT	9.8	13.5	-27%	14.6	16.2	-10%	15.7	17.4	-10%

Source: Petra Capital.

Figure 4: Project Location



Source: MMI.



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