

# **Antipa Minerals (AZY)**

Rating: Buy | Risk: High | Price Target: \$0.06

10 October 2023

## **Targeting Rapid, Sizeable Success**

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YE 20 Jun (AUD)	FY22A	FY23E	FY24E	FY25E
Sales (\$m)	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.0
NPAT (\$m)	(5.7)	(0.7)	(7.7)	(8.0)
EPS (cps)	(0.2)	(0.0)	(0.2)	(0.2)
EPS Growth (%)	(65.0%)	87.2%	nm	(1.6%)
DPS (cps) (AUD)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Franking (%)	0%	0%	0%	0%

Ratios				
YE 20 Jun	FY22A	FY23E	FY24E	FY25E
P/E (x)	(19.1)	(51.3)	(5.0)	(5.0)
EV/EBITDA (x)	(6.8)	(46.3)	(4.8)	(4.7)
Div Yield (%)	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Payout Ratio (%)	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%

Price Performan	ice			
YE 20 Jun	1 Mth	2 Mth	3 Mth	1 Yr
Relative (%)	(5.1%)	(28.0%)	(19.5%)	(58.3%)
Absolute (%)	(7.7%)	(33.3%)	(20.0%)	(53.8%)
Benchmark (%)	(2.6%)	(5.3%)	(0.5%)	4.5%



#### **Major Shareholders**

Newcrest Mining	9.9%
IGO	4.1%
Board and management	3.6%

Antipa Minerals have commenced the most active six months of drilling in the company's history, targeting rapid, sizeable success at high potential targets GEO-01, Tetris and Pacman. We expect initial assays in the next few weeks and a regular stream of results through to February 2024. Antipa is very cheap exposure to a strengthening gold price near the end of the interest rate hike cycle and following recent geopolitical tensions.

#### **Highlights**

- Antipa were an early mover into the Paterson region in WA and have attracted majors such as Rio Tinto, Newcrest and IGO via joint venture and farm-ins into their tenure and have a potential standalone development opportunity in the 100%-owned Minyari Dome Project, 35km from Newcrest's Telfer operation.
- The 2023 Minyari Dome exploration program has been expanded following early success with Phase 2, for up to 19,200m new RC, diamond and air core drilling, set to commence.
- The recently discovered GEO-01 large copper-gold prospect will be the initial focus with an expectation that positive results will lead to a resource upgrade in early 2024.
   Significant near-surface, high-grade gold mineralisation was intersected at GEO-01 in Phase 1, with mineralisation open in most directions.
- Three large-scale greenfield targets at Tetris and Pacman will also be drill tested.
- Recent funding initiatives, along with government drilling grants, provide Antipa with more than \$10m in cash, leaving it well funded for future work programs.
- With Newcrest and IGO currently on the Antipa register at 9.9% and 4.1% respectively, we view ongoing growth in the Minyari Dome Project Resource, or exploration success from the company's farm-ins, as catalysts for corporate activity.
- Minyari Dome is 35km from Newcrest's Telfer mine and 54km along strike from the Newcrest-Greatland Gold Havieron gold-copper development project.
- With Newmont likely to complete its Newcrest takeover in coming weeks, speculation
  has turned to Newmont retaining Telfer given the strategic value of established
  infrastructure in the Paterson. But regardless of whether the decision is to divest or
  retain, it is logical to us that any new Telfer owner would seek to process nearby ore
  sources such as Minyari given Telfer is nearing depletion of its Reserves.
- Greatland Gold released an independent value for the Havieron deposit, 54km from Minyari Dome, in July 2022 that implied a value of US\$1.2bn (A\$1.7bn) for 100% of Havieron. This values the deposit at A\$309/oz of gold resource (5.5moz) or A\$262/oz-eq of gold equivalent Resource (6.5moz-eq).
- Applying these multiples to Minyari Dome implies a value of A\$800m on a gold-only basis
  or A\$680m on a gold-equivalent basis, both significantly higher than the current Antipa
  market capitalisation of \$52m. Antipa is trading at just A\$15/oz of resource, which is a
  significant discount to its peer group average of A\$56/oz.
- Share prices of most emerging gold companies have been weak over the past twelve months however a combination of factors, such as an end to the fastest interest rate raising cycle in a generation and heightened geopolitical tension, means the next 12 months looks set be a more constructive period for the small gold sector.
- The Relative Strength Indicator for the gold price was trending at a five-year low (refer Figure 5 on page 5 of this report) prior to the events of this week.

#### Recommendation

We maintain our Buy recommendation and \$0.06 price target which is derived from peergroup comparative multiples.

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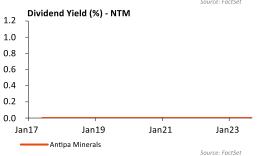
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key items	Data
Recommendation	BUY
Risk	HIGH
Price (\$ps)	0.01
Target Price (\$ps)	0.06
52 Week Range (\$ps)	0.01 - 0.03
Shares on Issue (m)	3,593.0
Market Cap (\$m)	43.1
Enterprise Value (\$m)	38.3
TSR (%)	407.1%

**Company Description** 

Antipa Minerals is a gold exploration company which is focussed on the Minyari Dome Project in Western Australia.



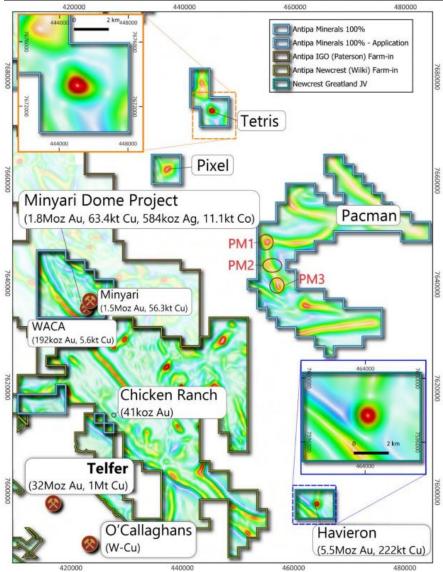


Investment Summary (AUD)	FY21A	FY22A	FY23E	FY24E	FY25E
EPS (Reported) (cps)	(0.1)	(0.2)	(0.0)	(0.2)	(0.2)
EPS (Underlying) (cps)	(0.1)	(0.2)	(0.0)	(0.2)	(0.2)
EPS (Underlying) Growth (%)	83.0%	(65.0%)	87.2%	nm	(1.6%)
PE (Underlying) (x)	(36.9)	(19.1)	(51.3)	(5.0)	(5.0)
EV / EBIT (x)	(10.9)	(6.6)	(46.3)	(4.8)	(4.7)
EV / EBITDA (x)	(11.1)	(6.8)	(46.3)	(4.8)	(4.7)
DPS (cps) (AUD)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Dividend Yield (%)	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Franking (%)	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Payout Ratio (%)	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
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Profit and Loss (AUD) (m) Sales	<b>FY21A</b> 0.8	<b>FY22A</b> 0.5	<b>FY23E</b> 0.0	<b>FY24E</b> 0.0	<b>FY25E</b> 0.0
Sales Growth (%)	0.8 n/a	0.5 (27.4%)	(100.0%)	0.0 n/a	
• •	0.0	0.0		0.0	<i>n/a</i> 0.0
Other Operating Income  EBITDA	(3.4)	( <b>5.7)</b>	0.0 <b>(0.8)</b>		(8.2)
EBITDA  EBITDA Margin (%)	(3.4) nm	nm	( <b>0.8)</b> nm	( <b>8.0)</b> nm	( <b>6.2)</b> nm
Depreciation & Amortisation	(0.1)	(0.1)	0.0	0.0	0.0
EBIT	(3.5)	(5.8)	(0.8)	(8.0)	(8.2)
	nm	nm	nm	nm	nm
EBIT Margin (%) Net Interest	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.3	0.2
Pretax Profit		(5.7)	(0.7)	(7.7)	(8.0)
Tax	(3.5) 0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Tax Rate (%)	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
NPAT Underlying	(3.5)	(5.7)	(0.7)	(7.7)	(8.0)
Significant Items	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
NPAT Reported				(7.7)	
•	(3.5)	(5.7)	(0.7)		(8.0)
Cashflow (AUD) (m)	FY21A	FY22A	FY23E	FY24E	FY25E
EBIT	(3.5)	(5.8)	(0.8)	(8.0)	(8.2)
Payments to Suppliers	(1.5)	(2.3)	21.8	14.7	14.5
Receipts from Customers	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Tax Paid	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Change in Working Capital	0.0	0.0	(1.7)	0.0	0.0
Depreciation & Amortisation	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other	0.6	0.5	0.1	0.3	0.2
Operating Cashflow	(0.8)	(1.7)	20.2	14.9	14.7
Capex	(0.2)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Acquisitions and Investments	(3.7)	(22.7)	(22.7)	(22.7)	(22.7)
Disposal of Fixed Assets/Investments	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other	1.3	(1.6)	0.0	0.0	0.0
Investing Cashflow	(2.6)	(24.3)	(22.7)	(22.7)	(22.7)
Equity Raised / Bought Back	30.1	0.0	20.0	0.0	20.0
Dividends Paid	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Change in Debt	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0
Financing Cashflow	30.1	0.3	20.0	0.0	20.0
Exchange Rate Effect	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Net Change in Cash	26.6	(25.8)	17.5	(7.7)	12.0
Balance Sheet (AUD) (m)	FY21A	FY22A	FY23E	FY24E	FY25E
Cash	33.7	7.9	25.4	17.7	29.7
Accounts Receivable	1.3	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.0
Inventory	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other Current Assets	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
PPE	37.4	55.0	55.0	55.0	55.0
Total Assets	72.3	63.4	80.4	72.6	84.6
Accounts Payable	8.7	2.3	0.0	0.0	0.0
Short Term Debt	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Long Term Debt	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Total Liabilities	11.5	4.2	2.0	2.0	2.0
Ratios	FY21A	FY22A	FY23E	FY24E	FY25E
ROE (%)	(10.3%)	(9.5%)	(1.1%)	(10.3%)	(10.4%)
Gearing (%)	(121.2%)	(15.2%)	(47.4%)	(33.0%)	(55.4%)
Net Debt / EBITDA (x)	9.8	1.4	30.7	2.2	3.6
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Financial Year End: 20 June

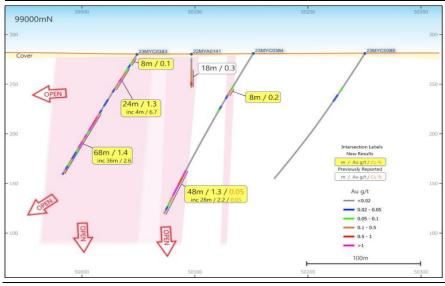


Figure 1: Plan view of Minyari Dome and bulls-eye magnetic anomalies for the 5.5moz gold and 222kt copper Havieron deposit and Tetris target.



Source: Company report

Figure 2: GEO-01 stacked cross section



Source: Company report

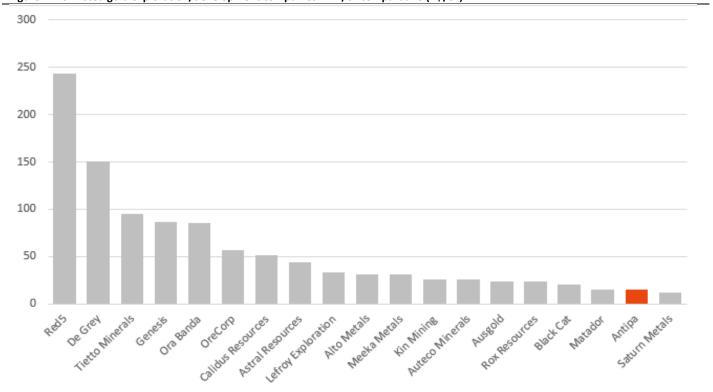


Figure 3: ASX listed gold exploration/development companies

<b>Emerging Gold Companies</b>	Code	Resource	MKt Cap	Cash	EV/oz	% M&I	Grade	Project	Location	Interest
		Moz	A\$m	A\$m	Resource		g/t			%
Red5	RED	4.750	1,073	-82	243	75%	1.4	КОТН	WA	100%
De Grey	DEG	11.70	2,168	403	151	64%	1.2	Mallina	WA	100%
Tietto Minerals	TIE	3.450	375	47	95	53%	1.2	Abujar	W Africa	100%
Genesis	GMD	15.00	1,448	156	86	47%	1.7	Various	WA	100%
Ora Banda	OBM	1.800	179	25	86	68%	2.6	Davyhurst	WA	100%
OreCorp	ORR	3.07	223	50	56	88%	4.03	Nyanzaga	Tanzania	100%
Calidus Resources	CAI	1.662	97	12	51	70%	1.06	Warrawoona	WA	100%
Astral Resources	AAR	1.38	65	4.3	44	58%	1.1	Mandilla	WA	100%
Lefroy Exploration	LEX	1.10	38	1.5	33	77%	0.64	Mt Martin	WA	100%
Alto Metals	AME	0.83	31	5	32	24%	1.6	Sandstone	WA	100%
Meeka Metals	MEK	1.20	41	2.8	32	54%	3.2	Murchison	WA	100%
Kin Mining	KIN	1.54	45	5	26	56%	1.27	Cardinia	WA	100%
Auteco Minerals	AUT	2.80	82	24	26	0%	7.8	Pickle Crow	Canada	80%
Ausgold	AUC	2.64	73	9	24	82%	1.1	Katanning	WA	100%
Rox Resources	RXL	3.20	79	4	24	15%	1.7 / 6.9	Youanmi	WA	100%
Black Cat	BC8	2.37	60	12	20	49%	2.3	Paulsens / Kal East	WA	100%
Matador	MZZ	0.61	15	6	15	43%	2.02	Cape Ray Shear	Canada	100%
Antipa	AZY	2.60	48	10	15	56%	2.4	Minyari Dome	WA	100%
Saturn Metals	STN	1.84	26	4	12	59%	0.8	Apollo Hill	WA	100%
Average		3.34	325		56					

Source: Company reports, Factset, Shaw analysis

Figure 4: ASX listed gold exploration/development companies – EV/oz comparative (A\$/oz)



Source: Company reports, Factset, Shaw analysis



Prior to this week, the Relative Strength Indicator for gold was at a five-year low.

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Figure 5: Gold RSI at five-year low

Source: Bloombera

#### **Key risks**

- The gold price is volatile and driven as much by geopolitical events as fundamental supply and demand. As such, the price of gold is relatively difficult to forecast and the actual price may differ substantially from our forecasts.
- Antipa Minerals is not yet producing and there is risk the company is unable to bring Minyari Dome into production. The project may cost more than expected to build and may not operate as expected.
- There is no guarantee that future exploration results or development studies will be positive.
- Smaller companies carry more significant 'key personnel' risk than larger organisations.
   If senior management depart the company then it could delay projects or exacerbate operational risks.

#### **Core drivers and catalyst**

- The Minyari Dome Resource stands at 33mt at 1.6g/t Au, 0.19% Cu, 0.54g/t Ag. With
  mineralisation from surface, this is ample inventory to support a standalone
  development. We expect the Antipa Minerals share price to re-rate as the company
  assess the economics of a Minyari Dome standalone development.
- The Minyari Dome Resource remains open in all directions, representing significant potential exploration upside for the deposit. Other mineralised zones within the Minyari Dome Project, eg Minyari South, WACA West, Sundown, remain open in several directions and represent opportunities to increase near surface Resource ounces. Ongoing positive exploration results at the Minyari Dome Project, or within other tenement interests, are a potential positive catalyst for the stock.
- Antipa Minerals is a potential M&A target. The most logical acquiror is Newcrest Mining as Minyari Dome is a potential ore source for Newcrest's Telfer operation which is 35km away. Newcrest Mining is also in the process of farming-in to Antipa's Wiki Project which is adjacent to Telfer tenements and owns 9% of Antipa Minerals.



# **Rating Classification**

Buy	Expected to outperform the overall market
Hold	Expected to perform in line with the overall market
Sell	Expected to underperform the overall market
Not Rated	Shaw has issued a factual note on the company but does not have a recommendation

# **Risk Rating**

High	Higher risk than the overall market – investors should be aware this stock may be speculative
Medium	Risk broadly in line with the overall market
Low	Lower risk than the overall market

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Distribution of Investment Ratings					
Rating	Count	Recommendation Universe			
Buy	74	96%			
Hold	3	4%			
Sell	0	0%			

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