

Hathor Exploration Ltd.

(HAT-T: C\$4.42) INTRADAY

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BUY, High Risk* 12-month target price: C\$5.20

Rio Tinto Bids for Hathor - This White Knight is Serious

Conclusion: We continue to recommend Hathor as a BUY with a \$5.20 target price.

Today's all cash C\$4.15/sh bid by Rio Tinto (RIO-N: US\$50.94, Not Rated) for Hathor Exploration is an improvement on Cameco's (CCO-T: C\$21.50, Not Rated) initial C\$3.75/sh bid, but we believe that both are below fair value for the company and its world class Roughrider deposits. Fortunately, we don't believe this game is over. Two of the uranium producing titans are now both in the running and suggests that there is strong probability of another competing offer. This still relatively low bid by Rio leaves the door open for a Cameco response. While Cameco has used the words "full and fair", it has not said "final". We do believe that Cameco has the better synergies and could offer more for Hathor, despite its rhetoric. But the ball is in Cameco's court - and it is now up against one of the largest miners in the world (US\$75 billion market cap), and a top ten uranium producer over the past thirty plus years. Cameco has now lost its argument that Hathor's technical expertise isn't adequate to develop such a project and will have to pay up if it really wants the Roughrider project. What's more, given the strong language in Rio Tinto's press release, it appears as if Rio is particularly driven to add high grade uranium production in Saskatchewan as part of an overall corporate strategy to accompany its Canadian potash and aluminum businesses - "Canada is a country crucial to our business and growth plans and a location where Rio Tinto has a track record of delivering on major development projects".

Rio Tinto trumps Cameco offer

- Rio Tinto makes all cash offer for Hathor of C\$4.15/sh. (or C\$578mm value). This is an 11% premium to Cameco's current C\$3.75 offer and a 55% premium to the HAT market price on 25-Aug-11. The Rio offer is subject to customary conditions and will require 66.6% of shares to be tendered. Rio currently owns 5.7% of Hathor. Shares in the lock-up agreement amount to approximately 4.6% on a F.D. basis. A takeover bid circular is to be mailed to HAT shareholders the week of 24-Oct-11 and the offer will be open for at least 35 days.
- Hathor Directors and Management on board. This offer was recommended by Hathor's Special Committee, and its Board of Directors has unanimously recommended the deal. Hathor Directors and Management have locked up their shares (6.35 MM sh or 4.6% fully diluted), agreeing to tender to the current offer. In the event of a superior unsolicited counter-offer, Rio Tinto has the right to match and a break fee of C\$20MM would apply for management and directors to opt out of the lock-up agreement.

Market Expecting A Superior Offer

- We believe Rio Tinto left room for another offer. We value Hathor's shares at approximately C\$5.20 and as such, we believe there is still room for another offer that could still be accretive for the acquirer. Cameco would likely have the advantage here given its ownership of two nearby uranium mills and access to a third.
- Hathor continues to trade above best current offer. Hathor's stock has been trading consistently higher than Cameco's offer price of C\$3.75/share since late August suggesting the market was expecting another offer. Currently, Hathor's shares are up another 10% today and trading at around C\$4.42 (INTRADAY) implying that the market might be expecting a bidding war.

Rio plans significant presence in the Athabasca

- Rio Tinto is serious. Long life-low cost uranium operations in the primary uranium producer areas of the world is Rio's goal. Today's Rio Tinto press release made a strong statement of their belief in uranium, Canada and the Athabasca. It is a stamp of approval for the project that looks to become a new foundation of Rio Tinto for uranium in Canada. While Rio already has some JV's in the basin and had made past discoveries, potential acquisition of Hathor would provide a world class uranium asset around which the company could grow its Canadian uranium business and shift its focus from lower grade African and Australian mines to the high grade Athabasca.
- Long term discussions with Rio. It is likely that Rio Tinto's interest in Hathor was not an isolated decision or pre-empted by Cameco. Rio Tinto affiliates already own 7.89 MM sh (5.7% fully diluted) which it could have been accumulating in market over a prolonged period.
- Rio Tinto plans to accelerate development. Rio stated plans to build on Hathor's strong exploration and technical foundation and work along side Hathor. It is likely Rio would build on this uranium pipeline of Roughrider and Russell Lake, moving Roughrider into Feasibility for next year. We await an initial Roughrider Far East resource estimate by 11-Nov-11.

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Rating BUY C\$ Target \$5.20 Risk* High C\$ Close \$4.03					Shares O/S (MM) Float (MM)				113.0 108.1	
•						Fully Diluted Shares (MM)				123.0
12-month return	29% ess stated otherwise						Basic Mkt. Ca	pitalization (\$MM)	C\$ 455.
-						Year-end March	(000\$)	(000\$)		(000\$
EVALUATION DA Year-end Mar.	TA	2008A	2009A	2010A	2011A	BALANCE SHEET Assets	2008A	2009A		Q1/1
EPS		\$ (0.04)	\$ (0.04)	\$ (0.09)	\$ (0.05)	Cash & ST Investments	33,320	29,276		23,846
P/E CFPS before char	uces in WC	\$ (0.02)	N/A \$ (0.03)	N/A \$ (0.03)	N/A \$ (0.01)	Other Current Assets Current Assets	<u>1,721</u> 35,042	771 30,047	-	343 24,189
P/CF	iges in wo	φ (0.02)	» (0.03) N/A	\$ (0.03) N/A	\$ (0.01) N/A	Guileni Assets	55,042	30,047		24,103
market cap/reserv					N/A	Mineral Properties	43,522	64,169		100,472
enterprise value/re market cap/resour					N/A N/A	Other non-current Assets Total Assets	266 78,829	838 95,054	-	598 125,259
enterprise value/re					N/A		•		-	
ASSUMPTIONS Uranium Sales	US\$/lb	2008A 0	2009A 0	2010A 0	2011A 0	Liabilities Current Liabilities	4,145	3,896		1,323
Exchange	US\$/C\$	0.97	0.94	0.91	1.00	Capital lease / LT Debt	4,145	3,090		1,32
	Reserves and Other		VM Lbs)		NA	Other non-current Liabilities	8,681	7,436	_	8,012
RESERVES & RE	SOURCES (as of	30 Nov-10) Tonnes	Grade	Cont U3O8	(MM lbs)	Total Liabilities	12,826	11,331		9,335
	Ownership	MM t	% U3O8	100% Basis		Capital Stock	48,684	94,324		148,817
Proven and Prob						Retained Earnings	2,236 50,920	(10,601) 83,723	_	(32,893
Midwest Northeas Hatchet Lake	100%				-	Total Shareholder Equity	50,920	03,723		115,924
Milliken	100%		0.00		-	EARNINGS SUMMARY	2008A	2009A	2010A	2011
Total Reserves Measured and Inc	dicated Resource	5	0.00		-	Revenue Uranium	-	-	-	
Midwest Northeas		3 94.2	1.98	17.2	17.2	Other	1,907	- 574	- 147	30
Hatchet Lake	100%				-	Total Revenue	1,907	574	147	305
Milliken Total Measured ar	100% nd Indicated Resou	r 394.2	1.98	17.2	- 17.2	Uranium costs Other Costs	-	4,094	- 1,244	- 2,287
Inferred Resourc	es					DD&A	71	158	231	2,201
Midwest Northeas		161.6	11.43	40.7	40.7	Exploration	-	-	-	-
Hatchet Lake Milliken	100% 100%				1	S, G&A EBIT	4,724 (2,887)	3,007 (6,685)	2,575 (3,903)	2,040
Total Inferred Res		161.6	11.43	40.7	40.7	FX Gain	-	-	-	-
TOTAL RESOUR	CE	555.8	4.73	57.9	57.9	Interest	-	-	-	-
PRODUCTION ES	STIMATES (Ib)					Writedown of min. properties EBT	- (2,887)	- (6,685)	(8,489) (12,392)	(4,229
Year-end Mar.		2008A	2009A	2010A	2011A	less Tax	- (2,007)	(3,703)	(4,450)	1,467
Midwest Northeas	t	0	0	0	0	Net Income (reported)	(2,887)	(2,982)	(7,942)	(5,696
Hatchet Lake Milliken		0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	Average shares (MM)	68.4	81.5	92.7	107.
Sub total		0	0	0	0	STATEMENT OF CASH FLO	ows			(000\$
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Hatchet Lake		0	0	0	0	Future income taxes	-	-	(4,450)	1,467
Milliken Wt. Ave.		0 na	0 na	0 na	0 na	Writedown of min. properties FX Gain		- (216)	8,489	
NET ASSET VAL	JE	0% NAV	C\$/share	10% NAV	C\$/share	Change in working capital	(205)	(210)	(724)	548
(beginning 2012)	-	(C\$MM)		(C\$MM)		Other Operating	1,470	607	1,244	1,808
Corporate DCF Cash and other		1,625 15	15.07 0.14	497 15	4.61 0.14	Total Operating CF	(1,552)	(2,473)	(3,151)	(1,379
	odelled Resources		0.45	49	0.45	Short term investments	-	-	-	
Total		1,689	15.66	561	5.20	Mineral Properties	(12,402)	(16,692)	(17,064)	(15,663
Dundee DCF Targ Share Price Targ					1.0x C\$ 5.20	Acquisitions Increase in Investments	(306)	(729) 434	(3,152)	
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NAV & Target Sensit	ivity (C\$/share) to Long			(/b)		Total Investing CF	(14,582)	(16,274)	(19,278)	(15,663
NAV (C\$/share)	Long Term 40	Uranium Price As: 50	60 60	5/lb) 70	80	Equity financing	43,741	25,660	25,423	1,256
0% Discount	6.79	10.34	13.89	17.44	20.99	Debt Issue	-	-	-	
5% Discount 10% Discount	3.78 2.36	5.72 3.50	7.67 4.63	9.61 5.77	11.56 6.91	Debt Repayment Other financing	- 363	- 4,125	- 271	
15% Discount	1.65	2.35	3.05	3.76	4.46	Total Financing CF	44,104	29,786	25,694	1,256
						Foreign Exchange effect	-	-	-	(AE 70)
						Change in cash Cash position, end of year	27,970 33,320	11,039 29,276	3,265 32,540	(15,786 17,210
	Hathor Uraniur	n Production and	Total Cash (Cost Estimates					s/Resources	
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Source: Company reports, Thomson One, Bloomberg, DCM estimates



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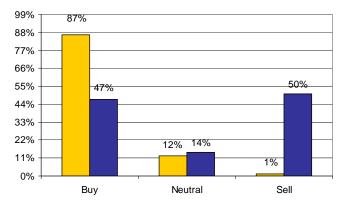
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