

New Age Exploration (NAE) 4

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1.5 Mt/yr coking coal, starting 2017

Indicated Resource announced.
Coal quality confirmed.

Recommendation

BUY; High Risk

Price

2.4c

Valuation

10.5c

- NAE has announced its updated JORC Resource estimate of 111Mt, of which 49Mt is in the Indicated category.
- NAE has announced the results of coal quality analysis, confirming good coking coal.
- The results are in line with earlier published data, enhancing confidence in our modelling of Lochinvar.
- NAE is on track to produce its scoping study in October.

Snapshot

Market Cap	\$7.5m
Shares on Issue	312.25m
Cash on hand (30 June 2014)	\$2.4m
52 Week High	7.2c
52 Week Low	1.8c
1 month / 6 month VWAP	2.3c /2.4c

NAE Share price v. volume



Lochinvar is part of the Canonbie coal field, which was first drilled in the 1950s by the UK National Coal Board.

Lochinvar was explored intermittently until the mid 1980s , when it was shelved with much of the UK coal industry.

Lochinvar coal appears to be similar to Maltby, an English mine that was shut in 2013, which reportedly sold for about 80% of HQ HCC benchmark, FOB, but with a transport premium of up to \$20/t.

NAE expects a scoping study to be completed by October 2014.

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Updated Resource in line with earlier Resource estimate

On 29 August 2014, NAE announced a revised Resource of 111Mt, of which 49Mt is in the Indicated category. This compares with the October 2013 Resource estimate of 112Mt of Inferred Resources.

Previously, NAE had an Exploration Target of 38Mt-81Mt. NAE has revised this exploration target to 31Mt-64Mt, though 15Mt-27Mt of this new target comes from the Lochinvar South area which was not included in the previous target.

The increased confidence is the result of the infill drilling that NAE has executed. The fact that the total Resource is about the same gives us strong confidence in he resource estimate and Beer & Co's estimate of the mining inventory.

Coal quality confirmed

NAE also announced the results of coal quality testing which has been used for marketing of Lochinvar coal.

The results confirm that the Lochinvar coal washes to a good quality, low ash (5%), mid-vol (34%) coking coal, with good swell (CSN 7), at a yield of 75%. The only negative is that the Sulphur level is higher than desired, at 1.4%, but it is still a very saleable, blending coal.

Beer & Co has assumed that Lochinvar coal will sell for about 80% of the high quality, hard coking coal benchmark price; however, the quality suggests that this maybe conservative.

Beer & Co's risked valuation remains 10.5c.

Our base case valuation assumes that benchmark coking coal prices rise to US\$ 170/t by the time Lochinvar is in production, in early 2018.

Our valuation should increase when the scoping study is published and the project begins to be de-risked.

We retain a BUY, High Risk recommendation.

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NAE: Indicated Resources

Revised Resource, 111Mt

NAE has announced a revised resource, of 111Mt

NAE announced its revised Resource estimate on 29 August, 2014. Figure 1 compares NAE's previous resource estimate, from October 2013, with the updated resources estimate and shows that the total is about the same, but the revised estimate now includes a significant proportion in the Indicated category.

Figure 1: NAE's revised Resource estimate

NAE now has 49Mt in Indicated Resources

	October 2013	August 2014						
Coal Seam	<u>Inferred</u>	Indicated	Inferred	<u>Total</u>				
Nine Foot seam	78 Mt	37 Mt	49 Mt	86 Mt				
Six foot seam	34 Mt	13 Mt	13 Mt	26 Mt				
TOTAL	112 Mt	49 Mt	62 Mt	111 Mt				

Sources: NAE ASX announcements, 1 October 2013 and 29 August 2014, Beer & Co

NAE also announced an update of the exploration target for Lochinvar. As shown in Figure 2, the revised target is slightly lower than earlier target, with the low estimate now 31Mt compared with 38Mt and the high estimate now 64Mt compared with 81Mt.

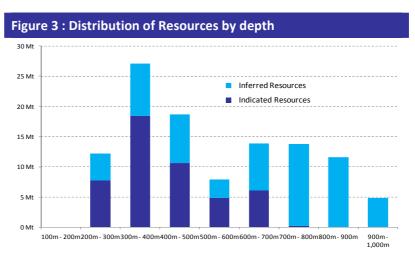
Figure 2: NAE's revised exploration target

	Lochin	ıvar	Lochinvar	South	Total Exploration Target				
Coal Seam	October 2013	August 2014	March 2014	August 2014	Previous	Updated			
Nine Foot seam	6 Mt - 10 Mt	2 Mt - 20 Mt	10 Mt - 34 Mt	15 Mt - 27 Mt	16 Mt - 44 Mt	17 Mt - 47 Mt			
Six foot seam	7 Mt - 13 Mt	0 Mt - 0 Mt			7 Mt - 13 Mt	0 Mt - 0 Mt			
Five foot seam	15 Mt - 24 Mt	14 Mt - 17 Mt			15 Mt - 24 Mt	14 Mt - 17 Mt			
TOTAL	28 Mt - 47 Mt	16 Mt - 37 Mt	10 Mt - 34 Mt	15 Mt - 27 Mt	38 Mt - 81 Mt	31 Mt - 64 Mt			

Sources: NAE ASX announcements, 1 October 2013, 3 March and 29 August 2014, Beer & Co

Figure 3 shows that the Indicated Resources are generally shallower, while the deeper coal is Inferred, demonstrating a successful outcome of the drilling.

The Indicated Resources are generally shallower and the Inferred Resources generally at greater depth

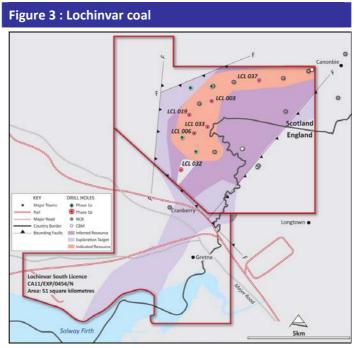


Source : NAE ASX announcement, 29 August 2014, Beer & Co



Figure 4 shows the distribution of the Resources; it shows that the area with most drilling is in the Indicated category. It also shows a small area around LCL 032, in the south of the Lochinvar licence area, that is not included in the Resource. This hole intercepted a coal seam of a thickness of 700mm, with a coal thickness of about 590mm. This was deemed to be too thin to be included in the resources estimate, which has a minimum thickness of 1200mm.

NAE's Indicated Resources are defined by the recently completed infill drilling programme.



Source: NAE ASX announcement, 29 August 2014

Coal Quality

The Lochinvar coal has been classified (see earlier Beer & Co research - http://beerandco.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2014/01/NewAgeExploration_2014January.pdf) as a good quality, mod-vol coking coal, though with sulphur levels higher than benchmark.

Lochinvar coal quality id confirmed

Figure 4 shows the previous raw quality analysis, while Figure 5 shows the most recent raw coal analysis data. Figure 5 is very consistent with Figure 4, giving us confidence in the coal analysis and its quality.

Figure 4: Lochinvar raw coal quality, October 2013, air dried

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Coal Seam	Moisture	Ash	Volatiles	Sulphur	CSN
Nine Foot seam	2.4 %	10.4 %	32.6 %	2.1 %	6.5
Six foot seam	3.0 %	11.0 %	32.0 %	3.5 %	6.5

Source: NAE ASX announcement 1 October 2013, Beer & Co



Figure 5: Lochinvar raw coal quality, August 2014, air dried

		Ir	<u>ı Situ Analysis</u>		
Coal Seam	Moisture	Ash	Volatiles	Sulphur	CSN
Nine Foot seam	2.5 %	13.2 %	31.9 %	2.2 %	6.0
Six foot seam	2.7 %	10.0 %	32.0 %	2.3 %	7.0

Source: NAE ASX announcement, 29 August 2014, Beer & Co

Figure 6 shows the quality of washed Lochinvar coal; ie the saleable product.

Lochinvar washes to a good product, with low P, high vitrinite, good swell, low ash.

It's sulphur levels makes it saleable as a product used in a blend of coking coals

Figure 6: Lochinvar washed coal quality									
Yield	75 %								
Moisture	3.0 %	(air dried)							
Ash	5.0 %	(air dried)							
Volatile matter	34.0 %	(air dried)							
Total Sulphur CSN	1.4 % 7	(air dried)							
Gray_king Coke type	G6								
Phosphorous	0.007 %	(air dried)							
Energy	7,775	kCal/kg (air dried)							
Vitrinite content	70 %								
Vitrinite reflectance	0.84 %	R ₀ Max							
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Source: NAE ASX announcement, 29 August 2014, Beer & Co

Figure 6 shows that the product coal is a mid vol coal, with good swell, low Phosphorous, high in vitrinite and low in ash.

Figure 6 also shows that while the sulphur level is above benchmark it is still a saleable product used in a blend of coking coals.

The results also show a good yield from Run of Mine, or raw, coal to product.

Valuation impact

Beer & Co's base case valuation remains 10.5c/share, as shown in Figure 7.

NAE is on track to publish the results of its scoping study in October

Scoping Study

The release of the Indicated Resource assessment confirms that NAE is on target to deliver the scoping study on Lochinvar in October.

At that time, Beer & Co will re-assess our cost assumptions, both capital and operating costs and revise our asset valuation.

Beer & Co have assumed a mining inventory of 38Mt of raw coal.

We will also reduce the risk weighting that we have applied to our valuation, form taking only 40% of the derived NPV to 50% - 60%.

Mining Inventory

The revised resource suggests we might be a little conservative.

Beer & Co's valuation of NAE assumes 38Mty of run of mine coal is mined. This is equivalent to 50% if the Indicated Resource plus 20% of the Inferred Resource.

In our view, our estimates are likely to be conservative.



Beer & Co's base case valuation remains 10.5c/share.

Our valuation is heavily risk weighted,.

Our risk weighting will be reduced when we have the results of the scoping study.

Figure 7 : Beer & C	risk: 100% Product per share avar, NAE share 40% \$152m \$61m 4.5 c 7.6 c sale 40% \$75m \$30m 2.2 c 2.2 c rate 100% (\$21m) (\$21m) (1.6c) (1.6c) ration 100% (\$2m) (\$3m) (0.2c) (0.2c) debt 100% \$5m \$5m 0.4 c 0.4 c o be raised 80% \$36m \$29m 2.2 c 2.2 c \$246m \$101m 7.5 c 10.5 c				
discount rate = 12.0 %			3-Sep-14		
	risk :	100%	Product	per share	
Lochinvar, NAE share	40 %	\$ 152m	\$ 61m	4.5 c	7.6 c
Asset sale	40 %	\$ 75m	\$ 30m	2.2 c	2.2 c
Corporate	100 %	(\$ 21m)	(\$ 21m)	(1.6c)	(1.6c)
Exploration	100 %	(\$ 2m)	(\$ 3m)	(0.2c)	(0.2c)
Cash / debt	100 %	\$ 5m	\$ 5m	0.4 c	0.4 c
Cash to be raised	80 %	\$ 36m	\$ 29m	2.2 c	2.2 c
TOTAL		\$ 246m	\$ 101m	7.5 c	10.5 c
Shares on issue		258.3m	FPO shares	4.5m	options
		54m	issued 2014	0.0m	op. ex'd
		541m	issued 2015 &	16	
		489m	Issued 2017		

Source: Beer & Co estimates

Beer & Co have assumed that Lochinvar coal sells for about 80% of the premium quality

The coal quality analysis suggests we could be a little conservative.

benchmark.

We have assumed a premium for location as the transport cost, especially to UK mills, will be much less.

The main risk factor is our assumed benchmark prime coking coal price, of \$170/t, though this is from 2017 and Lochinvar's first sales are projected for early 2018.

Coal Quality

In our analysis, we have assumed that the Lochinvar coal sells for 80% of the benchmark price. To this we have added a premium of \$12.50/t due to the lower transport cost form Lochinvar to its customers in the UK, and a smaller premium for mills in Europe.

Given the coal quality data, we feel that our estimate of 80% of benchmark may be conservative.

Conclusions

Beer & Co's analysis assumes that NAE gets Lochinvar into production early in 2018.

We are confident that coking coal prices will have recovered by that time and we have assumed that they will have reached US\$ 170/t by then.

In our view, this is the greatest risk in our valuation.

Our valuation should rise over time as the project is progressively de-risked.

Beer & Co affirms out BUY, High Risk recommendation on NAE.



lew Age Exploration (N	AEASX)						Septe	mber 2014							
ear ended June		2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19							
Section 1 - P&L ales revenue	\$A m	0	0	0	0	0	2	50	Year ended June	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	201
nterest revenue	\$Am	0	0	0	0	1	2	2	AUD-USD	0.892	0.916		0.850	0.850	0
therrevenue	\$A m	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	HQ HCC US\$/		138		169	170	
otal Revenue	\$A m	0	0	0	0	1	4	52	GBP - USD	1.584	1.600		1.600	1.600	1
ost of Goods Sold	\$A m	0	0	0	0	0	(3)	(29)	Lochinvar blend US\$ /t	125	123	135	148	149	
oyalties	\$Am	0	0	0	0	0	(0)	(0)	Mine Production (100% b	asis)					
ploration Expense	\$A m	(3)	(0)	(0)	0	0	0	0	RoM coal 000		0	0	0	50	
orporate Costs	\$A m	(3)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(3)	(3)	Coal sold '000 t 000	t 0	0	0	0	26	
ther Operating Expenses	\$Am	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	NAT-h	400.0/	400.0/	400.0/	75.0/	F0.0/	
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ther	\$A m	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Coal Seam	Resource	IM	Ash	Vol.	S	CS
re-Tax Profit	\$Am	(5)	(2)	(2)	(2) 0	(2)	(6)	8	Nine Foot seam	78 Mt	2.4 %	10.4 %	32.6 %	2.1 %	6.
ax Expense PAT	\$Am \$Am	0 (5)	0 (2)	0 (2)	(2)	0 (2)	1 (5)	(2) 7	Six foot seam 0	34 Mt	3.0 %	11.0 %	32.0 %	3.5 %	6.
eported NPAT	\$Am	(5)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(5)	7	TOTAL	112 Mt					
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ection 2 - Key Data								1				hed coal Anal			
rdinary shares - year end		258.3	312.2	588.8	853.8	1,343.1	1,343.1	1,343.1	Coal Seam Yield	Ash	Vol.	S	CSN	P	Fluic
ılly diluted shares on issu		258.3	312.2	588.8	853.8	1,343.1	1,343.1	1,343.1	Nine Foot seam 89 %	3.1 %	33.8 %	1.26 %	7.0	0.003 %	TB
eighted #shares	m	258.3	274.6	519.9	787.6	1,098.5	1,343.1	1,343.1	Six foot seam 77 %	4.0 %	34.7 %	1.82 %	7.0	0.034 %	1,4
arnings per Share ividends Per Share		(3.0c) 0.0 c	(0.9c) 0.0 c	(0.4c) 0.0 c	(0.2c) 0.0 c	(0.2c) 0.0 c	(0.4c) 0.0 c	0.5 c 0.0 c	Blend 85 %	3.4 %	34.1 %	1.43 %	7.0	0.012 %	
		5.0 €	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	Assumed mining invent	ory (50% of co	al shallower	r than 600m)			
ection 3 - Balance She	et								Coal Seam	RoM					
ish	\$A m	5	2	2	6	111	81	89	Nine Foot seam	25 Mt					
eceivables	\$A m	0	0	0	0	0	1	8	Six foot seam	13 Mt					
ther	\$A m	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	TOTAL	38 Mt					
JRRENT ASSETS	\$A m	5	2	2	6	111	81	97	Asset based Valuation						
ceivables	\$A m	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Asset based Valuation						
P&E	\$Am	0	1	2	2	2	2	2	discount rate = 12.0 %		0 June 201	3		3-Sep-14	
ining Properties / Explora		5	5	5	5	47	72	72	discount rate = 12.0 %	risking			per share	3-3cp-14	
her	\$Am	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Lochinvar, NAE share	40 %	\$ 152m		7.1 c	7.6 c	
ON-CURRENT ASSETS	\$A m	5	6	7	7	49	74	73	Asset sale	40 %	\$ 75m	\$ 30m	3.5 c	2.2 c	
OTAL ASSETS	\$Am	10	8	8	13	160	155	171	Corporate	100 %	(\$21m)	(\$21m)	(2.5c)	(1.6c)	
									Exploration	100 %	(\$2m)	(\$2m)	(0.2c)	(0.2c)	
ayables	\$Am	1	0	0	0	0	(0)	(3)	Cash / debt	100 %	\$ 5m		0.6 c	0.4 c	
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ther URRENT LIABILITIES	\$Am	1	0	0	0	0	0	19	TOTAL Shares on issue		\$ 246m		12.0 c	10.5 c	
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rovisions	\$A m	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		LoM	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020
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OTAL LIABILTIES	\$A m	1	0	0	0	0	102	109	Processing	13	0	42	17	12	1
ET ASSETS	\$A m	9	8	8	13	160	53	61	Tech. Services Site Admin	5 3	0	50 26	11 7	5	5
cumulated Profit (Loss)	\$A m	(13)	(16)	(18)	(20)	(22)	(21)	9	Site Admin Transport	3 20	0	26 8	7 12	3 19	2
serves	\$Am	1	7	(10)	(7)	106	(1)	(22)	C1 Total	65	0	168	78	63	6
ntributed Equity	\$A m	21	22	28	41	75	75	75	Royalties	0.4	0.0	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.
	\$Am	9	13	9	13	160	53	61	Sustaining Capital	10	0	6	6	5	į
nority Interest	\$A m	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Quality / Location	22	0	22	22	22	2
tal Equity	\$A m	9	14	9	13	160	53	61	TOTAL	US\$ 97/t	US\$ 0/t	US\$ 196/t	US\$ 106/t	US\$ 90/t	US\$
ection 4 - Cashflow									Financial Ratios						
et Cashflow from operation	n S A m	(3)	(5)	(6)	(8)	(7)	(7)	7	Year ended June	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	20
et Casnilow from operation et Interest Paid	\$Am	0	(5)	0	(8)	0	(4)	(10)	Revenue \$A m	2013-14	2014-15		2016-17	2017-18	20
et interest raid ixes Paid	\$Am	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	EBITDA \$A m	(6)	(2)		(2)	(2)	
nange in Working Capital		0	(1)	0	0	0	(1)	(10)	EBIT \$A m	(6)	(2)		(2)	(2)	
PERATING CASHFLOW	\$A m	(3)	(6)	(6)	(8)	(7)	(12)	(11)	NPAT (reported) \$A m	(5)	(2)		(2)	(2)	
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oloration Expenditures	\$A m	(4)	(1)	(1)	0	0	0	0	EPS Growth (%)		71 %		40 %	34 %	(1
intenace Capex	\$Am	0	0	0	0	0 (42)	0 (25)	(2)	DPS (c)	0.0 c	0.0 c		0.0 c	0.0 c	
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E Acquisitions (Total Cap) E Divestments	\$Am	0	0	0	0	118	(25)	0	PE a dj. (x) x EV / EBITDA (x) x	(1)	(3)		(10)	(15)	
ESTING CASHFLOW	\$Am	(4)	(1)	(1)	0	76	(25)	(2)	EV / EBIT (x) x	0	0		0	0	
-						*			Gearing (%)	0 %	0 %		0 %	66 %	
ange in Equity	\$A m	0	0	7	13	35	0	0	Return on Assets	(29%)	(28%)	(16%)	(1%)	(1%)	
vidends Paid	\$A m	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Return on Equity	(18%)	(27%)		(1%)	(10%)	
ange in Debt	\$A m	0	0	0	0	0	103	9	EBITDA Margin (%)					ı/a	
	\$A m	0	0	7	13	35	103	9	Interest Cover (x) x	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	
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