

# EQUITY RESEARCH Materials

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## **Strandline Resources Ltd (STA.ASX)**

Tajiri environmental approval, SML to follow

#### **Event:**

Tajiri environmental approval.

#### **Investment Highlights:**

- STA's Tajiri yesterday received the Environmental Certificate from the Tanzania government. This means now the Special Mining Licence (SML) is the major outstanding regulatory approval required, given the Framework Agreement for all of STA's Tanzanian assets (including Tajiri and Fungoni) had been signed in December 2021, which allows STA to clearly commercialise its assets with defined operating and ownership terms via the 84:16 Nyati JV with the Government. We expect the Tajiri SML to be granted some time in CY22e.
- Tajiri STA's second most valuable asset after Coburn. We value Tajiri at \$205M unrisked (\$0.18/share), ranking it only behind Coburn (\$473M, or \$0.50/sh) as the company's most valuable asset. While Fungoni is more advanced completed DFS, granted Mining License it is relatively smaller in Resource size and value (FSBe: \$32M or \$0.03/sh) than Tajiri. Increasingly, we see Fungoni as more of a starter project with Tajiri later becoming the flagship Tanzanian asset.
- Recap on Tajiri. The 2020 Scoping Study on Tajiri contemplated a 23-year mine life yielding pre-tax  $NPV_{10}$  of US\$205M (A\$277M) and IRR of 26%. This included an attractive revenue/C1 cost ratio of 2.4x and production of 16ktpa HiTi, 150ktpa ilmenite, and 61ktpa zircon concentrate. The project encompasses 268Mt JORC Resource at 3.3% THM.
- We expect STA will complete a DFS on Tajiri some time in CY23, with the project
  to follow Coburn and Fungoni into development, providing an attractive
  staggered project growth pipeline for the company.
- Meanwhile we anticipate that completion of the Nyati JV, including reassigning
  of STA's Tanzanian licences and assets into the JV in the 2QCY22. We also expect
  STA is progressing its plans for commercialising its Tanzanian assets, including
  potentially examining strategic alliances as an option.

### **Earnings and Valuation:**

- No changes to earnings.
- Unchanged risked share valuation of \$0.65, based on 0.8x NPV<sub>10</sub>.

#### **Recommendation:**

- We maintain both our Buy recommendation and 12-month PT of \$0.65, inline with our risked share valuation.
- Upside to P/E based on peers supports our PT. We note that when Coburn is commissioned, the market will start to price STA at FY24e earnings. Currently STA is on FY24e PE of 7x vs Resource producers forward PE of 11x. This represents ca. 50% upside to current share price, which is also in-line with our 12-month PT of \$0.65.
- Catalysts for the share price include: 1) Coburn progress; 2) Resource and Reserves upgrades; 3) Coburn commissioning; 4) Completion of Nyati JV; 5) Commercialisation of Tanzanian assets; 6) Tajiri SML; and 7) Higher mineral sands prices.

#### Disclosures

The analyst owns 265,500 STA shares.

Foster Stockbroking and associated entities (excluding Cranport Pty Ltd) own 2,015,500 STA shares.
Cranport Pty Ltd owns 1,757,618 STA shares.
Refer details end of report.

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Recommendation				Buy
Previous				Buy
Risk				High
Price Target				\$ 0.65
Previous				\$0.65
Share price (A\$)				\$ 0.395
ASX code				STA
52 week low-high			\$0.1	65-\$0.41
Valuation - risked (A\$/s	hare)			\$ 0.65
Methodology			risk	ed NPV
Capital structure				
Shares on Issue (M)				1,124
Market cap (A\$M)				444
Net cash (debt) (A\$M)				2
Performance rights (M)				15
Options (M)				10
Diliuted EV (A\$M)				452
Ave daily volume ('000)				4,182
Earnings Y/e Jun A\$M	FY21a	FY22e	FY23e	FY24e
Sales	0	0	53	204
EBITDA adj	-12	-7	31	102
NPAT reported	-13	-15	3	63
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NPAT adj	-13	-15	3	63
EPS adj. \$*	-0.02	-0.01	0.00	0.06
PE x	nm	nm	nm	7.1x
EV/EBITDA x	nm	nm	23.8x	5.1x
* Adj =underlying				
Substantial shareholde	rs			
Ndovu Capital VII BV (T	embo)			21%

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Regal Funds Management Pty Ltd	5%
Board	
Didier Murcia	Non-Executive Chairman
Luke Graham	CEO and Managing Director
Peter Watson	<b>Executive Director</b>
John Hodder	Non-Executive Director
Mark Hancock	Non-Executive Director
Alexandra Atkins	Non-Executive Director
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## **Strandline Resources (STA)**

Full Year Ended 30 June

Profit and Loss A\$M	2021a	2022e	2023e	2024e
Revenue	0	0	53	204
Operating Costs adj.	12	7	31	102
EBITDA adj.	-12	-7	22	102
D&A	0	0	3	12
EBIT adj.	-12	-7	19	90
Net Interest exp / (income)	1	8	14	16
PBT adj.	-13	-15	4	74
Tax exp / (benefit) adj.	0	0	1	10
NPAT adj.	-13	-15	3	63
Non-recurring items	0	0	0	0
NPAT reported	-13	-15	3	63
EPS diluted (\$) adj.	-0.02	-0.01	0.00	0.06
Cashflow A\$M	2021a	2022e	2023e	2024e
EBITDA adj.	0	0	53	204
Change in WC	10	-14	-2	-7
Tax paid	0	0	-1	-10
Other	-7	0	0	0
Net interest	-2	-8	-14	-16
Share based payments	1	1	1	1
Operating Cashflow	-10	-28	4	70
Purchase of PP&E	-2	-2	0	-3
Acquisitions	0	0	0	0
Capitalised expenses	-12	-164	-89	0
Investments	0	0	0	0
Investing Cashflow	-14	-165	-89	-3
Equity issue	140	0	0	0
Debt proceeds	3	211	0	0
Debt repayments	0	0	0	-11
Other	-12	6	0	0
Financing Cashflow	130	217	0	-11
Net Cashflow	106	23	-84	56
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Balance Sheet A\$M	2021a	2022e	2023e	2024e
Cash	116	140	55 4	111
Receivables PPE	1 0	0	290	17
Capitalised exploration	37	201	290	280 0
Intangibles	0	0	0	0
Other	2	0	0	0
Total Assets	156	340	349	408
Accounts payable	16	1	3	8
Provisions	2	1	3	8
Debt	3	214	214	203
Other	0	5	7	3
Total Liabilities	22	220	226	222
Reserves and capital	221	221	221	221
Retained earnings	-86	-101	-98	-34
Total Equity	135	120	123	187
Capital structure				M
Ordinary shares				1,124
Performance rights				15
Options				9
Fully diluted				1,147

Financial Metrics	<b>2021</b> a	2022e	2023e	2024e
Sales growth %	nm	nm	nm	286%
EPS growth %	nm	nm	nm	nm Foo(
EBITDA margin	nm	nm	41%	50%
EBIT margin	nm	nm	36%	44%
Gearing (ND/ND+E)	nm	38%	56%	33%
Interest Cover (EBIT/net int)	nm 10%	-1x -12%	1x	6x
Average ROE %	-10%		3%	41%
Average ROA %	-8%	-3% 1.120	5%	24% 1.124
Wtd ave shares (M) Wtd ave share diluted (M)	645 669	, -	1,124 1,148	,
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Valuation multiples	<b>2021</b> a	2022e	2023e	2024e
P/E x	nm	nm	nm	7.1 5.1
EV/EBITDA x	nm	nm	23.8	5.1
Company Valuation				
DCF, WACC 10% nominal	Unrisked	Unricked	Risked	Risked
Segment	A\$M	A\$/sh	A\$M	A\$/sh
Coburn Reserves	573	\$0.50	544	\$0.47
Coburn Expansion	112	\$0.30	84	\$0.47
Fungoni (84%)	32	\$0.10	26	\$0.07
Tajiri (84%)	205	\$0.03	123	\$0.02
Corporate	-51	-\$0.04	-48	-\$0.11
Other Tanzania exploration	20	\$0.04	-40 8	\$0.04
Net cash (debt)	20	\$0.02	2	\$0.01
Cash from in money options	2	\$0.00	2	\$0.00
Total	895	\$0.00	741	\$0.65
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Shares now M	1,124			
Performance rights M	, 15			
Options-in-money at valuation M	10			
Fully diluted shares M	1,148			
Commodity Assumptions	2021a	2022e	2023e	2024e
Prices (US\$/t)	2021a	20226	20236	20246
Zircon	1,471	1,644	1,746	1,718
Ilmenite - chloride grade	229	247	259	268
Rutile/HiTi	1,267	1,392	1,398	1,330
Monazite	1,427	1,456	1,485	1,514
A\$/U\$	0.72	0.74	0.73	0.74
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Shipments (kt)	_	_	_	
Zircon	0	0	9	34
Zircon concentrate	0	0	14	54
HiTi90	0	0	6	24
Ilmenite	0	0	28	110
Total	0	0	56	222
Revenue to C1 cost ratio	0.0	0.0	2.6	2.5
Segment Contribution	<b>2021</b> a	2022e	<b>2023</b> e	<b>2024</b> e
Coburn	0	0	53	204
Tanzania	0	0	0	0
Sales	0	0	53	204
Coburn	0	0	27	99
Tanzania	0	0	0	0
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