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#### **NEWMONT MINNG (NEM \$47.54, Overweight) FOUR UNKNOWNNS KEY TO THE ASSESSMENT OF THE MANY HOPE BAY DEPOSITS OF MIRAMAR**

	2007E	2008E	2009E	2010E
Earnings per share revised 10-14	\$(3.56)	\$2.69	\$2.94	\$1.67
Earnings per share revised 9-18	\$(3.49)	\$2.71	\$2.91	\$1.68
Gold	\$685	\$800	\$750	\$650
Copper	\$3.20	\$3.25	\$3.00	\$2.00

We cut our earnings estimates slightly simply due to the reduction in interest income or increase in interest expense due to the \$1.52 billion outlay for Miramar. Capitalized interest related to capital spending during construction is a separate likely account with definitive feasibility study and proven and probable reserves.

We did not incorporate the likely 150,000 oz of 2009 and again 2010 high grade output at "Doris North" as we were not sure how to allocate the \$1.6 billion purchase cost among much more than 2 mm high grade recoverable ounces of the year-end 2006 10.7 mm oz "indicated" or "inferred resource" and subsequent successful drilling. It might be reasonable to allocate more purchase cost per oz to the Doris or Boston zone ounces that are five or more times richer than the larger "Madrid" zones.

We estimate the recoverable gold in the deposit probably needs to be in the range of 13 mm oz in order to justify the purchase cost of the deposit plus likely capital spending to earn a robust return assuming moderate gold prices near \$500-\$600 per oz and \$200-\$300 per oz direct production costs. We estimate total development costs near \$1 billion of development investment or \$200 per oz with \$1.6 billion total acquisition and development cost.

Key unknowns include (a) the portion of the total Hope Bay resource that is both mineable and recoverable, (b) mine development capital needs, (c) regional infrastructure costs, (d) mining scale rates and (e) the timing of the first full year of production. The "belt" consists of more than five deposits of which a first, "Doris North," should produce at least 150,000 oz in 2009. Of course, the final size of the deposits and future gold prices are unknown always.

It will take a couple years to know enough about this family of deposits to estimate clearly the returns involved.

Roughly 3 mm oz of the 10.7 mm oz “indicated” or “inferred” resources are high grade. Assuming a 75% mineability rate and 90% mill recovery rate, there is a high likelihood that at least 2 mm oz of those 3 mm oz can be profitably mined in the Doris and Boston deposits based on a minimum interpretation of 2006 data.

Miramar Mining’s Hope Bay deposits had excellent drilling in 2007 including numerous drill intercepts of 100 to 200 feet grading 0.15 to 0.25 oz per ton between 100 and 1,0000 feet from the surface. There is every reason to expect the deposits to become larger. Miramar interrupted the preparation of feasibility studies and further environmental permits in 2007 to incorporate the new data becoming available.

## EARNINGS ESTIMATE REVISIONS

We cut our earnings estimates by \$0.06-\$0.07 per share per year simply due to the reduction in interest income or increase in interest expense due to the \$1.52 billion outlay for Miramar. Capitalized interest related to capital spending during construction is a separate likely account with definitive feasibility study and proven and probable reserves.

We cut 2007 to a \$3.56 from a \$3.49 loss including second-quarter goodwill writeoffs, 2008 to \$2.69 from \$2.71 at \$800 gold and \$3.25 copper, raised 2009 to \$2.94 from \$2.91, 2010 to \$1.617 from \$1.68, 2011 to \$1.73 from \$1.77 and raised 2012 to \$1.76 from \$1.72. We estimated NEM applies some cash quickly to repay debt.

Assuming that over 10 mm oz become recoverable, there is a good chance that future production and earnings becomes accretive. However, much infill drilling, exploration drilling, metallurgical testing, operating cost analysis, capital cost analysis and other studies must be done.

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<b>Table 1 Income Statement</b>	<b>2004</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2007E</b>	<b>2008E</b>	<b>2009E</b>	<b>2010E</b>	<b>2011E</b>	<b>2012E</b>
Gold Sales	3,653.6	3,501.9	4,273.0	4,309.8	5,246.1	5,377.5	4,931.8	4,671.8	4,671.8
Copper Sales	565.9	440.2	370.8	708.9	999.4	982.5	655.0	750.0	750.0
Silver Sales	11.4	11.9	18.7	24.0	20.4	18.7	17.0	17.0	17.0
Zinc Sales	227.6	54.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Royalties/Gains on Asset Sales/Other Inco	65.8	397.6	324.4	204.0	196.8	188.8	188.8	186.5	186.2
<b>Total Sales</b>	<b>\$4,524.2</b>	<b>\$4,406.0</b>	<b>\$4,987.0</b>	<b>\$5,246.6</b>	<b>\$6,462.7</b>	<b>\$6,567.5</b>	<b>\$5,792.6</b>	<b>\$5,625.3</b>	<b>\$5,625.0</b>
Cost of Sales	2,291.8	2,308.3	2,501.5	3,005.5	2,874.4	3,064.1	3,143.8	2,947.9	2,949.9
Nevada Gold Tax	4.4	4.7	6.5	7.4	8.6	8.1	7.0	7.0	7.0
Carlin Royalties	7.0	7.0	7.0	7.0	7.0	8.0	7.0	7.0	7.0
Depreciation	696.5	644.0	636.0	758.2	672.2	657.5	692.9	658.9	658.9
SG&A	115.8	134.0	149.0	150.0	155.0	155.0	155.0	155.0	155.0
Exploration	192.4	220.0	264.0	250.0	260.0	250.0	235.0	230.0	230.0
Interest Expense, net	97.6	98.0	97.0	128.3	154.8	86.3	116.7	148.7	80.3
Other Expense, net	19.6	(74.0)	(299.0)	20.0	20.0	21.0	20.0	20.0	20.0
Charges				\$2,187.0					
Pretax Income	\$1,099.0	\$1,064.0	\$1,625.0	(\$1,266.8)	\$2,310.7	\$2,317.5	\$1,415.2	\$1,450.7	\$1,516.8
Income Taxes	284.7	314.0	424.0	100.0	647.0	695.2	424.6	435.2	455.0
Tax Rate	25.9%	26.0%	26.0%	NM	28.0%	30.0%	30.0%	30.0%	30.0%
Equity loss (income) of affiliates	(2.6)	(4.0)	(2.0)	(6.0)	(5.0)	(5.0)	(5.0)	(5.0)	(5.0)
Minority Interest	335.3	380.0	363.0	248.4	403.2	239.2	239.2	239.2	239.2
Non-Cash Charges/Disc. Operations	(47.1)	(52.0)	(49.0)						
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>434.5</b>	<b>322.0</b>	<b>791.0</b>	<b>(1609.2)</b>	<b>1265.5</b>	<b>1388.1</b>	<b>756.5</b>	<b>781.3</b>	<b>827.6</b>
Preferred Dividend	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
<b>Net Income to Common</b>	<b>\$434.5</b>	<b>\$322.0</b>	<b>\$791.0</b>	<b>(\$1,609.2)</b>	<b>\$1,265.5</b>	<b>\$1,387.1</b>	<b>\$756.5</b>	<b>\$781.3</b>	<b>\$827.6</b>
Share Outstg.	443.5	449.0	452.0	452.0	471.1	471.1	452.0	452.0	471.1
<b>Earnings Per Share</b>	<b>\$0.98</b>	<b>\$0.72</b>	<b>\$1.75</b>	<b>(\$3.56)</b>	<b>\$2.69</b>	<b>\$2.94</b>	<b>\$1.67</b>	<b>\$1.73</b>	<b>\$1.76</b>
Cash Flow Per Sh.	\$3.67	\$3.18	\$4.17	\$2.12	\$4.81	\$4.82	\$3.64	\$3.63	\$3.58
Free Cash Per Sh.	\$2.05	\$0.39	\$0.74	(\$1.64)	\$2.47	\$2.69	\$1.43	\$1.41	\$1.46
<b>Estimated open market Gold Price</b>	<b>410</b>	<b>440</b>	<b>600</b>	<b>685</b>	<b>800</b>	<b>750</b>	<b>650</b>	<b>650</b>	<b>650</b>
<b>Avg. Realized Gold Pr.</b>	<b>\$410</b>	<b>\$432</b>	<b>\$600</b>	<b>\$685</b>	<b>\$800</b>	<b>\$750</b>	<b>\$650</b>	<b>\$650</b>	<b>\$650</b>
<b>Avg. Realized Copper Price</b>	<b>\$1.34</b>	<b>\$1.60</b>	<b>\$3.00</b>	<b>\$3.20</b>	<b>\$3.25</b>	<b>\$3.00</b>	<b>\$2.00</b>	<b>\$2.00</b>	<b>\$2.00</b>
<b>Avg. Silver Price</b>	<b>\$6.69</b>	<b>\$7.00</b>	<b>\$11.00</b>	<b>\$12.00</b>	<b>\$12.00</b>	<b>\$11.00</b>	<b>\$10.00</b>	<b>\$10.00</b>	<b>\$10.00</b>
Pretax Cost (\$/OZ)	\$280	\$301	\$372	\$886	\$448	\$427	\$463	\$448	\$439
Net Profit (\$/OZ)	\$62	\$50	\$135	(\$292)	\$222	\$221	\$114	\$125	\$133
Reserves (000 OZ)	74,481	75,524	76,070	73,315	70,463	67,328	64,008	60,888	57,768
Reserve Life (yrs)	10.7	11.6	13.0	13.3	12.4	10.7	9.6	9.8	9.3
Gold Sensitivity*	11.8	10.8	9.7	9.1	9.1	10.0	11.0	10.4	9.9

\* Gold sensitivity is defined as the cents per share change in aftertax earnings due to a \$10 per ounce swing in gold prices after considering taxes, royalties and other expenses that vary with prices.

Source: Company reports; John Tumazos Very Independent Research, LLC Estimates

**Table 2: Cash Flows**

Sources:	2004	2005	2006	2007E	2008E	2009E	2010E	2010E	2010E
Net Income	434.5	322.0	791.0	-1609.2	1265.5	1401.1	756.6	781.3	827.6
Depreciation	696.5	644.0	636.0	758.2	672.2	657.5	692.9	658.9	658.9
Deferred Taxes	33.6	-12.0	-55.0	10.0	64.7	70.1	42.5	43.5	45.5
Other Noncash Items	461.1	473.0	513.0	1800.0	262.1	155.5	155.5	155.5	155.5
Debt	55.9	583.0	198.0	812.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Common Stock	77.5	43.0	78.0	1150.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Asset Sales	56.0	3482.0	6.0	161.0	300.0				
Ore Stockpiles	-23.3								
Other, net	-209.7	-285.0	-614.0						
<b>Total Sources</b>	<b>\$1,582.2</b>	<b>\$5,250.0</b>	<b>\$1,553.0</b>	<b>\$3,082.0</b>	<b>\$2,564.5</b>	<b>\$2,284.1</b>	<b>\$1,647.4</b>	<b>\$1,639.2</b>	<b>\$1,687.5</b>
<b>Uses:</b>									
Capital Spending	718.0	1251.0	1551.0	1700.0	1100.0	1000.0	1000.0	1000.0	1000.0
Acquisitions/Investments	224.2	3301.0	-373.0	1520.0					
Dividends	133.3	179.0	180.0	135.6	141.3	141.3	135.6	135.6	141.3
Debt Repayment	253.7	218.0	111.0	1000.0	1000.0	1000.0			
Change in W.C.	253.1	301.0	84.0	-1273.6	323.1	142.8	511.8	503.6	546.2
<b>Total Uses</b>	<b>\$1,582.2</b>	<b>\$5,250.0</b>	<b>\$1,553.0</b>	<b>\$3,082.0</b>	<b>\$2,564.5</b>	<b>\$2,284.1</b>	<b>\$1,647.4</b>	<b>\$1,639.2</b>	<b>\$1,687.5</b>

**Table 3: Consolidated Balance Sheet**

	2004	2005	2006	2007E	2008E	2009E	2010E	2011E	2012E
<b>Assets</b>									
Cash and equivalents	1,567.2	1,899.0	1,275.0	1.4	324.6	467.4	513.3	828.2	1,013.5
Accounts receivable	210.5	230.0	358.0	183.6	226.2	229.9	202.7	196.9	196.9
Total Inventories	496.0	575.0	760.0	1,049.3	1,292.5	1,313.5	1,158.5	1,125.1	1,125.0
Other current assets	447.5	332.0	249.0	249.0	249.0	249.0	332.0	249.0	249.0
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>2,721.1</b>	<b>3,036.0</b>	<b>2,642.0</b>	<b>1,483.4</b>	<b>2,092.3</b>	<b>2,259.7</b>	<b>2,206.5</b>	<b>2,399.2</b>	<b>2,584.4</b>
Gross Plant, Prop. & Equip.	9,937.2	10,865.4	12,416.4	14,116.4	15,216.4	16,216.4	15,116.4	16,216.4	17,216.4
Less Accum. Depreciation	4,576.4	5,220.4	5,741.4	6,384.5	6,941.7	7,484.2	6,962.5	7,485.7	8,028.1
<b>Net PP&amp;E</b>	<b>5,360.9</b>	<b>5,645.0</b>	<b>6,847.0</b>	<b>7,731.8</b>	<b>8,274.6</b>	<b>8,732.2</b>	<b>8,153.9</b>	<b>8,730.7</b>	<b>9,188.2</b>
Investment in Batu Hijau	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Investments	386.2	955.0	1,319.0	1,319.0	1,319.0	1,319.0	1,319.0	1,319.0	1,319.0
Mineral interests, intangible assets and oth	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Goodwill	3,025.9	2,879.0	3,004.0	3,004.0	3,004.0	3,004.0	3,004.0	3,004.0	3,004.0
Deferred tax assets	482.9	517.0	799.0	799.0	799.0	799.0	799.0	799.0	799.0
Other long-term assets	784.8	960.0	990.0	990.0	990.0	990.0	960.0	990.0	990.0
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>12,761.9</b>	<b>13,992.0</b>	<b>15,601.0</b>	<b>15,327.2</b>	<b>16,478.9</b>	<b>17,103.9</b>	<b>16,442.4</b>	<b>17,241.8</b>	<b>17,884.6</b>
Short-Term Debt	285.5	196.0	159.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Acct. Payable & Other C.L.	815.5	1,154.0	1,580.0	2,118.0	2,818.7	2,956.4	1,471.5	2,138.3	5,235.8
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	<b>1,101.0</b>	<b>1,350.0</b>	<b>1,739.0</b>	<b>2,118.0</b>	<b>2,818.7</b>	<b>2,956.4</b>	<b>1,471.5</b>	<b>2,138.3</b>	<b>5,235.8</b>
Long-Term Debt	1,311.3	1,733.0	1,752.0	2,873.0	1,873.0	873.0	2,873.0	1,873.0	873.0
Reclamation Liabilities	431.5	445.0	528.0	550.0	550.0	550.0	445.0	528.0	550.0
Deferred Revenue/Hedge Gain	46.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Derivatives/Fair value of written call option	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other Long-term Liabilities	691.2	708.0	444.0	444.0	444.0	444.0	708.0	444.0	444.0
Deferred Taxes	476.1	449.0	703.0	400.0	464.7	534.8	442.5	508.2	580.3
Minority Interest	775.1	931.0	1,098.0	1,350.0	1,612.1	1,767.5	1,505.5	1,767.5	1,923.0
Convertible Stock	110.6	110.6	110.6	110.6	110.6	111.6	110.6	110.6	110.6
Common Equity	7,818.3	8,265.4	9,226.4	7,481.6	8,605.8	9,865.5	8,886.4	9,872.1	8,167.9
<b>Total Liabilities &amp; Equity</b>	<b>12,761.9</b>	<b>13,992.0</b>	<b>15,601.0</b>	<b>15,327.2</b>	<b>16,478.9</b>	<b>17,103.9</b>	<b>16,442.4</b>	<b>17,241.8</b>	<b>17,884.6</b>
Accounts Receivable / Sales	3.5%	3.5%	3.5%	3.5%	3.5%	3.5%	3.5%	3.5%	3.5%
Inventories / Sales	20.0%	20.0%	20.0%	20.0%	20.0%	20.0%	20.0%	20.0%	20.0%
AP & Other CL / Sales	18.0%	26.2%	31.7%	40.4%	43.6%	45.0%	25.4%	38.0%	93.1%
Long-term debt to Equity	16.5%	20.7%	18.8%	37.8%	21.5%	8.8%	31.9%	18.8%	10.5%

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## AT LEAST NINE MINERAL RESOURCES OR DEPOSITS, AND FIVE MORE KNOWN TARGETS

Miramar Mining has drilled out at least nine deposits or pods or zones that appear promising. Some are very near one another, and might be termed "clusters." These include Doris North, which is slated for 2009 underground mining at an 800 metric tonne per day rate, Madrid, Boston, BN Connector, Suluk North, Suluk South, Naartok East,

Naartok West and Rand. Patch 7, Patch 14, Nexus, South Nexus and Kink are other deposits among that have limited information at this time.

## METALLURGICAL TESTS

It is likely that Miramar Mining has not completed detailed tests of the metallurgy of all of these deposits as they are so many and their depths vary. Some may be oxide, but metallurgy often grows complex at depth. Some regional literature discusses arsenic wastes from former mining, which raises the possibility of some complex ores requiring special processing.

## A LIKELY GRADUAL PACE

The presence of over ten deposits and targets suggests that much data must be collected and interpreted to determine the ideal production mix. It is possible that more than three open pit and underground shaft systems may develop over a more than 50 kilometer wide east-west trend. It is possible that more than one type of metallurgy must be treated.

We envision a series of two or three smaller scale efforts initially such as two years at 150,000 oz each for Doris North, followed by one or two similar small, high grade, easy-to-manage efforts. In parallel we expect Newmont to gather much information about exploration, geology, metallurgy, operating costs and capital costs.

The options are large and many, and we expect NEM to evaluate prior to spending large amounts of money.

## INDICATED AND INFERRED RESOURCES AS OF YEAR-END 2006

Thus far Miramar Mining has not classified proven reserves, probable reserves or “measured” resources, which is the more defined category among noncommercial “resources.”

It defined 10.7 mm oz of “indicated” or “inferred” resources as of year-end 2006 in three deposits.

Roughly 3 mm oz of the 10.7 mm oz “indicated” or “inferred” resources are high grade. Assuming a 75% mineability rate and 90% mill recovery rate, there is a high likelihood that at least 2 mm oz can be profitably mined in the Doris and Boston deposits based on a minimum interpretation of 2006 data.

It defined 726,000 oz of “indicated” resources grading 19.3 grams per metric tonne (0.6 oz per ton) and 766,000 oz of “inferred” resources grading 14.5 grams per metric tonne (0.5 oz per ton) in the “Doris” deposit, whose “Doris North” underground zone will be mined in 2009. These are very high grade indeed.

The Madrid lower grade deposit contains 7.65 mm oz, and is the largest and most important definition to date. These include 3.7 mm oz “indicated resources” at 3.5 grams per metric tonne (just more than 0.1 oz per ton) and 3.95 mm oz “inferred resources” at 2.9 grams per metric tonne (just under 0.1 oz per ton). The returns from such zones depends on gold prices, capital costs, logistics, operating costs, recovery rates, the amount mineable and satisfactory strip ratios.

The Boston deposit is much higher grade, much like Doris, containing 798,000 oz of “indicated resources” at 10.7 grams per metric tonne (over one-third oz per ton) and 741,000 oz of “inferred resources” at 9.5 grams per ton (0.3 oz per ton).

## LOCATION OF HOPE BAY, NUNAVUT

Nunavut is the third “Territory” of Canada created in 1999. It formerly was the eastern portion of the Northwest Territories. Nunavut is the fifth largest province, state or territory of any nation in the world, and would rank as the thirteenth largest nation in land mass behind Congo were it a standalone nation.

Hope Bay lies on the south shore of the Arctic Sea, southwest of Victoria Island. It appears to lie 1 to 2 degrees north of the Arctic Circle, which is 66.56 degrees north. Each “degree” north appears to be almost 100 miles.

Hope Bay lies in the southwest of the Nunavut Territory, very near its border with the Northwest Territories. It could be thought of as the “Northeast” side of the NWT.

It appears to be about 200 miles or 300 km from the Diavik and Ekati diamond mines currently serviced with winter ice road supplies delivery. The NWT provincial capital Yellowknife contains the Giant and Con Mines. Winter road or a one hour flight links Yellowknife to the former Lupin mine of Kinross and Echo Bay Mines or the Ekati or Diavik diamond mines of BHP Billiton and Rio Tinto.

## NEAREST TOWNS

It is impossible to get a Yahoo or Mapquest description of Hope Bay or nearby towns Cambridge Bay or Kugluktuk (called Coppermine prior to 1996). Cambridge Bay is the seventh and Kugluktuk the ninth largest population in the territory each boasting over 1,000 inhabitants.

## TRANSPORT LINK ALTERNATIVES TO HOPE BAY, NUNAVUT SUGGEST NO EASY OPTION

Four physical alternatives exist - - ocean transportation, air strip, winter road or someday in the very distant future a permanent all weather road. None appear outstanding. “Global warming” certainly would improve alternatives.

Ocean freight via the Arctic Sea passages between the “mainland” and Victoria Island appear passable for maybe two or three months of the year. Hope Bay is about 200 miles west of Bathurst Inlet. It is possible that someday in the next generation a passage from the east will open with sufficient global warming. We do not know enough about current or future climate conditions to estimate whether it would be shorter, easier or cheaper to approach from the west via the Bering Sea and around the north slope of Alaska to enter the Arctic Sea or via the east via Hudson Bay if such a “Northwest Passage” ever exists. The link below gives a bit of detail of the local coast.

[http://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/2/23/Lambert\\_Projection\\_of\\_Western\\_Nunavut.png](http://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/2/23/Lambert_Projection_of_Western_Nunavut.png).

Bulk air freight to a custom air strip would be desirable, but much of the year the arctic weather would not make air travel easy or safe. It probably would be most practical in the two or three months before and after the seagoing season.

Winter roads are common to support mining towns in the Northwest Territories. However, this location appears over 250 miles (maybe 500) from any established winter road point such as the diamond mines in the Northwest Territories. We do not know whether construction of a winter road this far of a distance from other mines would be cost-effective.

The first 800 tonne per day underground mine planned in the Doris North zone is small by industry standards. Such a 300,000 annual tonne underground mine is unlikely to justify roadbuilding. The odds of justifying a winter or permanent road would improve over time as Newmont Mining delineates more gold in the Hope Bay region, or other explorers find other deposits in various minerals to justify development.

#### MIRAMAR VERSUS SHORE GOLD VERSUS GABRIEL RESOURCES

We believe NEM chose to acquire Miramar because successful 2007 drilling suggests its 10.7 mm oz indicated and inferred resources will grow. It has no ferocious environmental enemy or objector.

Shore Gold, for which NEM shares 40% working interest in its Star diamond projects, has less dollar value per ton. Shore Gold’s past bulk sample of 45,000 metric tonnes averaged about 0.15 carat per tonne or \$20 to \$25 per tonne. Miramar’s ores between 0.1 oz per ton and 0.6 oz per ton gold contain between \$50 and \$400 per ton of payable revenue.

Gabriel Resources’ 24 mm oz resource in Transylvania may be the largest undeveloped gold deposit in the world. A quick web search of the “Rosia Montana” property name brings up about 125 worldwide environmental groups opposing it. Most local residents do support it, however.

#### RATIONALE FOR SEPTEMBER 26<sup>TH</sup> CAUTION TOWARDS RESERVE REPLACEMENT

We do not expect a declassification of a material (more than 10%) portion either of the Phoenix, Midas or Leeville mines in Nevada. While possible, we do not expect any “revisions” or downward restatements of reserves published at year-end 2006 exceeding 1 mm oz.

The much greater challenge involves replacing the 7 mm oz mined in 2007 in terms of refined output plus recovery loss. Any wholesale divestment of the former merchant banking portfolio, should it occur, would prevent Gabriel Resources, Miramar, Shore Gold or other passive investments from someday becoming producing mines under the Newmont banner.

Candidates for reserve addition in 2007 or 2008 or 2009, which we term important evaluations underway or “in progress,” include the Turf underground zone near Leeville in Nevada, depth expansions to the existing deposits, Ahafo, Aykem and regional satellite targets in Ghana, Minas Conga, Chaquiocochoa, Quelish, depth extensions or other targets in Peru, Boddington resource conversions to reserve, depth extensions to Batu Hijau and the dynamic copper heap leach targets in the Battle Mountain basin surrounding the Phoenix project.

We have not “given up hope” for reserve replacement or reserve gains in 2007, and would be surprised or disappointed if a reserve decline in 2007 exceeded 1.5 mm oz or 2% of the year-end 2006 total.

It is not clear if a \$50-\$75 per oz change in the year-end 2007 economic gold price assumption from the \$475 2006 level will exert much change in the reserve calculation. The A\$ assumption, energy costs, diesel and some other cost dynamics have grown adverse, and will offset a good portion of any benefit of a higher gold price.

A higher copper price basis for reserve estimation also is plausible at year-end.

#### COST GUIDANCE CAUTION ON SEPT. 26<sup>TH</sup>

NEM appeared to warn that a \$15 per oz full year average cost variation from earlier indications was plausible, or that a risk of winding up above the \$375-\$400 range existed. This translates into a potential \$80 mm pretax or \$60 mm net or \$0.13 per share earnings risk to the second half.

Thus, the recent rises in gold and copper prices may not be additive to reported earnings to their full extent owing to exchange rate, energy or specific mine problem issues.

However, it does not appear that such problems would total \$0.25 per share equivalent to \$30 per oz cost variance. Gold prices have risen more than that level in recent weeks.

For the time being we are maintaining our earnings estimates, and will review the issues more carefully when NEM reports earnings on October 31<sup>st</sup>.

(For more information, please see our September 19<sup>th</sup> research report raising our investment rating, price target and earnings estimates owing to higher metals prices).

## NEWMONT MINING PRICE OBJECTIVE AND INVESTMENT POSITION

We raised our price target to \$70 from \$40 on September 18<sup>th</sup> because the dramatic macro stimuli in the world monetary system benefits future gold and copper prices, which could exceed expectations to break new records. We raised earnings forecasts and expect much higher P/E levels. Our approach is both intuitive and specific.

Our past price target is a “hybrid blend” of positive and negative considerations. High gold and copper prices, cost initiatives, capital spending to cut costs and raise revenue and exploration are upsides, while the March 2007 cost inflation to \$600 per oz breakeven illustrates the negatives. On January 7, 2007, we cut our price target to \$40 from \$50 per share owing to the poor earnings outlook at historically high gold and copper prices, and the generous \$17 billion market cap that anticipates some combination of exploration and development success. We do not think investors expect the current mine system to generate the earnings necessary to sustain the current stock price.

## BUSINESS RISKS

Risks to our thesis include cost inflation that could erode mine profitability and various other macroeconomic factors that affect gold prices such as dollar fluctuations, interest rates, inflation, political risks, investment demand, central bank sales, or jewelry demand versus mine supply issues.

For copper, various macroeconomic fluctuations particularly in auto, construction and capital goods markets globally, exchange rates, unanticipated changes in mine performance from mining or political issues, new capacity, demand substitution or changes in investment fund flows or psychology could exert large price or volume swings in either direction.

Some of Newmont’s operations involve large specific mine risks related to reserve replacement, host country, environmental issues, mine planning or logistics inherent to substantial earthmoving operations.

We think it is a healthy thing when NEM shareholders understand the country risks, environmental politics and many specific practical aspects of mining. It is important that investors understand the risks of the businesses and not merely trade the stock “like gold bugs.”

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