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#### Australian Equity Research

17 March 2025

Rating
SPECULATIVE BUY
unchanged

Price Target
A\$0.80
unchanged

CTM-ASX Price A\$0.38

#### **Market Data**

52-Week Range (A\$):	0.28 - 0.59
Avg Daily Vol (000s) :	137
Market Cap (A\$M):	186.3
Shares Out. (M) :	496.7
Dividend /Shr (A\$):	0.00
Net Debt (Cash) (A\$M):	18.0
Enterprise Value (A\$M):	154.4
Cash (A\$M):	1.2
NAV /Shr (A\$):	0.80
NAV /Shr (5%) (A\$):	1.32
P/NAV (x) :	0.47

FYE Dec	2023A	2024E	2025E	2026E
EBITDA (A\$M)	(41.6)	(21.2)↓	(5.6)↑	(2.8)↑
Previous	-	(18.6)	(6.8)	(4.0)
Nickel Production (000t)	0	0	0	0
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0.25				
Apr-24 May-24	Jun-24 . Jul-24 . Aug-24 .	Sep-24 Oct-24	Dec-24	Feb-25 - Mar-25 -
—— CTM —— S&P/ASX	(Emerging (	Companies	(rebased)	
Source: FactSe	et			

Priced as of close of business 17 March 2025

Centaurus Metals Limited (ASX:CTM) is a nickel sulphide focussed developer aiming to bring the 100%-owned Jaguar Project into production by 2027.

#### **Estimates Revised**

# Centaurus Metals Limited EV Materials

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### Key environmental permit issued

Last week, Centaurus Metals (CTM) was granted the Installation Licence (LI) for Jaguar Nickel Sulphide Project in the Carajás Mineral Province of northern Brazil. The issue of the LI provides CTM with the ability to commence construction in line with the current project design and paves the way for the Mining Lease to be formally issued. CTM expect issuance of the Mining Lease in the next few months. With the LI now granted, CTM can undertake/complete the following:

- Commence construction of the nickel concentrate plant, pits, dams, waste piles.
- Clear vegetation given the LI includes the main water permit and fauna licence.
- Submit an application to the Pará State Development Department to obtain available tax incentives offered to nickel producers in the State. These include incentives applied to a range of goods and services, including fuel, power supply, major equipment, and transportation of major equipment to site.

**The year ahead:** CTM is currently undertaking the Jaguar Value Engineering Process (JVEP). This seeks to optimise the outcomes of the July 2024 Feasibility Study. We now expect this to be delivered mid-year. Recall, the July 2024 Jaguar Feasibility Study (FS) was underpinned by an open pit reserve of 63Mt @ 0.73% Ni for 459kt of contained nickel and sees production of ~19ktpa of nickel in concentrate over 18 years for C1 of US\$2.30/lb milled and preproduction capex for a 3.5Mtpa plant of US\$371m. A number of areas for optimisation include:

- Updates to mine planning parameters, pit designs, and scheduling to potentially increase production in the early years of operation, which may reduce the payback period.
- Concentrate grade and specifications (already announced).
- Assessment of underground potential given the resource has defined mineralisation down to 600m depth with 21.5Mt of M&I material grading 1.46% Ni sitting below the FS pit designs. CTM has commenced a scoping level study to assess underground potential. We already estimate a small underground opportunity for Jaguar as an upside case in our model.
- CTM is continuing to advance engagement with interested parties with respect to strategic partnerships. To aid project funding, we assume a 10% project sell-down to a strategic partner at FID, for 10% of the project NPV at the time, less a 20% discount. This would leave CTM with a ~US\$360m (A\$537m) funding gap, which we assume is covered through a mix of debt and equity. We expect this sell-down to occur later in 2025.
- Additionally, we expect a Final Investment Decision (FID) late this year and first production in 2028.

**Valuation and recommendation:** Our fully funded, unrisked price target remains A \$0.80 (A\$0.61 at spot noting LME nickel is 9% up YTD). We have updated our model for the DecQ'24 report with no material change to valuation. We retain our SPEC BUY rating. CTM has cash of A\$18m at the end of the DecQ'24.



Figure 1: Financial Summary

Analyst: Date: Year End:  Market Information Share Price	Paul How ard										
Year End: Market Information								Rating:		SP	EC BUY
Market Information	17/03/2025						7	arget Price:			A\$0.80
	December										
						Company Description					
Market Capitalisation		A\$ A\$m	0.38 186.3			Centaurus Metals Limited (ASX:CTM) i Jaquar Project into production by 2028					
12 Month Hi		A\$	0.59			Province in Brazil. A DFS outlines prod				,	
12 Month Lo		A\$	0.28			US\$3.02/lb payable and upfront capita			•		
ssued Capital		m	496.7								
Options Fully Diluted		m	0.0 496.7			Profit & Loss (A\$m) Revenue	<b>2023a</b> 0.0	<b>2024e</b> 0.0	<b>2025e</b> 0.0	<b>2026e</b> 0.0	2027
Fully Diluted		m	490.7			Other Income	1.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
						Operating Costs	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
/aluation			A\$m	Risk Adj.	A\$/share	Exploration expensed/written off	-34.4	-16.9	-2.8	0.0	0.0
laguar	NPV @ 10%		298.4	100%	0.35	Corporate/Other expenses	-8.6	-4.3	-2.8	-2.8	-4.0
Inderground potential			81.0 50.0	50%	0.09 0.06	EBITDA Dania	-41.6	-21.2	-5.6	-2.8	<b>-4.</b> (
Exploration & Other assets Corporate			(21.2)		(0.02)	Dep'n Net Interest	-0.5 1.4	0.0 0.8	0.0 0.8	0.0 -5.7	-7.4
let Cash as at 31-Dec-24			18.0		0.02	Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
TM Options			-		-	Tax	0.0	3.1	0.7	1.3	1.7
uture Equity			266.7		0.31	NPAT (reported)	-40.7	-17.2	-4.1	-7.2	-9.7
OTAL NAV			692.9		0.80	Abnormals	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Price/NAV Target Price					0.47x <b>0.80</b>	NPAT	-40.7	-17.2	-4.1	-7.2	-9.7
					3.00	EBITDA Margin	nm	nm	nm	nm	nm
						EV/EBITDA	nm	nm	nm	nm	nm
Assumptions	2023a	2024e	2025e	2026e	2027e	EPS	-\$0.082	-\$0.035	-\$0.008	-\$0.014	-\$0.019
Nickel Price (US\$/lb)	9.73	7.64	7.03	7.48	8.25	EPS Growth	81%	-43%	-76%	40%	-2%
Cobalt Price (US\$/lb) AUD:USD	15.58	11.96	11.00 0.67	13.17	22.50 0.70	PER Dividend Per Share	-4.6x \$0.00	-10.8x	-45.5x \$0.00	-25.9x	-19.2x
400:030	0.66	0.66	0.67	0.68	0.70	Dividend Yield	\$0.00 <b>0.0</b> %	\$0.00 <b>0.0%</b>	0.00	\$0.00 <b>0.0%</b>	\$0.00 <b>0.0</b> %
						zividona riola	0.070	0.070	0.070	0.070	0.070
Sensitivity						Cash Flow (A\$m)	2023a	2024e	2025e	2026e	2027e
\$2.00						Cash Receipts	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
\$1.80						Cash paid to suppliers & employee: Tax Paid	-4.8	-4.3	-2.8	-2.8	-4.0
\$1.60						Exploration and growth	0.0 -35.9	0.0 -13.7	0.0 -2.8	0.0 0.0	1.7 0.0
\$1.40						+/- Working cap change	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
\$1.20						Operating Cash Flow	-40.6	-18.0	-5.6	-2.8	-2.3
\$1.00						Exploration evaluation	0.0	0.0	-11.2	0.0	0.0
\$0.80						Capex	0.0	0.0	0.0	-264.7	-257.1
\$0.60						Other Investing Cash Flow	-2.8 <b>-2.8</b>	1.0 <b>1.0</b>	27.6 <b>16.4</b>	0.0 <b>-264.7</b>	0.0 <b>-257.1</b>
\$0.40						Debt Drawdown (repayment)	0.0	0.0	0.0	266.7	0.0
\$0.20						Share capital	44.0	0.4	0.0	266.7	0.0
\$0.00	20% -10%	0%	10%	20%	30%	Dividends	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
	US\$ Exchange Rate		Nickel P			Net interest	0.0	0.4	0.8	-5.7	-7.4
Production Metrics	2025e	2026e	2027e	2028e	2029e	Financing Cash Flow	<b>44.0</b>	<b>0.9</b> 34.7	<b>0.8</b> 18.0	<b>527.7</b> 29.0	- <b>7.4</b> 288.6
Jaguar	20256	20206	20276	20206	20296	Opening Cash Increase / (Decrease) in cash	34.0 0.6	-16.1	11.5	260.2	-266.8
Nickel sulphide (kt)	0.0	0.0	0.0	4.0	17.2	FX Impact	0.1	-0.5	-0.5	-0.5	-0.5
Cash cost (A\$/lb Ni payable	9.0	0.0	0.0	8.7	2.4	Closing Cash	34.7	18.0	29.0	288.6	21.3
AISC (A\$/lb Ni payable)	0.0	0.0	0.0	13.2	3.9		4				
						Op. Cashflow/Share P/CF	-\$0.08	-\$0.04	-\$0.01	-\$0.01	\$0.00
Resources			Mt	Ni (%)	Ni (kt)	FCF	nm nm	nm nm	nm 10.8x	nm nm	nm nm
Jagaur Project				14 (79	()	EV/FCF	nm	nm	nm	nm	nm
Measured			15	1.06	156	FCF Yield	-23%	-9%	6%	-144%	-139%
Indicated			98	0.84	823	5					
Inferred Fotal			26 138	0.88	225 1205	Balance Sheet (A\$m) Cash + S/Term Deposits	2023a	2024e	<b>2025e</b> 29.0	2026e	2027e
iotai			130	0.67	1205	Other current assets	34.7 2.1	18.0 0.0	0.0	288.6 158.8	21.3 154.3
Ore Reserve			Mt	Ni (%)	Ni (kt)	Current Assets	36.8	18.0	29.0	447.5	175.6
Jagaur Project				(70)	9	Property, Plant & Equip.	9.8	9.8	9.8	274.5	531.6
Proven			11	0.88	100	Exploration & Develop.	0.0	0.0	0.0	264.7	521.8
Probable			52	0.69	359	Other Non-current Assets	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Total			63	0.73	459	Payables	3.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
						Short Term Debt Long Term Debt	0.5 0.3	0.0 0.0	0.0 0.0	0.0 266.7	0.0 266.7
Iron Ore Assets						Other Liabilities	1.1	181.8	26.9	446.3	696.4
Reserves			Mt	Fe (%)	Fe (Mt)	Net Assets	55.2	38.4	34.3	293.8	284.1
Jambreiro						Shareholders Funds	281.4	281.9	281.9	548.5	548.5
			35.4	25.8%	9	Reserves	-4.7	-4.7	-4.7	-4.7	-4.7
Proved			13.1	27.2%	4	Retained Earnings	-221.6	-238.8	-242.9	-250.1	-259.8
Proved Probable			48.5	26.2%	13	Total Equity	55.2	38.4	34.3	293.8	284.1
Proved Probable						Debt/Equity					
Proved Probable Fotal			Mt	Fe (%)	Fe (Mt)	Debrequity	0%	0%	0%	91%	94%
Proved Probable  Total  Resources	abém		Mt	Fe (%)	Fe (Mt)	Net Debt/EBITDA	0% 0.8x	0% 1.0x	0% 5.2x	91% 7.9x	94% -108.7x
Proved Probable Total Resources Jambreiro, Canavial, Passa	ab ém		Mt 193.7	Fe (%)	Fe (Mt)	Net Debt/EBITDA Net Interest Cover					
Proved	ab ém					Net Debt/EBITDA	0.8x	1.0x	5.2x	7.9x	-108.7x

Source: Company Reports, Canaccord Genuity estimates



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Centaurus Metals Limited - CTM

Our price target (NPV10%) is on a fully diluted basis and assumes a 10% project sell-down. Our project valuation is based on the 2024 Feasibility Study over Jaguar. Our net asset valuation per share is based on a fully financed scenario inclusive of equity dilution and fully drawn project debt.

#### Risks to achieving Target Price / Valuation:

Centaurus Metals Limited - CTM

#### **Financing risks**

As an exploration and development company with no material income, CTM is highly reliant on equity and debt markets to fund development of its assets and progress its regional exploration pipeline. Further, we can make no assurances that accessing these markets will be done without further dilution to shareholders.

#### **Exploration and development risks**

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	#	%	%	
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	930*	100.0%		

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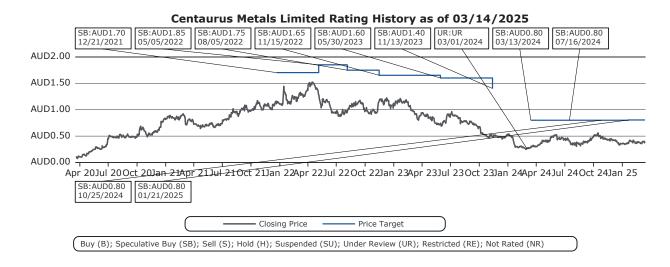
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