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Russian infrastructure Opportunities on a global theme

- **Fiscal stimulus: A global theme.** Governments around the world are gearing up to substitute falling private sector demand with a Keynesian fiscal stimulus of unprecedented size. The focus is on investing for the future through building infrastructure. While the world may be suffering a severe economic downturn, the first sectors to recover will likely include those exposed to infrastructure.
- Russian policy switches to spending. Over the past four months, Russia has concentrated its resources mainly on shoring up its financial sector, and effectively providing a window for the private sector to hedge any currency mismatch. Now it appears the priority has shifted to managing the social situation protecting jobs and incomes through government stimulus packages. Despite an expected 25% decline in government revenues in 2009, there are plans to actually increase government expenditure this year.
- Infrastructure investment to be the main focus. Plans for infrastructure spending are shifting, with many projects being cancelled. Utility companies have cut their capex budgets. Municipal authorities are reducing the scope of some schemes. Government-owned entities, such as Russian Railways, have reduced spending. Russia's Investment Fund was recently halved, to RUB64bn, affecting five of the country's 21 biggest schemes. However, the federal government has highlighted infrastructure as the sector with the highest multiplier to stimulate economic activity.
- The total spend will be lower, but still very significant. Although we have cut our infrastructure spending forecasts for 2009, to \$56bn from \$72bn, the adjustment mainly reflects the impact of a weaker rouble. As detailed in this note, the largest projects already started are likely to be completed and a number of other, high-profile schemes have received the go-ahead. These include the Western High Speed Diameter, the Moscow-St Petersburg Highway, new runways at Moscow airports and work relating to the Sochi 2014 Winter Olympics. The federal budget has not cut spending on infrastructure, and may indeed be planning to increase it. The real test will come when the construction season restarts in earnest in 2Q09, but progress to date is encouraging, with companies reporting a pick-up in activity in January.
- For the intrepid, we see some excellent opportunities. Russia's equity market offers exposure to the global theme at some truly distressed valuations. All stocks are cheap in our view on any kind of medium-term scenario, except a radical change in the political environment. The most important variable is survival. Companies that can survive 2009 will be in good shape to consolidate and become Russian champions in the space. Our top picks are Evraz and NLMK in steel, Novorossiysk Commercial Sea Port in infrastructure; and Mostootryad-19 and Bamtonnelstroy in construction.

Summary sector ratings

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|--------|----------------------------------|-------------------|------------------|--------|------------------|-----------------|-------------|-----------|
| Ticker | Company | Current price, \$ | Target price, \$ | Rating | Upside potential | MktCap, \$mn | EV, \$mn | ADR since |
| NLMK | NLMK | 1.2 | 1.8 | BUY | 50.00% | 7,192 | 7,754 | 2005 |
| HK1q | Evraz Group | 8.35 | 32 | BUY | 283.23% | 3,069 | 11,392 | 2005 |
| NMTP | Novorossiysk Commercial Sea Port | 0.07 | 0.16 | BUY | 146.15% | 1,252 | 1,727 | 2007 |
| MSOT | Mostootryad 19 | 1575 | 5732 | BUY | 263.94% | 119 | 76 | N/A |
| BTST | Bamtonnelstroy | 1000 | 5477 | BUY | 447.70% | 99 | 165 | N/A |

Source : Renaissance Capital estimates

Infrastructure spending: The time is now

The global economic outlook is bad and getting worse. But there is a strong negative correlation between the economic bad news and the size of the stimulus packages unveiled by the world's increasingly desperate governments. As a general rule, the worse the economic outlook, the bigger the stimulus packages.

Figure 1 provides a rough summary of the scale of the promised stimulus. This is a little misleading, because it is often difficult to differentiate between bank bailout plans and classical Keynesian fiscal stimulus. However, the scale of the plans is clear. Collectively, the governments of the world's nine-largest economies have promised something in the region of \$1.9tm in government initiatives. To put that into perspective, global GDP last year was roughly \$60tm, and the overall share of government roughly \$17tm.

Figure 1: Promised stimulus packages

| Country | Reported fiscal stimulus package, \$bn | Source |
|-----------|--|--|
| US | 825 | Bloomberg |
| China | 588 | Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao, Davos speech |
| Spain | 119 | Bloomberg |
| Japan | 111 | Bloomberg |
| Italy | 102 | Bloomberg |
| Germany | 64 | FT |
| France | 33 | FT |
| UK | 29 | FT |
| Canada | 28 | Bloomberg |
| Australia | 6 | Bloomberg |
| Total | 1906 | |

Source: Bloomberg, FT

Russia is being hit as hard as any by the global recession. The collapse in global finance has been exacerbated by a precipitous fall in commodity prices. Global deleveraging made financing for Russian companies difficult and the situation only became worse when the fall in commodity prices undermined Russia's creditworthiness and contributed to the disappearance of liquidity. From a growth path of 6-8%/year up to 3Q last year, Russia fell into recession during the fourth quarter, and will likely suffer a decline in output of up to 2-4% in the first three quarters of 2009.

The scale of the squeeze on the economy is being countered by a similar-scale stimulus package. Since the financial crisis really broke out in Russia in September and October last year, the government has focused on maintaining financial stability. Going forward, the government has indicated that it will switch focus towards the real economy.

Figure 2 indicates the government's overall spending plans. In the first three quarters of 2008, the federal government ran an 8%/GDP budget surplus. In 2009, the government could run a budget deficit of up to 8%/GDP. Despite a fall in expected revenues of 25%, the federal government is looking to *increase* public expenditure.

Figure 2: Loosening fiscal policy

| | Jan-Sep 2008 | 2008 | Budget Law 2009 | Possible budget plan |
|-------------------|-----------------|-------|--------------------|-------------------------|
| Oil price, \$/bbl | 108 | 95 | 95 | 41 |
| Revenues | 23.3% | 21.8% | 21.2% | 15.8% |
| oil and gas | 11.2% | 10.5% | 9.1% | 5.0% |
| non-oil and gas | 12.1% | 11.3% | 12.1% | 10.8% |
| Expenditure | 14.9% | 17.8% | 17.5% | 23.3% |
| | | | | |
| Deficit ('-') | 8.3% | 4.0% | 3.7% | -7.6% |

Source: Russian government

As we explain in this report, infrastructure spending in Russia remains the top priority for government stimulus spending. Progress has been made on a range of projects that are in the process of being rolled out. As always, Russia's biggest problem is that its bureaucracy is not an efficient means of implementing government policy. The Ministry of Finance, in particular, is concerned that budget money will not reach its intended goal. For that reason, projects have been delayed, and the participation of the private sector is being sought.

It is clear, however, that in common with global trends, government spending on infrastructure in Russia is beginning, and will grow rapidly this year and next. While it is unlikely to completely offset the overall downward pressure on the economy, it should mean that steel, cement, construction, ports, airports, roads and railways will be relatively well protected, and among the first areas to recover.

The most important key to benefiting from economic growth in the medium-term is now survival. Companies that are in a position to ride out the financial crisis will in our view be able to consolidate their positions as sector leaders, in a space which has less competition. Below we discuss, in some detail, why the five companies we have identified should be able to survive the next year.

Infrastructure update

We have downgraded our estimate for Russian infrastructure spending in 2009 by 22%, to \$56.5bn from \$72.3bn. Figure 3 summarises our forecast revisions.

Figure 3: Changes to infrastructure spending forecasts, \$mn

| | Pre-crisis | Change, | Initiation | Change, | Change, | New assumption, |
|--------------------------------|------------|---------|------------|-----------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| | 1 Jan 2008 | \$ | 2 Dec 2008 | \$mn (currency) | \$mn (underlying) | 16 Jan 2009 |
| Federal budget | | | 15.0 | -2.3 | 0.0 | 12.7 |
| Investment Fund | | | 5.5 | -0.9 | -1.3 | 3.3 |
| Regional and municipal budgets | | | 1.5 | -0.2 | -0.3 | 1.0 |
| Russian Railways | | | 11.0 | -1.8 | -1.7 | 7.5 |
| Gazprom | | | 15.2 | -2.5 | 0.0 | 12.7 |
| Transneft/Transnefteprodukt | | | 7.5 | -1.2 | 0.0 | 6.3 |
| RusHydro | | | 1.8 | -0.3 | 0.0 | 1.5 |
| Other public sector | | | | | | |
| Total public sector | 76.4 | -18.9 | 57.5 | -9.4 | -3.1 | 45.0 |
| Change | | | -24.7% | | | -21.8% |
| Total private sector | 34.1 | -19.3 | 14.8 | -2.4 | -0.9 | 11.5 |
| Change | | | -56.7% | | | -22.2% |
| Total spending | 110.5 | -38.2 | 72.3 | -11.9 | -3.9 | 56.5 |
| Change | | | -34.6% | | | -21.9% |

Source: Renaissance Capital estimates

The key drivers of our forecast changes are:

- The biggest factor driving the downgrade is currency. At the time of our sector initiation (2 Dec 2008), we used an exchange-rate assumption of RUB25.5/\$1. Following recent rouble devaluation, our new forecasts are based on an average rate of RUB30.5/\$1. This has knocked nearly \$12bn off forecast spending. (This is purely a translation effect, because the government budgets in roubles.)
- The Russian government recently revised its macroeconomic forecasts downwards. These now assume an oil price of \$41/bbl (vs the previous forecast of \$95/bbl), and an exchange rate of RUB35.1/\$1. Macro data has also been weak in recent months, with industrial production having fallen 10.3% YoY in Dec 2008, for example. Despite these pressures and new macro assumptions, however, the government is still committed to its original spending plans. To date, no federal funding has been cut and it is possible the budget may actually increase this year. The \$12.7bn forecast contribution is relatively small compared with the cash allocated to tackle other effects of the crisis (including the \$40bn allotted to banks if required), and the government's financial position remains strong, with Reserve Funds totalling \$190bn at YE08. We also note the positive trend of falling input costs, which should alleviate some of the pressures on the federal budget.
- The biggest casualty of the crisis has been the Investment Fund. The fund had originally allocated RUB113bn for projects in 2009. Last week, Regional Development Minister Dmitri Kozak announced spending would be cut to RUB64bn. There are conflicting reports about the impact of this reduction (more on this later), but it seems likely that five or six of the country's 21 largest projects could be delayed. The Investment Fund's priorities have shifted, in our view, to job creation (the schemes going ahead should create 20,000 new jobs) and maintaining social cohesion (10 of the 15 remaining schemes are said to be in regions with labour tensions).

- Regional and municipal budgets have been trimmed, but not by much. There are reports from Moscow, for example, that the underground project may be reduced in scope – from RUB130bn to RUB120bn in value terms over three years, and that more federal subsidies could be required. These adjustments are, so far, relatively immaterial.
- Russian Railways (RZD) has slashed its investment budget. In September, RZD announced it planned to spend RUB432bn on capex in 2009. Last week, *Reuters* reported that spending could be cut by RUB100-330bn. The Ministry of Transport has stated the programme could shrink to just RUB225bn. On 24 Dec 2008, a report by *Reuters* estimated spending of RUB252bn. RZD's CEO, Vladimir Yakunin, said on 17 Jan 2008 that investment spending should total around RUB350bn this year. Given these widely differing views, and the current downturn in trading (with volumes down 36% in January), we have been a little more cautious, and assume the group finds funding for schemes worth RUB230bn (\$7.5bn), and that investment in new fleet is almost zero.
- Our forecasts for utility spending and oil and gas capex have not materially changed on an underlying basis since our sector initiation. At that stage, they already reflected a cautious outlook. Capex spending forecasts have since been confirmed by FSK and RusHydro.
- The major change since the onset of the crisis in mid-2008 has been the collapse in private sector investment. Total infrastructure spending for 2009 (based on retrospective forecasts) originally assumed a \$34.1bn private sector spend this year. Lower demand, a lack of financing and the uncertain outlook have meant this figure has been decimated to just \$11.5bn. We believe this new forecast is realistic. The majority of investment is due to come from the utility companies, which currently sit on net cash of nearly \$7bn.

Figure 4: Current net debts of utility companies, \$mn

| Current net debt, including | (6,998) |
|--|---------|
| OGKs | (1,898) |
| TGKs | (2,146) |
| FSK (accounting for additional share issues in favour of the state) | (4,649) |
| RusHydro (accounting for additional share issues in favour of the state) | (979) |
| MRSKs | 2,674 |

Source: Renaissance Capital estimates

Taking into account internally generated funds, the utility projects should be realisable and affordable, with only \$1.1bn of new debt in 2009. We think they will be able to raise this debt, given their strong cash flows and robust balance sheets.

Figure 5: Estimate of general financing flows in utilities, 2009-2013, \$mn

| | 2009E | 2010E | 2011E | 2012E | 2013E |
|---|--------|--------|--------|--------|----------|
| Significant sources of financing, \$mn | 7,953 | 14,257 | 19,345 | 23,028 | 27,816 |
| Infrastructure bonds, \$mn | 426 | 1,748 | - | - | - |
| OGK1 potential additional share issue in favour of state-controlled banks, \$mn | 516 | - | - | - | - |
| FSK EBITDA estimate, \$mn | 1,100 | 2,460 | 3,072 | 3,780 | 4,196 |
| RusHydro EBITDA estimate, \$mn | 1,815 | 2,654 | 3,733 | 3,322 | 3,583 |
| OGKs EBITDA estimate, \$mn. Including | 1,184 | 2,317 | 3,783 | 5,138 | 6,439 |
| OGK1 | 242 | 395 | 587 | 921 | 1,357 |
| OGK2 | 155 | 340 | 625 | 843 | 1,052 |
| OGK3 | 187 | 295 | 442 | 605 | 809 |
| OGK4 | 243 | 632 | 963 | 1,218 | 1,305 |
| OGK5 | 156 | 318 | 691 | 951 | 1,056 |
| OGK6 | 201 | 337 | 475 | 600 | 861 |
| TGKs EBITDA estimate, \$mn | 1,161 | 1,978 | 3,230 | 4,387 | 5,499 |
| MRSKs EBITDA estimate (excluding grid-connection fees), \$mn | 1,750 | 3,100 | 5,526 | 6,400 | 8100 |
| | | | | | |
| Total funding available in utilities, \$mn | 12,040 | 13,137 | 15,876 | 18,788 | 27,987 |
| Renaissance Capital estimate of total utilities capex in 2009, \$mn | 13,160 | 16,606 | 20,116 | 18,617 | 11,780 |
| Coverage of capex with own funds | 91% | 79% | 79% | 101% | 238% |
| Total debt needs, \$mn | 1,121 | 3,469 | 4,240 | (171) | (16,207) |

Source: Renaissance Capital estimates

We expect infrastructure spending of \$56.5bn to be split between transport (\$24bn; 43%), utilities (\$13bn; 23%) and oil and gas (\$19bn; 34%).

Figure 6: Russian infrastructure spending, \$mn

| | \$bn | Proportion of total |
|-------------------------------|------|---------------------|
| Total infrastructure spending | 56.5 | 100% |
| Transport | 24.4 | 43% |
| Of which: | | |
| Roads | 12.8 | 23% |
| Rail | 7.9 | 14% |
| Regional development | 1.9 | 3% |
| Airports | 0.8 | 1% |
| Ports | 0.7 | 1% |
| Waterways | 0.2 | 0% |
| Utilities | 13.2 | 23% |
| Of which: | | |
| FSKs | 5.3 | 9% |
| OGKs | 3.4 | 6% |
| MRSKs | 1.5 | 3% |
| RusHydro | 1.5 | 3% |
| TGKs | 1.5 | 3% |
| Oil and gas | 19.0 | 34% |
| Of which: | | |
| Gazprom | 12.7 | 22% |
| Transneft/Transnefteprodukt | 6.3 | 11% |

Source: Renaissance Capital estimates

Project update

Our new forecasts are based on a detailed project-by-project review of Russia's priorities in 2009. We think spending in 2009 will be allocated as summarised in Figure 7.

Figure 7: Renaissance Capital analysis of likely infrastructure spending in 2009, \$mn

| Figure 7: Renaissance Capital analysis of likely in | ntrastructure spending in 2009, | \$mn | | | |
|--|---------------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------|--|
| Project | | 2009E spending, \$mn | Start date | End date | Description |
| Highways | | | | | |
| Construction of the WHSD highway, in St Petersburg | Investment Fund | 741 | 2004 | 2013 | Toll highway construction to link south, central and northern areas of St. Petersburg, and connect the transportation hub (including the Bolshoi Sea Port) to the federal highway network. The project is being undertaken in stages; the next of which is being completed under a public-private partnership scheme |
| Construction and renovation of the M-27 Dzhubga- Sochi to the Russia/Georgia border | Federal budget | 523 | 2009 (start of project design stage) | 2015 | Phased highway construction, with a total length of 17 km, including bypass and interchange construction |
| Moscow city highways spending | Moscow City regional budget | 459 | Ongoing | Ongoing | The municipal government plans to spend RUB100bn/year for the next three years (including federal funding) |
| KAD construction, in St. Petersburg (section from the Narva highway to Bronka settlement | Federal budget | 431 | 2002 | 2012 | A total length of 120.2 km: 70.3 km from the Priozerskoye highway to the Russia highway; 49.9 km from the Russia highway to Bronka settlement. A four-six-eight-lane category 1 highway. The project is being undertake in two stages |
| St Petersburg city highways spending | St Petersburg regional budget | 328 | Ongoing | Ongoing | |
| Construction of M-4 Don highway section from Moscow through Voronezh, Rostov-na-Donu, Krasnodar to Novorossiysk (355km-414.7 km) | Federal budget | 281 | 2002 | 2012 | Construction, renovation and modernisation of road sections, including bypasses with total length of 400 km. Category one, four-lane road |
| Other regional highways spending | Regional budgets | 197 | Ongoing | Ongoing | |
| Construction of the high-speed Moscow-St. Petersburg highway (15th km-58th km) | Investment Fund | 196 | 2008 | 2012 | The main section of the Moscow-St Petersburg highway, establishing a road link with Sheremetyevo, including the new Sheremetyevo-3 terminal |
| Construction and renovation of the M-7 Volga highway from Moscow, through Vladimir, Nizhny Novgorod and Kazan, to Ufa | Federal budget | 140 | 2002 | 2013 | Construction, renovation and modernisation of a category one/two 165 km highway, including bypasses. The main section, from MKAD to Noginsk, is a six-to-eight-lane, 41 km road |
| Construction and renovation of the M-5 Ural highway, from Moscow through Ryazan, Penza, Samara and Ufa, to Chelyabinsk | Federal budget | 134 | 1990 (start of pre-investment phase) | 2012 | 230 km of category-one highway, with four-to-eight lanes. New road construction is stipulated on some section of the highway |
| Construction of the Central Highway, in Sochi (Kurortny Prospect Substitute) | Federal budget | 131 | 2008/2009 | 2013 | A 17 km motorway from the Agura river to the Psakhe river, comprising three sections. The first section will be 6.2 km long and two lanes wide. The second will be 5.2 km long and four lanes wide. The third will be 5.2 km long and four lanes wide |
| Construction of a new connection from MKAD to the federal highway M-1 <i>Belarus</i> : Moscow-Minsk | Investment Fund | 74 | 2008 | 2011 | Toll connection between MKAD and the federal highway M-1 Belarus Moscow-Minsk |
| Construction and renovation of the M-1 Belarus highway (Moscow-Belarus border) | Federal budget | 68 | 2009 (start of project design stage | 2015 | Construction and reconstruction of sections of 97 km highway. Includes highway construction around the Moscow transportation hub, interchanges and an overpass |
| Federal highways spending supporting regional development | Federal budget | 9,138 | | | The federal budget includes this reserve for funding schemes of national importance. We think these will prioritise projects in remote areas, near mineral deposits or of social significance |
| Total highways | | 12,840 | | | |

| Project | | 2009E spending, \$mn | Start date | End date | Description |
|---|-----------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------|---|
| Regional development (transport) | | | | | |
| Integrated development of Nizhnee Priangarye | Investment Fund | 459 | 2006 | 2015 | Includes the construction and renovation of sections of the Kansk-Aban-Boguchani-Kodinsk highway; construction of a bridge over the Angara river; Karabula-Yarki railway construction; and two new electricity transmission lines. In general, aimed at strengthening the industrial potential of this territory by creating transport and energy infrastructure, developing natural resources and building industrial units. |
| Creating transport infrastructure for the development of mineral resources in the South East of the Chita region | Investment Fund | 383 | 2007 | 2015 | The main target is to create the necessary rail infrastructure (in a PPP framework) for polymetallic deposits development in the southeastern Chita region |
| An oil-processing and petrochemicals plant complex, in Nizhnekamsk | Investment Fund | 219 | 2006 | 2010 | The project is aimed to establish high-technology oil-processing and petrochemicals plants with total capacity of 7mn tpa, and creating the required infrastructure (including railway and pipelines) |
| The design of documentation for the Complex development of South Yakutiya investment project | Investment Fund | 135 | 2008 | 2009 | |
| The Novomoskovsk industrial complex, in Tula region | Investment Fund | 128 | 2007 | 2016 | Includes the construction of a bridge over the Lubovka-river, a new railway station (Promgipsovaya), and the Tula-Novomoscovsk highway. Overall, the project's objective is to build new and modernise existing manufacturing facilities and develop transport infrastructure under a PPP scheme, which should result in developement of this large industrial region |
| An integrated construction and renovation programme for water supply and the drainage system in Rostov-na-Donu and the south-west Rostov region | Investment Fund | 74 | 2007 | 2021 | The main target of the project is to develop water supply and drainage infrastructure, raise the quality of water supply and drainage services, and mitigate the negative impact on the Don river, and Azov and Black seas |
| The design of documentation for the <i>Industrial</i> Ural-Polar Ural investment project | Investment Fund | 4 | 2008 | 2009 | |
| Organising the production of micro-circuitry on 300 mm-diameter plates, with 65-45 nm standards | Investment Fund | 513 | 2008 (postponed to 2009) | 2010 | Establishing Russia's first micro-circuitry production capacity (10,000 units/month) |
| Total regional development | | 1,916 | | | |
| Rail | | | | | |
| RZD track upgrade spending | RZD | 4,848 | Ongoing | Ongoing | Includes work on the Moscow-St Petersburg railway (total project cost \$18.4bn), the Trans Siberian Rail extension (\$1.6bn) and the Baikal-Amur Railway (\$2.1bn) |
| RZD new track spending | RZD | 1,492 | Ongoing | Ongoing | Includes the Moscow-Nizhny Novgorod railway (total project cost \$10.8bn), the Moscow-Adler line (\$15.7bn) and Adler-Krasnaya Polyana-Imerertinskaya Valley (\$8.5bn) |
| RZD station upgrades and new stations | RZD | 1,119 | Ongoing | Ongoing | Includes upgrade work to the Moscow transportation hub (a \$13bn project) |
| A high-speed rail connection between St.Petersburg and Helsinki | Investment Fund | 303 | 2007 | 2010 | Involves the organisation of high-speed rail traffic on the St.Petersburg-Buslovskaya railway section (up to 200km/h), and construction of the new Petyayarvi-Kamennogorsk railway |
| Construction of Tommot-Yakutsk launching complex, on the Berkakit-Tommot-Yakutsk rail line | Federal budget | 133 | 2010 | 2013 | Launching the Tommot-Yakutsk complex is a component part of Berkakit-Tommot-Yakutsk rail line. The goal is to increase the transport availability of the region and eliminate infrastructure restrictions |
| Construction of the Kyzyl-Kuragino railway, in St. Petersburg | Investment Fund | 20 | 2008 | 2014 | Creating a pivotal rail infrastructure to accelerate the economic development of Tyva Republic, based on natural resources development. The total length of the railway is 460 km. |
| Other federal railways spending | Federal budget | 6 | | | |
| Total rail | | 7,920 | | | |
| | | | | | |

| Project | | 2009E spending, \$mn | Start date | End date | Description |
|---|-----------------|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------|---|
| | | · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · | | | |
| Ports | | | | | |
| Federal sea transport spending (reserve) | Federal budget | 544 | | | |
| Creating water areas in the south and north sections of the Ust-Lug commercial sea port | Federal budget | 67 | 2010 | 2015 | Conducting channel dredging works to form water areas for the transshipment of containers. Construction of specialised docks for container transshipment. Improving transhippment technologies with the installation of modern equipment |
| Other federal port integration spending | Federal budget | 37 | | | |
| Construction and further operation of the Yug-2 multi-profile transshipment complex, at the Ust- Lug commercial sea port | Investment Fund | 32 | 2005 (postponed to 2009) | 2009 | Establishing a 98 ha area, with the construction of docks and the purchase of transshipment equipment |
| Reconstruction of the St Petersburg sea channel and port infrastructure | Federal budget | 30 | 2010 | 2015 | Reconstructing the main fairway of the St. Petersburg sea channel. Integrated development of the port infrastructure |
| Integrated development of the Murmansk transportation hub | Federal budget | 16 | 2006 | 2010 | Includes railway construction to facilitate approach to the Murmansk transportation hub, creating three logistics complexes around St Petersburg, and Pan-European transport corridor #9. Total capacity of 4.5mn tpa. Overal the project targets the creation of an interregional transportation and logistics system, and integrating this into the international transportation network. |
| Integrated development of the Novorossiysk transportation hub | Federal budget | 16 | 2006 | 2010 | Complex modernisation of NMTP's rail, highways and communications infrastructure, which will increase the hub's capacity and create conditions for the involvement of small and medium-sized businesses into international economic activity |
| Development of the Vostochniy-Nahodka transportation hub | Federal budget | 3 | 2010 | 2015 | Complex modernisation and construction of new port terminals, railways, highways, bridges, tunnels and communications infrastructure. The project targets the establishment of a sea transportation hub, integrated in the international transport corridor Transib for processing containers, transhippment of coal, grain and mineral fertilisers |
| Total ports | | 745 | | | |
| Airports | | | | | |
| Renovation of runway one, taxiways and parking slots for aircraft at Domodedovo airport | Federal budget | 107 | 2010 | 2015 | Involves the reconstruction of runway one, the construction of a network of taxiways, the installation of a lightir system, engineering communications and meteorological equipment. The main objective is to increase the airport's capacity. |
| Reconstruction of airport engineering structures at Sochi | Federal budget | 103 | 2010 | 2012 | The project is being implemented jointly by Strabag and Russian construction company Renaissance Construction. The total surface area of the works is 63,000 m2 |
| Renovation and modernisation of Vnukovo airport | Federal budget | 81 | 2010 | 2014 | Involves the reconstruction of runway one, taxiways, the installation of new lighting and meteorological equipment, the construction of treatment facilities and the reconstruction of service roads |
| Second stage of the Sheremetyevo airport reconstruction | Federal budget | 46 | 2010 | 2014 | Involves the reconstruction of runway one and the airfield sector of Sheremetyevo-1, including taxiways and parking aprons |
| Pulkovo Airport (initial stage) | PPP | 37 | 2009 | | The first airport infrastructure development project in Russia to be implemented through a PPP scheme. Commercial infrastructure and runway reconstruction will account for 67% and 33% of the project's total cost, respectively |
| Renovation and modernisation of Kurumoch | Federal budget | 31 | 2010 | 2013 | Involves the reconstruction of runway two, and its extension to 3,500 metres, and the reconstruction of runway |

| Project | | 2009E spending, \$mn | Start date | End date | Description |
|---|----------------|-------------------------|------------------------------------|-------------|--|
| international airport, in Samara | | | | | one, taxiways, a water drainage system, treatment facilities and the replacement of lighting equipment |
| Construction of a new airport complex in Irkutsk | Federal budget | 12 | 2010 (start of construction phase) | 2015 | A new <i>class A</i> airport construction in Pozdnyakovo. Over 67% of the project's total cost is financed from federal and regional budgets |
| Federal civil aviation spending (reserve) | Federal budget | 393 | | | Likely to be allocated mainly to international hub upgrades or regional airports |
| Total airports | | 810 | | | |
| Waterways | | | | | |
| Development and implementation of the integrated Volgo-Baltiyskiy waterway reconstruction project | Federal budget | 10 | 2011 | 2014 | Includes the reconstruction of locks and dykes, waterway widening, and the establishment of a centralised system for vessel coordination and control. The target is to eliminate infrastructure restrictions |
| Development and implementation of the reconstruction of Moscow channel infrastructure assets | Federal budget | 8 | 2011 | 2015 | Includes the reconstruction of power conduits at the Shodnenskaya hydro station and the re-equipment of pumping stations. The project also aims to provide protection against potential terrorist threats |
| Other domestic waterways spending | Federal budget | 162 | | | |
| Total waterways | | 180 | | | |
| Utilities | | | | | |
| FSK projects | FKSs | 3,602 | Ongoing | Ongoing | |
| Improvements to the Moscow, St Petersburg and Tyumen grids | FSKs | 1,725 | Ongoing | Ongoing | Split approx: 55% St Petersburg, 30% West Siberia, 15% Moscow |
| MRSK projects | MRSK | 1,500 | Ongoing | Ongoing | Management estimates an \$8bn spend in 2009 |
| RusHydro projects | RusHydro | 1,475 | Ongoing | Ongoing | Confirmed by management |
| Power plants commissioned by TGKs | TGKs | 1,458 | Ongoing | Ongoing | Includes 450 MW Uzhnaya CHPP plant by TGC-1, 420 MW plant CHPP-26 by TGC-3 and TGC-6's investment in 340 MW plant Sormovskaya CHPP plus 305 MW plant Novogor'kovskaya CHPP |
| Troitskaya GRES | OGK2 | 387 | 2007 | 2012 | 660 MW coal plant |
| Shaturskaya GRES-5 | OGK4 | 370 | 2008 | 2013 | 400 MW gas plant in Central Region |
| Other power plants commissioned by OGKs | OGKs | 355 | Ongoing | Ongoing | |
| Urengoiskaya GRES | OGK1 | 326 | 2008 | 2012 | 450 MW gas plant in Ural Region |
| Berezovskaya GRES-1 | OGK4 | 290 | 2007 | 2009 | 800 MW coal plant in East Siberia |
| Yuzhno-Uralskaya GRES | OGK3 | 258 | 2009 | 2013 | 450 MW gas plant in Ural Region |
| Surgutskaya GRES-2 | OGK4 | 257 | 2009 | 2012 | 800 MW gas plant in Tyumen region |
| Serovskaya GRES | OGK2 | 250 | 2009 | 2012 | 400 MW gas plant in Ural Region |
| Kirishskaya GRES-19 | OGK6 | 186 | 2009 | 2012 | 800 MW gas plant in North West Region |
| Nevinnomysskaya GRES | OGK5 | 179 | 2007 | 2010 | 410 MW gas plant in North Caucasus |
| Cherepovetskaya GRES | OGK6 | 162 | 2009 | 2013 | 330 MW coal plant in Central Region |
| Nizhnevartovskaya GRES I | OGK1 | 153 | 2006 | 2011 | Stage 1 – 800 MW associated gas plant in Urals |
| Sredneuralskaya GRES | OGK5 | 126 | 2007 | 2010 | 410 MW gas plant in Ural region |
| Yaivinskaya GRES-16 | OGK4 | 100 | 2008 | 2013 | 400 MW gas plant in Ural region |
| Total utilities | | 13,160 | | | |

| Project | | 2009E spending, \$mn | Start date | End date | Description |
|---|-----------------------------|-------------------------|---------------|-------------|-------------|
| Oil and gas | | | | | |
| Bovanenkovo-Ukhta (1,110 km) | Gazprom | 3,056 | | | |
| Gryazovets-Vyborg (Nord Stream feed) (917 km) | Gazprom | 2,223 | | | |
| Upkeep of the pipeline network | Gazprom | 1,767 | | | |
| East Siberia Pacific Ocean Phase 2 | Transneft/Transnefteprodukt | 1,731 | | | |
| Upkeep of Transneft network | Transneft/Transnefteprodukt | 1,579 | | | |
| Other / unidentified pipeline spending | Gazprom | 1,269 | | | |
| East Siberia Pacific Ocean Phase 1 | Transneft/Transnefteprodukt | 1,018 | | | |
| Murmansk-Volokhov (Gryazovets-Vyborg feed) (1,365 km) | Gazprom | 1,000 | | | |
| BPS-2 | Transneft/Transnefteprodukt | 840 | | | |
| Sakhalin-Khabarovsk-Vladivostok pipeline | Gazprom | 834 | | | |
| Sobolevo-Kamchatka pipeine | Gazprom | 792 | | | |
| Kozmino Sea Terminal | Transneft/Transnefteprodukt | 747 | | | |
| Obskaya-Bovanenkovo railway | Gazprom | 695 | | | |
| Ukhta-Torzhok (1,390 km) | Gazprom | 614 | | | |
| Other new pipelines | Gazprom | 437 | | | |
| Upkeep of the Transnefteprodukt network | Transneft/Transnefteprodukt | 268 | | | |
| Other Transneft projects | Transneft/Transnefteprodukt | 100 | | | |
| Total oil and gas | | 18,970 | | | |

Source: Renaissance Capital estimates, Federal Budgets, Company Data

The profile of investment spending remains relatively encouraging. We note the following highlights:

- The government has committed to finishing the big schemes that are already under way: \$431mn has been allocated to completing KAD in St Petersburg, for example, which is very good news for Mostootryad-19. More than \$100mn will be spent completing the runway at Domodedovo (which is very positive for Transstroy). The development at Novorossiysk transportation hub should complete (promoting the competitiveness of Novorossiysk Commercial Sea Port) and the sea channel at St Petersburg port is also likely to be finished (simplifying access for FESCO's shipping fleet).
- Most of the other big projects discussed in our initiation have received funding for either their initiation or the next stage of their development. Significant examples include the \$281mn allocated from the Federal budget for the M4 Don project (a 1,521 km highway that will likely cost upwards of \$30bn to finish); further works on the M1 Belarus and the intersection with MKAD in Moscow; the M5 Urals highway upgrade (part of a 1,155 km renovation); the M7 Volga; the second stage of Sheremetyevo Airport's reconstruction (which should be welcome news for Aeroflot).
- Funding has been confirmed from the Investment Fund for the next stage of construction of the Western High Speed Diameter (WHSD), in St Petersburg. This is likely to be the fund's biggest investment in 2009, in our view, and could cost the government upwards of \$741mn. We regard this as one of the most significant advances in recent weeks. The WHSD is amongst the most expensive highways ever built globally. Although only 47 km long on completion, it is costing over \$82mn/km to build – a reflection of the project's complexity. More significantly, the next stage will be operated under a public-private partnership (PPP) structure – the first of its kind in Russia. There are still some questions over the ability of the private sector to secure funding in 2009 (the ZSD Nevsky Meridian LLC consortium is controlled by the Basic Element Group), but in its most recent report, the St Petersburg administration assured the federal government that resources were in place (welcome news for Mostootryad-19, a member of the consortium and highly reliant on this scheme for future growth). We are also cautiously optimistic that the Pulkovo Airport PPP will proceed in 1H09.
- We see a clear focus on spending to improve the infrastructure of Russia's biggest cities. Schemes in Moscow include the MKAD-M1 Interchange and the first leg of the Moscow-St Petersburg toll motorway. The latter provides a boost for St Petersburg, as does the WHSD, and St Petersburg is also allocated funding for port, local infrastructure projects and rail projects (including \$303mn for the rail link to Helsinki and \$20mn for the Kyzyl-Kuragino railway).
- The government is pressing ahead with spending in preparation for big upcoming international events. In preparation for the Sochi 2014 Winter Olympics, the federal budget allocates \$523mn to the M27 Dzhubga-Sochi Highway (the biggest single scheme in the budget), a further \$131mn to the central highway in the city and \$103mn to airport development. The biggest beneficiaries are likely to be contractors exposed to the region (most

notably, tunnelling specialist **Bamtonnelstroy**) and cement names, including **Eurocement** and **Novoroscement**. There is also some cash in the reserves for the 2012 APEC Summit, in Vladivostok. **Dalmostostroy** has already won some big tenders for this project (including the Russkiy Ostrov mainland bridge), and is likely to win a significant proportion of new contracts in the region, in our view. There is no explicit mention of the Eurovision Song Contest 2009 in any of the detailed budgets.

- Another priority for public spending is regional development in areas that are suffering from either poor or non-existent infrastructure, or are linked to mineral development. Significant sums have been set aside for the Tyumen area (beneficial for Mostostroy 11 and Khantymansiyskdorstroy), Siberia generally (Dalmostostroy, Bamstroymekhanizatsiya, Sibirskiy Cement) and also the Chita, Tula and Rostov regions. There is a significant reserve within the federal highways budget (about \$9.1bn) that we expect to be allocated mainly to these regions and, in addition, projects totalling \$1.9bn have been allocated in the budget specifically for regional development.
- In addition to federal government and Investment Fund spending, local administrations are pressing ahead with infrastructure investment. Highway spending in Moscow totalled RUB106bn in 2008 (including federally funded projects) and the mayor recently reaffirmed this would not fall below RUB100bn for the next three years. A number of schemes are planned for 2009, including the south substitute of Kutuzovskiy Prospect, interchanges with MKAD, highways around the Kurkino and Sokol Metro Stations and reconstruction of the roads around Tverskaya Zastava Square. This is very good news for contractors with strong institutional links to the local government, including **Mostotrest**, **Gordostroy** and **Mosinzhstroy**. Similar comments have come from local officials in Nizhniy Novgorod, where Igor Korobeynikov (Director of Road Construction) stated, on 16 Jan 2009, that infrastructure spending was a top priority for the city. The same is likely to be true in St Petersburg, in our view, with spending in the area benefiting the contractor **Mostootryad-19**, as well as **Metrostroy**.
- RZD is pressing ahead with its investment programme. The sums involved are likely to be below those allocated in 2008 (total investment is expected to be RUB230bn in 2009 vs nearly RUB400bn last year) but we think they will be focused more on track renewal; maintenance and installation; and infrastructure spending, as opposed to items such as safety and fleet development. We have yet to see a breakdown of the new budget, so this remains an assumption, but given the downturn in underlying demand it makes sense, in our view. Higher spending on core infrastructure by RZD would benefit Bamtonnelstroy (working on the BAM upgrade, which has been confirmed), Mostotrest (partially owned by RZD) and also some of the less liquid names, such as Transsignalstroy.
- We expect a number of major utility projects to proceed in 2009, despite the reduced availability of private sector financing. These include grid reliability improvements by the Federal Grid Company (FSK) in Moscow, St Petersburg and Tyumen (worth nearly \$2bn); power plant investments by the TGKs (the largest being the 450 MW plant Uzhnaya CHPP-22 by TGC-1); and new capacity additions by the OGKs (the largest project in terms of spending being the \$387mn Troitskaya GRES coal station investment by

OGK-2). On 23 Jan 2008, the board of RusHydro confirmed a capex budget of RUB55.5bn/\$2.2bn and the CEO of FSK, Andrey Rappoport, told *Vesti-24* that capex would total RUB160-180bn/\$4.85-5.45bn for the year. Ongoing utility spending is vital for the prospects of **Sevapelectrosetstroy**, the largest utility contractor with an approximate 8% market share.

Gazprom is likely to invest \$12.7bn in pipelines in 2009, with the largest amount going on the 1,110 km Bovanenkovo-Ukhta pipeline, a scheme that is likely to cost around \$8bn to complete (of which we think \$3.1bn will be spent this year). The 917 km Nord Stream feed, Gryazovets-Vyborg, should proceed at a cost of \$2.2bn in 2009. Transneft and Transnefteprodukt will also invest in their networks, in our view, with the focus being on East Siberia Pacific Ocean Phases I (costing \$1bn in 2009, on our estimates) and II (\$1.7bn).

Inevitably there have been some casualties in the current environment. The most important are:

- CKAD, the central ringroad in Moscow. This was originally to be designed by the end of 2009, and completed in 2015 as the new fourth ringroad around Moscow, with a length of 522 km and a total cost of \$22bn. There are conflicting reports about its progress, with suggestions in RBC Daily (15 January 2008) that it has been postponed. Our understanding from the Investment Fund also suggests this may be the case.
- Construction of the Orlovskiy tunnel, under the Neva River, in St Petersburg. If confirmed, this would be a major disappointment, because the project is another pioneering PPP scheme. There are currently four pre-selection bidders, which include international contractors (Vinci, Bouygues), and we would not be surprised to see the project slip to 2011. However, it is unclear whether this is due to financing difficulties or, as in the past, disputes and changes to the technical specification of this complex scheme.
- KAD2, the second ringroad around St Petersburg. This is a 175 km highway, which was originally expected to cost around \$13-17bn, with completion in 2010. We have seen no newsflow on this scheme, nor is it explicitly mentioned in any of the budget appendices.
- MRSK spending. The cumulative total of MRSK capex plans comes to \$8bn. We have only assumed \$1.5bn is actually invested in 2009, largely due to constraints on private sector financing (more on this below).
- The Moscow underground (discussed above). We see scope for the federal budget share of project expenses to increase from 20% towards 30%.

We do not believe these delays threaten the overall investment case for Russian infrastructure. The schemes involved are big, but are only in their early conceptual stages. As such, they were unlikely to require much funding in 2009 in any case. Moreover, the government and Investment Fund have confirmed that they are not planning to cancel funding altogether, so progress on these initiatives should merely be delayed.

Our top picks

Stock selection

Our coverage spans Russia's infrastructure capabilities, from building materials through to construction, infrastructure assets and transportation. For the first time, we now incorporate steel names into our stock selection.

Our top picks are Evraz, NLMK, Novorossiysk Commercial Sea Port, Mostootryad-19 and Bamtonnelstroy.

Through these five stocks, we think investors can gain exposure to some of the most interesting themes discussed in this note, specifically:

- Evraz: Infrastructure spending generally, and rail spending in particular
- NLMK: Infrastructure spending generally, and highways spending in particular
- Novorossiysk Commercial Sea Port: Infrastructure spending on ports, government policy to promote domestic ports and investment in the Novorossiysk region
- Mostootryad-19: The massive investment programme around St Petersburg, and PPPs in Russia
- Bamtonnelstroy: Investment in tunnels, spending on the Sochi 2014
 Winter Olympics and railway modernisation (specifically on the BAM line)

All these stocks satisfy three criteria:

- They benefit directly from Russia's infrastructure boom. Evraz is the number-one supplier of rails to RZD. NLMK makes up to 50% of its domestic sales in the construction sector. Novorossiysk Commercial Sea Port is Russia's largest port facility and is benefiting from investment in the region. Mostootryad-19 is one of the biggest contractors in St Petersburg, and the only local player involved in PPP schemes. Tunnel contractor Bamtonnelstroy is working on some of the biggest contracts likely to proceed in 2009, including modernisation of the BAM line and projects for Sochi 2014.
- They are financially secure and should survive the crisis. We think these five stocks can successfully refinance any debt obligations throughout the year, and have a high likelihood of still being around to capitalise on any recovery. NMLK is in a strong financial position. Its short-term debt is mainly with local banks and can be rolled over, and it received \$1.6bn of long-term resources (at LIBOR + 2.25%) after cancelling the JMC deal. EVRAZ has \$10bn of gross debt and is close to breaching covenants, but we think VEB's \$1.8bn credit line (opened in Nov 2008) is sufficient to cover quarterly repayments of \$200mn on its \$3.2bn syndicated loan, while VTB's one-year loan of RUB10bn will cover working capital requirements. While we recognise that there is a risk that credit lines cannot be extended or rolled over, the company's debt position is manageable, in our view. We forecast Novorossiysk Commercial Sea Port will make EBITDA of \$444mn in 2009 easily sufficient to cover refinancing needs of just \$32mn and

by the end of the year, we think net debt/EBITDA is likely to fall to under 1x. Mostootryad-19 is in a very robust net cash position, and Bamtonnelstroy has sufficient cash generation to refinance its RUB200mn bank loan, maturing at the end of 3Q09.

Figure 8: Company debt profiles at 30 Sep 2008, \$mn

| Company | Total debt, \$m | Long- term debt, \$m | Short- term debt, \$m | Cash and cash equivalents, \$m | Net debt, \$m | Net debt / EBITDA | Net debt / market cap |
|----------------------------------|--------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------|----------------------|--------------------------|
| Evraz | 10,214 | 5,801 | 4,413 | 623 | 9,591 | 1.45 | 324% |
| NLMK | 3,337 | 1,992 | 1,345 | 2,735 | 602 | 0.13 | 8% |
| Novorossiysk Commercial Sea Port | 353 | 353 | 0 | 3 | 350 | 0.88 | 30% |
| Bamtonnelstroy | 99 | 56 | 43 | 38 | 61 | 0.74 | 51% |
| Mostootryad-19 | 10 | 7 | 3 | 90 | -80 | (1.27) | -67% |

Source: Company Data

■ They are cheap. Despite the recent rally, Evraz still trades on 2009 P/E of only 2.0x, on our estimates, and with a near-60% discount to its Russian peers. This clearly reflects concerns about the group's financial structure, which we discuss above. NMLK's valuation is less compelling against those of its peers, mainly due to its robust balance sheet; but it still trades with a discount to fundamental fair value, and on EV/sales of less than 1.0x. Novorossiysk Commercial Sea Port trades on a discount to its international peers of over 40% on every multiple, we estimate, despite much better growth prospects (an EPS CAGR 2007-2010E of 51%, vs the 11% global average). Mostootryad 19 now has negative EV/EBITDA (investors get the cash for free) and Bamtonnelstroy's 2009E EV/EBITDA multiple is only 0.6x, with an EPS CAGR 2007-2010E of 32% (driven by Sochi 2014).

Figure 9: Composite valuations

| rigure of composite valuations | Price | Target | Mkt Cap | | P/E x | | | EV/EBITDA x | | EV/Sales |
|----------------------------------|---------|-----------|---------|------|-------|-------|------|-------------|-------|----------|
| | \$ | price, \$ | \$mn | 2008 | 2009E | 2010E | 2008 | 2009E | 2010E | 2009E |
| NLMK | 1.2 | 1.8 | 6,443 | 2.2x | 6.3x | 2.5x | 1.9x | 3.9x | 1.9x | 0.8x |
| Evraz | 8.9 | 32.0 | 3,225 | 0.9x | 2.0x | 1.6x | 5.4x | 3.2x | 2.5x | 1.8x |
| Russian steel sector | | | 15,902 | 1.6x | 4.8x | 2.9x | 3.3x | 3.3x | 2.1x | 1.0x |
| Novorossiysk Commercial Sea Port | 0.1 | 0.2 | 1,350 | 6.1x | 5.4x | 4.2x | 4.5x | 3.8x | 2.7x | 2.1x |
| Mostootryad 19 | 1,575.0 | 5,873.0 | 119 | 3.3x | 3.4x | 2.4x | 0.5x | 0.1x | -0.8x | 0.0x |
| Bamtonnelstroy | 1,149.5 | 5,550.0 | 121 | 2.4x | 2.3x | 2.0x | 1.2x | 0.6x | -0.2x | 0.2x |
| Russian infrastructure sector | | | 7 016 | 4 2x | 4 1x | 3.2x | 3 8x | 3 6x | 3 0x | 0.8x |

Source: Renaissance Capital estimates

A summary investment case on each of these stocks is outlined below. Further information on Mostootryad-19, Bamtonnelstroy and Novorossiysk Commercial Sea Port is available in our report mentioned earlier, *Russian infrastructure, overhauling a country – the complete guide*, dated 2 Dec 2008. Further information on Evraz and NLMK is available in *Russian ferrous and carbon: After the fall – a look into 2009*, dated 18 Dec 2008.

Evraz

Overview: The group is the largest producer of long steel in Russia, and the biggest supplier of rail to RZD. Construction and railway products account for 54% and 23% of domestic sales volumes, respectively, meaning Evraz is exposed to most of the big infrastructure projects across Russia. Its international operations are in very good shape, in our view. Flat rolled steel accounts for 40% of its US volumes and 60% of the product mix in Europe. This type of steel is widely used in infrastructure – meaning the group should also benefit from fiscal stimulus packages in these regions.

Financial position: The group took strides to shore up its balance sheet at the end of 2008. It applied for, and received, state funding of \$1.8bn from VEB, \$0.8bn of which was used to repay a bridging loan on the acquisition of Ipsco assets. The remainder will be utilised throughout 2009 to repay the \$200mn quarterly instalments on the group's \$3.2bn syndicated loan. A one year loan of RUB10bn (around \$60mn) from VTB should help cover working capital. \$300mn of eurobonds fall due on 3 Aug 2009, and in 4Q09, \$719mn of revolving credit lines also mature. However, we believe internal cash-generation is sufficient to cover these payments (the group makes around \$300mn of EBITDA per month). The group has also done a good job of improving cash flow by scaling back capex and changing its dividend policy and we expect it to end 2009 with cash of \$1.3bn, despite principal repayments. We acknowledge that Evraz is highly geared and close to breaching covenants and, unlike at NLMK, there is a risk of default if credit lines cannot be rolled over (either from foreign banks or VEB). However, the risk of this scenario is minimal, in our view.

Valuation: Evraz has traditionally been one of the most liquid securities in the Russian steel sector, and, in the search for liquidity, investors sold the stock at the end of 2008. Concerns about the financial structure have also weighed heavily and, as a result, it now trades on a 2009 P/E of just 2.0x, on our estimates – representing a 58% sector discount. We regard this as far too extreme given the group's very robust product positioning, the action it has taken to strengthen the balance sheet and its international businesses.

| Figure 10: E | Evraz financials | and key | / data sheet |
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| Figure 10: Evraz financials | and key d | ata sheet | | | | | | | | | |
|-----------------------------|-----------|-----------|----------------|---------|---------|------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Price (\$/sh) | 8.35 | | Rating | | BUY | Target price (\$/share) | 32 | | WACC | 9.9% | |
| Bloomberg ticker | EVR LI | | Mkt Cap (\$mn) | | 3,039 | DCF, \$/sh | 68 | | P/DCF | 0.12 | |
| December YE | FY06 | FY07 | FY08E | FY09E | FY10E | Production, mnt | FY06 | FY07 | FY08E | FY09E | FY10E |
| Share price (average) | 23.21 | 47.30 | 73.60 | 8.35 | 8.35 | Finished steel | 15,918 | 16,426 | 16,775 | 13,898 | 17,030 |
| Mkt Cap (average) | 8,140 | 16,589 | 27,049 | 3,069 | 3,069 | Semi-finished | 7,601 | 5,427 | 4,504 | 1,805 | 4,290 |
| Enterprise value (average) | 9,817 | 22,862 | 35,315 | 9,262 | 8,001 | Construction | 4,153 | 5,122 | 5,514 | 4,850 | 5,206 |
| Income statement, \$mn | FY06 | FY07 | FY08E | FY09E | FY10E | Rail | 1,630 | 2,290 | 2,300 | 2,400 | 2,401 |
| Revenue | 8,292 | 12,808 | 19,928 | 13,703 | 15,814 | Flat | 1,612 | 2,165 | 3,007 | 3,315 | 3,371 |
| Operating costs | (4,855) | (7,875) | (10,823) | (8,440) | (9,740) | Tubular | 14 | 664 | 982 | 1,150 | 1,151 |
| Gross profit | 3,133 | 4,933 | 7,614 | 3,819 | 4,548 | Other | 950 | 778 | 205 | 376 | 611 |
| Gross margin | 38% | 39% | 38% | 28% | 29% | Coking coal (attrib.) | 10.7 | 6.7 | 9.8 | 10.8 | 11.5 |
| SG&A | 732 | 1,220 | 1,804 | 1,332 | 1,631 | Coke | 0.0 | 1.0 | 2.0 | 1.7 | 2.0 |
| EBITDA | 2,652 | 4,254 | 6,606 | 3,350 | 3,852 | Thermal coal | 5.4 | 5.2 | 4.4 | 2.7 | 2.9 |
| EBITDA margin | 32% | 33% | 33% | 24% | 24% | Iron ore products | 17.0 | 18.9 | 22.9 | 18.3 | 21.0 |
| D&A | (304) | (698) | (1,117) | (1,184) | (1,255) | Vanadium | 13.1 | 23.7 | 27.5 | 21.5 | 25.0 |
| EBIT | 2,348 | 3,556 | 5,489 | 2,167 | 2,597 | - | | | | | |
| NOPLAT | 2,328 | 3,545 | 5,541 | 2,202 | 2,616 | Segment dynamics | FY06 | FY07 | FY08E | FY09E | FY10E |
| Net interest expense | (201) | (368) | (571) | (452) | (449) | Sales steel | 7,145 | 10,907 | 18,848 | 12,461 | 14,953 |
| Income from associates | 45 | 88 | 380 | 197 | 340 | Sales mining | 1,147 | 1,901 | 1,080 | 1,241 | 861 |
| Other income/expenses | (132) | (225) | (178) | (180) | (183) | EBITDA steel | 2,237 | 3,621 | 3,602 | 1,021 | 2,040 |
| Exceptionals/write downs | (29) | (7) | (85) | 0 | 0 | EBITDA mining | 415 | 633 | 2,475 | 1,779 | 1,262 |
| PBT | 2,097 | 3,201 | 5,355 | 2,051 | 2,625 | EBITDA margin steel | 31% | 33% | 19% | 8% | 14% |
| Tax | (638) | (984) | (1,607) | (410) | (525) | EBITDA margin mining | 36% | 33% | 229% | 143% | 147% |
| Effective rate | 30% | 31% | 30% | 20% | 20% | EBITDA Russian steel | 2,001 | 2,686 | 2,863 | 1,145 | 1,925 |
| PAT | 1,459 | 2,217 | 3,749 | 1,641 | 2,100 | EBITDA non- Russian steel | 236 | 935 | 739 | -124 | 115 |
| Minorities | (74) | (73) | (62) | (27) | (35) | EBITDA iron ore | 420 | 600 | 1,914 | 1,038 | 955 |
| Net profit | 1,385 | 2,144 | 3,674 | 1,616 | 2,064 | EBITDA coal | -5 | 33 | 561 | 741 | 307 |
| Headline Income | 1,385 | 2,144 | 3,674 | 1,616 | 2,064 | EBITDA vanadium | - | - | 528 | 550 | 550 |
| Net margin | 17% | 17% | 18% | 12% | 13% | Revenue by region | FY06 | FY07 | FY08E | FY09E | FY10E |
| Shares out, mn | 351 | 351 | 368 | 368 | 368 | Russia | 50.9% | 46.4% | 40.0% | 40.3% | 45.0% |
| EPS, \$/share | 3.95 | 6.11 | 10.00 | 4.40 | 5.62 | EU | 17.0% | 14.8% | 12.0% | 15.0% | 12.8% |
| DPS, \$/share | 1.07 | 2.49 | 1.98 | 1.80 | 1.25 | Americas | 4.1% | 16.7% | 18.7% | 22.5% | 20.0% |
| Cash Flow, \$mn | FY06 | FY07 | FY08E | FY09E | FY10E | CIS | 4.1% | 4.5% | 7.4% | 4.5% | 8.0% |
| Operating CF (unlevered) | 2,092 | 2,957 | 3,170 | 2,849 | 2,599 | Africa | 0.2% | 2.8% | 3.8% | 4.5% | 4.0% |
| OPCFPS | \$4.86 | \$7.70 | \$12.13 | \$6.50 | \$7.81 | Asia | 23.5% | 14.7% | 17.8% | 13.0% | 10.0% |
| CF from operations | 2,092 | 2,957 | 3,170 | 2,849 | 2,599 | RoW | 0.2% | 0.1% | 0.3% | 0.2% | 0.2% |
| Capex | (660) | (740) | (1,096) | (577) | (877) | | | | | | |
| Acquisitions | (849) | (4,752) | (3,340) | 0 | 0 | Ratio analysis | FY06 | FY07 | FY08E | FY09E | FY10E |
| Free CF | 515 | (2,679) | (1,266) | 2,273 | 1,721 | EV/sales | 1.2 | 1.8 | 1.8 | 0.7 | 0.5 |
| FCFPS | \$16.56 | (\$6.49) | (\$2.42) | \$1.35 | \$1.78 | Sales growth | 27% | 54% | 56% | -31% | 15% |
| Equity issues (net) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Cost growth | 24% | 62% | 37% | -22% | 15% |
| Debt raised | 24 | 2,880 | 3,350 | (1,965) | (52) | EV/EBITDA | 3.7 | 5.4 | 5.3 | 2.8 | 2.1 |
| Debt repaid | (2) | 2 | 15 | 5 | 14 | EBITDA growth | 43% | 60% | 55% | -49% | 15% |
| Other financing | (10) | (30) | 0 | 0 | 0 | EV/EBIT | 4.2 | 6.4 | 6.4 | 4.3 | 3.1 |
| Dividends paid | (392) | (916) | (727) | (661) | (460) | PE | 5.9 | 7.7 | 7.4 | 1.9 | 1.5 |
| CF from financing | (341) | 2,135 | 2,623 | (2,626) | (512) | Earnings growth | 153% | 55% | 71% | -56% | 28% |
| Net change in cash | 201 | (515) | 1,357 | (353) | 1,210 | Dividend yield | 5% | 5% | 3% | 22% | 15% |
| Cash at YE | 842 | 327 | 1,684 | 1,331 | 2,541 | P/OPCFPS | 5 | 6 | 6 | 1 | 1 |
| | | | | | ->// | P/FCFPS | 1 | - | -30 | 6 | 5 |
| Balance sheet, \$mn | FY06 | FY07 | FY08E | FY09E | FY10E | Free cash flow yield | 6% | -16% | -5% | 74% | 56% |
| Current assets | 2,922 | 4,725 | 7,627 | 6,177 | 8,036 | Net debt/EBITDA | 0.7 | 1.5 | 1.3 | 2.0 | 1.4 |
| Cash and investments | 842 | 327 | 1,684 | 1,331 | 2,541 | Net debt/equity | 44% | 108% | 151% | 104% | - |
| PP&E | 3,712 | 9,967 | 10,340 | 10,170 | 10,275 | ROA | 18% | 16% | 18% | 8% | 10% |
| Non current assets | 5,600 | 13,909 | 14,282 | 14,112 | 14,217 | ROE | 66% | 75% | 97% | 54% | 51% |
| Total assets | 6,754 | 8,510 | 16,380 | 20,288 | 22,253 | Capital employed (YE) | 6,723 | 12,778 | 15,734 | 14,725 | 16,277 |
| Current liabilities | 1,886 | 5,349 | 6,656 | 4,418 | 4,796 | Invested capital (YE) | 4,966 | 12,187 | 13,734 | 12,834 | 13,371 |
| Non current liabilities | 2,386 | 6,932 | 9,232 | 8,867 | 8,816 | ROCE | 37% | 38% | 35% | 11% | 13% |
| Net debt | 1,807 | 6,404 | 8,397 | 6,785 | 5,524 | ROIC | 47% | 29% | 40% | 17% | 20% |
| Total liabilities | 4,272 | 12,281 | 15,888 | 13,285 | 13,611 | ROIC/WACC | 4.5 | 2.9 | 4.1 | 1.7 | 2.0 |
| Shareholders' equity | 4,074 | 5,953 | 5,559 | 6,514 | 8,118 | P/CE | 1.2 | 1.3 | 1.7 | 0.2 | 0.2 |
| Minorities | 176 | 400 | 462 | 489 | 523 | EV/IC | 2.0 | 1.9 | 2.6 | 0.7 | 0.6 |
| Total liabilities and | 8,522 | 18,634 | 21,909 | 20,288 | 22,253 | Price/book | 1.9 | 2.6 | 4.5 | 0.4 | 0.4 |
| shareholders' equity | | | | | | | | | | | |

Source: Company Data, Renaissance Capital estimates

NLMK

Overview: NLMK is among the most efficient, cash-generative Russian steel companies, in our view, with the lowest debt burden. Up to 50% of domestic sales are in the construction sector, and it is the only producer of thick galvanised rolled steel in Russia – a product widely used in highway construction. As a result, we think NLMK is a very effective way to play the nascent infrastructure boom taking place throughout the country in this subsector. In Dec 2007 the group strengthened its position by taking control of Urals-based long-steel producer, Maxi-Group, adding 2mn tpa of construction steel capacity to its platform. The group also benefits from one of the highest-value product offerings in Russia, in our view. It controls the entire domestic transformer steel market (and has a 20% global share), and its recent results confirm prices in this segment have been very resilient (only -10% in 4Q08), while margins are likely to be as high as 70% for some grades, on our estimates.

Financial position: The group has one of the strongest balance sheets in the sector. Gross debt at the end of 2008 was \$3.3bn, of which only \$1.3bn was short-term and \$1.6bn comprised new long-term debt raised in 3Q08 at LIBOR + 1.25%. We think this debt burden can comfortably be serviced by existing cash resources (around \$2.4bn at the beginning of the year) and internal cash-generation, which we forecast at close to \$1.5bn in 2009. Even if the group is required to pay a \$529mn penalty on quitting the JMC deal in 2008, we still believe it will end 2009 with cash exceeding \$1.5bn.

Valuation: The group trades on a modest premium to the Russian steel sector in 2009. We think this is deserved by the strong balance sheet, low-cost production base and high-value product portfolio. In 2010, we estimate it falls to a discount (13% on P/E, 10% on EV/EBITDA), which is unjustified, in our view, given its unique qualities. In fundamental terms we believe the current stock price fails to capture the group's value-creation (it has a ROIC/WACC of 2.0x, on our forecasts) and we see a further 50% of potential upside to our target price.

| Figure | 11: | NLMK | financials | and k | cey d | lata sh | ieet |
|--------|-----|------|------------|-------|-------|---------|------|
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| Figure 11: NLMK financials and | d key data she | et | | | | | | | | | |
|---|------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|---|----------------|-----------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Price, \$/share | 1.2 | | Rating | | BUY | Target price, \$/share | 1.8 | | WACC | 13.1% | |
| Bloomberg ticker | NLMK LI | | Mkt Ca | o (\$mn) | 5,394 | DCF, \$/share | 37 | | P/DCF | 0.34 | |
| December YE | FY06 | FY07 | FY08E | FY09E | FY10E | Production, kt | FY06 | FY07 | FY08E | FY09E | FY10E |
| Share price (average) | 19.90 | 33.25 | 35.96 | 9.00 | 9.00 | Crude steel | 9,127 | 9,056 | 10,172 | 6,974 | 10,631 |
| Mkt Cap (average) | 11,927 | 19,927 | 21,552 | 5,394 | 5,394 | Finished steel | 5,100 | 5,243 | 5,537 | 5,352 | 7,814 |
| Enterprise value (average) | 11,558 | 20,383 | 23,053 | 5,636 | 5,208 | Semi-finished (slabs, billets) | 4,855 | 4,113 | 4,024 | 1,849 | 3,396 |
| Income statement, \$mn | FY06 | FY07 | FY08E | FY09E | FY10E | HRC | 2,093 | 2,314 | 2,114 | 2,975 | 4,032 |
| Revenue | 6,046 | 7,719 | 11,245 | 6,654 | 9,148 | CRC | 1,752 | 1,625 | 1,101 | 1,081 | 1,499 |
| Operating costs | (3,074) | (3,977) | (6,130) | (4,206) | (4,885) | GOES & NGOES | 631 | 680 | 580 | 695 | 788 |
| Gross profit | 2,971 | 3,742 | 5,115 | 2,448 | 4,264 | Polymer coated | 341 | 344 | 292 | 372 | 416 |
| Gross margin | 49% | 48% | 45% | 37% | 47% | Galvanised | 430 | 476 | 341 | 460 | 504 |
| SG&A | -514 | -664 | -797 | -905 | -905 | Longs | - | 104 | 1,922 | 1,018 | 2,369 |
| EBITDA | 2,631 | 3,366 | 4,700 | 1,927 | 3,742 | Iron ore conc. | 11,000 | 12,500 | 10,600 | 7,600 | 10,500 |
| EBITDA margin | 44% | 44% | 42% | 29% | 41% | Coke | 4,350 | 7,125 | 6,608 | 4,596 | 5,984 |
| D&A | (514) | (664) | (797) | (905) | (905) | 301.0 | 1,000 | 1,120 | 0,000 | 1,000 | 0,001 |
| EBIT | 2,243 | 2,998 | 4,239 | 1,490 | 3,305 | Revenue per product, % | FY06 | FY07 | FY08E | FY09E | FY10E |
| | | | | | | Semi finished | | | | | |
| NOPLAT | 1,728 | 2,278 | 3,221 | 1,192 | 2,644 | (slabs, billets) | 1,675 | 2,037 | 3,081 | 1,025 | 1,619 |
| Net interest expense | 82 | 68 | (110) | (23) | (23) | HRC | 883 | 1,100 | 1,572 | 938 | 1,316 |
| Income from associates | 0 | (50) | (50) | (75) | (75) | CRC | 1,106 | 1,104 | 1,101 | 733 | 1,036 |
| Other income/expenses | 299 | 117 | 60 | 60 | 60 | GOES & NGOES | 399 | 468 | 1,406 | 1,485 | 1,764 |
| Exceptionals/write-downs | 173 | (232) | (47) | (47) | (49) | Polymer-coated | 336 | 396 | 502 | 436 | 495 |
| PBT | 2,621 | 3,156 | 4,142 | 1,480 | 3,294 | Galvanised | 358 | 464 | 449 | 335 | 367 |
| Tax | (707) | 837 | (994) | (296) | (659) | Longs | - | 93 | 1256 | 623 | 1272 |
| Effective rate | -27% | 27% | -24% | -20% | -20% | Iron ore conc. | 550 | 875 | 742 | 532 | 735 |
| PAT | 1,914 | 3,993 | 3,148 | 1,184 | 2,635 | Coke | 400.0 | 1259.3 | 492.2 | 577.8 | 756.6 |
| Minorities | (26) | (24) | (138) | (138) | (138) | | | | | | |
| Net Profit | 2,066 | 2,247 | 2,960 | 971 | 2,422 | Revenue by region | FY06 | FY07 | FY08E | FY09E | FY10E |
| Headline Income | 2,066 | 2,247 | 2,960 | 971 | 2,422 | Russia | 30% | 38% | 44% | 50% | 52% |
| Net margin | 34% | 29% | 26% | 15% | 26% | EU | 19% | 20% | 21% | 22% | 21% |
| Shares out, mn | 5,993 | 5,993 | 5,993 | 5,993 | 5,993 | US | 19% | 4% | 7% | 10% | 11% |
| EPS, \$/GDR | 3.45 | 3.75 | 4.94 | 1.62 | 4.04 | Middle East | 17% | 15% | 14% | 13% | 11% |
| DPS, \$/GDR | 1.45 | 1.20 | 1.48 | 0.49 | 1.21 | Asia | 5% | 13% | 7% | 3% | 3% |
| Cash flow, \$mn | FY06 | FY07 | FY08E | FY09E | FY10E | RoW | 10% | 11% | 8% | 2% | 2% |
| Operating CF (unlevered) | 1,586 | 2,441 | 2,758 | 2,254 | 2,757 | 1.011 | 1070 | 1170 | 0,0 | 270 | 2,0 |
| OPCFPS | 0.26 | 0.41 | 0.46 | 0.38 | 0.46 | | | | | | |
| CF from operations | 1,586 | 2,441 | 2,758 | 2,254 | 2,757 | Ratio analysis | FY06 | FY07 | FY08E | FY09E | FY10E |
| Capex | -619 | -958 | -1,300 | -600 | -1,000 | EV/sales | 1.9 | 2.6 | 2.1 | 0.8 | 0.6 |
| Acquisitions | -1,348 | 61 | -425 | 0 | 0 | Sales growth | 38% | 28% | 46% | -41% | 37% |
| Free CF | -457 | 1,173 | 1,326 | 1,654 | 1,757 | Cost growth | 32% | 29% | 54% | -31% | 16% |
| FCFPS | (0.08) | 0.20 | 0.22 | 0.28 | 0.29 | EV/EBITDA | 4.4 | 6.1 | 4.9 | 2.9 | 1.4 |
| Equity issues (net) | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | EBITDA growth | 24% | 28% | 40% | -59% | 94% |
| Debt raised | 225 | 269 | 1,600 | 500 | 0.0 | EV/EBIT | 5.2 | 6.8 | 5.4 | 3.8 | 1.6 |
| Debt repaid | -183 | -452 | -1,200 | -600 | -600 | PE | 5.8 | 8.9 | 7.3 | 5.6 | 2.2 |
| Other financing | -103 | 75 | -1,200 | -3 | -3 | Earnings growth | 50% | 9% | 32% | -67% | 149% |
| Dividends paid | -870 | -722 | -888 | -291 | -727 | Dividend yield | 7% | 4% | 4% | 5% | 13% |
| • | -933 | -830 | -619 | -394 | -1,330 | P/OPCFPS | 75.2 | 81.6 | 78.1 | 23.9 | 19.6 |
| CF from financing Net change in cash | -1,390 | 343 | 707 | 1,259 | 427 | P/FCFPS | -260.9 | 169.9 | - | 32.6 | 30.7 |
| Cash at YE | 666 | 1,072 | 1,779 | 3,039 | 3,466 | Free cash flow yield | -4% | 6% | 6% | 31% | 33% |
| Cash per share | 0.11 | 0.18 | 0.30 | 0.51 | 0.58 | Net debt/EBITDA | -470 | 0.1 | 0.3 | 0.1 | 0.0 |
| Balance sheet, \$mn | FY06 | FY07 | FY08E | FY09E | FY10E | Net debt/equity | -5% | 5% | 13% | 2% | -1% |
| Current assets | 3,050 | 4,388 | 5,076 | 5,355 | 6,103 | ROA | 28% | 21% | 19% | 5% | 13% |
| Cash and investments | 665 | 1,155 | 1,779 | 3,039 | 3,466 | ROE | 30% | 25% | 25% | 8% | 17% |
| PP&E | 3,988 | 6,450 | 11,090 | 11,101 | 11,511 | | | | 14,803 | 15,483 | 17,178 |
| Non-current assets | 5,966 5,667 | 8,688 | 13,221 | 13,232 | 13,642 | Capital employed (YE) Invested capital (YE) | 7,106 5,628 | 10,601 8,218 | 11,979 | 11,571 | 17,176 |
| Total assets | 8,717 | 13,076 | 18,221 | 18,586 | 19,745 | ROCE | 29% | 21% | 20% | 6% | 14% |
| Current liabilities | 993 | 3,002 | 4,015 | 3,453 | 2,737 | ROIC | 28% | 47% | 27% | 10% | 20% |
| Out to the manife of the control of | | 975 | 2,575 | 2,575 | 2,737 | ROIC/WACC | 2.1 | 3.6 | 2.1 | 0.8 | 1.6 |
| Non current liabilities | | ອເວ | ۷,۵۱۵ | | | | | | | | |
| Non current liabilities | 781 -368 | | 1 501 | 212 | _186 | DICE | 17 | 10 | 1 5 | Λą | U 3 |
| Net Debt | -368 | 455 | 1,501 | 242 6.028 | -186 5.313 | P/CE EV/IC | 1.7 | 1.9 | 1.5 | 0.3 | 0.3 |
| Net Debt Total liabilities | -368 1,774 | 455 3,978 | 6,590 | 6,028 | 5,313 | EV/IC | 2.1 | 2.5 | 1.9 | 0.5 | 0.4 |
| Net Debt Total liabilities Shareholders' equity | -368 1,774 6,809 | 455 3,978 8,992 | 6,590 11,523 | 6,028 12,203 | 5,313 13,898 | EV/IC EV/CF | 2.1 7.3 | 2.5 8.4 | 1.9 8.4 | 0.5 2.5 | 0.4 1.9 |
| Net Debt Total liabilities | -368 1,774 | 455 3,978 | 6,590 | 6,028 | 5,313 | EV/IC | 2.1 | 2.5 | 1.9 | 0.5 | 0.4 |

Source: Renaissance Capital estimates

Novorossiysk Commercial Sea Port

Overview: The group owns the port of Novorossiysk. This is Russia's largest port, situated on the Black Sea. It is a very strong asset that benefits from modern facilities, a deep harbour, year-round operations (it rarely freezes), direct access to the sea (unlike ports in St Petersburg) and a strategic location on the Asia-Europe trade route. We think investment in the region will improve transport links (which are already good by Russian standards) and create an additional competitive advantage for the facility. The group is spending on new container and oil capacity, and should be able to capture market share from neighbouring CIS ports. The economic crisis will put pressure on some cargoes. However, we expect oil and oil products (about 45%/sales) to be resilient, export volumes to benefit from a weaker rouble, and higher tariffs to more than offset any weakness elsewhere. The government will support better pricing, in our view. It owns 20% of the stock, is represented on the board, and is actively trying to encourage new investment in domestic facilities.

Financial position: The group is in a very strong financial position. Net debt/EBITDA at the end of 3Q09 was only 1.1x. The majority of the debt comprises long-term funding, dominated by \$300mn of eurobonds (five-year; 7%) and a loan from Unicredit Group of \$118mn (three-year; LIBOR + 1.6%). Short-term refinancing requirements in 2009 only amount to \$32mn. This will not pose a problem for the group, which had \$84mn in cash at the end of 2008, generates EBITDA margins of over 50% and an EBITDA in 2009 of nearly \$450mn. Even after assuming significant investment in new capacity (\$193mn of capex in 2009E), net debt/EBITDA falls to under 1x by Dec 2009, in our model. By the beginning of 2010, we estimate \$370mn of the group's \$488mn total gross debt will be due within a year, but given its strong cash generation, we think the group should be able to refinance without difficulty.

Valuation: The stock has bounced by nearly 200% off its lows in Dec 2008. Despite the rally, headline multiples are undemanding compared with those of its international peers. It trades on 2009 P/E of 6.2x, on our estimates – representing a 65% discount to our global ports composite index. EV/EBITDA is only 4.3x (50% cheaper than the index), and EV/sales of less than 2.5x compares with the international benchmark of nearly 4x. Our target price is based on a DCF model, with a cost of equity of 18%, a terminal margin of 46%, and a terminal growth of 3.2%. At our target price, the stock would command a sector rating. We still see over 100% potential upside in the name, with relatively limited downside risk.

| | 2007 | 2008E | 2009E | 2010E | 2011E | 2012E |
|--------------------------------|--------|---------|----------------|----------------|----------------|---------|
| Adjusted revenue | 483.4 | 703.7 | 796.3 | 943.9 | 1089.5 | 1182.9 |
| % change | | 45.6% | 13.2% | 18.5% | 15.4% | 8.6% |
| Cost of goods sold | -255.7 | -289.3 | -337.8 | -376.9 | -419.4 | -442.6 |
| Gross profit | 227.7 | 414.5 | 458.5 | 567.0 | 670.1 | 740.4 |
| % margin | 47.1% | 58.9% | 57.6% | 60.1% | 61.5% | 62.6% |
| SG&A | -73.1 | -85.8 | -96.0 | -105.9 | -109.7 | -109.3 |
| Operating profit | 154.6 | 328.7 | 362.5 | 461.1 | 560.3 | 631.1 |
| % margin | 32.0% | 46.7% | 45.5% | 48.8% | 51.4% | 53.4% |
| Net finance expenses | -21.2 | -36.7 | -36.2 | -40.3 | -37.3 | -33.1 |
| Profit before tax | 133.4 | 292.0 | 326.3 | 420.8 | 523.1 | 597.9 |
| Tax charge | -39.7 | -70.1 | -78.3 | -101.0 | -125.5 | -143.5 |
| Net income | 93.7 | 221.9 | 248.0 | 319.8 | 397.5 | 454.4 |
| % change | 33.1 | 136.9% | 11.8% | 28.9% | 24.3% | 14.3% |
| 70 Change | | 130.970 | 11.070 | 20.970 | 24.5 /0 | 14.5 /0 |
| | 2007 | 2008E | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012E |
| PP&E | 755 | 873 | 985 | 1,026 | 1.061 | 1,085 |
| PP&E Other fixed assets | 531 | 532 | 532 | 533 | 533 | 534 |
| | | 1,405 | | | | |
| Total fixed assets | 1,287 | | 1,517 | 1,559 | 1,595 | 1,619 |
| Trade and other receivables | 71 | 104 | 117 | 139 | 160 | 174 |
| Other current assets | 12 | 14 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 |
| Cash | 67 | 102 | 185 | 389 | 663 | 1,000 |
| Total assets | 1,437 | 1,625 | 1,836 | 2,104 | 2,436 | 2,812 |
| Total equity | 770 | 952 | 1,156 | 1,418 | 1,744 | 2,117 |
| Long-term debt | 508 | 508 | 508 | 508 | 508 | 508 |
| Short-term debt | 30 | 30 | 30 | 30 | 30 | 30 |
| Trade and other payables | 17 | 48 | 56 | 62 | 68 | 71 |
| Other current liabilities | 110 | 85 | 85 | 85 | 85 | 85 |
| Total liabilities and equity | 1,437 | 1,625 | 1,836 | 2,104 | 2,436 | 2,812 |
| | | | | | | |
| | 2007 | 2008E | 2009E | 2010E | 2011E | 2012E |
| Net profit | 94 | 222 | 248 | 320 | 398 | 454 |
| Depreciation | 50 | 67 | 82 | 87 | 97 | 89 |
| Norking capital changes | 24 | -29 | -8 | -17 | -17 | -11 |
| Other operating flows | -30 | -1 | -2 | -3 | -6 | -10 |
| Cash from operating activities | 138 | 259 | 321 | 388 | 472 | 522 |
| Capital expenditure | -94 | -184 | -194 | -129 | -133 | -113 |
| Other investment flows | -8 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 6 | 10 |
| Cash from investing activities | -102 | -183 | -193 | -127 | -127 | -103 |
| Cash from financing activities | -10 | -40 | -45 | -57 | -71 | -82 |
| Net cash flow | 26 | 36 | 83 | 204 | 274 | 337 |
| | 0000 | 0000= | 00/05 | 00445 | 00/05 | |
| Growth rates | 2008E | 2009E | 2010E | 2011E | 2012E | |
| Sales | 45.6% | 13.2% | 18.5% | 15.4% | 8.6% | |
| Sales Operating profit | 112.6% | 10.3% | 27.2% | 21.5% | 12.6% | |
| 1 01 | | | | | | |
| EBITDA | 93.6% | 12.3% | 23.5% | 19.9% | 9.4% | |
| Net income | 137.0% | 11.8% | 28.9% | 24.3% | 14.3% | |
| Margins | AC 70/ | AF F0/ | 40.00/ | E4 40/ | F2 40/ | |
| Operating profit | 46.7% | 45.5% | 48.8% | 51.4% | 53.4% | |
| EBITDA | 56.2% | 55.8% | 58.1% 33.9% | 60.4% 36.5% | 60.8% 38.4% | |

Source: Company Data, Renaissance Capital estimates

Mostootryad 19

Overview: The group is the largest contractor in St Petersburg and the Leningrad Region, with a 35-40% share of the local market. We think this regional exposure is very attractive. Developing the infrastructure around St Petersburg is a clear priority in the federal budget, the municipality is committed to ramping investment and the region is at the forefront of promoting public-private partnerships. Mostootryad-19 is already benefiting from these favourable trends. It works extensively on KAD – the 138 km St Petersburg ringroad – and is involved in constructing the 650 km St Petersburg-Moscow highway. Both initiatives have received committed funding for 2009 (see above). The group is the only Russian listed contractor in a PPP consortium (it is a member of ZSD Nevsky Meridian LLC, the concessionaire on the WHSD), and its strong informal ties with Mostotrest mean it should also capitalise on the boom happening around Moscow.

Financial position: At the end of Sep 2008, the group had long-term debt of RUB200mn and short-term debt of RUB100mn, with cash of almost RUB100mn. We understand the cash was used to refinance the short-term proportion of debt, leaving RUB200mn to be refinanced at the end of 3Q09. This is immaterial for the group, which is sitting on a cash pile of almost RUB2.7bn/\$90mn and should generate an EBITDA of at least RUB1.8bn/\$58mn in 2009 (on our, very conservative, forecasts).

Valuation: The stock has been sold off heavily on low liquidity and concerns about potential delays to the WHSD PPP scheme (a Basic Element-controlled consortium). We believe the latter are unjustified and note above that the scheme has now been allocated money from the Investment Fund. We think the stock's valuation is now compelling. It trades on a 2009E P/E of only 3.4x. This is a discount to its Russian liquid construction peers (4.9x average P/E), a basket of 50 illiquid Russian contractors (on 5.6x P/E) and the international groups (on 8.3x). Its EV/EBITDA multiple is only 0.1x in 2009E, and becomes negative in 2010E, despite a 40%-plus EPS CAGR to 2010E. We doubt the group controls all the cash on its balance sheet – prepayments and bonded cash are common in construction – but even so, these multiples now imply a serious risk of corporate failure, in our view, which we deem unlikely given the strong balance sheet. Our DCF-derived target price implies nearly 300% potential upside.

| Figure 13: Mostootryad 19 – Financi | 2007 | 2008E | 2009E | 2010E | 2011E | 2012E |
|-------------------------------------|-----------|----------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Adjusted revenue | 454.5 | 713.9 | 641.6 | 884.0 | 791.6 | 726.4 |
| % change | 101.0 | 57.1% | -10.1% | 37.8% | -10.5% | -8.2% |
| Cost of goods sold | -400.2 | -627.9 | -563.7 | -775.8 | -693.9 | -636.1 |
| Gross profit | 54.3 | 85.9 | 77.9 | 108.2 | 97.7 | 90.4 |
| % margin | 11.9% | 12.0% | 12.1% | 12.2% | 12.3% | 12.4% |
| SG&A | -22.0 | -28.6 | -25.7 | -35.4 | -31.7 | -29.1 |
| Operating profit | 32.2 | 57.4 | 52.2 | 72.8 | 66.0 | 61.3 |
| % margin | 7.1% | 8.0% | 8.1% | 8.2% | 8.3% | 8.4% |
| Net finance expenses | -3.5 | -5.8 | -5.2 | -7.4 | -6.5 | -6.0 |
| Profit before tax | 28.7 | 51.6 | 47.0 | 65.5 | 59.5 | 55.4 |
| Tax charge | -10.7 | -15.3 | -11.6 | -15.5 | -14.1 | -13.1 |
| Net income | 18.1 | 36.3 | 35.5 | 49.9 | 45.4 | 42.3 |
| % change | 10.1 | 100.7% | -2.2% | 40.8% | -9.1% | -6.9% |
| , | | 10011 70 | | 10.070 | 0.170 | 0.070 |
| | 2007 | 2008E | 2009E | 2010E | 2011E | 2012E |
| PP&E | 27 | 31 | 36 | 42 | 50 | 60 |
| Other fixed assets | 14 | 14 | 14 | 14 | 14 | 14 |
| Total fixed assets | 41 | 45 | 50 | 56 | 64 | 75 |
| Trade and other receivables | 39 | 59 | 52 | 69 | 59 | 52 |
| Other current assets | 46 | 61 | 58 | 74 | 71 | 69 |
| Cash | 76 | 123 | 151 | 210 | 243 | 272 |
| Total assets | 202 | 288 | 311 | 409 | 438 | 468 |
| Total equity | 82 | 118 | 153 | 203 | 249 | 291 |
| Long-term debt | 8 | 8 | 8 | 8 | 8 | 8 |
| Short-term debt | 24 | 24 | 24 | 24 | 24 | 24 |
| Trade and other payables | 86 | 137 | 125 | 174 | 157 | 146 |
| Other current liabilities | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Total liabilities and equity | 202 | 288 | 311 | 409 | 438 | 468 |
| | | | | | | |
| | 2007 | 2008E | 2009E | 2010E | 2011E | 2012 |
| Net profit | 18 | 36 | 35 | 50 | 45 | 42 |
| Depreciation | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 11 |
| Working capital changes | 25 | 16 | -3 | 16 | -4 | -3 |
| Other operating flows | -16 | -22 | -18 | -24 | -22 | -20 |
| Cash from operating activities | 32 | 36 | 22 | 50 | 29 | 31 |
| Capital expenditure | -8 | -8 | -8 | -8 | -8 | -8 |
| Other investment flows | 29 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Cash from investing activities | 21 | -8 | -8 | -8 | -8 | -8 |
| Cash from financing activities | -11 | 20 | 14 | 18 | 12 | 6 |
| Net cash flow | 41 | 48 | 28 | 59 | 33 | 29 |
| | 2008E | 2009E | 2010E | 2011E | 2012E | |
| Growth rates | _000_ | 2002 | | | | |
| Sales | 57.1% | -10.1% | 37.8% | -10.5% | -8.2% | |
| Operating profit | 78.0% | -9.0% | 39.5% | -9.4% | -7.1% | |
| EBITDA | 69.1% | -6.8% | 36.7% | -6.8% | -3.9% | |
| Net income | 100.7% | -2.2% | 40.8% | -9.1% | -6.9% | |
| Margins | . 3011 /0 | / | | 2.170 | 1.0,0 | |
| Operating profit | 8.0% | 8.1% | 8.2% | 8.3% | 8.4% | |
| EBITDA | 8.9% | 9.2% | 9.1% | 9.5% | 9.9% | |
| Net income | 5.1% | 5.5% | 5.6% | 5.7% | 5.8% | |

5.7% Source: Company Data, Renaissance Capital estimates

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Overview: The group is one of the largest tunnel contractors in Russia. This market is likely to benefit from the government's spending plans, which allocate significant funding to tunnelling on all the major highway projects. The group's regional footprint is also attractive. It has a strong presence in the Krasnodor krai, making it the obvious beneficiary of spending on Sochi 2014; and it works extensively on the modernisation of the BAM line. It has continued to win tenders during the onset of the crisis (for example, the Kuznetsovski Tunnel), and we see scope for the group to benefit from work on the Sakhalin-Mainland Tunnel in the long term. We also think its modern equipment provides a competitive advantage and a strong barrier to entry, meaning its sector-leading, superior returns should prove sustainable (its EBITDA margin has consistently exceeded 12%).

Financial position: The group reports and provides disclosure under RAS. It is also highly non-transparent. This adds an element of risk to the investment case, but from a financial perspective, we believe the balance sheet is strong enough to pose zero risk of default in 2009. As of 30 Sep 2008, the group reported long-term debt of \$56mn, short-term debt of \$43mn, and cash of \$38mn. We regard our forecasts for 2009 as highly conservative, as they only assume flat EBITDA and do not include the upside potential from new work relating to Sochi 2014 or BAM. Even on these numbers, however, the group should generate EBITDA of over \$80mn in 2009, on our estimates – sufficient to cover any refinancing needs.

Valuation: The stock is one of the cheapest in our coverage universe. Some discount is warranted because of low transparency, but the size of the current spread is too great, in our view, particularly given the group's very strong track record of consistently reporting estimate-beating results. The stock trades on a 2009E P/E of only 2.4x and is EV/EBITDA-negative. This is despite the highest EBITDA margin in the sector, its regional exposure, the competitive advantage of its modern kit and an EPS CAGR (excluding upside from Sochi 2014) of 32% to 2010, on our estimates. Our DCF model uses a cost of equity of 20%, and derives a target price of \$5,500 – implying more than 350% potential upside.

| - | 2007 | 2008E | 2009E | 2010E | 2011E | 2012E |
|--------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|-------------|--------|
| Adjusted revenue | 369.0 | 500.9 | 488.7 | 522.2 | 604.6 | 624.9 |
| % change | 000.0 | 35.7% | -2.4% | 6.9% | 15.8% | 3.4% |
| Cost of goods sold | -304.6 | -393.2 | -381.2 | -404.7 | -465.5 | -478.0 |
| Gross profit | 64.4 | 107.7 | 107.5 | 117.5 | 139.1 | 146.9 |
| % margin | 17.4% | 21.5% | 22.0% | 22.5% | 23.0% | 23.5% |
| SG&A | -20.1 | -25.8 | -23.7 | -23.7 | -27.5 | -28.4 |
| Operating profit | 44.3 | 81.9 | 83.8 | 93.8 | 111.6 | 118.5 |
| % margin | 12.0% | 16.4% | 17.2% | 18.0% | 18.5% | 19.0% |
| Net finance expenses | -10.0 | -14.0 | -13.7 | -14.7 | -17.3 | -17.9 |
| Profit before tax | 34.3 | 68.0 | 70.2 | 79.0 | 94.3 | 100.5 |
| Tax charge | -8.5 | -16.8 | -17.4 | -19.6 | -23.3 | -24.9 |
| Net income | 25.8 | 51.2 | 52.8 | 59.5 | 71.0 | 75.6 |
| | 25.0 | 98.0% | 3.2% | 12.6% | 19.3% | 6.6% |
| % change | | 90.0% | 3.270 | 12.0% | 19.5% | 0.076 |
| | 2007 | 2008E | 2009E | 2010E | 2011E | 2012 |
| PP&E | 17 | 2008E | 2009E | | 2011E 28 | |
| | | | | 25 | | 31 |
| Other fixed assets | 95 | 95 | 95 | 95 | 95 | 95 |
| Total fixed assets | 112 | 114 | 117 | 119 | 122 | 126 |
| Trade and other receivables | 78 | 75 | 67 | 72 | 80 | 79 |
| Other current assets | 30 | 40 | 37 | 38 | 41 | 41 |
| Cash | 14 | 65 | 125 | 179 | 243 | 318 |
| Total assets | 233 | 294 | 346 | 408 | 486 | 563 |
| Total equity | 146 | 197 | 250 | 309 | 380 | 456 |
| Long-term debt | 23 | 23 | 23 | 23 | 23 | 23 |
| Short-term debt | 22 | 22 | 22 | 22 | 22 | 22 |
| Trade and other payables | 36 | 46 | 44 | 47 | 54 | 56 |
| Other current liabilities | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 |
| Total liabilities and equity | 233 | 294 | 346 | 408 | 486 | 563 |
| | | | | | | |
| | 2007 | 2008E | 2009E | 2010E | 2011E | 2012E |
| Net profit | 26 | 51 | 53 | 59 | 71 | 76 |
| Depreciation | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| Working capital changes | -17 | 3 | 9 | -3 | -4 | 3 |
| Other operating flows | -22 | -28 | -28 | -31 | -37 | -39 |
| Cash from operating activities | -12 | 28 | 36 | 28 | 32 | 41 |
| Capital expenditure | -8 | -3 | -4 | -4 | -5 | -6 |
| Other investment flows | -4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Cash from investing activities | -12 | -3 | -4 | -4 | -5 | -6 |
| Cash from financing activities | -7 | -24 | -25 | -29 | -34 | -36 |
| Net cash flow | -6 | 52 | 60 | 54 | 64 | 75 |
| | | | | | | _ |
| | 2008E | 2009E | 2010E | 2011E | 2012E | |
| Growth rates | | | | | | |
| Sales | 35.7% | -2.4% | 6.9% | 15.8% | 3.4% | |
| Operating profit | 85.0% | 2.3% | 11.8% | 19.0% | 6.2% | |
| EBITDA | 85.1% | 2.6% | 12.0% | 19.0% | 6.4% | |
| Net income | 98.0% | 3.2% | 12.6% | 19.3% | 6.6% | |
| Margins | | | | | | |
| Operating profit | 16.4% | 17.2% | 18.0% | 18.5% | 19.0% | |
| EBITDA | 16.6% | 17.4% | 18.3% | 18.8% | 19.3% | 1 |
| Net income | 10.2% | 10.8% | 11.4% | 11.7% | 12.1% | |

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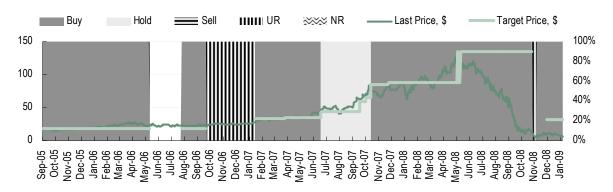
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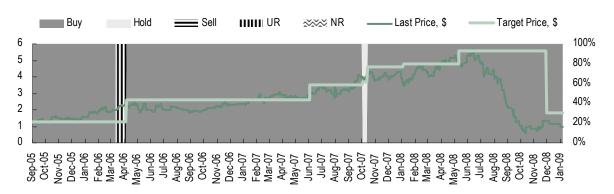


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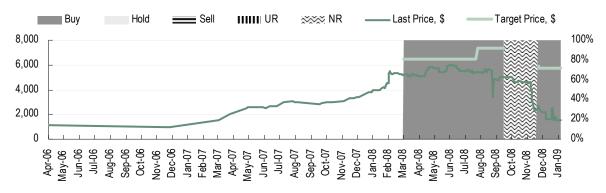
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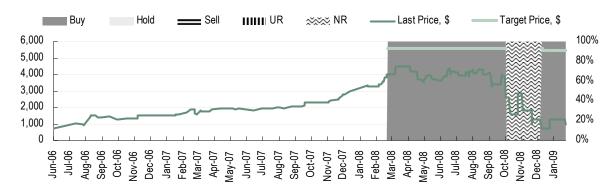
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