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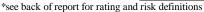
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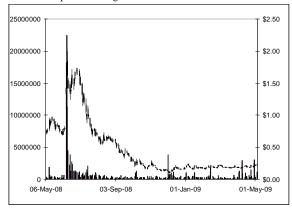
# Raytec Metals Corp. (TSX-V: RAY) – Shares trading below working capital

# **Sector/Industry: Junior Mining**

# www.raytecmetals.com

Current Price	C\$0.225
Fair Value	C\$1.14 (↓)
Rating*	BUY
Risk*	5 (Highly Spec)
52 Week Range	C\$0.09 - C\$2.05
Shares O/S	74.04 mm
Market Cap	C\$14.66 mm
Current Yield	N/A
P/E	N/A
P/B	0.50
YoY Return	-69.6%
YoY TSXV	-58.8%
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# **Investment Highlights**

- In July 2008, the company closed a \$25 million brokered private placement.
- **Potash:** Raytec's potash claims are located near BHP Billiton's (NYSE:BHP) potash claims in Saskatchewan. Permits to explore just over 180,000 acres of these claims have been granted by the Saskatchewan Ministry of Energy and Resources.
- **Iron Ore:** 11 diamond drill holes, all of which intersected magnetite iron formation, have been completed on the El Sol property.
- **Uranium:** Triex Minerals Corporation (TSXV: TXM) completed 8 holes on two of the company's joint venture uranium properties. Triex has elected to extend the option to spend a total of \$3.6 million.
- We maintain our BUY rating on the company with a lower fair value estimate of \$1.14 per share compared to \$1.87 per share in our previous report.
- We estimate the company's current working capital is at least \$20 million, or \$0.27 per share. Currently, the shares are trading below working capital.

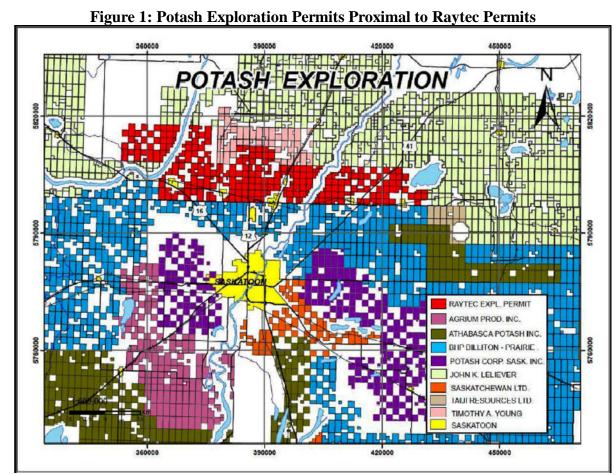
Key Financial Data (FYE Oct 31)			
(C\$)	2007	2008	Q1-2009
Cash & Marketable Securities	52,561	24,990,136	23,374,950
Working Capital	(904,875)	24,866,918	23,539,264
Mineral Assets	110,072	7,020,260	8,238,491
Total Assets	555,760	33,842,739	33,463,966
Net Income (Loss)	(1,510,926)	(3,731,598)	(351,826)
EPS	(0.08)	(0.09)	(0.00)

Raytec is focused on acquiring projects with historic exploration and good accessibility and infrastructure. The primary focus at this time are the company's advanced potash claims in south central Saskatchewan. They are also exploring the El Sol Iron Ore property in Ontario. The company's uranium claims in the Athabasca Basin have been joint ventured to give them carried interest.

Saskatchewan Potash Claims Raytec holds 180,000 acres of prospective ground for potash in two locations in Saskatchewan, the Spar Property located just north of Saskatoon, and claim KP452 located approximately 380 km southeast of Spar.

# Spar Property

The Spar Property overlies Middle Devonian Prairie Evapourite which is being explored nearby for potash by BHP Billiton (NYSE: BHP). Since our initiating report on Raytec, Exploration Permits KP441, KP455, KP466, KP467 and KP468 have been granted allowing the company to explore approximately 145,000 acres of contiguous ground. Figure 1 below shows the area is being extensively explored for potash.



Source: Raytec Metals Corp.

The Spar Property has an NI 43-101 resource estimate totaling indicated resources of 148.02 million metric tonnes ("MMT") grading 23.44% K<sub>2</sub>O and an additional inferred resource of 162.97 MMT grading 20.40% K<sub>2</sub>O. These figures calculate to a total in-place indicated resource of 34.70 MMT of K<sub>2</sub>O and additional in-place inferred resource of 33.98 MMT of K<sub>2</sub>O. Based on an overall recovery of 36%, the net recoverable indicated resource is 12.49 MMT of K<sub>2</sub>O and the net recoverable inferred resource is 12.24 MMT of K<sub>2</sub>O.

**Current Status:** The company engaged the services of Kinetix Inc. to conduct 2-D seismic work on the Spar Property in late 2008, and results are pending.

**Ownership:** Updating the ownership payments regarding the KP441 property, the company has paid to the vendor: \$1 million of the \$2 million cash owed and issued a total of 4.85 million shares. The remaining cash payment must be made before September 19, 2009. The permits have been transferred to, and are in the name of the company.

# **KP452**

The KP452 claim block is also located within the Middle Devonian Prairie Evapourite formation. In July 2008, the Saskatchewan Ministry of Energy and Resources granted the company an exploration permit covering approximately 36,113 acres.

# Iron Ore – El Sol

In our initiating report we discussed the company's plans to drill the El Sol project and complete geophysics on the Gunflint and Brulé project in 2008. Based on discussion with management, after initial reconnaissance exploration, the company has relinquished its right to the Gunflint and Brulé properties. The company has written off the two properties on its balance sheet.

In the latter months of 2008, the company completed Phase I exploration on the El Sol property consisting of ground magnetic surveying and diamond drilling.

The magnetic survey program identified two linear trends of magnetite iron formation, the A Zone and the B Zone. The A Zone measures approximately 4 km in length while the B Zone, which lies around 600 m to the southwest measures approximately 2 km in length. The subsequent 11 hole, 2,301 m drill program tested 3 km strike length of the A Zone. All 11 drill holes intersected steeply dipping magnetite iron formation over thicknesses ranging from 50 to 133 m (approximate true widths of 35 to 68 m); full assay results are still pending.

**Current Status:** The company engaged the services of Watts, Griffis and McOuat Limited ("WGM") of Toronto, Ontario to provide consulting advice for the Phase I program and have retained their services to complete an updated NI 43-101 technical report. A timeline for the report has not yet been established.

#### Uranium

As announced on October 29, 2008, the company's joint venture partner, Triex Minerals Corporation, has completed Phase I drilling on the Riverlake and Highrock properties. Eight diamond drill holes were completed totaling 2,039 m; six holes totaling 1,589 m on Riverlake and two holes totaling 450 m on Highrock.

At Riverlake, anomalous and continuous radioactivity was identified over widths of 28 to 65 m starting at a down hole intersection depth of 67 m.

Triex is collecting all geochemical data from core and soil samples which will be applied to planning a future drill program. At this time, Triex has already earned a 51% interest and

plans to increase its ownership to 70% by incurring an additional \$2.4 million in staged exploration expenditures on or before November 24, 2011.

**Sales of the C and D Block:** In April 2009, the company entered into an agreement to sell 100% interest in its C and D Block uranium properties (comprising 10 claims) to Solitaire Minerals Corp. (TSXV: SLT). Under the agreement, Solitaire will issue 0.50 million shares upon closing of the transaction, with an issuance of an additional 0.50 million shares to Raytec on or before 6 months from the date of closing.

Increased Investment in Sulphur Solutions Inc. In April 2009, Raytec increased its interests in Sulphur Solutions Inc. (SSI), from 15% to 20%, by making an additional investment of \$0.74 million. SSI is a private fertilizer company based in Calgary, Alberta, developing patented technology for the production of micronized sulphur fertilizer. SSI has moved closer to production by signing a Letter of Intent with a mid-stream gas producer which operates a permitted site that includes an accessible sulphur supply. Upon completion of the agreement, SSI will be able to utilize existing permits for sulphur storage and handling, as well as reduced operating costs associated with transportation to off-site processing facilities. SSI is also in negotiation with prospective customers for the anticipated sulphur fertilizer production. We believe SSI currently does not have revenues, and we have valued the investment purely based on book value. However, we think it will add upside potential to Raytec, once SSI is in production and starts generating revenues.

# Shareholder Rights Plan

A shareholder rights plan has been adopted by the company in order to protect shareholders in connection with any take-over offer. According to the company, the plan provides the Board of Directors and shareholders additional time to fully consider an unsolicited take-over bid as well as to pursue other alternatives which may further maximize shareholder value.

### Management

Jeannine P.M. Webb has been appointed as CFO. This move is beneficial to the company as Mr. Forward, the previous CFO, is an independent contracting CGA and was intended to only temporarily fill the position. He will stay with the company as a director. Mrs. Webb's biography as provided by the company follows below:

### Jeannine P.M Webb - CFO

Mrs. Webb, CGA, has 20 years of experience in the mining resource sector. She was a principal of Badger & Co. Management Corp. ("Badger & Co."), a private company providing full range financial, corporate and geological management services to junior public mineral exploration companies operating nationally and internationally.

# Outlook On Potash

Spot potash prices (FOB Vancouver) declined from well over US\$800 per tonne observed in the second half of 2008, to about US\$700 per tonne in March 2009 (compared to an average of US\$193 per tonne during 1999-2008), due to the current economic conditions and decline in grain prices. Major potash producers (major producers account for most of the world's supplies) are forecast to reduce production by about 12 million tonnes in 2009 (or 21% of effective capacity) to bring supplies down in line with lower demand. In particular, output in Canada is expected to drop by approximately 5.7 million tonnes in 2009 (Source:

PotashCorp. and Scotiabank). We believe potash prices will stay soft in 2009, as global economic growth is not expected to recover until towards the end of 2009. However, we have maintained our positive long term outlook for potash based on demand growth for fertilizer from developing countries (particularly China and India) and global population growth, and expect long term potash prices to stay above current levels.

# Outlook on Iron Ore

In light of the current economic crisis, iron ore prices dropped from over US\$190 per tonne observed in February and March 2008, to an average of US\$77 per tonne in December 2008. According to China Daily, the current price is about US\$60 per tonne and the stock pile of iron ore was at a record high at ports due to lower demand. As with potash, we expect iron ore prices to stay soft for the rest of the year. However, China has been buying iron ore at the current low prices, and imported a monthly record of 52.08 million tons in March 2009, beating the previous record of 46.74 million tons set in February 2009. In Q1 2009, China imported a total of 130 million tons of iron ore, compared to 440 million tons for the entire 2008. This indicates demand from China may be picking up as the country's stimulus package starts to impact its economy. In the long term, we believe supply/demand fundamentals are still strong enough for iron ore prices to stay above the historical average. We have continued to use a long-term price of US\$41/tonne (average price during 1990 – 2007) in our valuation models.

## **Financials**

At the end of January 2009, the company had \$23.37 million in cash. Working capital and the current ratio were \$23.54 million and 157x, respectively. In Q1-2009 (3 month period ended January 2009), the company posted a net loss of \$0.35 million (EPS: -\$0.00). We estimate the company had a burn rate of \$0.58 million per month in Q1-2009, versus \$0.30 million per month in FY2008 (12 month period), and \$0.16 million per month in FY2007. The table below shows a summary of the company's cash and liquidity position at the end of Q1-2009.

(C \$)	2007	2008	Q1-2009
Working Capital	(904,875)	24,866,918	23,539,264
Current Ratio	0.29	63.95	157.20
LT Debts/ Assets	68.1%	-	-
Burn Rate/Month (incl exploration costs)	(157,526)	(295,675)	(581,479)
Cash from financing activities	1,793,141	31,155,449	129,000

**Options and Warrants:** At the end of January 2009, the company had 6.46 million stock options and 30.94 million warrants outstanding. None of the outstanding options and warrants are currently 'in-the-money'.

**Conclusion:** We estimate the company's working capital is at least \$20 million, or \$0.27 per share. This means the company's shares are currently trading below working capital. In light of the current market conditions, the company plans to use its current cash (which we estimate is in excess of \$20 million) to investment in precious metal projects.

## Valuation

**Valuation of the company's Potash Claims:** We continue to value the company's potash claims based on resource estimates on its KP441 claim. Based on a peer average

EV/Resource ratio of \$0.76/tonne (compared to \$1.04/tonne in our previous report due to a decline in the share prices of peer companies), our fair value estimate on Raytec's potash claims is \$56.12 million, or \$0.76 per share (compared to \$82.27 million, or \$1.04 per share in our previous report).

Company	EV/Resource
	(\$/tonne)
Athabasca Potash Inc.	\$2.45
Reward Minerals Ltd.	\$1.37
Allana Resources Inc.	\$1.08
Potash One Inc.	\$0.84
Average	\$1.44
Fair Value	\$0.76

<sup>\*</sup> Stock prices are one year averages

Valuation of the Ontario Iron Ore Project: Since the company is not pursuing the Gunflint project, we have based our valuation solely on the historical resource estimate of the El Sol property of 315 million tons grading 32% (discounted by 50% for conservatism). Our DCF model gave a fair value of \$4.74 million, or \$0.06 per share (compared to \$32.29 million, or \$0.41 per share in our previous report, which also included our valuation on the Gunflint property; in our previous model, we had assumed ores from El Sol and Gunflint to be processed at the same facility). We lowered our capital expenditure estimate from \$400 million to \$350 million, and annual production from 7 million tons to 6.125 million tons, as we removed Gunflint from our analysis.

DCF Valuation Summary - El Sol Project		
Resource (tons)	157,500,000	
Wt. average Grade (%)	32.0%	
Recovery	85.0%	
Production Commencement	2013	
Production Rate (per year)	6.125 million tons	
Mine Life (in years)	7.0	
Long-Term Iron ore Price (in US\$/ton)	41	
Average Operating Costs (\$/tonne concentrate)	26	
Capital Costs (in \$mm)	350	
Discount Rate	11.63%	
Net Present Value	\$4,744,618	
No. of Shares (Dil.)	74,042,737	
Value per Share	\$0.06	

The following table shows our DCF model is highly sensitive to our long term price forecast of iron ore (our forecast is US\$41 per ton).

<sup>\*</sup> Resources include all measured and indicated, and half of inferred

Iron Ore Price (US\$/ton)	Valuation
30	-1.78
41	0.06
50	1.64
60	3.34
70	5.05

**Valuation of Uranium Properties**: Due to the decline in share prices of comparables, and the expected drop in the book value of the company's uranium projects (as a result of the sales of the C and D blocks to Solitaire Minerals Corp.), our valuation on the company's uranium claims decreased to \$0.01 per share based on an average EV/mineral assets ratio of 0.48 (compared to our valuation of \$0.05 per share based on an average EV/mineral assets ratio of 1.01 in our previous report).

Comparables Analysis		
	Company	EV/Min Assets
1	Pacific Ridge Exploration Ltd.	0.79
2	Anglo-Canadian Uranium Corp.	0.61
3	Canalaska Uranium Ltd.	0.57
4	Universal Uranium Ltd.	0.39
5	Purepoint Uranium Group Inc.	0.39
6	Jourdan Resoures Inc.	0.37
7	Eso Uranium Corp.	0.26
	Average	0.48
	Fair Value	\$0.01

Adding the market value of 1 million SLT shares RAY will receive from the sale of the C and D blocks, the book value of RAY's investment in Sulphur Minerals, and working capital, our net valuation on the company is \$1.14 per share.

Valuation Summary	
Potash Project in Saskatchewan	\$0.76
Ontario Iron Ore Project	\$0.06
Athabasca Basin Uranium Projects	\$0.01
Shares of Solitaire Minerals Corp. (Market Value)	\$0.00
Shares of Sulphur Solutions Inc. (Book Value)	\$0.03
Working Capital - Debt	\$0.27
Net Fair Value	\$1.14

*Note* – the market value of SLT shares was calculated based on the average share price for the past 12 months

# Conclusions & Rating

Based on our revised valuation models and review of the company's progress since our initiating report, we reiterate our BUY rating on Raytec, but lower our fair value estimate to \$1.14 per share from \$1.87 per share.

Risks

The following risks, though not exhaustive, will cause our estimates to differ from actual results:

- Raytec does not have any operating mines and has not completed a feasibility study.
- The success of further development, exploration, and expansion is a significant factor in Raytec's success.
- Like other junior exploration companies, the value of the company depends heavily on commodities, namely potash and iron ore, but also uranium.

We rate the company a RISK of 5 (Highly Speculative).

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