

# **Larvotto Resources Limited**

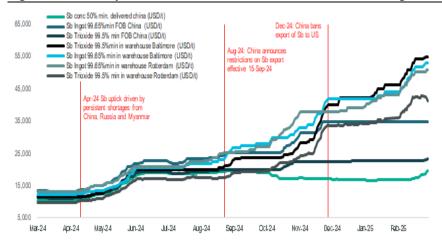
# Dry stacked and loaded

LRV announced a significant project change for Hillgrove as it moves from wet tailings storage into dry stacking. The location of the current TSFs was a key risk for Hillgrove's expedient re-start, notwithstanding the approval for a 9m lift to TSF2 and PFS LOM solution to develop a new TSF at Clarks Gully, including a circa 5km pipeline. We believe that the selection of world's best practice for tailings storage, technically no longer a tailings dam and with higher structural stability, has environmental benefits and neutralises any potentially controversial aspect to finalise modification of existing consents to accelerate the re-start of this critical minerals (and gold) mine at a time of deep structural deficits in the antimony market and very strong prices. We have updated our financial model to reflect a lower risking factor of 30% (prev. 35%) as the DFS nears completion incorporating dry stacks, adopted marginal capex/opex changes and updated commodity prices (US\$2,900/oz Au and US\$52,000/t Sb over the near term, noting we continue to see risk to the upside). We retain our BUY recommendation and have updated our Price Target to \$1.20 (prev. \$0.89).

## Key takeaways from recent investor site visits

- Drilling activities have materially increased with 3 rigs drilling double shifts and 2 more expected near term. One rig is drilling at Bakers Creek and two at Eleanora. We understand drilling at Eleanora could result in the discovery of a parallel load with high grade antimony.
- 2. Dry stack solution for tailings being incorporated into the DFS.
- 3. Gold concentrate offtake due in the near term, with potential for a prepayment facility as part of the Project Finance solution.
- 4. Acquisition of nearby property with superb accommodation facilities to support construction and operations as well as mess facilities.

Figure 1. Antimony Prices: Ex-China Benchmarks Continue Rising!

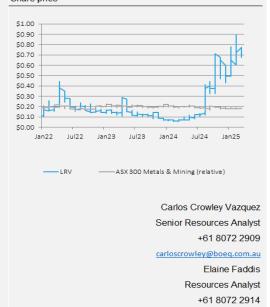


Source: Bloomberg

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# EQUITY RESEARCH COMPANY UPDATE

Date		10 March 2025								
Stock rating	BUY									
Price target	\$1.20									
Ticker	ASX:LRV									
Closing price	\$0.77									
Implied return (%)			56%							
Diluted Market cap (\$			331							
Enterprise value (m)			298							
FD Shares (m)			430.5							
Avg daily vol (m)				2.18						
52 week high				0.93						
52 week low 0.0										
GICS Sector	S Sector Materials									
Y/E 31 Dec	FY24E	FY25E	FY26E	FY27E						
Gold Production (koz)	-	-	33.3	40.8						
Antimony Production (kt)	-	-	4.3	5.4						
Au Eq Prod. (koz AuEq)	-	-	69.8	85.9						
Revenue (A\$m)	-	-	340.6	419.9						
Gold %	-	-	57%	57%						
Antimony %	-	-	43%	43%						
AISC (A\$/oz AuEq)	-	-	1,384	1,361						
EBITDA (A\$m)	-	-	263.7	328.1						
NPAT (A\$m)	-	-	173.5	219.8						
FCF (A\$m)	-	-	168.3	207.9						
Valuation										
P/E (x)	n.m.	n.m.	1.9	1.5						
P/FCF (x)	n.m.	n.m.	2.0	1.6						
EV/EBITDA (x)	n.m.	n.m.	8.0	n.m.						
Dividend yield (%)	-	-	-	-						
Top Shareholders				%						
Gage Capital LP				16.3%						
1832 Asset Management				9.0%						
Board & Management				3.3%						
Share price										



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# Larvotto Resources

Stock Details											Enterpris	e Value	\$298m
Recommendation:	BUY										Diluted M	1Cap	\$331m
Target	\$1.20		Share Pric	ce	\$0.77						Diluted S		430m
NAV	\$1.19		52 Week	Hiah	\$0.93						Free Floa	at	95%
Implied Return	56%		52 Week	•	\$0.06						Avg Daily	/ Value	\$2.18m
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Y/E 31 Dec						Y/E 31 Dec							
Macro Assumptions	FY23A	FY24E	FY25E	FY26E	FY27E	Ratio Analysis			FY23A	FY24E	FY25E		FY27E
Exchange Rate (A\$/US\$)	0.67	0.67	0.67	0.70	0.70	Diluted Shares		m	225	387	424	424	424
Gold Price (US\$/oz)	1,923	2,438	2,875	2,900	2,900	EPS - Diluted		Ac	(0.01)	(0.01)	(0.03)		0.52
Antimony Price (US\$/t)	10,000	19,875	49,500	52,000	52,000	P/E		X	n.m.	n.m.	n.m.	1.9	1.5
						CFPS - Diluted		Ac	(0.0)	(0.0)	(0.0)		0.5
Profit & Loss (A\$m)	FY23A	FY24E	FY25E	FY26E	FY27E	P/CF		X	n.m.	n.m.	n.m.		1.4
Revenue	-	-	-	341	420	FCF - Diluted		Ac	(2.6)	(0.9)	(18.6)		48.3
Operating Costs	-	-	-	(73)	(88)	P/FCF		X	n.m.	n.m.	n.m.	2.0	1.6
Operating Profit	-	-	-	268	332								
Corporate & Other	(2)	(3)	(4)	(4)	(4)	Dividends		Ac	-	-	-	-	-
Exploration Expense / Impt	-	-	-	-	-	Dividend yield		%	-	-	-	-	-
EBITDA	(2)	(3)	(4)	264	328	Payout Ratio		%	-	-	-	-	-
D&A	(0)	(0)	(0)	(10)	(12)	Franking		%	-	-	-	-	-
EBIT	(2)	(3)	(4)	254	316								
Net Interest Expense	-	(0)	(7)	(6)	(2)	Enterprise Value		A\$m	13	290	362	209	12
Pre-Tax Profit	(2)	(4)	(11)	248	314	EV/EBITDA		X	n.m.	n.m.	n.m.	0.79	n.m.
Tax Expense	-	-	-	(74)	(94)	ROE		%	(14%)	(7%)	(15%)	71%	47%
Underlying Profit	(2)	(4)	(11)	174	220	ROA		%	(9%)	(6%)	(8%)	59%	44%
Signficant Items (post tax)	-	-	-	-	-								
NPAT	(2)	(4)	(11)	174	220	Net Debt / (Cash)			(2)	(42)	36	(118)	(315)
						Gearing (ND/(ND+E))		%	n.m.	n.m.	n.m.	(93%)	(211%)
Cash Flow (A\$m)	FY23A	FY24E	FY25E	FY26E	FY27E	Gearing (ND/E)		%	n.m.	n.m.	n.m.	(48%)	(68%)
Operating Cashflow	(6)	(3)	(4)	264	328								
Tax	-	-	-	(74)	(94)	Resource (incl. Rese							
Net Interest	0	(0)	(7)	(6)	(2)		Mt		koz Au	% Sb	kt Sb	koz AuEq	
Net Operating Cash Flow	(6)	(4)	(11)	184	232	Measured	0.4	3.6	51	3.8	17	179.4	
Exploration	-	(5)	(18)	(6)	(6)	Indicated	4.0	4.8	617	1.3	50	1001.9	
Capex	-	-	(75)	(24)	(29)	Inferred	2.8	4.0	367	0.9	26	555.8	
Acquisitions / Disposals	(5)	-	-	-	-	Total Resource	7.3	4.4	1036	1.3	93	1737.1	
Other	0	-	-	-	-	Ore Reserve							
Net Investing Cash Flow	(5)	(5)	(93)	(30)	(35)	Proved	0.4		32.6045	1.9	7	88.1	
Equity Issue	8	48	26	-	-	Probable	2.8	3.3	287	1.1	32	517.8	
Borrowing / Repayments	-	6	55	(15)	(18)	Total Ore Reserve	3.2	3.2	320	1.2	39	605.9	
Dividends	-	-	-	-	-								
Other	(1)	-	-	-	-	Earnings Sensitivity				FY26E	FY27E	FY26E	FY27E
Net Financing Cash Flow	7	54	81	(15)	(18)					A\$m	A\$m	%	%
Change in Cash Position	(4)	46	(23)	138	179	Gold Price		US\$/oz	+10%	8	10	6%	6%
FX Adjustments	-	-	-	-	-	Antimony Price			+10%	11	14	9%	9%
Cash Balance	2	48	25	164	342	Exchange Rate		A\$/US\$	-10%	19	23	15%	14%
Balance Sheet (A\$m)	FY23A	FY24E	FY25E	FY26E	FY27E	Valuation			Discount	Stake	A\$m	A\$/sh	P/NAV
Cash	2	48	25	164	342	Hillgrove - unrisked		<u> </u>	-	100%	598	1.39	
Other Current Assets	0	0	0	0	0					,			
PP&E	6	6	80	94	111	Hillgrove - risked			30%	100%	419	0.97	
Exploration & Development	4	9	27	33	39	Exploration					85	0.20	
Other Non Current Assets	5	5	5	5	5	Corporate & Other					(25)		
Total Assets	17	68	138	296	497	Debt					(6)		
											(5)	(/	

Cash

Option Strikes

Risk adjusted NAV

Source: Company, Blue Ocean Equities

Debt

Other Liabilities

**Net Assets** 

0.09

0.00

1.19

0.65

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Code: LRV

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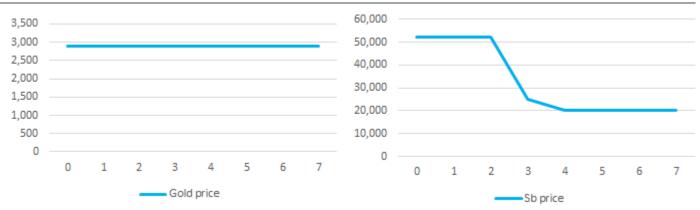
# LOM price assumptions

We outline below our LOM price assumptions:

- for gold, we have adopted a flat spot US\$2,900/oz
- for antimony, our central assumption is that prices remain at current levels (US\$52,000/t), or higher, for a minimum of three years, before additional supply enters the market and prices potentially return to lower levels
- we highlight price risk remains to the upside with gold moving into the US\$3,000 level and antimony metal and trioxide reaching the US\$55,000/t level

Figure 2. Gold price assumption (US\$/oz Au)

Figure 3. Antimony price assumption (US\$/t)



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# Indicative changes to cost assumptions from dry stacks

We believe that the DFS vs PFS LOM capex and opex numbers are likely to be marginally higher although relatively similar, taking into account the following factors:

- Hillgrove is permitted to raise its TSF 2 by 9 meters (supports re-start over initial 2 years) and PFS LOM solution included a new TSF at Clarks Gully which involved a circa 5km pipeline
- Dry stacks expected to be located closer to the plant and require filter press (not in PFS), but no longer require TSF at Clarks Gully and pipeline
- Dry stacks likely to cost marginally more in operating costs, however represent progressive remediation
  vs PFS which assumed an end of LOM remediation liability of circa \$10m. It also has the additional
  benefit of a lower environmental bond requirement
- We also note that while some of the key capex changes may shift from LOM to pre-production, the expected \$15m in capitalised revenue (estimated at PFS commodity inputs of US\$2,200/oz Au and US\$15,000/t Sb) are expected to be materially higher at spot and reduce capitalised opex to commercial production



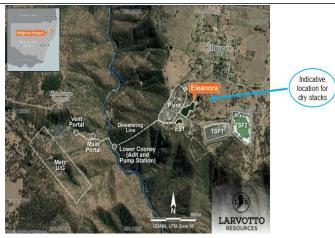
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Figure 4. Aerial view



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Figure 5. Indicative location for dry stacks



Source: Company, Blue Ocean Equities

Figure 6. Metz mine portal



Source: Blue Ocean Equities

Figure 7. Access to ore



Source: Blue Ocean Equities

Figure 8. Process plant



Source: Blue Ocean Equities

Figure 9. Diamond rig drilling at Eleanora



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Figure 10. Echidna lodge: 45 rooms + expansion potential

Figure 11. Mess facilities – external view

Figure 12. Mess facilities – internal view







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