

Gryphon Minerals Ltd

(GRY \$0.43) Speculative Buy

Comments

Price Target: \$0.60/sh

Continued exploration success, an imminent resource upgrade to ~ 1moz, ongoing drilling including some at regional target should see the positive momentum continue. We have increased our price target to \$0.60/sh and continue to rate GRY as our preferred gold explorer.

An active drill program over the past few months has paid dividends with some excellent new high grade results from both Nogebele and Fourkoura projects.

Better results include 6m @ 19.2 g/t from 132m, 4m @ 38 g/t from 60m and 18m @ 3.72 g/t from 39m These results are from the Nangolo area, slightly north of the main Nogebele granitoid hosted resource. The mineralisation at Nangolo is different with little or no quartz veining and strong alteration.

The most recent drilling at Fourkara (7km from Nogebele) has intersected 17m @ 9.2 g/t from 16m, 6m @ 14.9 g/t from 39m and 14m @ 3.4 g/t from 94m.

This is the first drilling for 18 months at this prospect and importantly six holes (drilled on two lines) on a 700m step out intersected good width of mineralisation including 12m @ 3g/t from 84m 20m @ 2.58 g/t from 44m.

In addition drilling within the main Tongon shear zone has intersected large widths of low grade mineralisation – ie 27m @ 0.8 g/t from surface – this gives encouragement that the shear zone is mineralised and will be a target of future exploration.

We expect a resource upgrade to ~ 1moz will be announced shortly. This is a 25% increase on the April'09 resource estimate.

Post the resource upgrade we expect drilling to recommence with the dual focus on infill drilling and targeting of some of the more regional anomalies. We estimate GRY has current cash of \$13m post the \$2m placement to IFC in July'09.

Investment Case

We maintain our Speculative Buy on GRY for exposure to a cashed up aggressive explorer which is on target to define ~ 1moz of resource shortly.

The initial scoping study results, on target for 1st Q CY'09 will be an important milestone to gain an understanding of the economic viability of Banfora. Our view of West African emerging producers is a base case reserve of ~ 750-800koz is required to justify a development and whilst its unlikely that GRY will have this amount initially we would be hopeful that maybe +0.5moz would fall into pits and indications that with further drilling it would reach this target of 0.75moz.

If you assume GRY reaches its 1moz target resource it is currently trading on a Enterprise Value per resource oz of ~ \$65/oz, this compares to mid cap producers at ~ \$150/oz – showing the uplift that can be expected as the project moves through various development hurdles and ultimately into production.

We are excited with the potential at Fourkoura especially if the 700m zone between the main resource (80koz) and the step out lines is mineralised. Back of the envelope estimates suggest this could hold ~ 0.5moz if mineralisation continues. This zone will be drilled shortly.

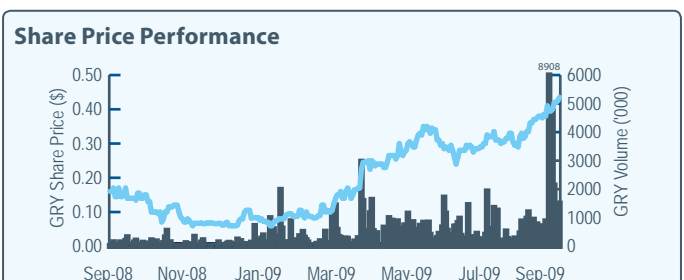
We have increased our price target to \$0.60/sh which equates to an enterprise value per resource oz of ~ \$65/oz. We believe this is a reasonable target based on the real potential to increase the current resource and the exploration upside its large tenement package offers.

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20 Cogent Nom PL	1.14	0.65	
TOTAL	94.56	53.71	

Market Statistics			
Share Price	\$0.43 A\$/sh	Directors	
Issued Capital		Directors	
FP Ord	176m	Mel Ashton	Non-Exec Chair
Opt (@ \$0.45/sh 30/11/09)	4.0m	Steve Parsons	Managing Dir
Opt (@ \$0.62/sh 30/11/09)	2.3m	Didier Murcia	Non-Exec Dir
Opt (@ \$0.75/sh 30/11/09)	2.3m		
Total Dil. FPOrd	181m	Shareholders	
Market Capitalisation	\$76m	Management	13%
Debt	nil	Genesis	8%
Cash	\$13m	Baher Steel	8%



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