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Stock Rating
Overweight

Industry View
Attractive

InterOil Corporation

Management road show and Antelope-2 well data support improved risk/reward profile

What's Changed

Price Target **\$67.00 to \$73.00**

Improved Risk/Reward: We are raising our scenario outlook and see 5:1 reward-to-risk (Bull-to-Bear) supporting investment at current levels, particularly given the recent pullback. We believe the Antelope-2 well data supports:

- 1) *Higher Base Case* (\$73) primarily driven by higher condensate flow rates at the top of structure (increasing NGLs to 120mmbbls of NGLs and assuming facility is project financed).
- 2) *Higher Bear Case* (\$30) derived by value assumptions on stranded gas (PNG comps), more appropriate post-Antelope-2;
- 3) *Higher Bull Case* (\$142) derived by increasing our gas estimate (to 8Tcfe after Antelope-2 well was 345' higher in structure), a higher sale price for upstream interest (\$1.79 per mmcfe, still a discount to recent comps), a risked estimate for oil, and value for IOC's exploration position. We need additional drilling data to support our Bull case, yet believe this outcome remains a reasonable possibility and informs an investment decision.

What's new: Our 3-day, non-deal road show with management highlighted: (1) higher condensate yields (NGLs) and oil upside potential in the Antelope structure, (2) NGL stripping monetization could precede an upstream sell-down and LNG partnership, (3) valuation of IOC's exploration position could come to the forefront either via inclusion in an upstream sell-down or as positive drilling results in Antelope-2 continue, and (4) overall, the transformation of IOC is continuing on-track with material drilling catalysts into mid-December.

Key Ratios and Statistics

Reuters: IOC.N Bloomberg: IOC US

Integrated Oil / United States of America

Price target	\$73.00
Shr price, close (Oct 26, 2009)	\$44.74
Mkt cap, curr (mm)	\$1,907
52-Week Range	\$53.75-8.90

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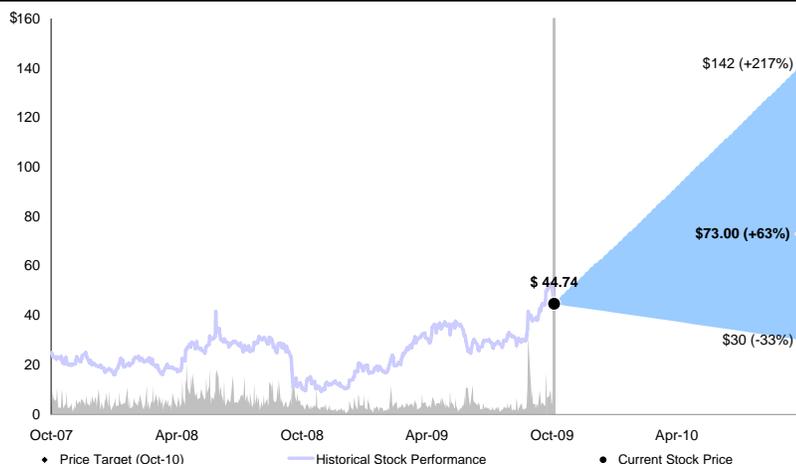
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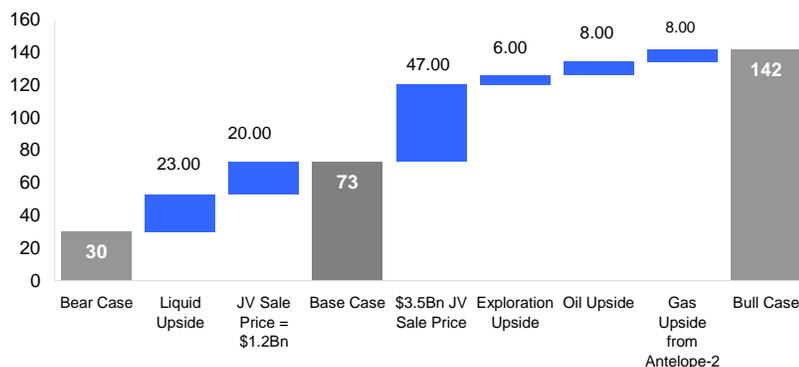
Risk-Reward View: Strong Risk/reward Skew



Price Target \$65 Derived from our base case.

Bull Case \$142	Exploration Upside; Higher liquids in Antelope Antelope-2 well successful improving resource estimate and liquid stripping economics, 220MMbbls of liquids; \$3.5 billion sale price of IOC's interest and \$6 per share for exploration upside
Assumes \$85 oil price (perpetuity)	
Base Case \$73	Joint Venture Partnership is Signed Assumes 120MMbbls of liquids (liquids stripping financed on unlevered basis), \$1.2 billion sale price of IOC's interest. Upstream NAV risked at 80% chance of success on LNG project development, with shares targeted to trade at an additional 20% discount to risked NAV.
Assumes \$85 oil price (perpetuity)	
Bear Case \$30	No Joint Venture Signed and Antelope-2 Disappoints Assumes IOC is unable to enter a LNG development JV, assumes Antelope-2 well is unsuccessful and, in \$75 oil price environment, IOC exploration resource and undeveloped acreage is worth \$21/sh and gas is worth \$12/sh with the refining at \$5/sh at a 20% discount to risked NAV.
Assumes \$75 oil price	

Bear to Bull



Source: Morgan Stanley Research
The probability we assign to a successful LNG project in our base case is only illustrative. It does not forecast a precise series of events and does not account for all possible outcomes but instead illustrates our sense of the relative plausibility of the outcome, based on current industry dynamics.

Why Overweight?

- Strong value proposition as market overlooks and discounts resource and potential monetization.
- We expect IOC to enter a partnership in next 6 months to develop LNG facility/ monetize its natural gas and associated liquids.
- Catalyst-loaded story over the next 12-months.
- Largest exploration land position in PNG with over a decade of drilling experience.
- Niche refining exposure levered to substantial economic growth forecasted in PNG.

Potential Catalysts/Key Value Drivers

- **Antelope-2** full well test results due in Mid-November
- **Antelope-2 DST** liquid rich gas zone due late-November
- **Antelope-2** horizontal drilling (oil potential) due mid-December
- **GLJ/Knowledge Resource** update due in January 2010.
- **Liquid stripping** venture due early 2010
- **Antelope-3** results expected first quarter 2010
- **LNG Partnership/upstream** sell down expected in 1H 2010

Where We Could Be Wrong

- Exploration failure. IOC is proving its resource base and any exploration failure will likely delay development and, as historically, materially impact share price.
- Failure to enter LNG JV. IOC is unlikely to be able to finance LNG development and its continued exploration program w/o partners.
- PNG risks. 100% of IOC's operating assets are located in PNG.
- Failure to enter JV before potential 1H10 liquidity shortage forces additional capital raise.

Notes from the Road and Updating Our Risk-Reward Calculation

Notes from the Road: Following our 3-day, non-deal road show with management, we have the following conclusions: (1) the overall transformation of IOC is continuing on-track with materially drilling catalysts into mid-December (full well test in Mid-November, a test of NGL zone in late November, and results from horizontal drilling (oil) in mid-December, (2) the story had a stronger liquids focus due to higher condensate yields (NGLs) in Antelope-2, (3) the NGL stripping monetization could precede an upstream interest sell-down and LNG partnership. An NGL stripping project could commence before the upstream interest is sold and would enhance the value of that interest. A facility could be financed via a 3rd party with an associated off-take agreement. IOC intends to fully understand the extent of the NGL and oil before entering an upstream sale agreement. We believe that strategy will drive a better valuation in the sale, yet will also require additional time as well results (coring, logging, ect.) are moved into the data room and processed by various potential partners. We continue to expect the sell-down in 1H2010. (4) Valuation of IOC's exploration position should come to the forefront faster than expected either via inclusion in an upstream sell-down or as positive drilling results in Antelope-2 continue. Several potential structures, based on preliminary data, appear to be reef structures and post-Antelope 1 and 2, could drive some value, especially if interest buyers seek more upside than just the Elk/Antelope structure.

Our Revised Net Asset Value (NAV) Indicates 5:1 Risk: Reward

The value of IOC is primarily driven by the value of IOC's Upstream Assets, though IOC does have existing midstream and downstream operations in PNG. We use asset-level, cash flow models to estimate: (1) the upstream natural gas development and the accompanying LNG plant (Gas Value), (2) the value of the NGLs and proposed condensate stripping operations (Natural Gas Liquids Value), (3) the potential value for oil (Oil Value), and (4) the value of IOC's exploration position (Exploration Value). We only assume value for Gas and NGLs in both our Base and Bear cases and we assume a risked value for Oil and Exploration in our Bull Case. In other words we assume no value for oil, no value for IOC's other 40 prospects (at least 2 appearing to be reef structures), a 60% discount in sale of the upstream interest vs. a close comparable, a 20% risk factor in upstream value, and a target

price with an additional 20% discount to our NAV to reach our Base case target of \$73.

What changed in our Bear Case? We believe a successful DST at Antelope 2 at levels comparable to Antelope-1 and core samples from Antelope-2 indicating high porosity in the top of the reservoir, raises the floor valuation level. We believe 3.8Tcfe of gas represents a reasonable bear case and based on a distressed sale at \$.50mcf, we expect a \$26 per share distressed value of the gas resource raises the floor valuation level. We believe this is an important change supporting downside valuation level.

What changed in our Base Case? We are increasing the amount of NGLs to 120mmbbls based upon 18bbl per 1mmcf flow rates witnessed in the top of Antelope-1 and Antelope-2 vs. 10bbls per 1mmcf in our initial valuation. IOC will drill out the casing in Antelope-2 from the lean gas to liquids-rich gas at the base of the reservoir in 4-5 weeks and could drive this estimate higher. Further, we are assuming this is project financed rather than funded from cash.

What Changed in our Bull Case? We are increasing our Bull case to include 3 changes: (1) an increased estimate of gas potential (to 8Tcfe) based primarily on hitting the reservoir 345 feet higher than expected which increases the volume potential by adding 345feet at the bottom of the structure. We also increase the Bull case to reflect the interpretation from seismic that reef is a barrier rather than an atoll reef improving the potential container size. (2) Adding 100MM bbl oil potential, (3) adding \$500MM value for exploration. Oil results should be known by Mid-December and represent a bullish upside and the value of exploration could be driven by (1) the success at Antelope-2, (2) inclusion of exploration in sale of upstream potential. In a bull case, we believe it is reasonable to ascribe value to exploration based on recent success, even if modest at this stage.

Base Case. We have a \$73 price target, based on an \$85/bbl long-term oil price, 13% S-curve slope for LNG pricing, two LNG trains with a combined 6.5 mmtpa capacity (smaller than 8mmtpa company estimates), and \$8.25 billion of total project capex (15% excess of IOC estimates). We assume condensate stripping start-up in 2012 and LNG start-up in 2014. We assume that IOC completes a sell-down of 24% upstream interest and 58% LNG Plant interest for a price of \$1.2 billion (including a carry on the remaining \$500 million in equity capex

net to IOC post-sell-down). Cash flow is discounted at a WACC-based 12.4%.

Project value is concentrated in the upstream (liquids + gas), which accounts for \$2.9 billion, a cost of capital return at the LNG plant and \$200 million in value for the refinery. After adjusting for the approximately \$-60 million in current net debt and \$1.2 billion for the potential asset sale, we arrive at a company risked value of \$91/share, to which we apply a 20% discount, which we believe is consistent with the average trading discount to NAV of emerging markets E&Ps.

Risking project outcomes. Due to the binary nature of many of the valuation drivers, particularly the realization of an asset sell-down/joint venture, we have assigned probabilistic risk weightings to the calculated NAVs to arrive at our price target. Using an 80% probability that an LNG deal will be completed, we arrive at a price target of \$73/share. We see the potential for significant additional upside value in the share price, and expect opportunities to continue de-risking company value as the catalyst-driven story unfolds.

Value of Existing Downstream Assets. Although the lion's share of the potential company value is found in the upstream LNG development, existing operations represent an ultimate floor on valuation with an opportunity for steady future growth. Refining and marketing earnings and cash flow have been lumpy since the commencement of operations in 2004 due to large swings in inventories. In 2007–09, operations have averaged just under \$40 million/year of EBITDA. Our EBITDA forecast for 2009–12 is \$55 million/year, which assumes 9% throughput growth/year, a reasonable outlook given the forecast slate of economic development. Our unrisks value of \$200 million assumes a 4x EBITDA multiple of \$50 million/year average EBITDA, in line with North American refining multiples. Our risked value of \$150 million assumes no growth and 4x average 2007–09 EBITDA, which equates to approximately \$3.50 a share. The reported net book value of the refinery as of June 30, 2009, is \$198 million, which equates to \$4.67 a share.

Precedent Values for Sale of Interest

The largest uncertainty in valuing IOC is the likelihood, and value, of a potential sale of the company's interest in the upstream and LNG Plant projects. Our \$1.2 billion assumption is based on an attractive return on investment (>45%) for the purchasing company/consortium based on our forecast NPV of the project. This is at a 50% discount with precedent LNG transactions in the Asia-Pacific region over the past four years, which have averaged \$1.75/mcf on a 2P or Contingent (P50) basis, with the most comparable transaction

of AGL's sale of 3.6% stake in the XOM-led PNG LNG project netting \$800 million, or \$2.20/mcf. Our \$1.2 billion purchase price equates to \$0.75/mcf, based on Knowledge Reservoirs' resource estimate of 6.7Tcf of recoverable gas.

We analyzed recent precedent transactions, separating our findings in three general tranches: AGL LNG, coal seam gas, and other LNG transactions. In our opinion, the AGL Nippon Gas is the best comparable due to similar conventional wet gas and logistically favorable characteristics. Furthermore, we believe that the current value we place \$0.74 Mcfe is conservative when compared to: (1) AGL price of \$2.22, (2) coal seam gas prices of \$2.31 for assets that dry gas, logistically challenged, unconventional that were priced at the top of the market, and (3) other LNG projects of \$0.40 that were selling down upstream assets to give incentive economics to buyers of the end products and to provide legal settlements.

To further illustrate our valuation we looked at Oil Search, Santos, and Woodside Petroleum, which are all established producing companies that trade at an enterprise value-to-2P reserve of \$1.20, \$1.14, and \$3.00 per mfce, respectively, compared to our \$0.22/mfce estimate for InterOil. We see significant discount to these companies and use this comparison as a illustrative metric in the current time frame.

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Exhibit 1

NAV Assumptions

Scenario	Bear	Base	Bull
Upstream			
NGLs Resource (MMbbls)(gross)	75.0	120.0	120.0
Risk Factor	0%	80%	90%
Gross Amount, Risked (MMbbls)	0.00	96.00	108.00
Gas Resource (Tcfe)(gross)	3.8	6.7	8.0
Risk Factor	80%	80%	90%
Gross Amount, Risked (Tcfe)	3.04	5.36	7.20
Oil Resource (MMbbls)	0.00	0.00	500.00
Oil Resource (MMbbls)(gross recoverable)	0.0	0.0	100.0
Oil Production (mpd)	0	0	25
Recovery Factor	0%	0%	20%
Risk Factor	80%	80%	90%
Gross Amount, Risked (MMbbls)	0.00	0.00	90.00
Sale Price of Upstream Interest (\$mcf)	0.53	0.74	1.79
Value of Entire Interest in Sale (\$ per share)	12.83	29.30	82.22
Total Value of Deal (excess of capex)	50	750.00	3000
Exploration Acreage (\$MM)	500.00	500.00	500.00
Risk Factor	0%	0%	50%
Net Amount, Risked	0.00	0.00	250.00
Exploration Acreage (\$ per share)	0.00	0.00	5.88
Total Upstream Value (\$MM)			
Upstream Gas + LNG Value (\$ per share)	\$18.74	\$49.09	\$58.19
Upstream NGL Value (\$ per share)	\$0.00	\$7.22	\$8.12
Upstream Oil Value (\$ per share)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$17.64
Total Upstream Value (\$ per share)	18.74	56.31	83.95
Total Downstream Value (\$MM)	200.00	200.00	200.00
Downstream Value (\$ per share)	4.70	4.70	4.70
Net Debt (\$ per share)	0.95	0.95	0.95
Total Value (\$ per share)	37.22	91.26	177.70
Target Price Discount to NAV (%)	20%	20%	20%
Commodity Price, Post 2011			
Oil WTI	75.00	85.00	85.00
Gas Slope	9%	13%	13%
Target Price (\$ per share)	30	73	142
<i>Premium/discount to current</i>	<i>-33%</i>	<i>63%</i>	<i>218%</i>

Source: Company data, Morgan Stanley Research

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Chevron Corporation (CVX.N)	O (07/14/2009)	\$75.45
ConocoPhillips (COP.N)	E (07/14/2009)	\$50.74
Exxon Mobil Corporation (XOM.N)	E (07/14/2009)	\$73.23
Hess Corporation (HES.N)	E (07/14/2009)	\$57.44
InterOil Corporation (IOC.N)	O (09/18/2009)	\$44.74
Marathon Oil Corporation (MRO.N)	U (07/14/2009)	\$33.48
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