(LYL \$4.87) Buy - Initiation of Coverage

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Commercialising Science

Investment case

Lycopodium Limited (LYL) provides integrated engineering, construction and asset management solutions to global resource markets. Established in 1992 and listed on the ASX in 2004 the company has a 28-year track record of delivering EPCM/EPC contracting and engineering services to a diverse range of industries.

The company employs around 600 staff specialising in providing lifecycle services from concept and feasibility through to construction and plant optimisation. Recently the company has developed a reputation for providing services to the growing West African gold sector.

FY'20 Results

LYL provided a solid set of FY'20 results generating revenue of \$211.1m and NPAT of \$11.8m; in line with guidance of \$200m and NPAT of \$11.5m. Supported by staff the company was relatively unaffected by Covid-19 and all projects were completed on schedule. LYL benefited from favourable payment terms on the Yaouré Gold project for Perseus, generating operating cashflows of \$62m for the year. LYL continued its strong track record of dividend payments, maintaining a fully franked 20CPS full year dividend or 68% of earnings.

Outlook

While FY'20 results were generally strong, the orderbook does not support the same level of activity, with two major projects now complete we look for a decrease in the level of EPC activity and consequently forecast revenue falls through FY'21; however, we forecast stronger margins as backend project profits are recognised. We expect activity in Mondium to continue to ramp through FY'21 picking up some of the slack in the LYL's orderbook. With a number of major studies in the pipeline we expect EPC contract awards to occur in the back end of FY'21, positioning the company for a stronger FY'22.

Valuation

LYL continues to lag the wider resources led recovery and its industrial peers. Trading at \$4.87 LYL continues to trade at a discount to pre-Covid high of \$6.40. We expect LYL to retrace some of this lost ground as existing studies and EP contracts convert into new contracts through the second half of FY'21.

We initiate coverage with a 12-month price target of \$5.61 based on a fairly basic, although somewhat undemanding, capitalisation of forecast 2021 and 2022 earnings. LYL has traded back given the general market conditions and a weaker orderbook outlook, we look to contract wins in the second half of FY'21 from a large pipeline of opportunities to re-rate the stock. In the meantime, LYL trades 6x EV/EBIT with \$100m in the bank.

Lycopodium Limited	Year End	30 June
Share Price	4.87	A\$/sh
Price Target	5.61	A\$/sh
Valuation (DCF)	6.00	A\$/sh
WACC	9.2%	
Terminal Growth	2.5%	
Shares on issue	40 m	, diluted
Market Capitalisation	193.5	A\$m
Enterprise Value	94.3	A\$m
Cash	102.9	A\$m
Debt	0.5	A\$m

Key Financials	FY'2020	FY'2021	FY'2022
Revenue (A\$m)	209.6	160.0	210.0
EBITDA (A\$m)	25.6	23.7	27.9
EBIT (A\$m)	17.5	15.7	20.0
Reported NPAT (A\$r		11.7	14.3
Normalised NPAT (A	\$m) 12.9	11.7	14.3
Gross Cashflow (A\$n	n) 11.8	14.1	16.6
Capex (A\$m)*	-0.6	-1.0	-0.9
Op. Free Cashflow (A	\\$m) 54.2	-27.2	26.8
Revenue Growth (%)	38%	-24%	31%
EBITDA Growth (%)	10%	-7%	18%
Norm. NPAT margin	(%) 6%	7%	7%
Normalised EPS (Ac)	29.22	29.34	35.87
Norm. EPS growth (%	6) -29%	0%	22%
PER (x)	16.6	16.5	13.5
EV:EBITDA (x)	3.7	4.0	3.4
EV:EBIT (x)	5.4	6.0	4.7
DPS (Ac)	20.0	18.6	23.4
Dividend Yield (%)	4.1%	3.8%	4.8%
Net cash (A\$m)*	99.2	63.5	79.8
Net Debt:Equity (%)	Net cash	Net cash	Net cash
Interest Cover (x)	NA	NA	NA

Share Price Chart



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Other Matters

LYL's capital light business model is cash generative; converting ~100% of EBITDA to free cashflows and over time enabling the business to pay ~60% of earnings as dividends, while continuing to fund internal growth. The stock remains firmly held by management and insiders, aligning management and shareholder interests; however, this does come at the expense of liquidity.

Summary

LYL has established a reputation for delivering projects on time and to client specification. While the current orderbook does not support the same level of activity through FY'21 the business is well positioned to capitalise on sustained gold values and ramp up on project activity as Covid-19 vaccines roll out through 2021. Guided by experienced management with track record of managing tendering risks, we expect LYL to continue to trade up from current levels as LYL converts a number of studies to EPC contracts. We initiate coverage with a Buy Recommendation and a 12 month \$5.61/sh price target.

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Financial Statements	2019a	2020a	2021f	2022
Income Statement Revenue OPEX EBITDA Depreciation & amortisation EBIT Net finace income EBT Tax expense Reported Earnings Abnormal Expesse / (Incomes) Normalized Net Profit	152.2 -129.0 23.3 -1.5 21.8 1.7 23.5 -7.1 16.4 0.2 16.6	209.6 -184.0 25.6 -8.0 17.5 0.9 18.5 -6.8 11.7 1.2	160.0 -136.3 23.7 -8.0 15.7 1.0 16.7 -5.0 11.7 0.0	210.0 -182.1 27.9 -7.9 20.0 0.5 20.5 -6.1 14.3 0.0 14.3
Cash flow (A\$m)	2019a	2020a	2021f	2022f
Profit before Tax (+) D&A (-) Lease Expense (+/-) Impairements, Non-cash (+/-) FX (+/-) Other Gross Cashflow (-) Capital Expenditure (-) Change in WC Operating Free cashflow (-) Dividend Paid (-/+) Proceeds from Disposals (-) Investments (+/-) Other Net Cashflow Bop Net Cash (+/-) Net Cashflow (+/-) Lease Adjustment EOP Net Cash	16.4 1.5 0.0 0.0 -13.4 0.0 4.5 -1.6 -18.4 -15.5 -13.1 0.0 -3.4 18.7 -13.3 73.0 -13.3 0.0 59.7	11.7 8.0 -5.6 0.0 -0.7 -1.6 11.8 -0.6 43.0 54.2 -11.9 0.0 0.0 0.4 42.7 59.7 42.7 -3.2 99.2	11.7 8.0 -5.6 0.0 0.0 14.1 -1.0 -40.3 -27.2 -7.4 0.0 0.0 0.0 -34.6 99.2 -34.6 -1.2 63.5	14.3 7.9 -5.6 0.0 0.0 16.6 -0.9 11.2 26.8 -9.3 0.0 0.0 0.0 17.5 63.5 17.5 -1.2 79.8
Balance Sheet (\$m)	2019a	2020a	2021f	2022f
Cash Receivables Contract and other assets Inventories Current Tax Receivables Other Current Assets Derivative Financial Assets Total Current Assets	60.5 34.4 1.5 0.9 1.8 3.8 0.0 102.8	102.9 26.9 0.0 1.1 0.9 2.5 0.0 134.3	67.1 23.8 0.0 1.0 0.7 2.5 0.0 95.1	83.5 31.3 0.0 1.4 0.9 2.5 0.0
Equity Accrited Investments Investments in listed equities Financial Assets avail for Sale PP&E Right of Use Asset Intangible Assets Other receivables Deferred tax assets Total Non-Current Assets Total Assets	1.4 0.8 0.0 3.8 0.0 6.7 0.2 4.1 17.0	3.5 0.9 0.0 3.2 3.0 6.8 0.1 3.8 21.4 155.7	3.5 0.9 0.0 3.1 3.0 6.8 0.1 3.8 21.2	3.5 0.9 0.0 2.9 3.0 6.7 0.1 3.8 21.0
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Net Assets	7.9	4.4	18.5	9.4
Issued capital Reserves Retained profits Total Equity	45.6 7.5 -45.1 7.9	56.7 10.0 -62.3 4.4	84.5 11.7 -77.7 18.5	84.5 13.2 -88.2 9.4

Performance Ratios	2019 a	2020a	2021f	2022f
Growth & Margins				
Revenue Growth	-21%	38%	-24%	31%
EBITDA Growth	-8%	10%	-7%	18%
EBITDA margin	15%	12%	15%	13%
EBIT margin	14%	8%	10%	10%
EBIT Growth	-9%	-20%	-10%	27%
Normalized net profit margin	11%	6%	7%	7%
Effective tax rate	30%	30%	30%	30%
Liquidity				
Capex/depreciation (x)	1.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Current ratio (x)	2.6	1.8	2.9	2.3
Quick ratio (x)	226.2	426.8	298.9	377.4
Receivable days	82	47	54	54
Payable days	70	62	43	50
Risk Measures				
Dividend Cover (x)	1.3	1.0	1.6	1.5
Payout ratio (%)	73%	68%	63%	65%
Net interest cover (x)	na	na	na	na
Net debt/equity (%)			net cashr	
Returns				
ROIC(%)	19%	15%	13%	15%
Return on assets (%)	14%	8%	10%	10%
Return on average equity (%)	21%	15%	14%	15%
Share Data/Valuation	2019a	2020a	2021f	2022f
Share Data				
Issued shares (m)	39.7	39.7	39.7	39.7
Weighted ave shares (m)	39.7	39.7	39.7	39.7
Fully diluted shares (m)	39.7	40.0	40.0	40.0
Basic EPS (c)	41.3	29.4	29.5	36.1
YoY change (%)	-12%	-29%		22%
Fully diluted EPS (c)	41.3	29.2		35.9
YoY change (%)	-12%	-29%	0%	22%
Fully diluted normalised EPS (c)	41.3	29.2	29.3	35.9
YoY change (%)	-12%	-29%	0%	22%
Dividend/share (c)	30.0	20.0	18.6	23.4
Franking (%)	100%	100%	100%	100%
Gross cashflow/share (c)	11.3	29.7	35.4	41.8
NBV/share (c)	199.9	195.9	206.9	219.5
NTA/Share (c)	182.9	177.7	188.7	201.4
Valuation				
PER (Basic) (x)	11.8	16.6	16.5	13.5
PER (Fully diluted) (x)	11.8	16.7	16.6	13.6
PER (Fully diluted, normalized) (x)	11.8	16.6	16.5	13.5
P/CFPS (x)	43.1	16.4		11.7
Price/NBV (x)	2.4	2.5	2.4	2.2
Price/NTA (x)	2.7	2.7	2.6	2.4
market Cap (EOFY)	193.5	193.5	193.5	193.5
EV	133.8	94.3	94.3	94.3
EV/EBITDA (x)	14.4	3.7	4.0	3.4
EV/EBIT (x)	25.2	5.4	6.0	4.7
EV/Revenue (x)	0.4	0.1	0.2	0.2
Other Information				
Estimated free float				30%
12-mth High/Low (A\$/sh)			6.4	10/3.70
Average daily volume (A\$'000s)				83
10/10				,
ASX Code				LYL
Next result				Feb-21
Company Description				
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Lycopodium Limited (LYL) provides integrated engineering, construction and asset management solutions to global resource markets. Established in 1992 and listed on the ASX in 2004 the company has a 25-year track record of delivering EPCM/EPC contracting and engineering to services to a diverse range of industries.

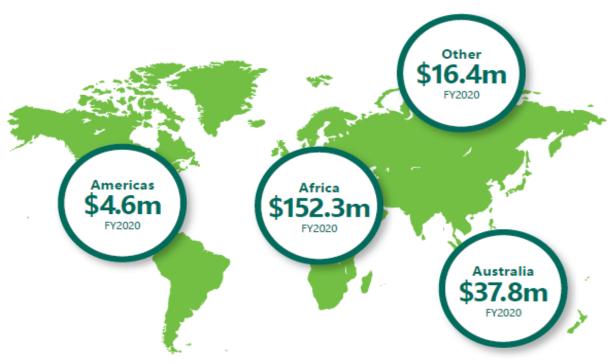
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The Business

Established in 1992 Lycopodium Ltd is a multi-disciplined engineering, consulting and project management company. The company's capabilities flow from concept and feasibility studies, basic engineering,through to full construction and design, commissioning, ramp up and plant optimisation. Since establishment the company has built a strong reputation on delivering projects across the globe on time and to client specification. The business is headquartered in Perth with offices in Melbourne, Newcastle, Brisbane, Manila, Cape Town and Toronto with ~600 staff spread across these locations.

During FY'20 the company completed projects across Australia, Africa, Asia, Europe, North and South America as follows:



(Source: 2020 Shareholder report)

 Activity is increasingly focused towards EPC contracts in the growing West African resources sector.

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LYL uses the following schematic to help explain the capabilities of the business:

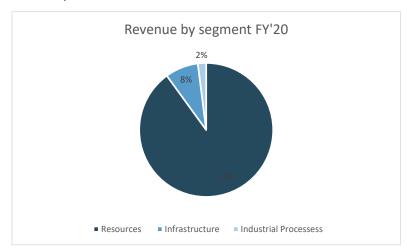


(Source: 2020 Shareholder report)

During FY'20 the company undertook 550 projects and studies.

Activity is heavily geared towards resources sectors; however, the company has highlighted it's growing presence in providing infrastructures-based services, in particular rail and transport. The company has also highlighted a number of opportunities which it hopes to capitalise in the pharmaceutical and hydrogen sectors overtime.

Income split in FY'20 was as follows:



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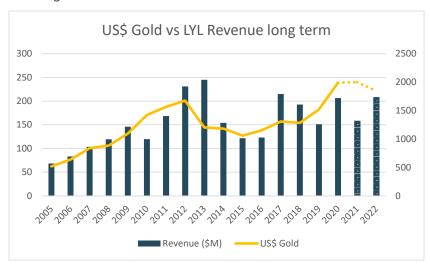
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Resources

LYL generates ~90% of revenue in activities based in the resource sector; with the company increasingly developing a reputation for delivery of projects in West Africa. During FY'20 the company completed two major EPMC projects in Burkina Faso – Sanbrado Gold Mine for WAF (which was completed on the 10 weeks ahead of schedule and US\$20m under budget) and the Wahgino Gold mine for Teranga Gold Corporation. The delivery of the US\$95.1m Gold mine for Perseus remains on track to meet "stretch target" of first gold in December 2020 (ahead of contracted date of January 2021). The completion the two major EPC contracts during Covid-19 continues to justify LYL's position as a tier 1 operator.

Business activity is of course tied to wider resource market; we estimate that historically LYL has generated ~85% earnings through the delivery EPC and EPCM gold projects, consequently LYL's near term outlook mirrors gold market outlook.



(Source: Euroz Hartlevs)

- While the current orderbook does not support the same level of activity through FY'21 we expect activity within the gold sector to remain strong through FY'21 providing LYL with a number of opportunities to ramp up activities in the second half of FY'21 and into FY'22.
- We expect projects which have been deferred or delayed with the onset of Covid-19 to be awarded in the latter half of the FY'21 financial year as a vaccine becomes widely available and restrictions are lifted.

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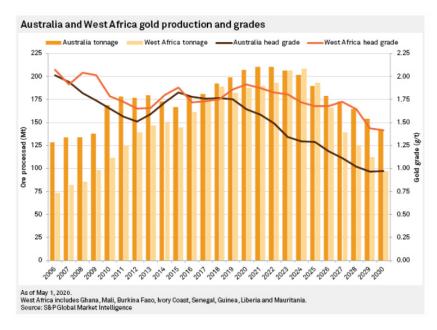
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We note the company's share price also tracks the same relationship; we expect share price to recover as restrictions ease and new projects which were delayed with the onset of Covid-19 are awarded.



(Source: Euroz Hartleys)

The following chart highlights the expected ramp up of ore processed in West Africa through to CY'30. The chart highlights activity in the region is expected to continue to ramp up through CY'24: we expect LYL will be well placed to capitalise on their experience in the region as new projects are awarded.



(Source: S&P Global Intelligence 2020)

While FY'21 is shaping up to be a slower year for Lycopodium's resource segment we do expect activity to ramp up in FY'22 with the company set to capitalise on increasingly favourable operating environment and tendering opportunities as operating environment improves.

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Infrastructure

LYL's infrastructure division is focused on maximising opportunities across their core services. The company specialises in provision of rail infrastructure management, non-process infrastructure and infrastructure related asset management. During the year LYL completed rail inspection services for various clients including BHP and Southern Ports Authority.

Industrial Processes

The industrial process segment leverages expertise in the provision of projects and engineering services in the areas of speciality chemicals. pharmaceutical and heat/mass transfer. During FY'20 the company continued to leverage it's expertise in the provision of projects and engineering services in areas of speciality chemicals, pharmaceutical and heat/mass transfer. The company has highlighted these are areas of potential growth through leveraging their specialised knowledge in these emerging sectors.

Mondium

Mondium is Lycopodium's incorporated joint venture with Monadelphous Ltd.

The JV was established in 2016 and enables Lycopodium to participate in EPC projects which would normally be beyond LYL's capacity. The JV aims to combine the complementary strengths, resources and experience of Monadelphous in multidisciplinary construction works, with Lycopodium's engineering expertise in minerals project delivery.

Mondium is currently completing two major projects:

- \$400m Western Turner Syncline Phase 2 for Rio Tinto; expected to be completed in CY'21.
- \$100m Greenbushes Tailing Treatment Plant for Talison Lithium.

Given the scale of EPC tender opportunities that Mondium can bid for, we expect contributions to continue to grow and scale over time

In FY'20 the JV delivered LYL a \$2.9m share in net profit.

Our forecasts look for \$3.2m in FY'21 as activity at Western Turner continue to ramp up.

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Recent Contracts

The following is a summary of the projects in process through FY'20.

It highlights a focus on gold resource projects as well as the strong pipeline of studies and projects the company is well placed to convert into a major EPC contracts as restrictions ease.

Client	Contract	Project	Commodity	Location	Sector
EPCM/EPC/EP projects					
West African Resources	EPCM	Sanbrado Gold Project	Gold	Burkina Faso	Resources
Teranga Gold Corporation	EPCM	Wahgnion Gold Project	Gold	Burkina Faso	Resources
Perseus Mining Limited	EPC	Yaoure Gold Project	Gold	Cote D'Ivoire	Resources
IAMGOLD Corporation	EP	Boto Gold Project	Gold	Senegal	Resources
Fekola Sa (B2Gold)	EP	Fekola Mine Expansion	Gold	Mali	Resources
Mondium					
Rio Tinto	EPC	Western Turner Syncline Phase 2	Iron Ore	WA	Resources
Talison Lithium	EPC	Tailings Retreatment Project	Lithium	WA	Resources
Studies and Projects					
Newmont Ghana Gold Ltd	Study	Ahafo North Stage 3 Study	Gold	Ghana	Resources
Base Resources	FID Study	Toliara Project	Mineral Sands	Madagascar	Resources
Sandfire Resources	FEED Study	Motheo Copper Project	Copper	Botswana	Resources
PT Amman Mineral Nusa Tenggara	FEED Study	Batu Hijau Plant Expansion	Copper/Gold	Indonesia	Resources
Australian Potash Ltd	FEED Study	Lake Wells Sulphate of Potash	SOP	WA	Resources
Equinox Gold/Leagold Mining	FEED Study	Los Filos Project	Gold	Mexico	Resources
Mali Lithium Limited	DFS Study	Goulamina Lithium Project	Lithium	Mali	Resources
Cardinal Resources	DFS Study	Namdini Gold Project	Gold	Ghana	Resources
Ma'aden Gold and Base Metals	DFS Study	Al Amar Tailings Retreatment	Gold	Saudi Arabia	Resources
Lepidico Limited	DFS Study	Phase 1 Lithium Chemical Plant	Lithium	Abu Dhabi	Resources
John Holland Rail Country	Design	Maryvale Crossing Loop Extension Design	Rail	NSW	Infrastructure
Main Roads WA	Design	Armadale Road to North Lake Bridge	Civil Engineering	WA	Infrastructure
Icon Construction	Scope	Hydrogen Liquefaction and Loading Terminal	Industrial Process	Victoria	Industrial
Cape Preston Port Company	Optimisation	CPPC Maintenance Optimisation	Infrastructure Mgt	WA	Infrastructure
Zeco Energy	Design	Solar Powered Light Tower Design	Industrial Process	Victoria	Industrial
Victorian Government	Study	Victorian Agricultural Facility	Industrial Process	Victoria	Industrial

LYL highlights their unique position in the engineering market that has both the systems and processes necessary to service Tier 1 clients, but also the flexibility to provide simplified processes for juniors and midtier clients. This strategy enables LYL to attract and maintain clients as their needs develop.

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Revenue Recognition

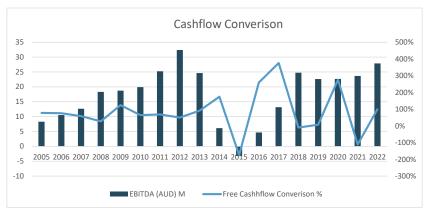
LYL typically completes construction contracts which work on an Engineering, Procurement, Construction Management (EPCM) basis, although, it is completing a growing order book on an EPC basis. Revenues from Engineering and construction contracts are recognised on an "over time" basis, revenue is recognised as and when performance obligations are satisfied.

Contracting involves the transfer of risk from owners to contractors; the success of a contracting business hinges on the ability of company to appropriately price risk when tendering. The management team believe they have developed a measure to appropriately evaluate risk and only bid on projects where risk rewards are appropriately balanced.

Historical performance track record would suggest this is the case. Given the strong holding of the stock by management there is clearly an invested interest managing this risk and company performance.

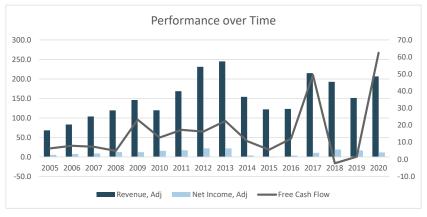
Historical Financial Performance

The capital light business model ensures EBITDA is consistently converted to free cashflow.



- The business has converted ~100% of EBITDA to cashflow since listing; enabling the business to continue to pay owners strong dividends. We forecast full year fully franked dividends of 19cps, 68% of earnings.
- Given the favourable payment terms in FY'20 we look for a draw down on working capital through FY'21 normalising into FY'22.

Guided by an experienced board and management the business has consistently generated healthy revenue, NPAT and strong free cashflows since listing.



Our forecasts look for revenue of \$160m and NPAT of \$11.7m in FY'21.

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FY'20 Results

FY'20 results were solid with full year results slightly above prior guidance; given project delivery generally unaffected by Covid-19 disruptions.

FY	Units	2019	2020	(+/-)	%
Contract Revenue	A\$m	151.1	206.7	55.5	37%
Interest income	A\$m	1.8	1.5	-0.3	-16%
Other income	A\$m	1.1	3.0	1.9	173%
Total Revenue	A\$m	154.0	211.1	57.1	37%
(-) Employee Benefits expense	A\$m	-66.7	-67.0	-0.3	0%
(-) Depreciation	A\$m	-1.5	-8.0	-6.6	453%
(-) Project Exp.	A\$m	-5.5	-5.0	0.5	-10%
(-) Equipment and materials	A\$m	-18.4	-71.1	-52.6	286%
(-) Contractors	A\$m	-32.1	-31.3	0.8	-3%
(-) Occupancy Expense	A\$m	-8.1	-1.2	6.9	-85%
(-) Other expenses	A\$m	-12.2	-12.1	0.0	0%
(-) Warranty Provision	A\$m	13.4	0.7	-12.7	-95%
(-) Finance Costs	A\$m	-0.1	-0.6	-0.5	750%
(-) Share of net profit from JV	A\$m	0.7	2.9	2.2	341%
PBT	A\$m	23.5	18.5	-62.2	-22%

Material movements were as follows:

- Contract revenue
 - Up significantly on FY'19 with completion of two significant EPCM projects in Burkina Faso (Sanbrado Gold Mine for WAF and Wahgnion Gold mine for Teranga Gold Corporation).
 - Activity at both of these projects was relatively unaffected by Covid-19 disruptions; with measures implemented at both sites mitigating any impact
- Depreciation
 - o Up on prior year with the impact on AASB16.
- Equipment and materials
 - o Ramp up construction activities at Wahgnion and Sanbrado during the year.
- Occupancy
 - o Reflects implementation of AASB16 during the year.
- Warranty Provisions
 - Unwound in the previous year we look for warranty expenses to normalise through current year.
- Share of Net Profit
 - Higher contribution form Mondium JV.

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Outlook

	1H19	2H19	FY'19	1H20	2H20	FY'20	FY'21F	FY'22F
Revenue	72.1	82.0	154.0	109.5	101.6	211.1	158.5	208.5
Operating costs								
OPEX	-59.8	-69.9	-129.6	-94.2	-92.8	-186.9	-139.5	-185.5
Contribution from JV	0.2	0.5	0.7	0.9	2.0	2.9	3.2	3.4
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EBITDA	12.5	10.8	23.3	16.3	9.3	25.6	23.7	27.9
D&A	-0.7	-0.8	-1.5	-4.0	-4.0	-8.0	-8.0	-7.9
EBIT	11.8	10.0	21.8	12.2	5.3	17.5	15.7	20.0
PBT	12.7	3.7	16.4	12.6	-1.0	11.7	11.7	14.3
TAX	-4.2	-2.9	-7.1	-3.8	-3.0	-6.8	-5.0	-6.1
NPAT	8.5	7.9	16.4	8.9	2.8	11.7	11.7	14.3
EPS	21.5	19.8	41.3	22.3	7.1	29.4	29.5	36.1
DPS	15.0	15.0	30.0	15.0	5.0	20.0	18.6	23.4
DPS Ratio	70%	76%	73%	67%	71%	68%	63%	65%
Margins								
EBITDA	17%	13%	15%	15%	9%	12%	15%	13%
EBIT	16%	12%	14%	11%	5%	8%	10%	10%
NPAT	12%	10%	11%	8%	3%	6%	7%	7%
Operating Cashflow	-0.3	1.4	1.1	74.6	-12.4	62.2	-27.2	26.8
CAPEX	-1.4	-0.2	-1.6	-0.4	-0.1	-0.5	-1.0	-0.9
Lease Expense	0.0	0.0	0	-3.1	-3.7	-6.7	-6.7	-6.7
Free Cashflow	-1.7	1.2	-0.5	71.2	-16.2	55.0	-34.9	19.2
Cashflow Conversion	-13%	11%	-2%	437%	-174%	215%	-147%	69%

- Orderbook does not support the same level of activity through FY'21; we forecast full year revenue \$160m.
- Yaouré Gold Project is expected to be completed towards the end of CY 2020; we expect better conversion of revenue as projects complete. We look for 15% EBITDA margins up from 12%.
- Mondium order book remains healthy with the JV picking up a number of new contracts during the period. We expect activity at the \$400m Western Turner Syncline project to ramp up during the period, consequently Mondium contribution increases to \$3.2m.
- While the orderbook is lower than previous years the increased activity in the gold sector should leave LYL well placed to secure additional work in the first half of 2021; consequently, we look for a ramp up of activity in FY'22, with revenue increasing to \$210m.

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Valuation

Our 12 month price target of \$5.61/sh is based on a basic; though undemanding capitalisation of forecast 2021 and 2022 earnings. LYL has experienced a pullback (along with the rest of the market) from Covid-19 highs, and while industrial peers have recovered most of this lost ground, LYL continues to trade at a discount. This valuation metric is also supported by a DCF valuation which is coming out at \$6.00/sh.

LYL trades on a 2021 EV/EBIT of 6x and EV/EBITDA of 4x on our forecasts.

We provide a comparative metrics for a number of companies we consider close peers.

Engineering / Contractors							P/E			EV/EBIT		Ε	V/EBITD	Α
	Ticker	Last	SOI	Мсар	EV	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY20	FY21	FY22
Monadelphous Group	MND	12.81	94.6	1212.4	1,096	33.5	23.0	20.3	16.6	13.6	11.8	11.8	10.1	9.1
Civmec Limited	CVL	0.46	501.0	230.5	320	11.2	8.6	7.6	11.4	7.9	7.0	8.2	6.2	5.7
Gr Engineering	GNG	1.10	155.2	170.7	141	30.2	11.9	9.5	16.9	6.8	5.5	12.8	6.0	4.9
Sth Crs Elect Engnr	SXE	0.55	251.3	137.0	88	12.4	9.5	7.4	5.4	4.0	3.2	4.1	3.1	2.5
SRG Global	SRG	0.35	451.5	155.8	191	36.1	14.1	10.6	19.1	13.9	10.1	6.3	4.8	4.1
Primero Group	PGX	0.55	171.7	94.4	85	20.1	9.5	7.6	11.6	5.7	4.6	9.2	5.0	4.1
		Average				23.9	12.8	10.5	13.5	8.6	7.0	8.7	5.9	5.1
		Median				25.1	10.7	8.6	14.1	7.3	6.2	8.7	5.5	4.5
Lylcopodium	LYL	4.87	39.7	193.5	94.3	16.6		13.5	5.4	6.0	4.7	3.7	4.0	3.4

- LYL remains one of the cheapest of the companies we consider here.
- With the discount to peers reflecting liquidity and outlook.

We calculate our price target based on peer comparatives at 7x FY'21 and 7x FY'22

FY	2021	2022
EBIT	15.7	20.0
Multiples	7.0	7.0
EV	110.1	139.9
(-) Debt	-3.7	-3.7
(+) Cash	102.9	102.9
Equity	209.3	239.1
(/) SOI	40.0	40.0
Equity/Sh.	\$5.24	\$5.98
Average		\$5.61

We do not see the EV/EBIT targets applied particularly demanding

- Companies with liquidity, scale and visible orderbooks are trading above 10x.
- At our price target the company continues to offer 3.3% dividend yield
- Though AASB 16 has muddled the waters of EBITDA as short cut to free cashflow - EBIT is closer; with current low interest rate environment strong cashflow generative businesses should be trading higher then 10x.
- We expect contract wins in second half of year to provide clarity to FY'22 earnings, stocks with visible FY'22 earnings are trading above 10x FY'22.
- Valuation remains supported by long term DCF valuation which considers cashflows.

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DCF Valuation

FY	Units	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
EBIT	A\$m	15.7	20.0	16.0	16.1	16.1
(-) Tax (Ungeared)	A\$m	-4.7	-6.0	-4.8	-4.8	-4.8
(+) D&A	A\$m	8.0	8.0	7.9	7.8	7.8
(-) Lease expense	A\$m	-5.6	-5.6	-5.6	-5.6	-5.6
(-) Capex	A\$m	-1.0	-0.9	-0.9	-0.8	-0.8
(-) ΔNWC	A\$m	-40.3	11.2	-7.0	-2.0	0.0
FCFF	A\$m	-27.9	26.6	5.6	10.6	12.6
Period	Х	1.0	2.0	3.0	4.0	5.0
Disc. Factor	X	0.92	0.84	0.77	0.70	0.64
Disc FCFF	A\$m	-25.5	22.3	4.3	7.4	8.1
NPV forecasted FCFF	A\$m	16.6				
Terminal FCFF	12.6					
TGR	2.5%					
TV	192.5					
PV of TV	123.8					
EV	140.4					
(-) Debt	-3.7					
(+) Cash	102.9					
Equity Value	239.7					
A\$/Sh per share	6.00					
WACC	9.2%					

We provide the following DCF valuation which considers long term cash flows of the business. Forecasting past FY'22 is of course challenging, we have conservatively kept our future forecasts inline with our current FY'21 forecasts; consequently, there is of course value beyond the \$6.00/sh.

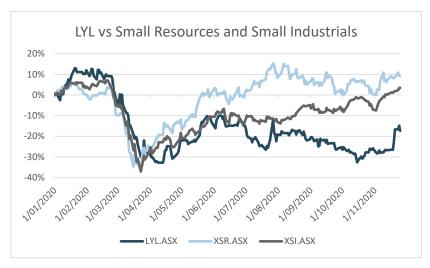
- We use a WACC of 9.2%
- Terminal growth rate of 2.5%

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Covid-19 Recovery

The following tracks the performance of the ASX Small Resources Index, Small Industrials Index and Lycopodium's performance from a common base since the beginning of CY'20.



- Though simplistic; it highlights the resource led recovery and industrials lagging.
- Both index's have now recovered to pre-Covid19 levels.
- LYL continues lag and trades at a significant discount to pre Covid-19 levels, we expect further recovery as new work is awarded.

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Balance Sheet

Balance Sheet		FY'19	FY'20
Cash	A\$m	60.5	102.9
Receivables	A\$m	34.4	26.9
Contract and other assets	A\$m	1.5	0.0
Inventories	A\$m	0.9	1.1
Current Tax Receivables	A\$m	1.8	0.9
Other Current Assets	A\$m	3.8	2.5
Total Current Assets	A\$m	102.8	134.3
Investments in listed equities	A\$m	0.8	0.9
PP&E	A\$m	3.8	3.2
Right of Use Asset	A\$m	-	3.0
Intangible Assets	A\$m	6.7	6.8
Other receivables	A\$m	0.2	0.1
Deferred tax assets	A\$m	4.1	3.8
Equity Accrted Investments	A\$m	1.4	3.5
Total Non-current Assets	A\$m	17.0	21.4
Total Assets	A\$m	119.9	155.7
Payables	A\$m	21.9	23.2
Contract and other liabilities	A\$m	13.8	47.7
Borrowing	A\$m	0.4	0.3
Lease Liabilties	A\$m		1.6
Derivative financial liabiltiies	A\$m	0.2	0.0
Current tax liabilities	A\$m	0.5	0.8
Provisions	A\$m	3.0	2.3
Total Current Liabilities	A\$m	39.8	75.9
Borrowings	A\$m	0.3	0.2
Provisions	A\$m	0.3	0.1
Lease Liabilties	A\$m	-	1.6
Total Non-current Liabilties	A\$m	0.6	1.9
Total Liabilities	A\$m	40.4	77.8

Balance sheet is fit for purpose; comprising of cash and working capital. Cash balance is particularly healthy, we expect draw down during the FY'21 year as contract liabilities are completed. We forecast management to continue to maintain a significant cash balance to support working capital requirements as new contracts ramp up in FY'22.

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RISKS

We see the key investment risks relating to LYL as:

Contracting Risk

Contractors shift risk from owners to contractors, creating a fundamental business risk if contracts miss price the transfer of risk. LYL has a history of evaluating risk and conservative contract tendering ensuring favourable outcomes for both LYL and the client. We expect LYL's management have the experience and invested interest to appropriately manage this risk.

Liquidity

The stock is 30% owned by founders and management and 40% held by institutions. Trading volumes on the ASX remain low and LYL trades on at least a slight discount for liquidity.

Order Book

In order to sustain a similar level of activity through FY'21 and FY'22 further contract wins are required to replenish orderbook. We expect tender activity to ramp up in the second half of FY'21 with work to commence in FY'22.

Political Risk

LYL is unique in that it generates a significant portion of revenue through activity in Africa, there is of course the usual Geopolitical risks of doing business in this region.

Commodity Risk

Majority of LYL's revenue is generated through resource sectors activity; in particular gold sector activity. A sustained decrease in commodity prices may lead to a decrease in work available for LYL.

Covid-19

Further lock downs and quarantine risks until a viable vaccine becomes

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TOP 20 Shareholders

Business remains tightly held by Board and Management and institutions; consequently, the business remains relatively illiquid.

	Ordina	Ordinary shares				
Name	Number held	Percentage of units				
1 Reesh Pty	9,046,221	22.76				
2 HSBC Custody Nominees (Australia) Limited	4,574,834	11.51				
3 Luala Pty Ltd	3,142,332	7.91				
4 JP Morgan Nominees Australia Limited	3,142,276	7.91				
5 BNP Paribas Nominees Pty Limited	2,926,152	7.36				
6 Caddy Fox Pty Ltd	1,154,215	2.90				
7 Accede Pty Ltd	992,332	2.50				
8 National Nominees Limited	792,370	1.99				
9 Monadelphous Group Limited	603,511	1.52				
10 Citicorp Nominees Pty Ltd (Colonial First State Inv A/C)	574,971	1.45				
11 Citicorp Nominees Pty Ltd	559,243	1.41				
12 Mr David James Taylor	456,157	1.15				
13 Mr Peter De Leo & Mrs Tiana De Leo	418,966	1.05				
14 De Leo Nominees Pty Ltd (The De Leo Family A/C)	336,905	0.85				
15 Selso Pty Ltd	266,148	0.67				
16 De Leo Nominees Pty Ltd (The De Leo Investment A/C)	207,900	0.52				
17 Botech Pty Ltd	188,959	0.48				
18 Lycopodium Share Plan Pty Ltd	185,000	0.47				
19 Nancris Pty Ltd	175,000	0.44				
20 Rubi Holdings Pty Ltd	175,000	0.44				
	29,918,492	75.29				

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Shareholder Breakdown	
Board and Management	41%
Institutions	30%
Retail	29%

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Board of Directors

Quality of management and board experience remains a key pillar of our investment case; maintaining 40% of the shares on issue ensures that their interests remain firmly aligned with shareholder interests.

Michael Caratti (Non-Executive Chairman)

Former managing Director of Lycopodium Minerals. 40 Years' experience in the Mineral processing industry and has had a major role in the development of the Company's risk management and quality control programs. Mr Caratti is a Director of Orway Minerals Consultants (WA) Pty Ltd.

Peter De Leo (Managing Director)

Mr Delo has over 30 years' experience in the construction and engineering fields. Mr De Leo is the managing director of Lycopodium Limited and previous the management director of Lycopodium Minerals Pty Ltd.

Rodney Lloyd Leonard (Non-Executive Director)

Mr Leonard has in excess of 30 years' experience in the Mineral processing industry and was managing Director of Lycopodium Minerals until 30 June 2019. He is also a Non-Executive Director of ADP Holdings Limited and Lycopodium Minerals Canada.

Robert Osmetti (Non-Executive Director)

Mr Osmetti has over 38 years' experience in the project management and construction of minerals, oil refining and manufacturing projects. Mr Osmetti is a Non-Executive Director of Lycopodium Minerals Canada Ltd, Lycopodium Pty Ltd and was previously the Managing Director of Mondium Pty Ltd.

Lawrence William Marshall (Non-executive, Independent Director)

Former Managing Director of Lycopodium Limited with over 40 years' experience and has played a major role in the development of the Company's information, accounting, management and risk management systems.

Steven Chadwick (Non-Executive - Independent Director)

Mr Chadwick has over 40 years' experience in the mining industry, incorporating technical, operating and management roles, as well as a strong metallurgical background. Mr Chadwick is now a metallurgical consultant specialising in a project management with a range of local and international clients. He was founding director of the BC Iron and a former Managing Director of Coventry Resources, PacMin Mining and Northern Gold.

Bruno Ruggiero (Executive Director)

Has over 30 years' experience in the minerals industry. He currently serves as the Group Technical Director for Lycopodium Limited having overarching responsibility for the Company's technical knowledge base, capabilities and direction. Mr Ruggiero is a director Lycopodium Minerals Pty Ltd.

Justine Campbell- (CFO/Company Secretary)

Justine Anne Campbell is Chief Financial Officer, Company Secretary of the Company. Justine is an experienced CFO and highly regarded industry professional who joins Lycopodium with a strong track record of finance leadership and transformation in ASX listed companies such as Civmec Group Limited and Decmil Group Limited as well as Doric Group Pty Ltd. Justine holds a Bachelor of Business degree (Accounting and Finance) and is a Chartered Accountant.

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Summary

LYL has established a reputation for delivering projects on time and within client specification. While the current orderbook does not support the same level of activity through FY'21 the business is well positioned to capitalise on sustained gold values and ramp up in project activity as Covid-19 vaccines roll out through 2021. Guided by experienced management with track record of managing tendering risks, we expect LYL to continue to trade up from current levels as it converts a number of studies to EPC contracts. We initiate coverage with a Buy Recommendation and a 12 month \$5.61/sh price target.



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