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Resources

U.S. Gold Corp. | USAU - \$2.39 - NASDAQ | Buy

Company Update

Estimates Changed

Stock Data								
52-Week Low - High \$1.05 - \$6.40 Shares Out. (mil) 14.21 Mkt. Cap.(mil) \$34.0 3-Mo. Avg. Vol. 368,707 12-Mo.Price Target \$3.00								
12-M0.Price Target \$3.00 Cash (mil) \$4.3 Tot. Debt (mil) \$0.0 USAU reports on an April fiscal year end.								
EPS \$								
Yr Apr	-2017-	_					19E—	
		Curr		Prev	(Curr	Prev	
1Q	(1.75)A	(1.00)	A	(1.00)A		-	-	
2Q	(0.28)A	(0.11)/	Ą	(0.22)E		-	-	
3Q	(0.50)A	(0.11)E		(0.11)E	-		-	
4Q	(0.64)A	(0.09)E		(0.08)E	-		-	
YEAR	(2.70)A	(1.04)	E	(1.11)E	(0.22)E		(0.21)E	
P/E	NM	NM		NM	NM		NM	
Revenue	(\$ millions)							
Yr Apr	—2017	<u> </u>		-2018E-				
				Curr			Curr	
1Q	4.9A			0.0A 0.0A				
2Q	4.7A	-						
3Q	3.5A			0.0E 0.0E		-		
4Q YEAR	4.3A						- 0.0E	
TEAR	17.4A 0.0E 0.0E							
USAU One-Year Price and Volume History 3.0 2.5 2.0 1.5 1.0 0.5 4.00 2.00 1.5 1.0 0.5 4.00 2.00 1.00								
بیل 0.0 Vol (m) کر ن	Mar-17	May-17	Jul-17	Aug-17 Sep-17 Oct-17	Nov-17	Dec-17	0.00 Price	

USAU: Announces \$5 Million Financing; Update CK PEA

On January 18, 2018, USAU announces a \$5.0 million registered direct offering to fund the remainder of fiscal 2018 activities. Additionally, on January 11, 2018, the company released he results of an updated PEA on its Copper King project. However, we continue to believe the major catalyst for USAU will be drill results in the coming weeks. Thus, we are maintaining our Buy rating and \$3.00 price target.

- Financing should fund remainder of 2018. On January 18, 2018, U.S. Gold Corp. announced a \$5.0 million registered direct offering comprised of Series E preferred stock (convertible into 2.5 million common shares) and 1.25 million warrants. We believe this financing should fund the remainder of the company's fiscal 2018 exploration program. Additionally, we note that we previously anticipated an equity raise of \$5-6 million before the end of fiscal 2018. Thus, this announcement had a minimal impact on our valuation of USAU.
- PEA demonstrates impact of improved pricing. On January 11, 2018, the company provided the results of an updated PEA on its Copper King asset. /The updated PEA demonstrated a small increase in capex and a significant increase in NPV with a new estimated NPV of \$178.5 million, in our view. We had previously stated that we believed updating the PEA to current commodity prices could result in an NPV closer to \$200 million and we believe this update confirms that view. We note that the pricing used in the PEA was still somewhat below current price levels.
- Drill results remain key catalyst. As stated above, the announced financing had no material impact on our valuation of USAU as we previously anticipated a financing of this magnitude. Additionally, we continue to view Copper King as providing a floor value to the company, but saw no reason to update our estimates at this time as there were no major changes in the revised PEA. We continue to believe the company's pending drill results will provide a much more significant catalyst than these two announcements. Thus, we are maintaining our Buy rating and \$3.00 price target.

VALUATION

We base our valuation of USAU on a 9% DCF on free cash flow to equity. We elected to use a 9% discount rate as the company's Copper King asset is at the PEA stage and the exact timing of a potential startup is still uncertain. Our DCF returns a value of \$145 million to which we subtract \$1.4 million in net debt at year end fiscal 2017 (we note the debt at that time was part of the Dataram business and will be eliminated as part of the asset sale). We also add our \$25 million valuation for Keystone to arrive at a total value of \$169 million. We divide this by an estimated future fully diluted share count of 56 million to arrive at our \$3.00 price target. Based on the value potential of the company, we believe USAU is significantly undervalued. As such, we are maintaining our Buy rating.

Factors that could impede USAU's ability to reach our price target include, but are not limited to: unanticipated dilutive transactions, poor drill results, underperformance of key metals prices, negative financial study outcomes, and other unforeseeable events.

RISKS

- Political risk. Natural resource companies are subject to significant political risk. Although most mining jurisdictions have known laws, potential exists for these laws to change. As an early stage exploration company focused on U.S. assets, USAU has less political risk than similar stage assets in less established jurisdictions.
- Commodity price risk. All natural resource companies have some form of commodity price risk. This risk is not only related to final products but, can also be in regards to input costs and substitute goods. U.S. Gold's most significant commodity price risk is to gold, but the company also has risk to copper prices and to a lesser extent the price of inputs such as energy prices.
- Operational and technical risk. Natural resources companies have significant operational and technical risks. Despite completing NI 43-101 compliant (or similar) resource estimates, deposits can still vary significantly compared to expectations. Additionally, numerous unforeseeable issues can occur with operations and exploration activities. USAU's most significant technical risk is to the potential to not make a significant discovery at Keystone and to a lesser extent metallurgical developments at Copper King.
- Market risk. Although most natural resource companies are more closely tied to individual commodity price performance, large business cycle forces or economic crises can impact a company's valuation significantly. U.S. Gold has similar market risk to other early stage exploration companies.

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COMPANY DESCRIPTION

U.S. Gold Corp., formerly Dataram Corporation, is a United States focused gold exploration and development company. The Company operates projects in Nevada and Wyoming. The Company's projects include Keystone, Gold Bar North and Copper King. Keystone is located on the prolific Cortez Gold Trend mineral trends. Gold Bar North is a gold exploration property located in Eureka County, Nevada. Copper King project is an advanced-stage gold and copper exploration and development project located in southeast Wyoming, 20 miles west of Cheyenne. *Source: Eikon as of 11/17/2017*

U.S. GOLD CORP.

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(0.7)	2.9	(0.8)	4.6	1.6	(2.5)	0.3	FCF to Equity
(\$5.70)	(\$5.38)	(\$0.84)	(\$0.84)	(\$0.73)	(\$2.97)	(\$0.22)	CFPS
29.1 31.6	13.2 14.1	16.6 19.1	14.1 15.3	12.8 12.8	9.3 9.3	0.9 0.9	Basic Shares FD Shares
(\$0.22) (\$0.22)	(\$1.04) (\$1.04)	(\$0.09) (\$0.09)	(\$0.11) (\$0.11)	(\$0.11) (\$0.11)	(\$1.00) (\$1.00)	(\$2.70) (\$2.70)	Basic EPS FD EPS
(6.5)	(7.9)	(1.5)	(1.5)	(1.7)	(3.2)	(1.9)	Net Income
1	'	1	1	ī	1	ı	Taxes
(6.5)	(7.9)	(1.5)	(1.5)	(1.7)	(3.2)	(1.9)	Pretax Income
	0.1	0.0	0.0	I	ı	0.1	Finance and Other
(6.5)	(7.9)	(1.5)	(1.5)	(1.7)	(3.2)	(1.8)	Operating Income
6.5	7.9	1.5	1.5	1.7	3.2	19.2	Operating Costs
I	ı	-	-	ı	-	17.4	Revenue
2019E	2018E	4Q18E	3Q18E	2Q18A	1Q18A	2017A	Amounts in USD
			es	USAU Key Estimates	USAU K		

Source: SEDAR Filings and ROTH Capital Partners

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