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U.S. GoldMining Inc. (USGO) Rating: Buy

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Exploration Update Provided For Whistler; Growth Opportunity at Rainmaker and Additional Targets; Reit. Buy; PT Higher

Stock Data		12/06/2023						
Price		\$6.90						
Price Target				\$23.00				
52-Week High			\$17.24					
52-Week Low			\$8.31					
Enterprise Valu	Enterprise Value (M)							
Market Cap (M	\$86							
Shares Outstar	nding (M)		12.4					
3 Month Avg Vo	olume		12,082					
Short Interest (0.02						
Balance Sheet Metrics								
Cash (M)				\$13.8				
Total Debt (M)	Total Debt (M)							
Total Cash/Sha	Total Cash/Share							
EPS (\$) Diluted								
Full Year - Dec	2022A	20	023E	2024E				
FY	(0.17)	((0.70)	(0.46)				
FY P/E	NM		NM NM					
Revenue (\$M)								
Full Year - Dec	2022A	20	023E	2024E				
FY	0.0		0.0	0.0				



Exploration update for the Whistler project provided. U.S. GoldMining (USGO) recently announced an update on its Phase 1 drilling program, which began in August 2023. As of this update, the company had drilled 1,674 meters (m) at the Whistler deposit. Management thereby aims to test the southern extents of the porphyry system. We highlight that this drilling looks to improve the geological model for the asset, while simultaneously collecting metallurgical and geotechnical data. Importantly, assays from the Whistler deposit remain pending for all drill holes, while core from the first three holes has already been logged and sampled on-site by the firm's technical team.

Further growth opportunity from Rainmaker South amid additional targets. USGO also recently commenced drilling at the Rainmaker South prospect, which sits just one kilometer to the southeast of the Whistler deposit. In our view, Rainmaker represents a potential porphyry system, which could yield yet another bulk tonnage opportunity within the property. Historically, this geologic potential has been confirmed through drilling, which brought Whistler-like, porphyry-style gold and copper mineralization.

We are reiterating our Buy rating on USGO while slightly increasing our PT to \$23 from \$22. Our revised PT is a result of an increased value per gold equivelent ounce (GEO) applied to the firm's current resources. Unsurprisingly, our valuation for the firm remains mostly based on the Whistler project. As a result, we derive our valuation from a dollar value per GEO. We reach this value based on an average of enterprise values per GEO across a basket of comparable gold companies that are located throughout other favorable mining jurisdictions. In turn, we apply a \$22.10/GEO value to the company's resources, while utilizing a 0.9x multiple on this figure for Inferred ounces. This yields a total asset value of \$194.4M, or \$13.67 per share. We then add \$120.0M in value (\$8.44 per share) for Muddy Creek and other development prospects, plus \$13.8M in cash. The company has no debt. This calculation gives our overall firm NAV of \$328.1M, or \$23.08 per share, which yields a rounded price target of \$23.00. We reiterate that USGO intends to pursue an economic study for the project, at which time we expect to revise our valuation to incorporate a DCF valuation for the site.

Near-term catalysts. Given the ongoing drilling at site, we expect assays for the firm's Phase 1 program to become available in the short and intermediate term. Additionally, USGO's geological team continues to deploy additional search criteria in order to identify and rank targets for the company's 2024 drilling campaign based on the wide range of targets at site. Finally, we stress that U.S. GoldMining remains well positioned to grow the consolidated resource through the delineation of multiple porphyry-style targets at site since the firm has about \$13.8M of cash and cash equivalents as of August 31, 2023.

Risks. (1) Metal price risk; (2) exploration risk; (3) and financial risk.

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Note: Figures below in \$000's unless otherwise indicated.														
Value of resources at the Whister project	\$ 194,356	\$	13.67	per share		Valu	ued at	\$.	22.10	per GEO)	0.9x Multiple utilized for Inferred	Ounce	?s
Value for Muddy Creek and other prospects	\$ 120,000	\$		per share								,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,		
Plus cash and equivalents	\$ 13,778	\$	1.11	per share		as o	of August	31, 2	023.					
Less debt	\$ 	\$	-	per share		as o	of August	31, 2	023.					
Total current value	\$ 328,134	\$	23.08	per share			, ,							
Common shares	12,394	as of 10.1	0.23											
Options and Warrants	1,824	as of 10.1	0.23											
Fully diluted shares	14,218	as of 10.1	10.23											
U.S. GoldMining share price	\$ 6.90	as of 12.6	5.23		70%	disc	ount to	price t	target					
U.S. GoldMining Net Asset Value	\$ 23.08													
Rounded (\$0.50) price target	\$ 23.00													
Comparable companies and associated Ev/GEO values.														
Company Name				Market Ca			ot		<u> </u>	EV (\$M)		<u> </u>	EV/G	
International Tower Hill (THM; not rated)	\$ 0.40	- :	195.89		77.43		-	\$	4.80		72.63		•	5.34
HighGold (HIGH.V; not rated)	\$ 0.47		87.76		41.25		-	\$	5.97		35.28			30.39
Heliostar (HSTR.V; not rated)	\$ 0.24		147.77		35.47		-	\$	5.07		30.39		•	9.33
Grande Portage Resources (GPG.V; not rated)	\$ 0.19		113.70	\$	21.60	\$	-	\$	0.32	\$	21.29	1.52	\$	13.99
First Mining (FF.TO; Buy)	\$ 0.15	8	893.75	\$	129.59	\$	-	\$:	13.56	\$ 1	16.04	10.71	\$	10.83
Probe Gold (PRB.TO; not rated)	\$ 1.57		162.16	\$	254.60	\$	-	\$:	25.37	\$ 2	29.22	4.74	\$	48.34
Ascot Resources (AOT.TO; not rated)	\$ 0.54		555.95	\$	300.21	\$	-	\$ 1	54.00	\$ 1	46.21	3.10	\$	47.20
Troilus Gold (TLG.TO; not rated)	\$ 0.42		235.79	\$	99.03	\$	-	\$	5.13	\$	93.91	8.11	\$	11.58
Source: H.C. Wainwright & Co. estimates.												Average EV/GEO (rounded)	\$	22.10

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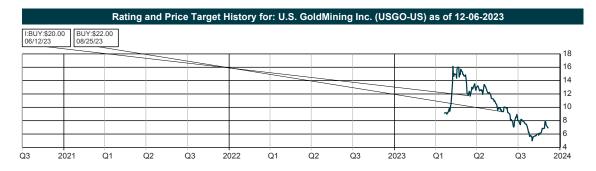
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		Rating	Price Target		Сар			
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