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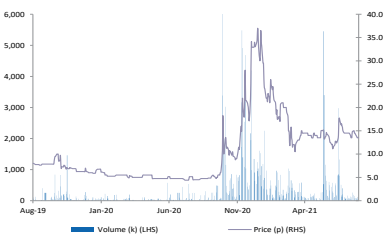
Current price **13.50p**

Sector **Mining**

Code **PAT.L**

AIM **AIM**

Share Performance



	1m	3m	12m
PAT.L	-6.9%	+12%	+200%

Source: Reuters Eikon, Allenby Capital

Share Data

Market Cap (£m) **12.3**

Shares in issue (m) **90.9**

52 weeks (p) High Low

37 4.5

Financial year end **31 March**

Source: Company Data, Allenby Capital

Key Shareholders

Vidacos Nominees Ltd 16.88%

Merrill Lynch Pierce Fenner 9.16%

J2 Resources Pty Ltd 8.79%

Republic Investment Mgt 6.87%

Vidacos Nominees Ltd 151004 6.52%

Pershing Nominees Ltd 5.55%

Source: Company Data, Allenby Capital

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Panthera Resources plc (PAT.L)

Significant gold mineralisation confirmed at Bassala

Panthera Resources, the gold junior focused on projects in Burkina Faso, Mali and India, has announced some 'very encouraging' assay results for its recent air-core drilling programme at its Bassala project in southern Mali. The results point to significant gold mineralisation and corroborate the positive findings of an earlier drilling campaign undertaken between 2004 and 2007 by AngloGold. The latest results included four intercepts over 5m at between 2.53 g/t Au and 5.10 g/t Au. We would regard grades comfortably in excess of 1.5 g/t Au as pointing to the potential for viability for an open-pit mine. Significantly, according to Panthera, assay results from four of the 13 targets drilled have yielded 'significant gold intercepts'. Assay results for the remainder of the drilled targets are expected by Panthera in the coming weeks. As part of the current programme, a further nine targets are scheduled to be drilled when the wet season ends around end September.

- Bassala project:** Bassala is a relatively early stage-project. Panthera is aiming to earn an 80% interest in Bassala by spending \$0.5m over a four-year period. The licence holder is the Mali company, Golden Spear. Bassala is located about 200 km south of the Mali capital, Bamako, close to the border with Guinea. Significantly, the project lies in a well-established industrial gold mining area with three large gold mines in close proximity. These are the privately owned Wassoul'Or's Koderian mine (2.5m oz Au resource) 5 km to the east, Endeavor's (EDV: TSX) Kalana development project (2.3m oz Au resource) 8 km to the south-east and Hummingbird's (HUMR: AIM) Yanfolila mine (2.0m oz Au) 35 km to the north-west. Assuming mine development at Bassala, the mills at Koderian and Kalana could provide an option for ore treatment.
- Geology:** Bassala's basement rocks are comprised entirely of Birimian meta-sedimentary and volcanic rocks. These host greenstone formations which are the source of all known orogenic gold deposits in southern Mali. The regional geological structure has been described in the CPR as a north-south trending synform bounded by two large granite intrusions to the east and west. Major structural features in the form of shears and faults trend NNE and NW. Bassala lies on the same set of shears and faults as the large Koderian and Kalana mines. At Kalana, five mesothermal gold-bearing quartz veins have been identified. A similar style of mineralisation also appears to be apparent at Kalana, although the main mineralisation there consists of stacked sub-horizontal veins.
- Drilling programme:** Panthera's current drilling programme at Bassala followed exploration activity in the second half of 2020 based on gold in soil, ground magnetic and IP (induced polarisation) surveys. As a result, 22 targets were identified for drilling. The programme has been extensive covering 9,997m of air-core (AC) drilling over 164 holes and 392m of reverse circulation drilling completed over four holes. Approximately 38% of the 2,191 five metre samples from the AC drilling have been assayed. In addition to the positive drilling results, an important finding has been evidence of flat to shallow dipping mineralisation similar to nearby Kalana where there are a series of stacked zones. Panthera has pointed out, if the analogy is correct, the shallow drilling undertaken to date may have left the lower zones untapped.

Year End: 31 March

(\$'000)	2018	2019	2020	2021E	2022E
EBITDA	(2,523)	(1,571)	(1,126)	(1,157)	(1,430)
NET CASH	1,572	188	98	1,897	478

Source: Company, Allenby Capital. Allenby Capital acts as Nomad & Broker to Panthera Resources plc (PAT.L).

Work programme

Following the end of the wet season in southern Mali around end September the plan for Bassala is to drill the remaining nine targets. These are mainly located in the northern part of the licence where the bulk of the artisanal activity has taken place. Panthera is planning to drill here 117 AC holes. Assuming further positive drilling results we would expect Panthera to move quickly to the resource assessment and then to the pre-feasibility or bankable feasibility stages. We believe feasibility work might take about a year abstracting from further drilling being required.

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