

MINING COMPANY ANALYSIS: RESOLUTE MINING LIMITED

1. Corporate Profile

1.1	Company Description	➤ Resolute is building shareholder value through its strength as a successful developer & operator of quality gold projects in Africa & Australia. ➤ Its projects to date have yielded over 3.6 mil oz of gold. ➤ The Company is actively progressing its portfolio of projects to enhance shareholder value.
1.2	Corporate activities	➤ 2004: RML acquired 100% of voting share capital of Carpentaria Gold Pty Ltd from Xstrata Queensland for \$45m. RML borrowed A\$20m to partially fund the acquisition of Ravenswood Gold Project. ➤ 2004: acquired 100% of voting share capital of Randgold Resources (Somisy) Ltd, which owns 80% of Syama Gold Mine. ➤ Entered into an option & joint venture agreement granting RML the right to earn a 60% interest in Etruscan's interest in the Finkolo gold exploration permit. RML completed private placement in Etruscan for aggregate proceeds of \$0.5m at a price of CAD\$2.6 per share. ➤ RML sold its nickel interests to Bullion for A\$750,000, 10 mill fully paid shares in Bullion, 2.5 mill Bullion options at an exercisable price of 25 cents & 2.5 mill Bullion options at an exercisable price of 30 cents ➤ Central Asia Gold Ltd purchased RML's AGR Ltd shareholding by paying A\$11.3 mill. ➤ RML sold its 12% stake in Gallery Gold Ltd for A\$13m. ➤ RML's shareholding in Red Back Mining NL was liquidated ➤ Dominion Mining has decided to proceed with U/g mine at the Challenger gold project, improving the likelihood of RML receiving royalties. ➤ Agreement with Goldbelt Resources, a TSX venture Exchange listed company, to sell Resolute (West Africa) Ltd, the owner of the Belahouro project & exploration properties for cash, Goldbelt shares & warrants. RML will receive cash of \$1.5mill & Goldbelt shares & warrants to value of CAD\$5m.
1.3	Shareholders	➤ Major shareholders - o Alliance Life Common Fund Ltd: 38.69% - o Equity Trustees Ltd: 7.80% - o Acorn Capital Ltd: 6.51%
1.4	Listing	➤ Listed on Australian Stock Exchange. ASX Code RSG
1.5	# Shares	➤ Issued shares: 177 mill
1.6	Share price	➤ Aus\$ 1.10 (Dec 2005), US\$0.83
1.7	Market cap	➤ Aus\$ 194mill (Dec 2005) , US\$147mill

2. Company Strategy

2.1	Vision & Mission	➤ Resolute is building shareholder value through its strength as a successful developer & operator of quality gold projects. ➤ Its projects to date have yielded over 3.6 mil oz of gold. ➤ The Company is actively progressing its portfolio of projects to enhance shareholder value.
2.2	Strategy	➤ Profitably dispose of a number of non-core assets: - o Sale of AGR Limited, Gallery Gold Limited & Red Back Mining NL providing A\$ 34.1 mill and profit contribution of A17.7 mill. - o Sale of exploration interests of Indee to Bullion Minerals - o The cash has been directed into the Ravenswood & Syama ➤ Purchase Ravenswood Mine from Xstrata at cost of \$45 mill, elevating Resolute into the Top 3 Australian domiciled gold producers. View Ravenswood as a turnaround challenge with a rejuvenation plan. ➤ Capital raising of A\$14.5 mill through an issue of shares to institutional resource investors to partially fund the US\$13 mill acquisition of the Syama Gold Project in Mali. ➤ Restructure of hedge book with a focus on increasing price protection through put options.

3. Review of Operations

3.1 Mining Operations

i) Golden Pride Gold Mine

1	Operation Description	➤ Opencast gold mine
2	Host Country Location	➤ Tanzania, 750km northeast of Dar es Salaam ➤ 240 km south of Mwanza
3	Legal	➤ Deposit discovered in the early 1990's by Samax Gold, which formed a joint venture with BHP in 1994 to develop it ➤ 1996: BHP's interest was acquired by Resolute, which later also acquired Samax Gold's share of the project ➤ 1997: construction of site started
4	Geology & Exploration	➤ Deposit occurs within Archaen Tanzanian Craton. ➤ One of number of gold deposits which makes up Lake Victoria Gold Field ➤ Resolute has active exploration program ➤ Further reserves to east of pit ➤ Beyond lease area 15 concessions within 60 km of mine ➤ Any resources discovered could be trucked to Golden Pride for processing

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6	Mining	➤ Mining is a conventional operation ➤ Mining is undertaken by Moolman Brothers (Grinekar LTA) ➤ Fleet: O&K RH90 excavators in conjunction with Cat 777D trucks ➤ Strip ratio: 6.3 ➤ Ore mined predominantly oxide ➤ Blasting by BME ➤ Pit 2.7km long & 140m deep, will go down to depth of 240m ➤ Working to extend the life of mine, by boosting near mine exploration: acquired interest in several prospects further to the east along the Golden Pride shear																																												
7	Metallurgy	➤ Golden Pride was designed as a 1.6 mt / a ➤ CIL operation ➤ 3.7 MW ball mill ➤ Pebble crushing circuit ➤ Plant capacity 2.6 Mt/a																																												
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9	Infrastructure	➤ Major development during 2002 was \$10.2 mill upgrade of plant ➤ Plant upgrade managed by <i>Lycopodium</i> of Perth ➤ New waste dump ➤ Expansion of mine's standby power station ➤ Upgrade of power line ➤ Only first 100km of 240km are tarred & gravel surface, difficult during rainy season ➤ Logistics a continuing																																												

10	Logistics & Suppliers	➤ Mining contractor: <i>Moolman Brothers</i> ➤ Drilling & blasting: <i>B&E</i> ➤ SGS provides lab services ➤ <i>Manson's Mine Logistics</i> runs the camp ➤ Ball mill sourced from Mt Kidstone operation in Queensland & refurbished prior to dispatch to Tanzania ➤ Purchase of second hand thickener ➤ South African contractors appointed to upgrade road ➤								
11	Marketing	➤ Gold market fundamentals								
12	Human Resources	➤ The total workforce on site 630, including contractors ➤ Contractors 50% ➤ Less than 30 expatriates on site ➤ 3 of the 8 managers Tanzanian citizens								
13	Environmental & Social	➤ The mine won the inaugural Presidential Award for Environmental Excellence & Leadership in 2002 ➤ Mine's Environmental management Plan developed in conjunction with international consultants Wardell Armstrong & meets international standards ➤ Activities: ➤ Review groundwater potential seepage ➤ 70ha programmed for rehabilitation ➤ Completion of remaining environmental management system elements ➤ Mine closure plan submission ➤ Reforestation of community land ➤ 250,000 seedlings of 32 native tree species propagated in nurseries. ➤ Hand over of the mine on closure to the University of Dar es Salaam to create a mining campus on site. ➤ Water supply system has been provided to the town of Nzega. ➤ Schools renovated or rebuilt, farmers have been trained, police post has been built, voluntary teachers & a doctor have been brought in from Australia. ➤ Emphasize technology transfer & capacity building. ➤ Holden Pride have invested in excess of \$1mill.								
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15	Operations Risks	➤ Mine moving into the leanest 12 months as treating lowest grade material from the centre of the pit ➤								

3.2 Mine Development

No mine development projects.

3.3 Feasibility Studies

i) Syama

1	Project Description	➤ The Syama Gold Mine was brought into production in 1990 by BHP ➤ The Mine was purchased by Randgold Resources in 1996 & has produced over 1.5 mill oz ➤ Following a sustained drop in the gold price during the late 1990's, operations were suspended in early 2001 and the mine was placed on care & maintenance. ➤ In 2003, resolute entered into a 12 option –to-purchase agreement during which it evaluated the economics of re-opening the project. ➤ In 2004 Resolute exercised its option to acquire the project based on positive conclusions of a pre-feasibility redevelopment study. ➤ The Feasibility Study programme commenced in May 2004, scheduled for completion end 2004. ➤ <i>Lycopodium</i> has indicated a 15 months project schedule to: - o refurbish & replace existing equipment - o install the new floatation plant - o rehabilitate the electrostatic precipitator - o refurbish the roaster ➤												
2	Project Stage	➤ Prefeasibility												
3	Host Country / Location	➤ Mali ➤ In the south of Mali, 30 km from the Cote d'Ivoir border and 300km south-east of the capital Bamako.												
4	Legal	➤ In 2003, 12 option–to-purchase agreement ➤ In 2004, exercised the option												
5	Geology & Exploration	➤ The Syama project comprises a single exploitation lease (200km2), which covers a 30km strike extent of the Syama shear zone. ➤ The shear zone extends 200km into northern Cote d'Ivoire. ➤ Gold mineralization is controlled by intersecting north-north east trending faults. ➤ Mineralization in the main ore body has a strike length of 800m, averages 40m to 50m in width, and has been confirmed by diamond drilling to be open at 600m below surface. ➤ Orebody is refractory due to gold being locked in pyrite. ➤ Additional drilling towards the base of the new pit design. ➤ Orebody below the pit remains robust, with intersection of 3.65 g/t, is 400m below surface & 100m below the new pit design.												
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7	Mining	➤ Mining method used: open cut ➤ New pit design: deepening of current open-pit, underground mining ➤ 2 scenarios being evaluated: 2.0 Mtpa & 2.6 Mtpa																				
8	Metallurgy	➤ Because of the graphite & refractory gold, roasting has been used to oxidize the pyrite and liberate the gold for recovery in the CIL circuit. ➤ Graphite is destroyed in the process of roasting. ➤ Overall recoveries of up to 83% have been achieved in operations previously. ➤ Metallurgical testwork to demonstrate the concentrate roasting process has achieved overall gold recoveries of 87%. ➤ Roasting testwok & calcine leaching working has established operating conditions for the proposed plant. ➤ The production of carbonate concentrate from the ore has been successfully achieved and SO2 capture in excess of 70% has been established.																				
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10	Marketing	➤ No information ➤																				
11	Human Resources	➤ No information																				
12	Environmental & Social	➤ No information																				
13	Consultants	➤ <i>Lycopodium</i> was awarded the engineering, capital and operating cost studies.																				
14	Financial	➤ Financing & fiscal negotiations are being conducted in parallel with the study																				
15	Implementation	➤ Gold production is expected to commence the first half of 2006.																				
16	Project Risks	➤ No information																				

3.4 Exploration

3.4.1 Exploration Strategy

- In Tanzania: focused on areas proximal to the Golden Pride Mine & the Nyakafuru Project.
- Due to the high gold price and accelerated exploration world wide, a shortage of drill rigs has occurred. This has delayed follow up of targets & slowed the definition of new resources.

3.4.2 Exploration Projects

i) Golden Pride Area - Tanzania

1	Project Description	➤ Exploration project in close proximity to Golden Pride Mine
2	Project Stage	➤ Early exploration
3	Host Country / Location	➤ Tanzania ➤ 500m east along strike from Golden Pride open cut mine
4	Legal	➤ Ownership Structure: unknown
5	Exploration Activities	➤ Reverse circulation drilling to assess the width, strike, extent & tenor of gold mineralization ➤ Several phases of drilling have defined a mineralised zone 300m long
6	Results	➤ Anomalous values including 10m@ 1.3g/t intersected

ii) Nyakafuru Area - Tanzania

1	Project Description	➤ Exploration project in Nyakafuru area ➤ Tenements cover a sequence of intercalated mafic volcanics
2	Project Stage	➤ Early exploration
3	Host Country / Location	➤ Tanzania ➤ Within a 20km radius of Nyakafuru area
4	Legal	➤ Joint venture with Gallery Gold & Sub Sahara Resources Ltd
5	Exploration Activities	➤ Regional soil, auger and induced polarization surveys to define targets for air core drilling ➤ Reverse circulation drilling on the Kanengele shear
6	Results	➤ Anomalous values including 10m@ 1.3g/t intersected

iii) Etruscan Finkolo JV - Mali

1	Project Description	➤ Exploration project to the south of Syama tenure ➤ Concession covers a further 25km strike continuation on the highly prospective Syama Shear and associated stratigraphy ➤ Historical aeromagnetics and ground induced polarisation data acquired by BHP, Randgold & Etruscan, currently being re-evaluated over the whole belt. ➤ This data together with newly released data from the Mali regional geophysical SYSMIN surveys will be used to re-evaluate the area
2	Project Stage	➤ Early exploration
3	Host Country / Location	➤ Mali, south of Syama tenure
4	Legal	➤ Resolute elected to commence it's earn in obligation on 1 April 2004.

5	Exploration Activities	➤ Initial core drilling will twin previous high grade intersections & attempt to confirm the orientation of the high grade intercepts. ➤ Drilling by Etruscan in late 2003, to follow up a number of geophysical & geochemical targets
6	Results	➤ 38m @ 6.4 g/t & 20m @ 17.1 g/t

iv) Akoase – Ghana

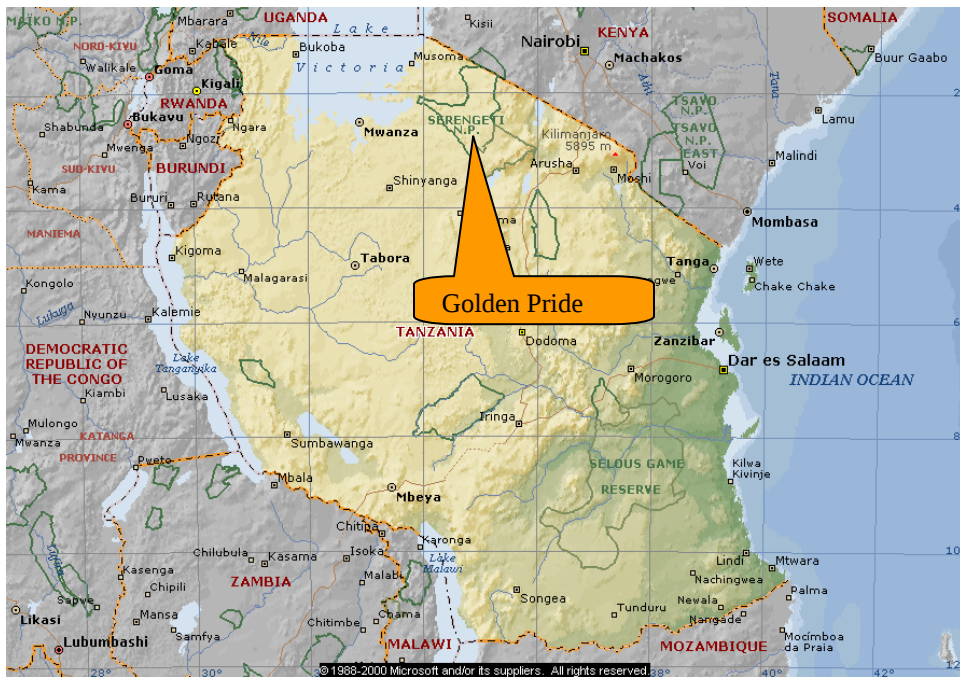
1	Project Description	➤ Exploration project in Ghana, northeast of the Newmont, Akim, multi million ounce deposit in a similar structural & geological setting
2	Project Stage	➤ Early exploration
3	Host Country / Location	➤ Ghana, 140 km northwest of Accra
4	Legal	➤ Resolute elected to commence it's earn in obligation on 1 April 2004.
5	Exploration Activities	➤ Wide spaced drilling & trenching of the main anomaly ➤ 42 shallow reverse circulation holes drilled to date have been drilled on elevated sections at 200m spacing. ➤ Further infill & extension drilling is planned
6	Results	➤ Multiple 1 to 10m wide zones stacked with a shear system that is up to 100m wide & has anomalous soil & trench results over several km ➤ Intersections: 1m @ 20.5 g/t'

v) Burkina Faso

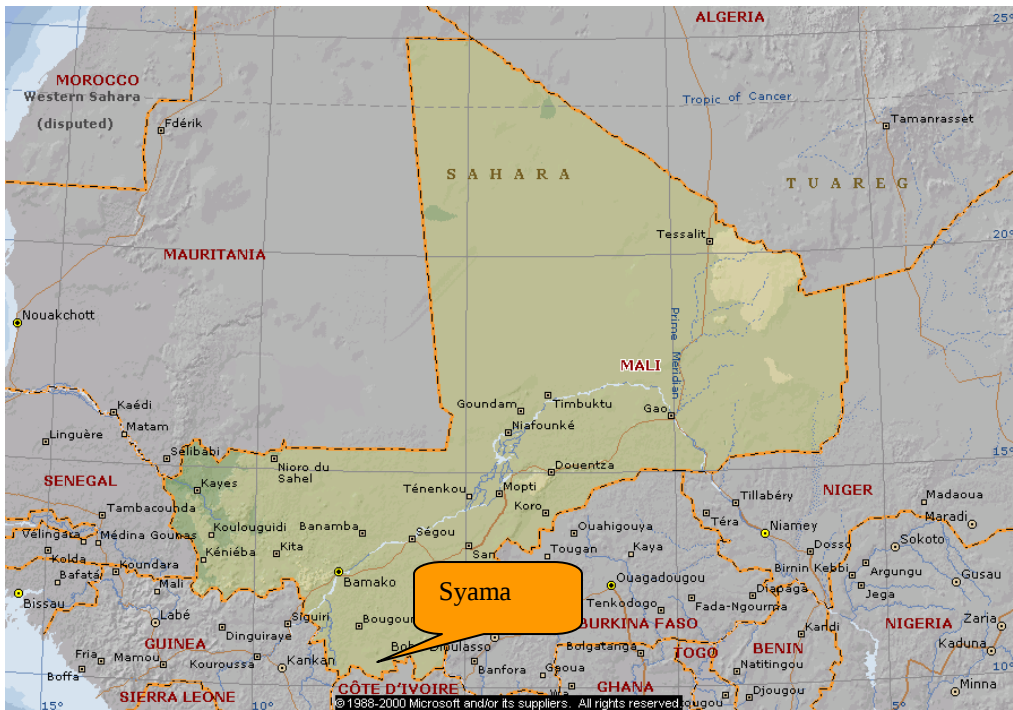
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2	Project Stage	➤
3	Host Country / Location	➤ Burkina Faso
4	Legal	➤ Agreement with Goldbelt Resources, a TSX venture Exchange listed company, to sell Resolute (West Africa) Ltd, the owner of the Belahouro project & exploration properties for cash, Goldbelt shares & warrants ➤ Subject to approval by TSX venture exchange & Goldbelt shareholders ➤ Resolute will receive \$1.5 mill & Goldbelt shares & warrants to a value of C\$5 mill. ➤ Resolute will become a major shareholder of Goldbelt & will assist it in identifying other gold exploitation opportunities in West Africa. ➤ Goldbelt intends to undertake a major capital raising to advance the Belahouro project & has committed to immediate exploration expenditure of at least \$250,000 on the tenements.
5	Exploration Activities	
6	Results	

3.5 Resolute African Project Locations

i) Mali

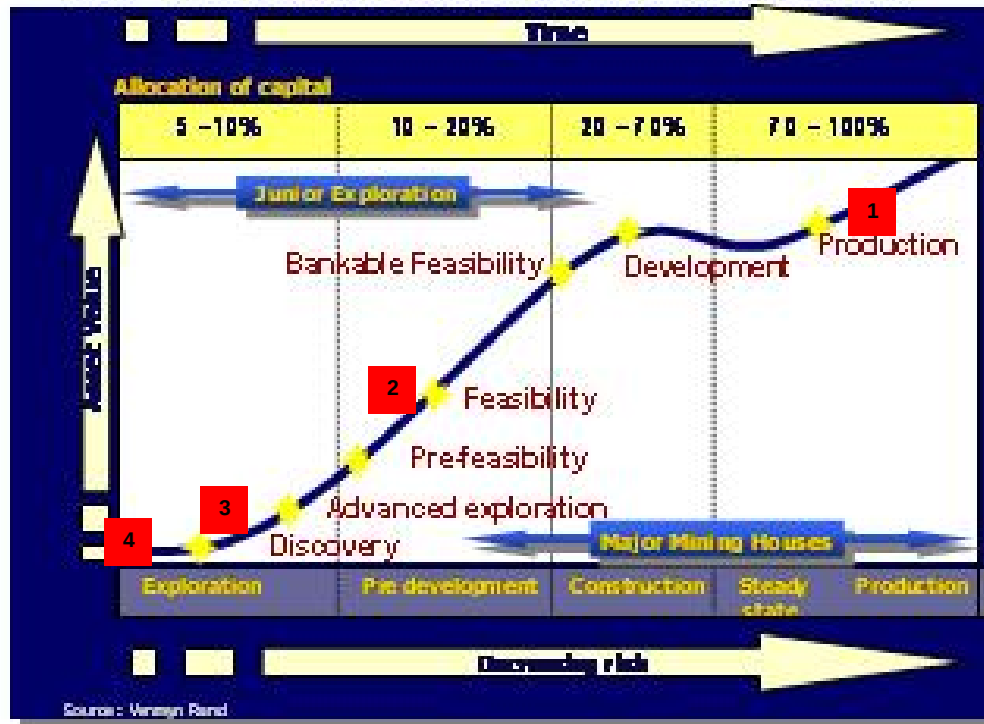


ii) Mali



3.6 Company Portfolio Overview

THE MINING PROJECT VALUE CHAIN



1. Golden Pride
2. Syama
3. Exploration Projects: Golden Pride Area, Nyakafuru Area, Etruscan Finkolo JV, Akoase
4. Burkina Faso Ventures

4. The Team

4.1 Board of Directors

Non- Executive Chairman : Peter Huston

- B.Juris, LLB, B.Com, LLM
- Experience: barrister, solicitor, corporate & revenue law, public listings, reconstructions, equity raisings, mergers & acquisitions, advised a number of major Public Company Floats

CEO: Peter Ross Sullivan

- B E, MBA
- Engineer involved in the development of resource companies for 20 years
- 4 years experience in corporate finance with an investment bank, 2 years corporate development role with an Australian resource group, experience in the management & strategic development of resource companies.

Non- Executive Director: Thomas Cummings Ford

- FAICD
- Investment banker & financial consultant with over 30 years experience in the finance industry

Non- Executive Director: Bill Price

- B.Com, FCA
- Chartered accountant with over 35 years experience in the accounting profession
- Taxation & accounting experience in corporate & mining sector

Company Secretary: Greg Fitzgerald

- C.A, B.Bus
- 15 years resources related experience & extensive commercial experience managing finance & administrative matters for listed companies.

5. Corporate Governance Practices

- Board responsibilities defined
- Directors independence
- Remuneration & Nomination Committee
- Ethical Standards & Code of Conduct
- Securities Trading
- Corporate reporting
- Audit Committee
- External Auditors
- Continuous disclosure
- Shareholder communication
- Risk management
- Remuneration policies

6. Finance

6.1 Financing: Equity

Key movements in share capital

Date	Activity	# shares	Issue Price	\$
2004	Balance beginning 2004	177,185,773		\$71.42m
	Exercise of listed options	137,523	\$0.80	\$0.11m
	Exercise of unlisted options	290,000	\$0.81	\$0.23m
	Placement of shares	12,295,082	\$1.22	\$0.11m
2005	Balance end of year			\$71.44m

6.2 Financing: Debt

Date	Loan	Institution	Interest	Terms
2004	\$11m revolving credit	Standard Bank London	?	➤ Expiration date June 2006 ➤ No fixed schedule of repayment ➤ Full amount to be repaid on or before maturity, subject to compliance with covenant ratios. Security: ➤ Loan secured by a fixed & floating charge over the assets of Resolute Tanzania Ltd (RTL), a share mortgage over RML shareholding in RTL, ➤ Completion testing was finished in 2003 & as such loan is no longer recourse to RML. ➤ Total assets of the entities over which security exists amounts to A\$167m.

6.3 Financial Instruments

Financial instruments used to reduce exposure to unpredictable fluctuations in the project life revenue streams.

i) Gold hedging:

Forward Sales Contracts & Put Options bought

Forward sales		Put Options Bought		Total Price Protection Hedging	
oz	Sales price A\$/oz	oz	Strike price A\$/oz	oz	Price A\$/oz
278,882	509	307,500	547	586,382	530

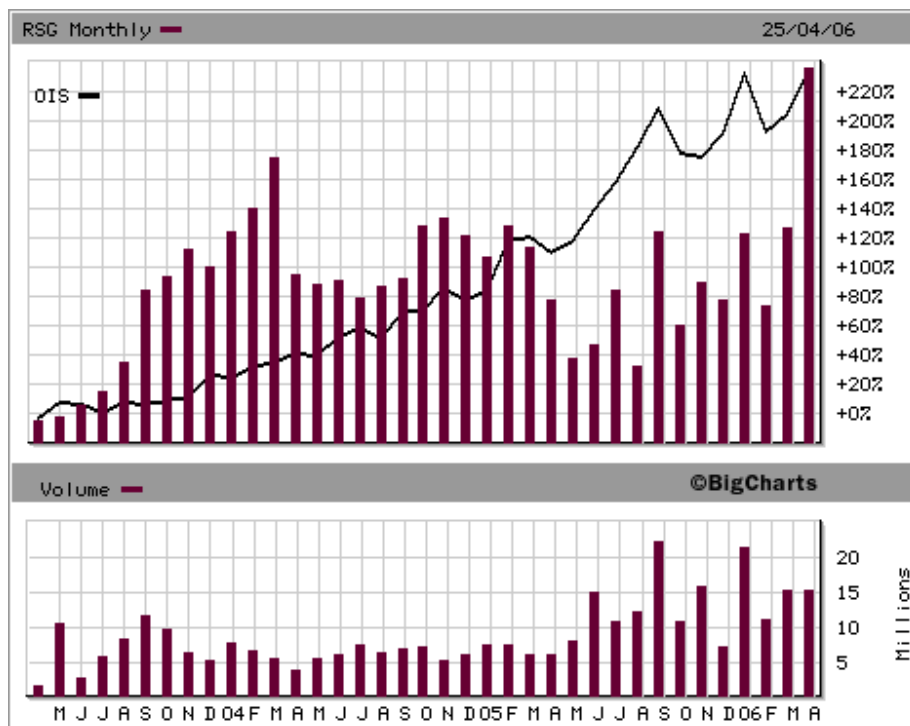
Call Options Sold, Maturity within 1 year

A\$ Call Options Sold		A\$ Call Options Sold		Total Call Options Sold	
oz	Strike price A\$/oz	oz	Strike price A\$/oz	oz	Price A\$/oz
255,000	655	95,000	391	350,000	564

COMPANY FINANCIAL ASSESSMENT			COMPANY: RESOLUTE MINING LTD			2004
			Share price ASX: Dec 2005 (US\$)			0.87
			Exchange rate: US\$/Aus\$			1.32
1. CONSOLIDATED INCOME STATEMENT			2. CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET			
						2004 2003
Income (\$ mill)			Assets (\$ mill)			
1 Sales of gold	\$118.21	\$108.62	1 Current assets	\$57.12	\$52.40	
2 Other	\$41.93	\$5.22	2 Non current assets	\$161.51	\$74.52	
3			3			
4			4			
5			5			
Total Income	\$160.14	\$113.84	Total Assets	\$218.63	\$126.92	
Expenditure (\$ mill)			Liabilities (\$ mill)			
1 Cost of sales	\$99.44	\$91.29	1 Current liabilities	\$44.17	\$31.98	
2 Borrowing cost	\$1.17	\$0.80	2 Non current liabilities	\$59.28	\$22.67	
3 Other expenses form ordinary activities	\$23.09	\$5.69	3			
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8			8			
Total Expenses	\$123.70	\$97.78	Total Liabilities	\$103.45	\$54.65	
Profit/Loss Analysis			Shareholders Equity (\$ mill)			
1 Profit/Loss for period before tax	\$36.44	\$16.06	1 Total	\$115.18	\$72.27	
2 Net Profit/Loss	\$32.09	\$15.93				
2 Earning (loss) per share (cents per share)	\$0.17	\$0.09				
Analysis			Analysis			
Income increase by	\$46.30		Assets have increased by	\$91.71		
Costs increased by	\$25.92		Liabilities have increased by	\$48.80		
Net profit increase by	\$16.16		Shareholders equity has increase by	\$42.91		
Earnings per share increases by	182%					
3. CONSOLIDATED CASH FLOW STATEMENT						
						2004 2003
Cashflows (\$ mill)			Analysis			
1 Cash flows provided by operating activities	\$11.53	\$14.85	Cash flows provided by operating activities decrease by	\$3.32		
2 Cash flows provided by investing activities	(\$39.10)	(\$43.42)	Cash flows provided by investing activities decrease by	\$4.32		
3 Cashflows provided by financing activities	\$29.82	\$33.10	Cashflows provided by financing activities decrease by	\$3.28		
4 Cash at beginning of period	\$17.63	\$15.62	Cash end period increases by	\$1.64		
5 Cash at end period	\$19.27	\$17.63				
4. FINANCIAL RATIOS						
						2004 2003
Ratio			Analysis			
LIQUIDITY						
1 Current Ratio	1.29	1.64	(>2 = healthy position): ratio below 2, decreases by	0.35		
LEVERAGE						
2 Debt Ratio	47%	43%	(if >50%, shareholders provide most risk): debt ratio below 50%			
3 Gearing	34%	24%	(Gearing levels acceptable at < 50%): acceptable, increase	10%		
PROFITABILITY						
4 Gross Profit Margin	23%	14%	Profit margin increase by	9%		
5 Return on Shareholder Funds	\$0.32	\$0.22	Positive return on shareholder funds, increase by	\$0.09		
INVESTMENT PERFORMANCE						
6 P/E ratio	5.12		Positive PE ratio			
7 Dividend yield (\$)	0.17	0.09	Dividend yield increase by	0.08		
Ratio definition			Notes			
1 Current ratio = current assets / current liabilities			1. Source: Resolute Mining Limited Annual Report 2004			
2 Debt ratio = total liabilities / total assets			2. Source: Australian Stock Exchange: www.asx.com			
3 Gearing = long term liabilities / total capital employed			3. All figures in US \$mill			
4 Gross profit margin = gross profit / sales			4. All figures rounded to \$ 0.01 mill			
5 Return on shareholder funds = net income / shareholder interest						
6 P/E ratio = market price per share / earning per share						
7 Dividend yield = dividend per share / current market price						

6.5. Share Price Movement

i) Comparison Share Price vs. Dow Jones Global Exploration & Mining Index (April 2006)



ii) Analysis of Share Price Movement

- Resolute's share price increased rapidly in 2003 and peaked in Dec 2004.
- The share price dropped by 120% over a 13 month period, but shortly thereafter levelled at 120%, below the DJ Exploration & Mining Index.
- In April 2006, the share price shot up massively to catch up with the Index.
- The share price has kept below the index for all of 2005.

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