



Company Report: Jiangxi Copper (00358 HK)

公司报告: 江西铜业 (00358 HK)

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Copper Price Under Pressure, Downgrade to "Reduce"

铜价承压,下调至"减持"评级

- The 2019 annual results of Jiangxi Copper were lower than market consensus and our estimations. Total revenue of the Company increased 11.64% yoy to RMB240.36 billion, and net profit attributable to shareholders increased 0.77% yoy to RMB2.47 billion.
- Copper price is expected to be badly hit by the COVID-19 pandemic around the world. We expect gold price to benefit from loose monetary policy and investor demand for safe haven assets. We expect global metal consumption demand to contract and the average annual copper price to trade between US\$5,000/t-US\$5,500/t. We expect the annual average gold price to be around US\$1,550/oz-US\$1,650/oz in 2020.
- In 2020, the Company plans to produce 1.65 million tons of refined copper, 0.21 million tons of mined copper, 77.0 tons of gold, 1,025 tons of silver and 1.63 million tons of copper products.
- Revise down the TP to HK\$7.05, and downgrade to "Reduce".
- 江西铜业 2019 年年度业绩差于市场一致预期和我们的估计。公司收入同比增长 11.64%
 至人民币 2,403.6 亿元,股东净利同比增长 0.77%至人民币 24.7 亿元。
- 铜价预计将受到新冠病毒疫情在全球爆发的沉重打击。我们预计金价将受益于宽松的货币 政策和投资者对避险资产的需求。 我们预计全球金属消费需求将萎缩,年度铜均价在 5,000-5,500 美元/吨。 我们预计 2020 年黄金年度均价在 1,550-1,650 美元/盎司。
- 在 2020 年,公司计划生产 165 万吨沿炼铜,21 万吨矿产铜,77 吨黄金,1,025 吨白银和 163 万吨铜材。
- 下调公司目标价至 7.05 港元, 下调至"减持"评级。

Rating:	Reduce Downgraded
评级:	减持 (下调)

6-18m TP Revised from		HK\$7.05 HK\$10.90
Share price	股价:	HK\$7.840

Stock performance



Change in Share Price	1 M	3 M	1 Y
股价变动	1 个月	3 个月	1年
Abs. % 绝对变动 %	(0.9)	(28.2)	(28.8)
Rel. % to HS Index 相对恒指变动 %	(2.3)	(12.8)	(10.5)
Avg. Share price(HK\$) 平均股价(港元)	7.1	8.6	9.3

10.8

Source: Bloomberg, Guotai Junan International

FY20 Est. NAV (HK\$) FY20 每股估值(港元)

Year End	Turnover	Net Profit	EPS	EPS	PER	BPS	PBR	DPS	Yield	ROE
年结	收入	股东净利	每股净利	每股净利变动	市盈率	每股净资产	市净率	每股股息	股息率	净资产收益率
12/31	(RMB m)	(RMB m)	(RMB)	(△ %)	(x)	(RMB)	(x)	(RMB)	(%)	(%)
2018A	214,395	2,415	0.697	46.1	9.9	14.372	0.5	0.200	2.9	5.0
2019A	240,360	2,466	0.712	2.2	9.8	15.232	0.5	0.100	1.4	4.8
2020F	234,987	1,865	0.539	(24.3)	13.2	15.690	0.5	0.081	1.1	3.5
2021F	237,967	2,190	0.633	17.4	11.3	16.228	0.4	0.095	1.3	4.0
2022F	242,309	2,564	0.740	16.9	9.6	16.857	0.4	0.111	1.6	4.5
Shares in iss	sue (m) 总股数	(m)		3,462.7	Major s	hareholder 大朋		Jia	ngxi Coppe	r Group 40.5%
Market cap.	(HK\$ m) 市值	(HK\$ m)		27,147.6	47.6 Free float (%) 自由流通比率 (%)					59.5%
3 month ave	rage vol. 3 个月	平均成交股数 ('0	000)	5,531.9	5,531.9 FY20 Net gearing (%) FY20 净负债/股东资金 (%)					53.0

52 Weeks high/low (HK\$) 52 周高/低 (HK\$) Source: the Company, Guotai Junan International.

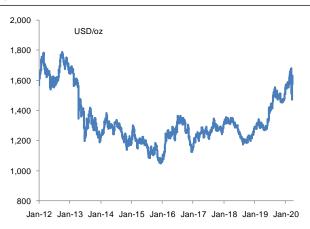
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The 2019 annual results of Jiangxi Copper (the "Company") were 7.8% and 18.2% lower than market consensus and our estimation, respectively. Total revenue of the Company increased 11.64% yoy to RMB240.36 billion, and net profit attributable to shareholders increased 0.77% yoy to RMB2.47 billion. The production of the Company was stable and the Company generally fulfilled its output target: the output of mined copper increased by 0.43% yoy to 209,200 tons; the output of refined copper increased by 6.26% yoy to 1.55 million tons; the output of gold increased by 96.09% yoy to 50.16 tons; the output of silver increased by 63.95% to 646.82 tons; the output of sulfur acid increased by 15.20% to 4.63 million tons; the output of copper products increased by 6.98% yoy to 1.20 million tons. The growth in the output of refined copper, gold and silver was mainly attributable to a smelting factory the Company acquired in 2019. Average LME copper price decreased by 7.96% yoy to US\$ 6,021.6/t in 2019 and average gold price increased by 9.80% yoy to US\$1,393.4/oz.

Figure-1: Gold price

Figure-2: Copper price





Source: Bloomberg, Guotai Junan International.

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Copper price is expected to be badly hit by the COVID-19 pandemic around the world. We expect gold price to benefit from loose monetary policy and investor demand for safe haven assets and the annual average gold price to be around US\$1,550/oz-US\$1,650/oz in 2020. Copper is expected to be badly hit by the COVID-19 pandemic around the world. We expect global supply of copper to be stable in 2020 as the operation of global copper mining companies are stable. However, the COVID-19 pandemic around the world will hurt global copper demand badly. Although the COVID-19 outbreak has been successfully contained by the Chinese government and China's demand for metal is expected to be only slightly impacted, there are no signs that the COVID-19 pandemic will be under control in Europe and America in the short term. As more and more factories are shut down and commercial activity idles, global metal consumption demand will be severely hurt. We expect that copper price will be under great pressure in 2020 and is expected to drop. We expect copper price to trade between US\$4,500/t-US\$6,500/t in 2020, and the annual average copper price may be around US\$5,000/t-US\$5,500/t in 2020. We expect gold price to benefit greatly from the outbreak of COVID-19 and to rise in 2020. As the spread of COVID-19 accelerated in America, the U.S. Federal Reserve (the "Federal Reserve") cut interest rate two times in March, which exceeded the expectations of most investors. Additionally, the Federal Reserve also advised quantitative easing ("QE") plans, which will release US\$700 billion in liquidity to the market. Although gold price declined at the beginning of the COVID-19 outbreak with other assets as investors rushed for cash, it retrieved all the loss after the Federal Reserve released the QE plan. Besides, investor demand for safe haven assets will also support gold price. We expect gold price to continue to rise in 2020 and the annual average gold price to be around US\$1,550/oz-US\$1,650/oz.

In 2020, the Company plans to produce 1.65 million tons of refined copper, 0.21 million tons of mined copper, 77.0 tons of gold, 1,025 tons of silver and 1.63 million tons of copper products. The output growth of refined copper, gold and silver was mainly attributable to the newly acquired smelting factory. The Company acquired Shandong Hengbang in 2019, which brought smelting production capacity of 0.25 million tons of copper, 50 tons of gold and 700 tons of silver. The output target of mining products of the Company generally remained the same compared to that of 2019. The production of the Company was stable and the Company generally fulfilled its output target in 2019. Generally speaking, output of mined copper, which contributes most of the profit to the Company, has remained stable over the past several years as mining capacity of the Company has remained unchanged. Jiangxi Copper only acquired a partial stake in two copper mines with other companies in the past few years, and both of them are under construction and will take some time before production can start. On the other hand, expansion projects of domestic mines have almost all been completed. We expect the mining output of the Company to



remain unchanged over the next few years. The output of copper cathodes increased by 6.8% yoy in 2019 and is expected to grow slightly in 2020. The output of copper semi-fabricators is expected to grow sharply in 2020 mainly due to more output of copper rods. However, they are not expected to contribute much profit due to low gross margin of smelting and semi-fabricating businesses. The output of silver is expected to surge by 58.5% yoy in 2020, mainly due to newly acquired Shandong Hengbang.

Table-1: Output of main products of Jiangxi Copper

	unit	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020F	yoy
Copper cathode	ton	1,250,000	1,211,000	1,370,000	1,463,700	1,550,000	1,650,000	6.5%
Mined copper	ton	209,000	209,900	209,600	208,300	209,200	207,500	-0.8%
Copper semi-fabricators	ton	950,000	950,000	1,140,000	1,117,600	1,119,700	1,630,000	42.9%
Gold	ton	26.0	26.4	25.9	25.6	50.2	77.0	53.4%
Silver	ton	570	507	484	394.5	646.8	1,025	58.5%
Sulfuric acid	ton	3,070,000	3,501,000	3,570,000	4,018,000	4,620,800	4,788,000	19.2%

Source: the Company, Guotai Junan International.

Revise down TP to HK\$7.05, and downgrade to "Reduce". The output of mining products of the Company are expected to remain the same as that of previous years and growth prospect of the Company is expected to be limited in the next few years due to lackluster growth of mining products. The output growth of refined copper, gold and silver is mainly attributable to the newly acquired smelting factory. The fundamentals of the Company remain healthy and the change in profitability mainly came from fluctuation in metal prices. Copper prices are expected to be badly hit by the COVID-19 pandemic around the world. We expect global copper consumption demand to contract and the average annual copper price to trade between US\$5,000/t-US\$5,500/t. We expect gold price to benefit from loose monetary policy and investor demand for safe haven assets and the annual average gold price to be around US\$1,550/oz-US\$1,650/oz in 2020. As a result, we expect the profitability of the Company to deteriorate due to lower copper price. Jiangxi Copper is the largest copper producer in China and we believe that the Company will be badly hit if copper price drops. We revise down the TP to HK\$7.05, which is equivalent to 11.6x FY20 PE and 0.4x FY20 PB, and downgrade to "Reduce".



Table-2: Peers Comparison

Commons					PE	Ē			PE	3		ROE(%
Company	Stock Code	Currency	Last price	19A	20F	21F	22F	19A	20F	21F	22F	20
Bhp Billiton Plc	BLT LN	GBp	939.80	18.2	6.0	6.2	6.9	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	18.
Vale Sa-Pref	VALE5 BZ	BRL	35.35	7.1	9.1	5.1	5.2	1.1	1.0	0.9	0.8	6.
Rio Tinto Plc	RIO LN	GBp	2,968.00	5.0	6.1	7.0	8.5	1.4	1.5	1.5	1.4	23.
Anglo American Plc	AAL LN	GBp	1,234.40	5.9	5.7	6.0	6.1	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.7	14.
Grupo Mexico Sab De Cv-Ser B	GMEXICOB MM	MXN	44.06	13.5	10.9	9.7	8.9	1.4	1.5	1.4	1.4	14.
Simple Average				9.9	7.6	6.8	7.1	1.2	1.2	1.1	1.1	15.
Weighted Average				10.6	7.0	6.5	7.1	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.1	17.
Freeport-Mcmoran Inc	FCX US	USD	7.17	4.0	n.a.	20.5	6.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.0	(0.8
Southern Copper Corp	SCCO US	USD	26.58	13.3	13.1	12.2	11.9	3.1	3.0	2.8	2.6	23
Antofagasta Plc	ANTO LN	GBp	612.00	14.8	15.2	15.6	12.8	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	6.
Sociedad Minera Cerro Verde	CVERDEC1 PE	USD	15.00	43.9	9.4	8.7	9.6	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	8
Kazakhmys Plc	KAZ LN	GBp	269.10	3.1	3.4	3.5	3.4	1.5	0.8	0.7	0.6	29
Kghm Polska Miedz Sa	KGH PW	PLN	49.40	6.0	4.5	4.4	4.3	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.4	10
Vedanta Resources Plc	VED LN	GBp	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	392
Simple Average				14.2	9.1	10.8	8.0	1.4	1.2	1.2	1.1	67
Weighted Average				14.1	9.4	13.5	9.8	1.9	1.8	1.7	1.6	13.
Jiangxi Copper Co Ltd-A	600362 CH	CNY	13.30	19.0	17.9	16.4	14.8	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.8	5.
Western Mining Co -A	601168 CH	CNY	6.00	n.a.	14.0	13.5	11.5	1.6	1.4	1.3	1.2	9.
Tongling Nonferrous Metals-A	000630 CH	CNY	2.04	29.1	23.2	19.8	15.7	1.2	1.5	1.4	1.3	5
Yunnan Copper Industry Co-A	000878 CH	CNY	10.10	115.0	23.7	18.5	16.2	2.2	2.0	1.8	1.6	8.
Shenzhen Zhongjin Lingnan-A	000060 CH	CNY	3.67	14.1	16.5	17.2	15.8	1.3	1.1	1.1	1.1	7.
Simple Average				44.3	19.0	17.1	14.8	1.5	1.4	1.3	1.2	7.
Weighted Average				33.9	19.2	17.2	14.9	1.3	1.3	1.2	1.1	6.
China Zhongwang Holdings Ltd	1333 HK	HKD	2.44	3.5	4.0	3.5	3.2	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	9.
Jiangxi Copper Co Ltd-H	358 HK	HKD	7.84	9.2	9.5	8.6	7.7	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.4	5
Xinjiang Xinxin Mining Ind-H	3833 HK	HKD	0.35	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	0.2	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.
China Molybdenum Co Ltd-H	3993 HK	HKD	2.45	9.8	26.9	19.0	16.2	1.1	1.2	1.1	1.1	4
China Honggiao Group Ltd	1378 HK	HKD	3.38	4.6	4.5	3.6	3.3	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	9
Simple Average		2	0.00	7.9	13.6	8.7	7.6	0.5	0.6	0.6	0.6	7
Weighted Average				8.6	17.9	13.2	11.4	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.7	5

Source: Bloomberg, Guotai Junan International.

Financial Statements and Ratios

Income Statement							
Year end 31 Dec (RMB m)	2018A	2019A	2020F	2021F	2022F		
Total Revenue	214,395	240,360	234,987	237,967	242,309		
Cost of Sales	(207,552)	(231,168)	(227,360)	(229,741)	(233,638)		
Gross Profit	6,843	9,193	7,627	8,226	8,670		
SG&A	(698)	(3,066)	(3,141)	(3,146)	(3,168)		
Operating Profit	4,776	6,127	4,486	5,079	5,503		
Finance Cost	(1,409)	(925)	(1,702)	(1,659)	(1,653)		
Others	(105)	(2,041)	(564)	(813)	(798)		
Profit Before Tax	3,262	3,161	2,221	2,608	3,052		
Income Tax	(840)	(982)	(555)	(652)	(763)		
profit After Tax	2,423	2,178	1,665	1,956	2,289		
Non-controlling Interest	(8)	288	200	235	275		
Shareholders' Profit / Loss	2,415	2,466	1,865	2,190	2,564		
Basic EPS	0.697	0.712	0.539	0.633	0.740		

	Cash Flow S	Statement			
Year end 31 Dec (RMB m)	2018A	2019A	2020F	2021F	2022F
Net Income	2,415	2,466	1,865	2,190	2,564
Working Capital Change	6,478	(6,272)	5,665	181	(421)
Dep.&Amortization	1,670	1,841	1,998	2,082	2,172
Others	(7,288)	(2,346)	(901)	427	200
Cash from Operating Activities	3,276	(4,310)	8,627	4,880	4,515
CAPEX	(2,700)	(5,650)	(2,000)	(2,100)	(2,300)
Others	(62)	(67)	(72)	(78)	(84)
Cash from Investing Activities	(2,762)	(5,717)	(2,072)	(2,178)	(2,384)
New Bank Loans	1,872	19,381	(11,554)	(566)	124
Dividend Paid	(693)	(346)	(280)	(329)	(385)
Interest Paid	(1,409)	(925)	(1,702)	(1,659)	(1,653)
Cash from Financing Activities	(230)	18,110	(13,536)	(2,553)	(1,914
Net Changes in Cash	284	8,083	(6,981)	149	217
Cash at Beg of Year	10,363	10,647	18,730	11,749	11,898
Foreign exchange rate changes	0	0	0	0	(
Cash at End of Year	10,647	18,730	11,749	11,898	12,115

Source: the Company, Guotai Junan International.

	Balanc	e Sheet			
Year end 31 Dec (RMB m)	2018A	2019A	2020F	2021F	2022F
PPE	21,561	26,868	27,586	27,424	27,552
Long-term equity investment	3,676	4,493	4,628	4,767	4,910
Intangible assets	1,976	1,975	2,172	2,389	2,628
Others	6,091	17,534	18,410	19,331	20,297
Total Non-current Assets	33,304	50,869	52,797	53,911	55,387
Cash & Cash Equivalents	10,647	18,730	11,749	11,898	12,115
Trade receivables	18,179	14,942	19,269	19,037	19,385
Inventory	17,259	26,923	19,269	19,513	19,869
Other	23,477	23,450	23,684	23,921	24,160
Total Current Assets	69,562	84,045	73,971	74,370	75,530
Total Assets	102,866	134,914	126,768	128,281	130,917
Short-term Loans	28,500	45,906	33,700	33,154	33,177
Trade payables	12,782	12,937	15,274	15,468	15,750
Others	4,856	9,541	9,732	9,926	10,125
Total Current Liabilities	46,138	68,383	58,706	58,548	59,052
Long-term Loans	3,282	5,258	3,525	3,570	3,635
Bond payable	500	500	2,884	2,820	2,856
Others	919	1,740	1,235	1,298	1,425
Total Non-current Liabilities	4,701	7,498	7,644	7,688	7,915
Total Liabilities	50,839	75,881	66,350	66,236	66,967
Total Shareholders' Equity	49,766	52,746	54,331	56,193	58,372
Minority Interest	2,260	6,287	6,087	5,852	5,578
Total Equity	52,027	59,033	60,418	62,045	63,950

Financial Ratios							
Yr end Dec 31st	2018A	2019A	2020F	2021F	2022F		
Gross Margin	3.2%	3.8%	3.2%	3.5%	3.6%		
Net Margin	1.1%	1.0%	0.8%	0.9%	1.1%		
ROE	5.0%	4.8%	3.5%	4.0%	4.5%		
ROA	2.4%	2.1%	1.4%	1.7%	2.0%		
ROCE	8.2%	6.1%	5.8%	6.1%	6.5%		
Free CF(mn Rmb)	576	-9,960	6,627	2,780	2,215		
Net Gearing	44.5%	64.3%	53.0%	50.0%	48.1%		

Company Report

Jiangxi Copper 江西甸沚 (00358 HK)



Company Rating Definition

The Benchmark: Hong Kong Hang Seng Index

Time Horizon: 6 to 18 months

Rating		Definition
Buy	买入	Relative Performance>15%; or the fundamental outlook of the company or sector is favorable.
Accumulate	收集	Relative Performance is 5% to 15%; or the fundamental outlook of the company or sector is favorable.
Neutral	中性	Relative Performance is -5% to 5%; or the fundamental outlook of the company or sector is neutral.
Reduce	减持	Relative Performance is -5% to -15%; or the fundamental outlook of the company or sector is unfavorable.
Sell	卖出	Relative Performance <-15%; or the fundamental outlook of the company or sector is unfavorable.

Sector Rating Definition

The Benchmark: Hong Kong Hang Seng Index

Time Horizon: 6 to 18 months

Rating		Definition
Outperform	跑赢大市	Relative Performance>5%; or the fundamental outlook of the sector is favorable.
Neutral	中性	Relative Performance is -5% to 5%; or the fundamental outlook of the sector is neutral.
Underperform	跑输大市	Relative Performance<-5%; Or the fundamental outlook of the sector is unfavorable.

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