

Research Note



Market Cap.	C\$19.3m
Listing	TSX-V: CBE
Shares Issued	40,205,346
Fully Diluted	51,297,213
Recent Share Price	C\$0.48
Year High - Low	C\$0.67 – 0.26
Cash at 28-02-2007	~ C\$3m
Avg. daily volume	60,000
Financial Y/E	30 th June
Last Financing	C\$2.7m & C\$0.53m (Q1 2007) @ C\$0.375
Significant Shareholders:	
Management	10.2%
Pan American Capital Group	8.2%
Praetorian Capital Management	6.2%
Microcapital Fund LLP	2.6%
Humbolt Capital Group	1.2%



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- In 2004/5 Cabo Drilling Corp ("Cabo" or "the Company") purchased 100% of five small Canadian drilling companies and is now expanding into Latin America and Spain.
- Cabo had a long history under its previous names – variations on the 'Cabo' theme. Cabo was originally an exploration junior that in 2002 decided to provide commercial drilling services in order to obtain cash flow in the metals sector.
- The Company's exploration properties have been spun out into a newly listed International Millennium Mining Corp ("IMMC"), leaving Cabo as a pure drilling enterprise now moving rapidly into profitability.
- The board is made up of a mix of businessmen who have backgrounds operating both private and public businesses.
- Drilling is currently a boom industry, not just in Canada but globally. There is heavy demand for mineral exploration drilling and, as a result, margins are improving.
- Cabo historically reported lower margins than its larger listed competitors, but the gap is now narrowing and gross margins should reach close to 25% on a regular quarterly basis.
- Organic, internally funded, growth of ~20% year on year for Canadian business is expected; overseas expansion where margins are higher is now underway.
- The share price has fallen since 2004, as profits have been slow in arriving due to historically depressed margins on drilling and the lack of market support for the then "drilling funds exploration" story.
- The recent C\$3m financing had two purposes. The first and foremost was to ensure the success of the IMMC spin out, and the second to fund expansion into Latin America and Spain. The Company has a significant bank facility which remains lightly used, if at all.
- The shares are widely held as would be expected given the corporate history, and we believe the current share price (C\$0.48) currently reflects good value with significant appreciation to be expected over the next 18 months.

We believe that following the spin off of the exploration assets, Cabo will become recognised as a pure drilling play where estimates of forward P/E and other measures can be meaningfully applied. It is now seeing an increase in gross margin as well as significant organic growth and should report maiden taxable profits this financial year. In the following year ending 30th June 2008 we are setting a target post-tax profit of C\$3m and a target share price of C\$1.00. Cabo is exposed to the commodities and mineral exploration cycle, but should now take on the characteristics of a business rather than an exploration venture. The share is a BUY for commodities cycle bulls who are looking for medium term capital appreciation without the risk profile of exploration.

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This note reviews the operations of Cabo Drilling Corp ("Cabo"). The company has its headquarters in Vancouver, Canada and was continued out of British Columbia under the Yukon Business Corporations Act. Loeb Aron & Co visited the Kirkland Lake, Ontario and Surrey, British Columbia Divisions and two Cabo drill sites in November 2006.

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1 INVESTMENT SUMMARY

- Cabo Drilling Corp is a drilling services company headquartered in North Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada. The Company provides services through its subsidiaries Advanced Drilling Ltd. of Surrey, British Columbia; Forages Cabo Inc. of Montréal, Québec; Heath & Sherwood Drilling Inc., of Kirkland Lake, Ontario; and Petro Drilling Company Limited of Springdale, Newfoundland. From July 1st 2007 all these subsidiaries will become known as Cabo Drilling Divisions in their respective regions.
- Cabo carried out a series of low-priced acquisitions in 2004-5 changing its business model from drilling supported exploration to that of a pure drilling services company. The process was completed in January 2007 with the spin-out and listing of International Millenium Mining Corp (IMI-TSX).
- Increasing turnover and improving margins, now allow Cabo to fund future growth organically from cash flow. We believe that most of this growth will soon be from overseas rather than in Canada where significant competition keeps gross margins down to less than ~30%.
- Overseas expansion has taken place into Mexico, Panama and Spain.
- Mexico was selected because there are a substantial number of Canadian funded exploration and project development companies active and the country has a good track record of turning exploration projects into mines which can bring significant follow on business.
- Panama was selected because Cabo has significant in-country contacts leading to immediate business, the possibility of geotechnical / civil engineering work with the expansion of the Panama Canal, the sophistication of the banking and financial services industry, and the fact that as a trading nation the import/export of drill rigs and parts can be carried out smoothly. Panama, for historical reasons, is a natural jumping off point for business in Colombia – a country where mineral exploration is now expanding rapidly.
- Initially Spain will include work in the mining sector, with the potential for civil / environmental / geotechnical work to follow. Cabo anticipates using experienced Latin American drillers as Spanish-speaking trainers to accelerate expansion.
- We believe that Cabo will be able to show a continued upward trend in year-on-year gross margins reported in quarterly financials, sustainable growth, and will report maiden taxable profits for the current financial year on a turnover of about C\$34m.
- The following year should see turnover above C\$40m and, we target, post-tax profits of ~C\$3m. On a “net cash plus 15x earnings” basis, a share price of C\$1.00 should be achievable.
- A distribution of IMMC units, of a share and a 1/3 warrant, has taken place with record date 11th January 2007. This should be value additive for shareholders, since in these situations the stock declaring the dividend rarely drops by the amount of the dividend paid out.

Built up by acquisitions in 2004-5 when drilling assets were cheap

Organic growth in Canada

Overseas subsidiaries formed

Now entering profitability

2 CORPORATE PROFILE

2.1 Corporate Structure and History

First Incorporated in June 1985 as Drexmore Resources, the Company changed its name to Cabo Ventures in June 1989. There were then subsequent name changes to Cabo Exploration Ventures (February 1996), Cabo Mining (July 1998) and Cabo Mining Enterprises before becoming Cabo Drilling Corp in January 2006 when drilling became the sole focus.

The first foray into drilling took place when it was decided that purchase of a drilling company, many of which were struggling to survive the minerals exploration downturn and hence were available cheaply, could provide Cabo with cash flow and potential long term stability, while it funded its exploration activities through private placements. Subsequently, the drilling side continued to expand as Cabo saw the opportunity, as a listed company, to consolidate a number of smaller drilling contractors and divisions in anticipation of a mineral exploration upturn. To date, Cabo has acquired Heath & Sherwood Inc (2004), Stratacan (Québec) Inc (October 2004), Petro Drilling Maritimes Ltd (2004), Advanced Drilling Group (February 2005), and Forages Cabo Inc (June 2005) – formerly Les Forages de Montréal (1988) Inc.

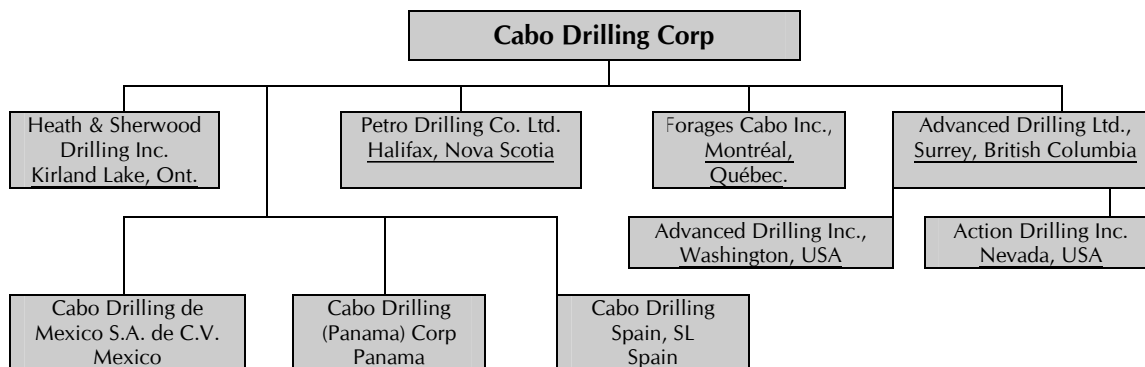
The Company is now reorganised as a drilling company and has vended its four mineral properties to spin out International Millennium Mining Corp (“IMMC”), for 10m units, at least 75% of which has been distributed to shareholders of Cabo. IMMC has significant management overlap with Cabo, notably John Versfelt as CEO, Calvin Lucyshyn as CFO and Sheri Barton as Manager – Marketing and Investor Relations.

Listed in Canada since 1985

Gradual consolidation of small drilling companies

Re-focused solely on drilling.

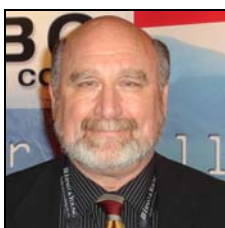
Figure 1 Corporate Structure of Cabo Drilling Corp (all 100% owned)



2.2 Management & Directors

Cabo’s board, led by the outgoing John A Versfelt and supported by Cal Lucyshyn, both with wide experience in contracting companies, combines general business backgrounds, drawn mostly from Mr. Versfelt’s Vancouver milieu, with drilling or technical backgrounds. The board is quite numerous as natural consequence of the absorption of a number of smaller drilling companies. A good number of these deals brought board appointments in their wake, but a prudent CEO would balance these appointments with those whose prime loyalties are unequivocally to the Company as a whole.

John A. Versfelt BA (Commerce) (57 years old) – President, CEO & Director



Mr Versfelt qualified at the Simon Fraser University, B.C. and started his career with forestry company MacMillan Bloedel as internal auditor and subsequently business analyst and consultant until 1982. He then became involved in the public and private company sector to which he consults via American Resource Management Consultants Inc (“ARMC”). Apart from Cabo, current involvements include IMMC, to which Cabo has recently sold mineral properties for shares) and Open EC Technologies Inc. Mr. Versfelt indicates that he spends about three quarters of his time on the affairs of Cabo.

Thomas G. Oliver BComm (63 years old) – Director

Mr Oliver is a former real estate developer, currently the CEO of a number of small private corporations and, in addition, acts as a consultant in financial administration and management. Since 1998 he has been president and manager of SplashDown Waterpark just south of Vancouver, BC. He was also business administrator for the Diocese of New Westminster for 5 years.

Frank J. Nolan BSc MSc P.Eng (74 years old) – Director

Mr Nolan, a geologist since 1956, has worked within the mining and oil and gas industries as a consultant. He has considerable experience in geo-environmental engineering and engineering in general and has 30 years experience as a consulting engineer founding Nolan, Davis and Associates which became part of the major Canadian engineering firm ADI in 1992. Mr Nolan was, in 1968, a founding partner of Petro Drilling purchased by Cabo in 2004.

Peter Walton (78 years old) – Director

Mr. Walton has held positions as a Tax Partner with Peat Marwick, Mitchell (later part of KPMG) and a former Director for the Hong Kong Bank of Canada and Granges Inc and subsequently of Vista Gold Inc. He has held positions as Chairman of the Vancouver Board of Trade Taxation Committee, Governor of the Canadian Tax Foundation, and Chairman of the Canadian Bar and Canadian Institute of Chartered Accounts Joint Committee on Taxation. Mr Walton is lifetime Honorary Director of the Lion Gate Hospital Foundation, Vancouver and past-President of the Capilano Golf and Country Club.

Robin Preston CFP (64 years old) – Director

Mr. Preston left the UK for Canada to pursue an already successful sales oriented career with IBM. In 1982 he joined Pemberton Securities (taken over by RBC Dominion Securities in 1989) where he followed a career as a broker and financial advisor. On retirement in 2002 he was managing C\$800m in private investments, specialising in the fixed income sector.

Terry Aimone BSc P.Eng (60 years old) - Director

A mining engineer by training (Michigan Tech, 1971), Mr Aimone worked for 5 years in the mining industry before embarking on a sixteen-year career in banking. In1992, he joined Heath and Sherwood as Director of International Marketing and Business Development, being appointed CEO in 1995. Heath and Sherwood, established in 1927, was bought by Cabo in 2004.

Robert W Schellenberg BA CPA (55 years old) – Director

Mr. Schellenberg was formerly a member of the tax staff at the CPA firm Touche Ross (now Deloitte & Touche LLP) Mr. Schellenberg is a Certified Public Accountant and owner of accounting and tax planning firm Schellenberg & Evers in Grand Rapids, Michigan. He has lectured at Grand Valley State University at seminars regarding taxation, financial planning, valuations and employee benefits.

Greg Gerrie (47 years old) BEc BEd – Director

Greg Gerrie is a Vancouver based motivational speaker, trainer and author of “Fired Up For Life: How to Get and Stay Motivated”. He holds degrees from Queen’s University and undertook officer training with the Canadian Armed Forces.

Management

Cal Lucyshyn BComm CA - Chief Financial Officer

Mr. Lucyshyn, a chartered accountant since 1993, has held financial control and reporting positions in the drilling industry for over ten years: from 1993 -1998 with NQL Energy Services¹ with locations in Canada, USA, Venezuela, the Netherlands and the Middle East. He was then, until 2003, the financial controller at The Crossing Company Inc, a civil engineering horizontal drilling company operating in Canada and the USA.

2.3 Options

As of 30th September 2006 there were 2,428,000 options outstanding, all “out of the money”, Table 1.

Table 1 Cabo Drilling Inc., options issued as of 30th September 2006

Number	Strike Price	Expiry
598,000	\$0.75	June 17, 2007
995,000	\$0.80	October 18, 2007
50,000	\$0.80	October 18, 2009
235,000	\$0.80	May 18, 2008
275,000	\$0.50 - \$1.00	January 22, 2009
100,000	\$0.50 - \$1.00	October 1, 2009
175,000	\$0.80	January 22, 2011

Options, not too many and all out of the money

2.4 Warrants

Some 8,663,867 warrants were issued in as part of a recent placing; these have a strike price of C\$0.50, a life of two years and may be called by the Company in the event that Cabo’s share trades at or above 60c for 20 consecutive days.

Warrants just “at the money” and callable

¹ A provider of equipment to the drilling industry, recently taken over by a subsidiary of National Oilwell Varco, Inc.

3.1 Financial history to balance sheet date (31st December 2006)

Cabo consolidated its shares 1:5 at the start of fiscal 2004 and then financed itself through two private placings raising C\$7m allowing the completion of two previously agreed acquisitions in June 2004, detailed below.

First recorded earnings were for the 2005 FY, starting 1 July 2004. A further brokered private placing, raising C\$1m by the issue of 1.25m units at C\$0.80, allowed Cabo to finance mineral property exploration.

In February 2006 Cabo secured a \$ 4.0 million debt finance facility to fund working capital requirements with HSBC Bank Canada. This comprises a \$2.5 million operating loan secured by accounts receivable, and a \$1.5 million demand loan. The demand loan is secured by a general security agreement charge over Company assets and the cost of both facilities is Canadian bank prime plus 1%. The demand loan can be drawn down in multiple advances and is repayable in monthly payments over 5 years.

At the end of 2006, Cabo placed a total of 8,663,867 units at a price of 37.5c raising nearly C\$3.25m gross. This allowed Cabo to subscribe in the IPO of spin-off International Millennium Mining Corp (IMI-TSX) and to establish operations in Panama. The placing was non-brokered, but included subscriptions from PanAmerica Capital Group, a Panama-based brokerage firm.

3.2 Acquisitions

Cabo started its transformation into a drilling company with the purchases in June 2004 of Heath and Sherwood Inc and Petro Drilling Maritimes Limited ("PDML"), and the change was completed in June 2005 with the acquisition of Le Forages (1988) de Montréal. The total outlay for all acquisitions came to a total of approximately C\$6.2m in cash and shares.

The acquisition of Kirkland Lake, Ontario based Heath and Sherwood (1986) Inc ("H&S") was announced as complete on 30th June 2004. H&S was purchased through the issuance of 2,120,000 common shares for a total consideration of C\$1,060,000. At that time, H&S owned a fleet of 37 drill rigs, including 16 aboveground and 21 underground drills and it had approximately 120 full time employees. Although most of H&S's business was Canadian, it had completed projects in Central and South America, the Caribbean and Africa.

At the same time PDML's shares were bought for C\$100 cash, clearance of C\$499,900 of shareholder loans and the issue of a total of 1,157,500 common shares in settlement of shareholder debt to Frank Nolan and the purchase of the minority shares in a subsidiary. PDML, headquartered in Halifax, Nova Scotia, then owned 23 rigs and had approximately 25 full time employees. Apart from mineral exploration, PDML specialises in slim-hole core drilling for oil and gas exploration and environmental applications. PDML brought further international experience to Cabo, having carried out projects in Panama, Gabon, Guinea, Ireland and the Middle East as well as a number in the Canadian Arctic.

Both of these acquisitions were of financially struggling companies, yet to benefit from the upturn in metals prices and increased exploration expenditure.

In October 2004, Cabo bought the remaining 60% of the shares of Stratacan Inc and Stratacan (Québec) Inc for C\$83,333 and 196,000 common shares. Stratacan conducts geo-technical and environmental drilling in Québec, Newfoundland and Labrador. In fiscal 2003, Stratacan reported total revenue of C\$729,876 and net income of C\$10,898. Stratacan was subsequently merged with Les Forages de Montreal (1988) Inc in 2005.

Advanced Drilling Ltd ("Advanced") was acquired in February 2005 and added a further 35 drill rigs (19 surface and 16 underground) to Cabo's fleet, bringing the total at that time to over 100 and more than 225 employees. The price was C\$3,000,000, made up of C\$1,350,000 cash and 1,833,333 shares at a deemed price of C\$0.90 per share. Advanced operates from Surrey, British Columbia with a workshop/warehouse operation in Whitehorse, Yukon. A subsidiary (Action Drilling Inc) will operate in Nevada in 2007.

The final purchase to date, that of geo-technical drilling services provider Les Forages de Montréal (1988) Inc, was announced 9th June 2005. The price was C\$750,000 made up of C\$350,000 cash and 500,000 common shares of Cabo with a deemed value of C\$0.80 per share. Forages de Montréal, now renamed Forages Cabo Inc. and incorporating Stratacan, had at that time a fleet of 12 drill rigs and a staff of 20.

Cabo now has a wide geographical spread across Canada and a range of technical abilities. People were kept in place as far as possible and Cabo's listing provided part of the acquisition cost by the issue of stock. In a press release at the time of the Advanced Drilling acquisition, Mr Versfelt commented:

"... Cabo has retained staff and management of all these companies as valuable, quality professionals that fit well within the Cabo way of doing business... we decided long ago that you can buy metal and equipment, but it's the people themselves that make an asset valuable..."

An increase in size through the mergers should enable procurement savings and increased flexibility. The public listing of Cabo gives a degree of confidence to the more conservative of clients, who want to ensure that their drilling contractor is on a sound financial footing. By retaining staff, changes and management improvements will be made more gradually than would be the case with a "new broom" policy; but the importance of retaining qualified, experienced and properly incentivised management, drilling engineers and crew cannot be over-emphasised.

Significant debt facility, but not much used

Acquisitions made prior to the recent mineral exploration boom – drilling assets were cheap

3.3 Consolidated Balance Sheet

All figures in \$Canadian, Dec 2006 figures unaudited	30/12/2006	30/06/2006
Assets		
Current assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	1,689,399	1,051,298
Restricted Cash	0	63,531
Short term investments and marketable securities	227,268	313,029
Accounts receivable	5,551,709	5,509,249
Prepaid expenses	169,684	294,109
Work in progress	118,965	118,791
Inventories	3,800,220	3,536,435
Sub-total	11,557,245	10,886,442
Property, plant and equipment	9,172,003	7,837,332
Long term investment	4,700,000	0
Resource properties held for sale	0	3,500,000
Sub-total	13,872,003	11,337,332
Total	C\$25,429,248	C\$22,223,774
Liabilities		
Current liabilities		
Bank indebtedness	258,699	453,203
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	4,775,702	5,102,527
Unearned revenue	575,164	704,893
Income tax payable	452,016	77,916
Demand loan	530,000	590,000
Current portion of long term debt	313,886	308,167
Current portion of obligation under capital lease	462,155	323,344
Sub-total	7,367,622	7,560,050
Long term debt	1,002,445	958,833
Obligations under capital lease	648,314	434,149
Future income tax	432,960	475,019
Subtotal	2,083,719	1,868,001
Total Debt	9,451,341	9,428,051
Shareholders Equity (Deficiency)		
Share capital	28,511,382	25,974,398
Contributed surplus	1,551,817	1,540,117
Deficit	(14,085,292)	(14,718,792)
Sub-total	15,977,907	12,795,723
Total	C\$25,429,248	C\$22,223,774

Debt burden quite light, cash increasing

3.4 Consolidated Statements of Operations and deficit (H1 2006/7, H2 2005/6, H1 2005/6)

All figures in \$Canadian	H1 2006/7	H2 2005/6	H1 2005/6
H1 2006/7 and H1 2005/6 unaudited	01/07 – 31/12	01/01 – 30/06	01/07 – 31/12
Revenue	17,870,711	13,561,818	15,229,360
Direct Costs	13,491,902	10,902,676	12,116,527
Gross Profit	4,378,809	2,659,142	3,112,833
Expenses			
General and Administrative	2,504,369	3,062,504	2,224,231
Stock based compensation	11,700	100,357	0
Amortization	647,088	663,361	546,061
Interest income	(6,071)	(5,920)	(5,656)
Interest Expense	118,420	92,432	56,718
(Gain) / Loss on Foreign	(671)	14,869	487
Other (income) / expense	(21,175)	(26,784)	6,152
Sub-total	3,253,660	3,900,819	2,827,993
Income before other items and income taxes	1,125,149	(1,241,677)	284,840
Other items			
Gain / (loss) on disposal of assets	(8,248)	16,011	(44,254)
Write down of goodwill	0	86,602	0
Write down of marketable securities	30,000	0	0
Write down of property, plant and equipment	0	206,626	0
Write down of resource properties	0	1,652,438	0
Resource properties maintenance / (recovery) expenses	50,956	0	0
Income before income taxes	1,052,441	(3,203,354)	329,094
Income tax expense / (recovery)			
Current	461,000	(93,297)	155,000
Future	(42,059)	(120,980)	(52,517)
Net income for the period	C\$633,500	C\$(2,989,077)	C\$226,611
Deficit, beginning of period	(14,718,792)	(11,729,715)	(11,956,326)
Deficit, end of period	C\$(14,085,292)	C\$(14,718,792)	C\$(11,729,715)

3.5 FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

Over the past three years Cabo has been somewhat of a moving target, with acquisitions throughout the period and the seasonality of the drilling year obscuring quarter on quarter comparisons. Some key quarterly performance indicators compiled from the Cabo press releases from 2004 onwards are shown in Table 2.

Table 2 Quarterly key performance indicators (Source: Company)

	Revenue C\$m	Change on Year (%)	Gross Margin (%)	EBITDA C\$m	Post tax net earnings C\$m
Q2 2006/2007	7.372	15.0	25.8	0.687	0.211
Q1 2006/2007	10.498	19.0	23.6	1.194	0.423
FY 2005/6	28.791	24.0	20.0	0.530	(2.762)
Q4 2005/2006	7.564	3.1	20.0	0.007	(0.782)
Q3 2005/2006	5.998	1.7	19.1	(0.409)	(2.206)
Q2 2005/2006	6.410	36.5	25.1	0.462	0.110
Q1 2005/2006	8.819	66.6	17.0	0.469	0.117
FY 2004/5	23.222	-	16.9	0.525	(0.752)
Q4 2004/2005	7.339	-	21.1	0.094	(0.575)
Q3 2004/2005	5.898	-	11.4	(0.023)	0.239
Q2 2004/2005	4.694	-	14.7	(0.004)	(0.773)
Q1 2004/2005	5.292	-	17.9	~0.379 [†]	~0.356 [†]

† Figures quoted in Q1 2004/5 do not allow for the cost of stock based compensation

The exceptional year-on-year growth in Q1 and Q2 FY 2005/6 was due to the acquisition of Advanced Drilling. The post-tax earnings for FY 2005/6 were negatively affected by ~C\$2m of write downs of mineral properties, goodwill and other property, plant and equipment, mostly in advance of the sale of mineral properties to IMMC.

The increases in revenues for the first two quarters of FY 2006/7 were not fuelled by acquisitions, and are further supported by increasing gross margins – repeatedly exceeding 20% for two quarters in a row for the first time. This probably reflects the effect of greater demand for rigs and the effects of gradually larger contracts (and generally more profitable) as juniors spend the money that has been pumped into the exploration sector over the last two years. In the recent announcement of the Q2 2006/7 results, the CEO suggested that the increased margins were due to “improved productivity and improved contract pricing”, which broadly amounts to the same thing. The Company is also forecasting continued gross margins for FY 2006/7 in the region of 23% - 25% as being “due to longer term projects, continual efforts to improve utilization and efficiency, and increased technological and technical expertise across all divisions.” These factors are likely to persist, and we believe that Cabo Drilling is very likely to emerge into reasonably solid post-tax profitability for the first time in FY 2006/7.

The drilling cycle in Canada is such that October – March represents the slowest part of the year – due to problems of access due to snow or other severe weather, the Christmas break and the like. This represents Q2 and Q3 in Cabo’s financial cycle. Q1 and Q4 represent the busiest parts of the year. **Our best estimates at this point in time, are a forecast EBITDA for FY 2006/7 of between C\$2.5m and C\$3.0m with post-tax earnings of about C\$1m.**

Increasing turnover and margins

Maiden pre-tax profits likely this FY

4 GEOGRAPHICAL SUMMARY & RECENT CONTRACTS

Cabo has four established divisions, all operating out of Canada with a total of approximately one hundred drill rigs that operate in Canada. All the divisions have had experience of drilling abroad. The company is also in the process of establishing a base of operations in Panama and Spain, and expanding those in Mexico. Cabo itself has the capability to satisfy almost all exploration, mining, geotechnical and civil engineering drilling requirements. Operations in Nevada, USA, are controlled from Surrey B.C.

The Springdale, Newfoundland division historically specialised in surface drilling, mainly in the very cold areas in and around Canada’s Newfoundland and Labrador together with the slim-line drilling capabilities for oil and gas exploration. The division also has a fair degree of experience of geo-environmental drilling and drilling in environmental – impact sensitive areas. This combines well with the civil and environmental engineering focus of the Forages Cabo operations based at Chambly, Québec, where a large maintenance facility is located.

Over the past two years or so, Cabo has announced numerous drilling contracts won. These are summarised in Table 3 below. Apart from an increase in 2006 compared to 2005, no crystal clear trends as such are present. However, we can note that:

- (i) repeat business is frequent;
- (ii) underground drilling (“U/G”) is important to Cabo;
- (iii) expansion into the Athabasca / Thelon basin uranium boom has taken place, and
- (iv) business from overseas has been a small fraction to date, but is likely to increase.

100 drill rigs

Figure 2 Locations of Cabo facilities within Canada (Source: Company)



*Well spread
through Canada*

Figure 3 RC drill rig, prepared for truck transport at Cabo's Kirkland Lake Division.
(Loeb Aron & Co. Ltd photo 2006)



The Panama contract with Bellhaven Copper & Gold Inc is particularly significant, in that it is a relatively chunky start for a new subsidiary. Bellhaven is led by Julio Benedetti, a central figure in mining in Panama since the 1980's and formerly a Director of Cabo from 1995 to 2004. This sort of quality in-country connection suggests that Cabo's new subsidiary will be able to take advantage of many opportunities in Panama, possibly including some of the drilling aspects of the ongoing \$5.2bn project to expand the capacity of the Panama Canal as well as increased interest in mineral exploration brought about by the improved price of copper over recent years.

Although a contract has not yet announced by Cabo, the Company has set itself up so that it will be able to do business in Spain in the near future.

An example of how the consolidation of a number of drilling companies with different specialisations under one banner is bringing benefits can be seen in the July 2006 announcement of a geotechnical and environmental drilling contract with IKC Borealis on behalf of INCO at Voisey's Bay. The Halifax division (Petro Drilling) was involved with the initial stages of Voisey's Bay such as exploration and more significantly resource definition and development drilling. The Chambly division (Forages Cabo) is now taking on some geotechnical and geo-environmental drilling at Voisey's Bay and it is likely that it was the acquisition of both companies by Cabo that allowed this contract to be won.

Table 3 Summary of publicly announced Cabo drilling contracts January 2005 – March 2007.

Date	Location	Client	Size of Contract	Notes
Jan 2005	Mexico	Stroud Res. & Amerix	"significant"	First Mexican contract
May 2005	Newfld & Lab	Altius Minerals	20,000m	At Rambler
June 2005	Greenland	Intl. Molybdenum Ltd	-	2 nd Greenland contract
June 2005	Newfld & Lab	New Millenium Capital Corp	Initial 8,000m	LabMag iron ore project
July 2005	Yukon	Copper Ridge Explorations	Minimum 1,200m	
July 2005	Newfoundland	Aur Resources	Up to 7,000m	
July 2005	B.C.	Orphan Boy Resources	Planned 5,000m	
July 2005	Québec	Manicouagan Minerals Inc.	Several holes	Up to 5000ft depth each
Aug 2005	Ontario	Plato Gold Corp.	5,000m	
Aug 2005	B.C.	Sultan Minerals Inc	Minimum 1,000m	U/G
Sep 2005	Newfld & Lab	Altius Minerals & JNR	1,000m	
Sep 2005	Ontario	Cline Mining Corp	2x1,500ft deep holes	
Sep 2005	Ontario	Newstrike Resources Ltd	Minimum 5,000ft	800ft – 2,000ft deep holes
Nov 2005	Ontario	Vault Minerals Inc	5,000m	In a residential area
Jan 2006	Ontario	Spider / KWG / Freewest	2 or 3 holes	Fly in/out & helicopter
Jan 2006	Saskatchewan	Titan Uranium Inc	5 or 6 holes	First Athabasca contract
Jan 2006	Yukon	Sherwood Copper Corp	3,000m	
Feb 2006	Ontario	Champion Bear Res. Ltd	5,000m	Environmentally sensitive
Feb 2006	Québec	Superior Diamonds Inc	20 holes plus	
Mar 2006	B.C.	Barrick Gold Corp	Up to 10,000m	U/G, contract since 1996
Mar 2006	Saskatchewan	ESO Uranium Corp	5,000m	
Mar 2006	Ontario	ESO Uranium Corp	2,500m	U/G
Apr 2006	Newfld & Lab	Playfair Mining Ltd	3,000m	Large diameter HQ
Apr 2006	Newfld & Lab	Aur Resources	Up to 27,000m	U/G
May 2006	Ontario	Houston Lake Mining Inc	Minimum 1,000m	
May 2006	Nunavut	Commander Resources	5,000m	Baffin island, fly in/out
June 2006	Yukon	Tagish Lake Gold Corp	5,000m	
June 2006	Ontario	Wallbridge Mining Inc	Minimum 2,700m	
July 2006	Ontario	Spider Resources	2 x >900m holes	
July 2006	Yukon	Procon	Up to 10,000m	U/G, for Canadian Zinc
July 2006	Labrador	IKC Borealis	26 env. & geotech.	For Inco at Voisey's Bay
July 2006	Yukon	Pacifica Resources Ltd	Minimum 6,000m	
Aug 2006	NWT	Titan Uranium Inc	3,000m	Thelon Basin
Aug 2006	Newfld & Lab	Kermode resources ltd	Minimum 5,000m	
Sep 2006	Ontario	INCO	62,000ft	U/G at Creighton Mine
Sep 2006	Ontario	INCO	21,000ft	U/G at Garson Mine
Oct 2006	Saskatchewan	GLR / Uranium City	Minimum 6,000m	
Nov 2006	B.C.	Breakwater Resources Ltd	31,000m	Myra Falls, surface + U/G
Jan 2007	Ontario	Cline Mining Corp	10,000ft	Up to 2000ft depth
Jan 2007	N. Ontario	KWG Resources Inc	3,000m	Fly in/out
Feb 2007	B.C.	Sultan Minerals Inc	Up to 14,000ft	U/G
Feb 2007	Ontario	Rockcliff Resources Inc	3,000m	
Feb 2007	Mexico	Auramex	Minimum 1,000m	
Mar 2007	Panama	Bellhaven Copper & Gold Inc	5,000m	
?	Spain	Iberian Minerals Corp	?	Not yet announced by Cabo

Drill contracts summary 2005-2007

Cabo is currently running at a relatively low rig utilisation rate of 45-50%, constrained by lack of staff with suitable experience. The staff issue will be one common to all drilling companies, and is being addressed on a group wide basis with the initiation of new training schemes from the school leaver upwards. The drill rig utilisation rate could do with improvement, but to a certain extent reflects a potential opportunity as much as a problem since the under-utilised rigs are essentially assets bought and paid for in the hands of a company with relatively low debt. Full capacity would be represented by a utilisation rate of 65-70% (considered to be close to full utilisation when one factors in maintenance / overhauling of rigs, rig moving between projects and rigs held for specialized projects).

Drill rig utilisation still quite low

5 COMPARABLE COMPANIES

There are two listed Canadian companies with some similarities, one much bigger and one slightly specialist company slightly smaller than Cabo.

The larger is Major Drilling Group International Inc. Major is a world presence in mineral drilling with operations in many countries; revenues are approximately fifteen times greater than Cabo's and Major achieved gross margins slightly higher at about 30%. Revenue growth over the last two 12-month periods (just under 24%) is similar to Cabo's although their last quarter results (to 31st January 2007) were exceptionally strong. Only 30% of Major's revenues are from Canada and the USA, with fastest growing area by revenue being Latin America. Major trades on approximately a 17x forward P/E.

Major Drilling –Canadian listed but much larger competitor

The smaller is Energold Drilling Corp, with about 30 rigs operative nearly all of them man portable modular hydraulically driven shallow capability rigs (~100m to 450m) capable of worldwide airborne deployment at short notice and in-country transport by helicopter, small truck mules or men when fully dis-assembled. Annualised revenues are about C\$24m, so it is much closer in size to Cabo than is Major. The company has headquarters in Canada and maintains representative and logistics offices throughout Latin America. There is a healthy cash balance and extremely good gross margins (~50%) compared to Cabo or Major. The high revenue per drill rig is suggestive of extremely high utilization rates and lack of competition in its chosen markets. About half the market capitalisation of ~C\$53m is made up of cash and shares in IMPACT Silver Corp; subtracting these leaves Energold trading on a quite attractive forward P/E of about 10:1.

Energold – similar sized and Canadian listed, but specialist niche

Energold's superior margins are due to its revenue stream coming almost entirely from the Caribbean and Latin America where exploration drilling demand has mushroomed and yet in-country capabilities were cut back severely during the exploration slump 1997-2004. Their capability of flying rigs in and out of country on demand and modular maintenance has allowed them to address the whole of the regional exploration market, without establishing a full infrastructure in each country. Energold recognise that they are a niche player:

"By working in less developed countries we have a market niche that allows us to maintain reasonable margins. Local competition is limited and new competitors from outside are generally unwilling to invest the time and energy to establish themselves in these markets." **Energold 2005 Annual Report**

Geographic diversification to improve margins

The high margins achievable by Energold support Cabo's efforts at geographic diversification away from Canada where margins remain highly competitive and the capital needed to set up new drilling enterprises is relatively easy to obtain.

6 VALUATION AND TARGETS

We believe that Cabo should be capable of generating top line revenues of C\$34m in the coming year ending 30th June 2007 and that gross margins of 25% are to be expected. Canadian business growth rates of 20% per annum should be possible, while overseas higher margins and higher growth are both likely. Forecast post-tax earnings of ~C\$1 are suggested, compared to losses in the previous year of about C\$1m before exceptional write-offs of property and equipment.

Provided that mineral exploration proceeds apace, as we believe likely, then over the next few years significant growth will come from outside Canada where margins are greater. Retained earnings will allow accelerated organic growth. Thus, it is entirely plausible to suggest that post-tax earnings for FY 2007/8, supported by increased margins and growing turnover, could reach C\$3m.

We believe that Cabo should trade on a growth stock valuation of "cash plus 20x forward P/E" for FY's 2006/7 and should by mid-2008 justify a "cash plus 15x P/E" on loosely estimated post-tax profits for that year of about C\$3m. In order to achieve this revenue Cabo will need to increase by 20% year-on-year and margins increase to 28% by FY 2007/8. These predictions are reasonably conservative, and allow for growth from retained cash flow without further issue of shares.

The next quarter is likely to be better than usual, if the comments of Major Drilling in their last quarterly (to 31st January) where they report unusually heavy activity for the month of January compared to the previous year are taken at face value.

With just over 40m shares in issue and a 48c share price, we believe there is clear scope for an increase in price to 55c – 60c per share by the time the results for FY 2006/7 are known, probably at the end of October 2007.

If overseas growth and margin improvements take place as we suggest, the 50c warrants are likely to be potentially called bringing in a further ~C\$4.3m in 2007/8 and allowing further expansion. Our medium term target (18-months from now) is for a ~C\$1.00 share price on the basis of 50m shares in issue, C\$3m post-tax earnings and a strong cash position.

7 CONCLUSIONS

- Cabo is one of the smaller listed drilling companies and is expanding rapidly on the back of the current mineral exploration boom.
 - Management is conscious of Cabo's reliance on mineral exploration drilling, and is actively expanding revenues from the geotechnical and civil engineering sectors. The opening of an office in Panama which will seek engineering drilling contracts associated with the Panama Canal expansion is an example of this strategy.
 - Organic growth of 20% per annum is forecast for Canadian operations, with gross margins gradually improving to 30%. Overseas growth, now just starting, is likely to be faster and with higher margins possible. This growth can be funded from retained cash flow.
 - The Company should move into profitability this financial year, with the prospect of substantial growth and improving margins still ahead of it.
 - We recommend the company as a BUY at prices to ~55c over the next few months, with a target share price of C\$1.00 within about 18 months.
 - The risk level remains moderate to high for a company of this size, and success will depend on the commodities price cycle.
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