

## **Update: Iron Ore Report**

28 October 2013

Iron Ore Outlook Raised by World Bank on Recovery – Iron ore prices will be higher this year and in 2014 than forecast in July as global manufacturing improves and China's metal imports rebound, the World Bank said. Iron ore is expected to average \$134 a dry metric tonne this year and \$135 a tonne in 2014, up from a July prediction of \$120 and \$125, respectively, the report showed. The World Bank stuck to an outlook for iron ore prices to average \$145 a tonne in 2025. China's economy expanded 7.8 percent in the third quarter, from 7.5 percent in the second

economy expanded 7.8 percent in the third quarter, from 7.5 percent in the second quarter, and its iron ore imports rose to a record 74.6 million tonnes in September on demand for steel, customs data show. "Prospects for the metal market depend importantly on Chinese demand," the World Bankwrote. "If robust supply trends continue and weaker-than-anticipated demand growth materializes, prices could follow a path considerably lower than the baseline presented in this outlook."

Mammoth Chinamax carrier to make history in Quebec – Maritime history is about to be made at the Port of Sept-Îles, 900 kilometres northeast of Montreal. A newgeneration Chinamax bulk carrier will load 300,000 tonnes of top-quality Quebec-Labrador iron ore at the Port's expanded facilities for shipment to the Chinese steel industry. The Chinamax vessel has maximum capacity of 330,000 tonnes of ore and the imminent loading operation will mark the first time a bulk carrier of this size has visited North America. The customer is China's Wuhan Iron & Steel Co.

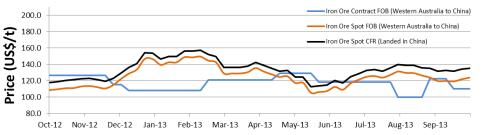
(Wisco), a specialist in high-grade sheet steel for the auto industry and an early investor in the Labrador trough. "The use of these mammoth-sized ships will reduce greenhouse gas emissions and enhance Quebec-Labrador's competitiveness in the global iron ore market," said Don Gallagher, Cliffs Natural Resources executive president. Pierre Gagnon, CEO of the Port of Sept-Îles Authority, said the landmark Chinamax loading "means a new access road between Sept-Îles and Asia has finally come to fruition."

Quebec Government announcement of A Pre Feasibility Study – As part of Québec's Economic Policy Putting Jobs First, the government has announced investments including a Pre Feasibility study into the construction of a new railway link to transport ore from the Labrador Trough. The government is aware of the special issues related to the development of the Cote Nord and the importance of preparing Québec for rapid growth which is essential to ensuring the economic and social development of the northern territory. The desired characteristics of the line will be

• specified to be able to invite private investors to finance the project. Funds totaling up to USD 20 million have been set aside for this study within the Fonds du développement nordique, which will help various stakeholders develop, ensuring free access at advantageous costs to interested users. Not only is this decision beneficial for iron ore developers, and others but also for the economy of Quebec, the Uashat Mak Mani-Utenam First Nation, other local communities and the Port of Sept Iles. The study will attract further foreign investment which is essential to turn the Labrador Trough into a more cost efficient iron ore centre.



## Iron Ore Prices<sup>1</sup> (US\$ per tonne)



Source: Bloomberg 1) Prices based on Iron Ore Fines 62% Fe

	Mark	cet Sna	pshot
Iron Ore Companies			
Company Name ASX LISTED Producers	Code	Price	% Change since Jan 2
Atlas Iron Ltd	AGO	1.08	-41.6%
BC Iron Ltd	BCI	4.97	39.2%
Fortescue Metals Group	FMG	5.31	13.0%
Gindalbie Metals Ltd Grange Resources Ltd	GBG GRR	0.14 0.21	-47.3% -43.3%
IMX Resources Ltd	IXR	0.21	-61.2%
Mount Gibson Iron	MGX	0.86	-0.6%
Murchison Metals Ltd	MMX	0.06	37.5%
Northern Iron Ltd	NFE	0.22	-58.5%
AVERAGE PERFORMANCE Produce ASX LISTED Explorers/Developers			-18.1%
Athena Resources Ltd	AHN	0.03	-28.9%
Apollo Minerals Ltd	AON	0.03	-15.8%
Aquila Resources Ltd	AQA	2.39	-6.1%
Australasian Resources Ltd	ARH	0.06	-16.9%
Avonlea Minerals Ltd	AVZ	0.01	-70.0%
Amex Resources Ltd Brockman Mining Limited	AXZ BCK	1.20 0.05	22.4% -20.0%
Cape Lambert Ltd	CFE	0.05	-47.3%
Centaurus Metals Ltd	CTM	0.22	-33.3%
Cullen Resources Ltd	CUL	0.01	-54.5%
Eastern Iron Ltd	EFE	0.04	-38.3%
Equatorial Resources Ltd	EQX	0.62	-51.8%
Flinders Mines Ltd	FMS	0.04	-43.7%
Ferrowest Ltd	FWL	0.02	5.3%
Gladiator Resources Ltd Golden West Resources	GLA GWR	0.01 0.16	-60.0% -16.2%
Haranga Resources Ltd	HAR	0.18	-52.9%
Ironclad Mining Ltd	IFE	0.17	-46.8%
Iron Ore Holdings Ltd	ЮН	0.90	15.4%
Iron Road Ltd	IRD	0.25	-24.2%
Jupiter Mines Ltd	JMS	0.05	-45.9%
Kogi Iron Limited	KFE	0.09	-67.6%
Latin Resources Ltd	LRS	0.06	-60.7%
Magnetic Resources NL Mamba Minerals	MAU MAB	0.14 0.50	107.7% 49.3%
Mindax Ltd	MDX	0.30	15.3%
Meteoric Resources NL	MEI	0.04	53.8%
Nemex Resources Ltd	NXR	0.02	-59.5%
Pepinnini Minerals Ltd	PNN	0.03	-43.2%
Radar Iron Ltd	RAD	0.03	-62.5%
Red Hill Iron Ltd	RHI	0.80	-23.8%
Sundance Resources Ltd	SDL	0.12	-67.9%
Sherwin Iron Ltd Sphere Investments Ltd	SHD SPH	0.13 3.10	92.3% 3.3%
Strike Resources Ltd	SRK	0.05	-70.0%
Venus Metals Corp	VMC	0.08	-74.3%
Western Desert Resources Ltd	WDR	0.79	11.3%
WPG Resources Ltd	WPG	0.04	-44.4%
West Peak Iron Ltd	WPI	0.03	-60.0%
AVERAGE PERFORMANCE Exp/Dev	/	=	-23.9%
ASX ALL ORDINARIES TSX LISTED		5,395.20	14.2%
Adriana Resources	ADI	0.21	-47.5%
Alderon Iron Ore Corp	ADV	1.45	-21.2%
Beaufield Resources Inc.	BFD	0.10	-24.0%
Cap-Ex Ventures Ltd	CEV	0.08	-72.7%
Cartier Iron Corporation	CFE	0.08	-70.0%
Century Iron Mines Corporation	FER	0.40	8.1%
Champion Iron Mines Limited	CHM	0.23	-65.9%
Golden Dory Resources Copr	GDR	0.01	-60.0%
Labrador Iron Mines Macarthur Minerals Limted	LIM MMS	0.47 0.18	-60.8% -65.4%
New Millenium Capital Corp	NML	0.18	-50.0%
Oceanic Iron Ore Corp	FEO	0.09	-47.1%
Rockex Mining Corp	RXM	0.06	-64.7%
Rogue Iron Ore Corp	RRS	0.03	-73.7%
West Melville Metals Inc.	WMM	0.045	-71.9%
AVERAGE PERFORMANCE			-52.5%
TSX COMPOSITE INDEX		12,701.05	1.3%

## **Kasey Nelson**

+61 8 9421 2111

kasey@cipartners.com.au