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#### **Case Overview**

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## **Project Location**



## • Time line:

- ▶ 1985 Retter started an exploration program in Fruktania
- ▶ 1994 Oil discovered by Retter
- 1996 Civil war in Fruktania, Retter to declare force majeure and evacuate all expatriate staff

**Project History** 

► 2010 – End of civil war but fragile government

## **Case objective**

- Data given:
  - Expected exploration and production costs with time
  - Expected production of oil and gas with time
- Objective
  - What is the NPV of this project?



Valuation methods

## Project valuation methodologies

Method 1	Using most likely values for production volumes, oil prices and capital and operating expenses
Deterministic NPV model using	<ul> <li>Use a higher discount factor to take into account the impact of expropriation</li> </ul>
expected values	<ul> <li>It is simple to calculate but not very insightful</li> </ul>

Method 2 Monte Carlo Simulation on production and costs	<ul> <li>Use distributions to capture the uncertainty in production volumes, oil prices and capital and operating expenses</li> </ul>		
	<ul> <li>Use a higher discount factor to take into account the impact of expropriation</li> </ul>		
	<ul> <li>Does not take into account the extreme cases of expropriation</li> </ul>		
Step 3	<ul> <li>Use distributions to capture the uncertainty in production volumes, oil prices and capital and operating expenses</li> </ul>		
Monte Carlo with Embed Force	<ul> <li>Include Force Majeure Risk: Probability of a pre-mature termination of project because of expropriation / political instability</li> </ul>		
	Better model to capture the risk involved		



Valuation methods

## **Method 1: Deterministic NPV**

## **Forecast Assumptions**

- Use most likely values for
- •Future oil production
- •Future crude oil price
- •Future operating expense
- •Future capital expense

	2011E	2012E	2013E	2014E	2015E
Total Production (MMBbls)	67	68	68	68	65
Crude Oil (\$/Bbl)	\$83.81	\$85.07	\$86.43	\$87.89	\$89.44
Gross Revenue	\$5,598	\$5,775	\$5,868	\$5,967	\$5,778
Less: Royalty	(1,400)	(1,444)	(1,467)	(1,492)	(1,444)
Net Revenue	\$4,199	\$4,331	\$4,401	\$4,475	\$4,333
Less: Operating Costs	(349)	(359)	(366)	(374)	(372)
Less: Depreciation	(1,703)	(1,788)	(1,838)	(1,880)	(1,826)
EBIT	\$2,146	\$2,185	\$2,197	\$2,221	\$2,135
Less: Taxes	(966)	(983)	(989)	(1,000)	(961)
Un-levered Net Income	\$1,180	\$1,201	\$1,208	\$1,222	\$1,175
Plus: Depreciation	1,703	1,788	1,838	1,880	1,826
Less: CAPEX	(400)	(800)	(720)	(640)	(480)
Change in NWC	-	-	-	-	-
Free Cash Flow	\$1,303	\$988	\$1,118	\$1,240	\$1,346
Discount Factor	0.909	0.826	0.751	0.683	0.621

## NPV \$33.8

## Valuation Model





#### Valuation methods

## Method 2: Monte Carlo simulation for NPV

## **Forecast Assumptions**

#### Use distribution values for

- •Future oil production
- •Future crude oil price
- •Future operating expense
- •Future capital expense

Run iterations and get NPV distribution instead of a single NPV value







## Output NPV distribution



#### Valuation methods

# Method 3: Monte Carlo simulation with Force Majeure risk for NPV

## **Forecast Assumptions**

Use distribution values for

- •Future oil production
- •Future crude oil price
- •Future operating expense
- •Future capital expense
- •Probability of Force Majeure

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## **Output NPV distribution**

	Y1	Y2	Y3	¥4	Y5
Risk of expropriation	5%	5%	4%	4%	3%
Senario 1	1	1	-	-	-
Senario 2	1	1	1	1	1
Senario 3	1	1	1	1	_





**Project Valuation** 

## **Risk-Adjusted Cash Flows Approach**

Step 1 Construct Basic Operating Model	<ul> <li>Flexible operating model to capture project fundamentals and discrete effects of relevant variables</li> <li>Free cash flows evaluated deterministically for reasonableness</li> </ul>
Step 2	<ul> <li>Commodity price risk → Mean reverting Brent crude price forecast</li> </ul>
Monte Carlo Simulation	<ul> <li>Production uncertainty → +/- % Via distribution of outcomes</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Capital cost uncertainty → +/- % Via distribution of outcomes</li> </ul>
04	Force Majeure Risk: Probability of a pre-mature termination of project
Step 3	Annual schedule for percent (%) probability of early termination
Embed Force Majeure Risk	<ul> <li>Probability highest in 2012, declines to steady-state for life of project</li> </ul>



**Oil Price Sensitivity** 

## **Mean Reverting Price Forecast**

**Captures Commodity Price Volatility and Market Forces** 

## **Forecast Assumptions**

## Long Run Price - \$80/Bbl

•Annual historical data produced \$75/Bbl

•Recent macro forces indicate future LRP of \$80/Bbl

•Price escalation at 2%

## **Historical Volatility**

•\$15.70 (18%) according to annual historical data

## **Mean Reversion Speed**

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## **Oil Price Trend**





**Oil Price Sensitivity** 

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**Project Valuation** 

## **Risk-Adjusted Cash Flows Approach**



NPV and IRR	\$1,659 MM / 17%	\$837 MM / 15%
Social Investment Program	Fruktania Proposal	Fruktania Proposal



#### **Project Valuation**

(\$ MM USD)

# Negative Impact of Expropriation Risk on Base Case Valuation

#### Assumptions



## 2014+: 2%

#### **Social Investment:**

2011- 2015: \$25 MM

2016 – 2034: \$5 MM

Retter Corp. lacks control of fund distribution



#### **NPV Impact**

1	Base Case	\$1,659	
2	R.A. Base Case	\$837	
	NPV Change	(\$822)	

## Project Lifetime Force Majeure Probability

1	Base Case	0%
2	R.A. Base Case	43%

Project valuation must account for substantial geopolitical risk -

Retter Social Investment Program can mitigate risk of force majeure



**Project Valuation** 

## **Sensitivity Analysis**

**Base Case** 

Value Drivers for Project Economics

- Includes Fruktania proposal for social investment
- Does not incorporate Force Majeure Risk

Key Results

- Breakeven Crude Oil Price: \$75/Bbl → 15% IRR
- Project Delay Effect: 1 Yr. Delay → NPV decrease \$201MM



Price and production uncertainties have tremendous impact on project value



Conclusion

Key takeaways

**Oil price forecasting - Mean reverting model** 

Expropriation risk – Probability distribution in Monte Carlo simulation

Sensitivity analysis to identify key variables and reduce their uncertanity

**Thank You**