

Deutsche Rohstoff **Buy**

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Germany | Oil & gas

Beta Profile: 
MCap: EUR176.4m

Target Price: EUR45.00
Current Price: EUR35.25
Up/downside: 27.7%
Market data: 01 November 2023

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| Bloomberg: DR0 GR | Reuters: DR0G.DE |
| Free float | 90% |
| Avg. daily volume (EURm) | 0.5 |
| YTD abs performance | 35.6% |
| 52-week high/low (EUR) | 35.25/24.00 |

Q3 2023 results: Strong performance continues

Key points:

- Deutsche Rohstoff Group's Q3 results showcased a continuation of its strong operational performance. The company announced record-breaking figures, both for Q3 and 9M.
- The strong performance emphasises the company's strong operational prowess and strategic investments, positioning it well for continued growth and success in the upcoming quarters.
- FY 2023-24 guidance is confirmed. The company will host a virtual Capital Markets Day on 22 November at 11:00 CET.

Key takeaways from Q3 2023 results

- Record revenues of EUR57.5m, marking an impressive increase over Q4 2022's EUR47.2m, the highest sales ever recorded in a quarter. Sales increased by 25% YOY.
- EBITDA stood at EUR45.6m, surpassing the previous record of EUR38.8m in Q2 2022. EBITDA increased by 19% YOY.
- Net income for the quarter reached EUR21.4m, culminating in a nine-month total of EUR42.6m, slightly lower than the EUR47.6m reported in the same period last year.

Deutsche Rohstoff achieves key production milestones in 2023

- The company achieved an all-time high in oil and gas production, reaching 14,600 BOEPD in Q3.
- Throughout the first ten months of 2023, Deutsche Rohstoff Group successfully brought a total of 32 operator and non-operator wells into production. Notably, the production from all the new well pads either met or exceeded the company's expectations.
- Building on this momentum, Deutsche Rohstoff has planned to complete the remaining two wells from the 1876 Resources drilling programme by the end of 2023. The consistent performance and the strategy to fast-track well completions highlight the group's proactive approach and commitment to maximising production capabilities.
- In 2023, the company invested EUR114m in new wells, out of a total EUR125m capital expenditure.
- In terms of production, the group not only achieved a new quarterly record but also saw the highest quarterly production for 2023, driven by an average daily production increase from its US subsidiaries.
- The company's strategic move to accelerate the completion of the current wells of 1876 Resources seems promising, with the first four wells already starting production and expected to make a significant contribution from November onwards.
- Cash flow from operations reported at EUR96m in 9M 2023, slightly down from EUR108m in the previous year.

Guidance confirmed

- For 2023, Deutsche Rohstoff forecasts sales of between EUR188-198m and EBITDA ranging from EUR138-148m. 2024 projections suggest sales of EUR190-210m and EBITDA of between EUR145-160m.
- The company has efficiently hedged its risks with a record hedge book of 1.8m barrels, ensuring protection against volatile oil price movements, which are spread over the next 27 months.

Upcoming events

- Deutsche Rohstoff AG's Executive Board will be hosting a virtual Capital Markets Day on 22 November 2023 at 11:00 am. Interested participants can register at the company's official website.

Table 1: Deutsche Rohstoff Q3 and 9M 2023 sales (EURm) as well as sales by type

| | Q3 2023 | Q3 2022 | YOY% | 9M 2023 | 9M 2022 | YOY% |
|----------------------------|---------|---------|------|---------|---------|------|
| Sales | 57 | 46 | 25% | 133 | 118 | 12% |
| Oil | 56 | 39 | 45% | 117 | 122 | -3% |
| Gas | 4 | 7 | -41% | 16 | 28 | -44% |
| NGL | 10 | 11 | -13% | 13 | 17 | -24% |
| Production tax | -10 | -7 | na | -13 | -13 | na |
| Profit/(loss) from hedging | -2 | -19 | na | -0.1 | -35 | na |

Source: Deutsche Rohstoff, Kepler Cheuvreux

Table 2: Deutsche Rohstoff Q3 and 9M 2023 production KPIs

| | Q3 2023 | Q3 2022 | YOY% | 9M 2023 | 9M 2022 | YOY% |
|------------|-----------|-----------|------|-----------|-----------|------|
| Oil (BBL) | 763,984 | 420,597 | 82% | 1,683,802 | 1,351,255 | 25% |
| Gas (MCF) | 2,106,009 | 1,612,954 | 31% | 5,751,780 | 4,512,836 | 27% |
| NGLS (BBL) | 228,341 | 170,553 | 34% | 607,416 | 446,114 | 36% |
| BOE | 1,343,327 | 859,976 | 56% | 3,249,848 | 2,549,508 | 27% |
| BOEPD | 14,600 | 9,555 | 53% | 11,904 | 9,339 | 27% |

Source: Deutsche Rohstoff, Kepler Cheuvreux

Table 3: Deutsche Rohstoff Q3 and 9M 2023 earnings and cash flow KPIs

| | Q3 2023 | Q3 2022 | YOY% | 9M 2023 | 9M 2022 | YOY% |
|-----------------------------|---------|---------|------|---------|---------|------|
| EBITDA | 46 | 38 | 19% | 102 | 102 | -1% |
| Net income (pre-minorities) | 22 | 23 | -4% | 43 | 53 | -18% |
| Operating cash flow | 25 | 45 | -45% | 96 | 108 | -11% |
| Capex | 30 | 15 | 92% | 133 | 72 | 84% |

Source: Deutsche Rohstoff, Kepler Cheuvreux

Appendix 1: Research framework

Last model update: 02 October 2023

Investment case

- As one of the few European companies offering direct exposure to US shale, DRAG has extensive experience as an operator in the field. There are also a large number of manufacturing companies offering optimal opportunities for non-operative activities and participations.
- Assuming a c. 30% success rate for the acquired acreage in Wyoming’s Powder River Basin (+100 well locations), our play-by-play model suggests this could lead to a sustainable high production level for DRAG in the medium term.
- The minority stake in Almonty Industries, which is expected to ramp up production at one of the largest tungsten mines outside China in the coming years, should generate stable, long-term returns.

Catalysts

- Higher-than-assumed economic viability in Wyoming in terms of development area or asset sale.
- Price movements in the WTI benchmark.
- Production start at Almonty's Sangdong mine in South Korea.

Valuation Methodology

- Our valuation is based on an SOP of its oil & gas assets, Deutsche Rohstoff’s minority investments in metals, and its investment portfolio.
- We value the group's core oil and gas assets by US state using a 25-year NPV model with a 10% WACC.
- Under our current long-term WTI oil price assumption of USD68/bbl, our SOP points to a fair value of EUR45.0.

Risk to our rating

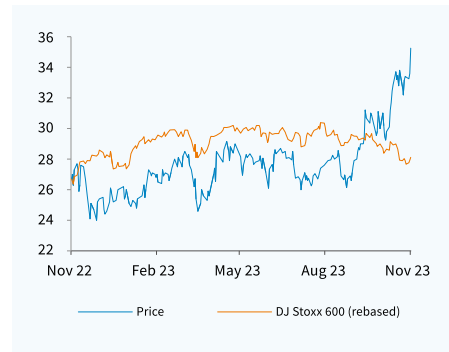
- Weaker-than-expected US dollar. Each USD0.05 move in our long-term EUR/USD assumption impacts our SOP by up to EUR3 per share.
- Lower demand leading to negative price movements in the WTI benchmark. Each USD3/bbl move in our long-term WTI oil price assumptions impacts our SOP by up to EUR2 per share.

Appendix 2: Company description

Deutsche Rohstoff is a Germany-based holding company that specialises in investing in resource projects. The current portfolio is mainly focused on the oil & gas sector, but it also holds minority stakes in high-tech metals such as tungsten. Its management team has longstanding expertise in the sector, and the group focuses on well-explored areas in the US.

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| Mgmt | Jan-Philipp Weitz, CEO Henning Döring, CFO |
| Ownership | Free float: 90.00% Management and Supervisory Board: 9.00% |

Appendix 3: share price perf.



Appendix 4: SWOT analysis

Strengths

- Solid oil and gas asset portfolio with an extensive drilling pipeline.
- Diversified portfolio
- Expert management with experience in resource-based activities

Opportunities

- Efficiency gains in drilling could allow additional costs savings
- New land acquisitions
- Investments in electro mobility

Weaknesses

- No control over non-operating wells
- Lower transparency compared to US oil and gas peers.
- The majority of mining investments are not producing yet.

Threats

- Price increases from field services companies leading to higher capex
- Direct competition from extractor Oil & Gas in land purchase.
- Euro/US dollar currency fluctuations, economic deterioration.

Appendix 5: Key financials

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| FY to 31/12 (EUR) | 12/16 | 12/17 | 12/18 | 12/19 | 12/20 | 12/21 | 12/22 | 12/23E | 12/24E | 12/25E |
|--|--------|---------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Income Statement (EURm) | | | | | | | | | | |
| Sales | 9.2 | 53.7 | 109.1 | 41.2 | 38.7 | 73.3 | 165.4 | 193.1 | 197.6 | 157.4 |
| % Change | 383.4% | 486.1% | 103.0% | -62.2% | -6.1% | 89.5% | 125.6% | 16.7% | 2.4% | -20.4% |
| EBITDA adjusted | 6.4 | 36.1 | 98.0 | 22.7 | 20.4 | 48.4 | 125.1 | 142.9 | 149.0 | 111.5 |
| EBITDA adj. margin (%) | 69.5% | 67.2% | 89.8% | 55.2% | 52.8% | 66.0% | 75.6% | 74.0% | 75.4% | 70.9% |
| EBIT adjusted | -0.5 | 5.3 | 32.7 | 5.6 | -19.6 | 14.9 | 77.4 | 96.1 | 97.7 | 70.3 |
| EBIT adj. margin (%) | -5.9% | 9.9% | 30.0% | 13.7% | -50.8% | 20.3% | 46.8% | 49.8% | 49.4% | 44.7% |
| Net financial items & associates | -1.4 | -4.0 | -6.2 | -5.4 | -6.4 | -5.5 | -5.5 | -5.5 | -5.7 | -5.0 |
| Others | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Tax | 2.0 | 6.4 | -8.5 | -0.1 | 6.4 | -0.7 | -19.8 | -22.7 | -23.0 | -16.3 |
| Net profit from continuing operations | 0.1 | 7.7 | 18.0 | 0.2 | -16.1 | 26.4 | 66.2 | 68.0 | 69.0 | 49.0 |
| Net profit from discontinuing activities | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Net profit before minorities | 0.1 | 7.7 | 18.0 | 0.2 | -16.1 | 26.4 | 66.2 | 68.0 | 69.0 | 49.0 |
| Net profit reported | 0.1 | 5.5 | 13.9 | 0.3 | -15.5 | 24.8 | 60.8 | 62.4 | 63.3 | 45.0 |
| Net profit adjusted | 0.1 | 5.5 | 13.9 | 0.3 | -19.0 | 7.1 | 46.8 | 62.4 | 63.3 | 45.0 |
| Cash Flow Statement (EURm) | | | | | | | | | | |
| Levered post tax CF before capex | 35.3 | 47.7 | 87.4 | 30.0 | -11.3 | 78.5 | 148.4 | 126.4 | 119.9 | 74.0 |
| Capex | -66.1 | -51.7 | -66.2 | -28.7 | -36.8 | -52.8 | -88.9 | -150.2 | -80.0 | -65.0 |
| Free cash flow | -30.8 | -4.0 | 21.2 | 1.3 | -48.2 | 25.7 | 59.5 | -23.8 | 39.9 | 9.0 |
| Acquisitions & divestments | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 6.0 | -13.5 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Dividend paid | -2.7 | -3.0 | -3.2 | -3.2 | -0.5 | 0.0 | -3.0 | -6.5 | -7.5 | -7.6 |
| Others | -7.5 | -20.7 | 12.4 | -28.2 | 6.3 | -10.2 | -20.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Change in net financial debt | 41.1 | 27.6 | -30.5 | 30.1 | 42.3 | -15.5 | -42.3 | 43.8 | -32.4 | -1.4 |
| Balance Sheet (EURm) | | | | | | | | | | |
| Intangible assets | 40.6 | 33.8 | 16.9 | 22.1 | 21.9 | 29.8 | 33.9 | 33.9 | 33.9 | 33.9 |
| Tangible assets | 79.9 | 114.5 | 110.1 | 139.6 | 112.8 | 149.1 | 192.6 | 309.5 | 338.3 | 362.1 |
| Financial & other non-current assets | 24.6 | 24.0 | 36.3 | 42.1 | 50.3 | 43.8 | 40.7 | 40.7 | 40.7 | 40.7 |
| Total shareholders' equity | 66.2 | 56.7 | 73.8 | 71.5 | 45.6 | 80.1 | 132.4 | 193.8 | 255.3 | 296.8 |
| Pension provisions | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Liabilities and provisions | 127.4 | 156.9 | 151.0 | 207.4 | 161.1 | 184.9 | 218.0 | 235.6 | 236.1 | 211.3 |
| Net debt | 50.6 | 78.2 | 47.7 | 77.8 | 120.2 | 104.7 | 62.4 | 106.2 | 73.8 | 72.4 |
| Net financial debt | 50.6 | 78.2 | 47.7 | 77.8 | 120.2 | 104.7 | 62.4 | 106.2 | 73.8 | 72.4 |
| IFRS 16 debt | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Net working capital | -23.0 | -9.3 | -22.4 | -29.3 | -11.9 | -19.0 | -39.6 | -45.8 | -44.5 | -36.3 |
| Invested capital | 63.7 | 108.5 | 89.3 | 111.9 | 102.2 | 131.3 | 154.2 | 264.9 | 294.9 | 327.0 |
| Per share data (EUR) | | | | | | | | | | |
| EPS adjusted | 0.02 | 1.10 | 2.74 | 0.06 | -3.74 | 1.40 | 9.35 | 12.47 | 12.66 | 9.00 |
| EPS adj and fully diluted | 0.02 | 1.10 | 2.74 | 0.06 | -3.74 | 1.40 | 9.35 | 12.47 | 12.66 | 9.00 |
| % Change | -91.2% | 5328.9% | 150.5% | -97.8% | -chg | +chg | 569.6% | 33.4% | 1.5% | -28.9% |
| EPS reported | 0.02 | 1.10 | 2.74 | 0.06 | -3.05 | 4.88 | 12.15 | 12.47 | 12.66 | 9.00 |
| Cash flow per share | 6.97 | 9.42 | 17.27 | 5.91 | -2.23 | 15.44 | 29.67 | 25.27 | 23.96 | 14.79 |
| Book value per share | 11.16 | 9.73 | 12.99 | 12.66 | 7.76 | 14.31 | 25.78 | 36.95 | 48.11 | 55.60 |
| Dividend per share | 0.60 | 0.65 | 0.70 | 0.10 | 0.00 | 0.60 | 1.30 | 1.49 | 1.52 | 1.08 |
| Number of shares, YE (m) | 5.06 | 5.06 | 5.06 | 5.08 | 5.08 | 5.08 | 5.00 | 5.00 | 5.00 | 5.00 |
| Ratios | | | | | | | | | | |
| ROE (%) | 0.2% | 10.5% | 24.2% | 0.5% | -36.6% | 12.7% | 46.4% | 39.8% | 29.8% | 17.4% |
| ROIC (%) | -1.1% | 4.6% | 24.8% | 4.2% | -13.8% | 9.6% | 40.7% | 34.4% | 26.2% | 17.0% |
| ND(F+IFRS16) / EBITDA (x) | 7.9 | 2.2 | 0.5 | 3.4 | 5.9 | 2.2 | 0.5 | 0.7 | 0.5 | 0.6 |
| Gearing (%) | 76.4% | 138.0% | 64.7% | 108.9% | 263.6% | 130.7% | 47.2% | 54.8% | 28.9% | 24.4% |
| Valuation | | | | | | | | | | |
| P/E adjusted | na | 18.6 | 7.7 | na | na | 11.6 | 2.8 | 2.8 | 2.8 | 3.9 |
| P/E adjusted and fully diluted | na | 18.6 | 7.7 | na | na | 11.6 | 2.8 | 2.8 | 2.8 | 3.9 |
| P/BV | 1.5 | 2.1 | 1.6 | 1.3 | 1.2 | 1.1 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 0.7 | 0.6 |
| P/CF | 2.5 | 2.2 | 1.2 | 2.7 | na | 1.0 | 0.9 | 1.4 | 1.5 | 2.4 |
| Dividend yield (%) | 3.5% | 3.2% | 3.3% | 0.6% | 0.0% | 3.7% | 4.9% | 4.2% | 4.3% | 3.1% |
| Dividend yield preference shares (%) | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% |
| FCF yield (%) | -35.2% | -5.9% | 16.0% | 1.8% | -99.1% | 29.3% | 41.0% | -16.7% | 19.4% | 2.8% |
| EV/Sales | 16.1 | 3.5 | 1.5 | 4.0 | 4.5 | 2.6 | 1.0 | 1.4 | 1.2 | 1.5 |
| EV/EBITDA adj. | 23.2 | 5.2 | 1.7 | 7.3 | 8.5 | 4.0 | 1.4 | 1.9 | 1.6 | 2.2 |
| EV/EBIT adj. | na | 35.6 | 5.0 | 29.4 | na | 13.0 | 2.2 | 2.8 | 2.5 | 3.4 |

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| | 23/06/2023 05:16 | Equity Research | Buy | 43.00 | 28.10 |
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