

Australian Equity Research 1 May 2025

Rating	Price Target
SPECULATIVE BUY	A\$4.00
unchanged	unchanged
KCN-ASX	Price <b>A\$1.63</b>

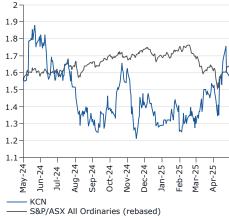
#### **Market Data**

52-Week Range (A\$) :	1.16 - 1.89
Avg Daily Vol (000s) :	623
Market Cap (A\$M) :	418.8
Shares Out. (M) :	257.8
Enterprise Value (A\$M) :	347.3
NAV /Shr (A\$):	3.98

FYE Jun	2024A	2025E	2026E	2027E
Gold Production (000oz)	47	77	98	108
All in Sustaining Cost (Gold) (US\$ / oz)	0	1,992	1,694	1,582
EBITDA (A\$M)	(20.5)	110.9个	214.4个	261.7个
Previous	-	100.0	208.0	255.4
Cons. EBITDA <sup>1</sup> (A\$M)	NA	NA	NA	NA
Net Income (A\$M)	197.6	61.3个	131.7个	171.3↑
Previous	-	54.6	127.7	167.2
Free Cash Flow	(16.2)	47.5	166.6	226.7

<sup>1</sup> : Consensus not applicable

(A\$M)



Source: FactSet

Priced intraday 1 May 2025

Kingsgate Consolidated an emerging mid-tier gold producer which owns 100% of the Chatree Gold Mine in Thailand and the Nueva Esperanza Gold-Silver Project in Chile.

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Estimates Revised

# Kingsgate Consolidated Limited

**Precious Metals - Producer** 

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# MarQ'25 report

#### Miss on production, but operational improvement evident

MarQ Chatree production of 20.6koz at US\$1,839/oz represented a minor miss on CGe while costs were in line (23koz at US\$1,883/oz; DecQ24a 17.9koz at US \$2,125/oz). Lower production was mainly due to lower grades, but was still a 15% QoQ improvement as fresh ore volumes increase (vs treatment of stockpiles). Plant performance continues to be a highlight, running ~7% above design. We also note cost performance in spite of the lower production and impact of higher royalties on AISC.

Closing cash+bullion was better than expected at A000, +33% QoQ, and implying FCF of A13m. Debt reduced slightly to ~A55m.

#### **Outlook - grades expected to improve**

Previous guidance of 80-90koz at US\$1,650-1,800/oz is unchanged, noting that grades are expected to continue to improve through CY25 (less reliance on low grade stocks). However, our updated FY25 forecasts would see KCN come in just under guidance (77koz at US\$1,921/oz), noting the impact of higher royalty expenses on our AISC due to gold prices.

#### Nueva Esperanza update - MRE update deferred

Neuva Esperanza is one of the world's largest undeveloped silver deposits, hosting Resources of  $\sim$ 134Moz at 106g/t AgEq. A Resource and Reserve update was originally scheduled for the MarQ but has been deferred due to a need to update cost inputs (the prior PFS was completed in 2016).

KCN is assessing options for the project. Should the project be divested, we think this could be a windfall for KCN (we carry nothing for the project in our valuation). A potential benchmark could be Andean Silver (ASL-ASX | SPEC BUY, TP A\$3.05 | Tim McCormack), which owns the 120Moz AgEq Cerro Bayo project, also in Chile. ASL is capitalised at A\$166m, and while Cerro Bayo is more advanced, it could be a valuation yardstick on any sale.

#### **Model revisions**

We have made minor revisions to our production and cost modelling. Estimate changes for FY26 forward (see sidebar) are largely immaterial.

#### Valuation & Recommendation

Our target price (risked NPV5%) is unchanged at \$4.00.

While the miss on production is a drawback, we highlight a positive cashflow quarter and achieving net cash ahead of our prior expectations. We think Chatree needs to demonstrate it can consistently achieve targeted grades (Reserves at 0.78g/t), but it looks to be headed in the right direction. The delay in the updated MRE for Nueva Esperanza is disappointing as any divestment could be a valuation/liquidity catalyst, in our view. That said, we continue to see a significant re-rating opportunity should KCN execute successfully. SPEC BUY.

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SPEC BUY A\$4.00

Rating:

Target Price

Company Description Kingsgate Consolidated (KCN:ASX) owns and operates the Chatree Gold Mine in Thailand. The gold mine

restarted processing tailings in 2023 after a period of closure.

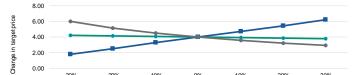
Debt/Equity Net debt/(cash)

Net gearing (book)

Net gearing (market)

#### Figure 1: KCN Financial Summary

Kingsgate Consolidated (KCN:ASX)	D 0			
Analyst :	Reg Spencer 1/05/2025			
Date: Year End:				
fear End:	Jun			
Market Information				
Share Price	A\$	1.63		
Market Capitalisation	A\$m	419		
12 Month Hi	A\$	1.89		
12 Month Lo	A\$	1.16		
Issued Capital	m	258		
ITM Options	m			
Fully Diluted	m	258		
Valuation			A\$m	A\$/share
Chatree		NPV @5%	1,110	4.31
Exploration, Projects & Other			-	-
Gold Forwards			-	-
Corporate			(100)	(0.39
(Net debt)/cash			72	0.28
Total			1,025	3.98
Price/NAV				0.41
NAV @ Spot				
Target Price				4.00
Price/TP				0.41
Assumptions	2024a	2025e	2026e	20276
Gold Price (US\$/oz)	2,076	2,761	3,126	3,257
Silver Price (US\$/oz)	25	31	31	32
Copper (US\$/lb)	3.95	4.21	4.69	5.25
AUD:USD	0.66	0.64	0.64	0.67
Sensitivity				
8.00				



-	-30%	-20% Gold	-10% price	VACC	10% AUD:USD	20%	30%
Production (kt) - b	y asset			2024a	2025e	2026e	2027e
Chatree							
Gold Production (k	oz)			47	77	98	108
AISC (US\$/oz)				-	1,992	1,694	1,582
Neuva Esperanza							
Gold Production (k	.oz)			-	-	-	-
AISC (US\$/oz)				-	-	-	-
Group				47	77	98	108
Gold Production (k AISC (US\$/oz)	.02)			47	1,992	98 1,694	1,582
AISC (US\$/02)					1,992	1,094	1,362
Reserves & Reso	urces				Mt	Grade	Moz
Reserves			Gold		68	0.71	1.6
Resources			Gold		203	0.60	3.9
Directors & Mana	gement						
Name							Position
Ross Smyth-Kirk						Exe	ec Chairman
Jamie Gibson						Managing Dir	
Nucharee Sailasut	ta						NE Director
Peter Warren							NE Director
Mischa Mutadzvic							CFO

Profit and Loss A\$m	2024a	2025e	2026e	2027e
Revenue	133.1	359.5	515.8	560.3
Operating Costs	-126.4	-229.3	-279.4	-276.6
SG&A	-27.2	-19.2	-22.0	-22.0
EBITDA	-20.5	110.9	214.4	261.7
Impairment/other non cash adjustments	228.7	0.0	0.0	0.0
D&A	-0.6	-17.0	-24.9	-23.7
Net Interest	-7.2	-6.3	-1.4	6.7
Tax	-2.8	-26.3	-56.4	-73.4
NPAT (reported)	197.6	61.3	131.7	171.3
NPAT	197.6	61.3	131.7	171.3
EBITDA Margin	-15%	31%	42%	47%
EV/EBITDA	-24.0x	4.4x	2.3x	1.9x
EPS	0.77	0.24	0.51	0.66
EPS Growth	0	-69%	115%	30%
PER	2.1x	6.8x	3.2x	2.4x
Dividend Per Share	2.1%	0.04	J.2 A	2.47
Dividend Yield	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Cash Flow A\$m	2024a	2025e	2026e	2027e
Cash Receipts	134.9	359.5	515.8	560.3
Cash paid to suppliers & employees	-123.2	-248.5	-301.4	-298.6
Tax Paid	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Net Interest	-4.2	-6.3	-1.4	6.7
Other	0.0	-18.0	0.0	0.0
Operating Cash Flow	7.5	86.7	213.0	268.4
Proceeds/payments from sale/purchases	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Capex	-17.8	-39.1	-46.4	-41.7
Other	-5.9	0.0	0.0	0.0
Investing Cash Flow	-23.7	-39.1	-46.4	-41.7
Debt Drawdown (repayment)	14.6	16.7	-10.6	-41.7
Share capital	0.0	0.0	-10.8	-0.0
Dividends	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Financing Expenses	-1.9	0.0	0.0	0.0
Financing Cash Flow	12.6	16.7	-10.6	-8.6
Opening Cash	9.6	7.0	71.2	227.2
Increase / (Decrease) in cash	-3.6	64.2	156.0	218.0
FXImpact	0.6	0.0	0.0	0.0
Closing Cash	6.6	71.2	227.2	445.2
Op. Cashflow/Share	\$0.03	\$0.34	\$0.83	\$1.04
P/CF	56.0x	4.8x	2.0x	1.6x
FCF	-16.2	47.5	166.6	226.7
FCF Yield	-3.9%	11.3%	39.8%	54.1%
Balance Sheet A\$m	2024a	2025e	2026e	2027e
Cash + S/Term Deposits	7.0	71.2	227.2	445.2
Receivables	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8
Other current assets	34.0	34.0	34.0	34.0
Current Assets	50.8	115.0	270.9	489.0
Property, Plant & Equip.	96.8	118.9	140.4	158.4
Investments	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other Non-current Assets	241.4	215.1	158.6	85.2
Payables	34.4	16.4	16.4	16.4
Short Term Debt	29.7	0.0	0.0	0.0
Long Term Debt	10.8	57.2	46.6	38.0
Other Liabilities	66.4	66.4	66.4	66.4
Net Assets	247.7	309.0	440.7	612.0
Shareholders Funds	727.3	727.3	727.3	727.3
Reserves	58.3	58.3	58.3	58.3
	-537.9	-476.6	-344.9	-173.7
Retained Earnings Total Equity	-537.9 247.7	309.0	440.7	612.0

16% 33.5 14% 8% 19% -14.0 -5% -3%

Source: Company Reports, Canaccord Genuity estimates

11% -180.6 -41% -43% 6% -407.2

-67% -97%



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Date and time of first dissemination: May 01, 2025, 02:01 ET

Date and time of production: May 01, 2025, 02:01 ET

# Target Price / Valuation Methodology:

Andean Silver Limited - ASL

Our valuation of ASL is based on a risked NPV10% for Cerro Bayo. We note, any restart of Cerro Bayo is subject to studies (targeted for 2025), so our assumed production scenario is notional in nature and is loosely based on a technical report (NI 43-101, commissioned by Mandalay in 2017) and discussions with management, overlaid with our pricing and discount rate assumptions.

Kingsgate Consolidated Limited - KCN

Our price target for KCN is based on a risked NPV5% for Chatree. Our assumed production scenario is largely based on the company's existing LOMP and discussions with management, overlaid with our pricing and discount rates.

#### **Risks to achieving Target Price / Valuation:**

Andean Silver Limited - ASL

#### **Financing risks**

As MMC seeks to re-start Cerro Bayo, there is a risk that additional external funding may be required (via equity or debt markets) to assist with its working capital requirements. Furthermore, accurate estimates of capital costs for the project remain subject to completion of feasibility studies, which may see capital requirements exceed our model assumptions. There is no guarantee that studies will result in a positive investment decision for the project.

#### **Exploration risks**

Exploration is subject to several risks and can require a high rate of capital expenditure. Risks can also be associated with conversion of inferred resources and lack of accuracy in the interpretation of geochemical, geophysical, drilling and other data. No assurances can be given that exploration will delineate further mineral Resources nor that the company will be able to convert the current mineral resource into minable Reserves.

#### **Commodity price and currency fluctuations**

The company is looking to be a near-term silver and gold producer and will therefore be exposed to commodity price and currency fluctuations, often driven by macro-economic forces including inflationary pressure, interest rates and supply and demand of commodities. These factors are external and could reduce the profitability, costing and prospective outlook for the business.

#### **Operating risks**

If Cerro Bayo restarts successfully, it will be subject to risks such as plant/equipment breakdowns, metallurgical (meeting design recoveries within a complex flowsheet), materials handling and other technical issues. An increase in operating costs could reduce the profitability and free cash generation from its operating asset considerably and negatively impact valuation. Further, the actual characteristics of an ore deposit may differ significantly from initial interpretations which can also materially impact forecast production from original expectations.

Kingsgate Consolidated Limited - KCN

#### **Geopolitical risks**

Chatree is located in Thailand which is considered an emerging market. As such, KCN, through the Chatree Gold Mine, carries a higher degree of economic, political, social, legal and legislative risk. We saw this risk play out in practice when the Thai government revoked KCN's licence to operate Chatree in 2016. There is a risk this happens again, albeit we think this is unlikely given the actions by the new Thai government and KCN to remedy the situation.



#### **Financing risks**

As KCN continues to ramp up operations at Chatree, there is a risk that additional external funding may be required (via equity or debt markets) to assist with its working capital requirements.

#### **Exploration risks**

Exploration is subject to several risks and can require a high rate of capital expenditure. Risks can also be associated with conversion of inferred resources and lack of accuracy in the interpretation of geochemical, geophysical, drilling and other data. No assurances can be given that exploration will delineate further mineral Resources nor that the company will be able to convert the current mineral resource into minable Reserves, noting our base case mineable inventory is underpinned by Reserves only.

#### **Operating risks**

Companies in production will be subject to risks such as plant/equipment breakdowns, metallurgical (meeting design recoveries within a complex flowsheet), materials handling and other technical issues. An increase in operating costs could reduce the profitability and free cash generation from its operating asset considerably and negatively impact valuation. Further, the actual characteristics of an ore deposit may differ significantly from initial interpretations which can also materially impact forecast production from original expectations.

#### **Commodity price and currency fluctuations**

The company as a gold producer is exposed to commodity price and currency fluctuations, often driven by macro-economic forces including inflationary pressure, interest rates and supply and demand of commodities. These factors are external and could reduce the profitability, costing and prospective outlook for the business.

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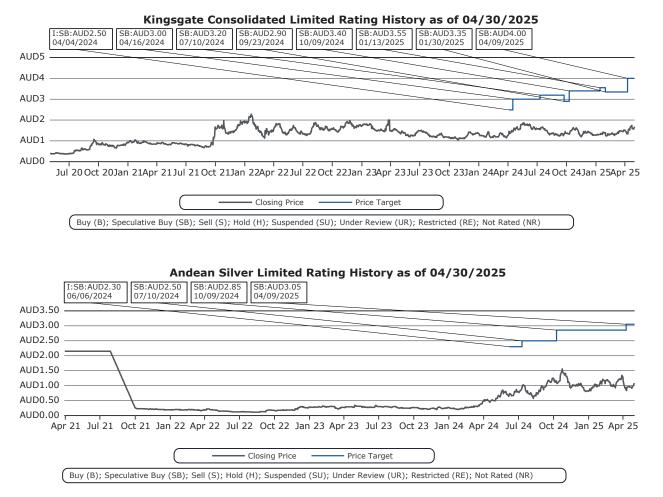
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