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AML3D

Research Framework with Deakin University IFM

AML3D Ltd (ASX:AL3) was established in 2014 to commercialise WAM® (Wire Additive Manufacturing), an additive manufacturing technology for the cost-effective production of large, high-performance metal components and structures. AL3 listed on the ASX in April 2020 at \$0.20/share, raising \$9m, and raised an additional \$7m in October 2020 to hasten the commercialisation programme. The company has established a contract manufacturing facility in Adelaide, is establishing a similar facility in Singapore and is making progress with customers for the proprietary ARCEMY® WAM® modules which are capable of manufacturing items up to 6m long – a significant increase in scale relative to most competing technologies. The company has announced a significant partnership agreement with Deakin University to develop advanced alloys feedstocks for AL3's Wire Additive Manufacturing process. We believe this is a further step in the process of enabling access to 3D printing for large-scale objects in a broader range of applications and industries.

Business model

AML3D generates revenue from contract manufacturing of components using its WAM process; sales of the ARCEMY® WAM® modules; and licencing revenue from these sales after the first year. The company has a manufacturing facility in Adelaide, additional capacity under development in Singapore and a strong level of interest in machine purchases due to the possibilities that large-scale use of the WAM® technology delivers.

Partnership development of alloy feedstocks for WAM

AL3 and Deakin University's Institute for Frontier Materials have signed a framework agreement to partner in the development of new alloys, purpose developed for additive manufacturing. The agreement potentially broadens the addressable market for AL3's large-scale additive manufacturing process (WAM), adding new industries and most importantly enabling the company to effectively address new applications such as maintenance and repair. The new alloys are expected to deliver high-strength wire for printing with limited need for post-processing - further improving the speed and economics of large-scale 3D printing as an alternative manufacturing and repair process. This agreement enables both development of new applications for WAM and likely subsequent supply of specific input materials to customers by AL3. These opportunities enhance the AL3 business case and are included in our current valuation estimates.

Base case DCF valuation of \$71m with upside to \$124m

We use the discounted cashflow methodology to value AML3D due to the company's early stage of development. Negative free cashflow was reported in 2021 and is expected in 2022 and 2023. We expect strong free cash generation thereafter. Using a WACC of 11.1% (Beta 1.5 vs measured Beta of 0.21, terminal growth rate of 2.2%) we derive an equity value of \$71m or \$0.475/share on the current issued capital of 150.4m shares. Our base case is premised on announced agreements and customer interest levels with a conservative conversion rate of customer inquiries to manufacturing and machine sales. We have additionally modelled a better and worse profile of future sales based on estimates of market penetration over time. We feel there is considerable upside possible in this valuation with our high valuation at \$0.829/share. A full discussion of our valuation is available in our recent initiation report Additive manufacturing matures.

Historical earnings and RaaS Advisory estimates (in A\$m)

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Year end	Total Revenue	Gross Profit (A\$m)	EBITDA	NPAT	EPS	EV/Sales
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06/20a	0.3	0.2	(3.2)	(3.2)	n.a.	46.6
06/21a	0.6	0.3	(5.1)	(5.5)	(3.8)	23.6
06/22e	3.7	1.2	(3.2)	(2.8)	(1.7)	5.2
06/23e	7.7	3.1	(1.4)	(1.6)	(1.0)	3.0
Source: Com	pany data, RaaS Adv	visory estimates for	FY22e and FY23e			

19th October 2021

Share details	
ASX code	AL3
Share price (18 Oct)	\$0.165
Market capitalisation	\$24.8M
Shares on issue	150.4M
Net cash at 30 June	\$7.3M
Free float	~54%

Share price performance (12-months)



Upside Case

- Strong consumer interest leads to machine orders
- Current trial product deliveries convert to manufacturing contracts
- First-mover advantage is maintained through R&D

Downside Case

- Slow conversion of customers
- Further delays in expansion due to COVID
- Product trials do not convert to sales

Catalysts

- Announcement of additional machine sales
- Ratification of test parts supplied to potential customers (e.g., Boeing)
- Manufacturing orders following ratification
- AGM 19th November 2021

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