Houston Hilbun

FCX - Does the volatility of this industry mean we should buy only a little FCX?

Michael Kozemchak

**FCX** – Regarding Global Economic Stability and how it is a major factor in influencing the volatility of the energy/mining market. . . how is it a factor? What type of economy do the energy and mining markets like?

Andrew Hockey

FCX – Since FCX is so sensitive to economic momentum, where do you see the company in the next 3-5 years given the current direction of non-US economies, particularly Europe and China?

Jordan Fuentes

**FCX:** Just my opinion, but this is going to the IAC committee, spell out THROUGH, and DO NOT use THRU. Regarding falling inventories and demand decrease in China: doesn’t this mean that the price would decrease? Sure, the inventories are falling, but so is demand, doesn’t that just lead to stagnation, to a point?

Christian LANG

* **Freeport-McMoran (FCX)**

It is recommended in your report that you want to buy FCX stocks. Isn’t it to insecure to invest in them due to the fact that the mining industry is so volatile as well as the slow economic growth in China?

Is it still a good idea to buy FCX, if the demand of oil in the emerging economies is decreasing as well as the demand in the USA due to more energy efficient vehicles?

James A. Dominguez

**Freeport-McMoran (FCX):**

You mentioned that FCX’s diversifications may not be tremendous since the oil and gas industry is influenced strongly by the global economies in the same way that the metals industries are. With that said, how can FCX diversify themselves so that the company will not buckle if both the metal and gas industries witness markets issues at the same time?

Also, how can FCX prepare itself in case its competitors partner up? What can the company do to remain relevant in such a market if this is to happen?

John Cordova

**Freeport-McMoran (FCX)**

You mentioned FCX recently diversified its portfolio by investing in oil and gas. With the recent oversupply of oil, do you think this will have a negative impact on its stock price?

Armin Triendl

# Freeport-­‐McMoran (FCX):

Is it a good thing that this company is focusing on materials that eventually will run out and also diversify in the oil and gas sector that is already saturated with companies. Would it make more sense to look into alternative energies in order to not be as depended on materials? Also potential mining accidents as happened in the past might shut down copper, metals, etc. production. Seems like a volatile company for an investment time frame of 3-­‐5 years.

Stefanie Stebegg

# Freeport-­‐McMoran (FCX)

Chinas economy is slowing down a little bit. But also 40% of the demand for copper comes from China. Therefore, what do you think is the demand for copper in China within the next few years?

Within the first quarter in the year 2014 there was this headline that Indonesia has created a ban of exports for copper. Do you think this is one of the reasons why Freeport-­‐McMoran has a decrease in their revenues?

Antonio Trujillo

FCX

 The Grasberg Mine seems to have a history of incidents, what is the company doing to stabilize the area, prevent strikes, accidents etc.?

Tyler Victor

* Freeport McMoRan
	+ With such a large portion of the demand for copper coming from China, and a Chinese economy that is expected to be slow, how will this not continue to drive down the company’s stock price?

Katherine Hollingsworth

Freeport McMoRan (FCX)

What is the likelihood of Freeport’s competitors acquiring other companies or merging?

China consumes 45% of the world’s copper but their economy and real estate market (where a lot of copper is consumed) are slowing. FCX has diversified by entering into oil and gas but commodities are down, this is a difficult short-term run for Freeport and investors are bailing. Knowing what you’ve done due diligence about both industries and the economy, how long do investors have to wait out the dry spell to see long term gains? Will that change happen within a year? 3 years? How financially prepared is Freeport to survive this period until commodity prices go up?

Taha Majbar

Freeport-McMoran:

How can you explain the fact that the end of the strike in Indonesia did not influence the stock price of the company?

What is the company doing to manage the risk factors that you mentioned in the report, namely the dependence on the demand from China?

Gabriel Aragon

**Freeport-McMoran:** Due to the volatility in the industry, are you recommending holding it for an extended period? Or merely until the peak of the next boom?

Jeffrey Alberti

Freeport-McMoRan:

* I do not understand the point you are trying to make regarding China. You say that China has given indication of economic slowing and then act like you are providing contrary information to that point by mentioning its plummeting PMI data, when in fact this just provides support for the statement that their economy is slowing. Then in the following paragraph you say that “stagnant indicators” for China is a good thing because it will help put upward pressure on copper prices, but how could a stagnating China be a good thing when you say that they are responsible for 40% of the world’s demand for copper? So I guess what I am asking for is simply some clarification- Is China’s economy stagnating and is this a good or bad thing in the context of FM’s business operations and future outlook?

John Kapuranis

2. Freeport-McMoran (FCX):

 FCX's valuation is really good and holding a strong market dominance in copper mining, but will the strike and new management hurt the company as a whole from what happened following the death of 4 workers on September. 27th?

Justin Fouts

1. Freeport-McMoran (FCX) – You stated throughout your written report that Freeport-McMoran is heavily tied to the health and strength of the economy, yet didn’t give me any reasons to believe this will be the case in the near future. Especially with quantitative easing taking effect, why would the next 2-3 years be significant growth years in the economy?

David Trimmer

Freeport McMoran:

China is the biggest manufacturing country in the world now, and its growth rate has been slowing lately. Do you feel like China’s slowing growth is going to cause any slowing in growth for FMM?

Dylan Gregory

**II.** **FreePort-McMoran (FCX) Buy, to Robert Quinlan & Zach Carter:**

Is the Copper commodity market correlated to FreePort-McMoran earning potential, if so do you anticipate demand for Copper to rise in the future?

Is FreePort-McMoran earning potential liked to China’s economy, since China is the biggest consumer of Copper? If so do you anticipate China’s economy to grow thereby stimulating business for FreePort-McMoran?

*“The price of copper is down… however reduction in inventories coupled with stagnant indicators for China and the U.S. economy improving... might put upward pressure on the price of copper going forward.”*

*http://www.unm.edu/~maj/Security%20Analysis/Fall%202014%20Analyst%20Reports/FCX.pdf*

*“Copper prices have been melting down… Shanghai-traded copper futures fell… hitting their lowest level since July 2009.” “Copper prices took a beating Friday after China’s first domestic bond default, and Chinese exports demand plummeted.”*

*http://www.businessinsider.com/why-copper-prices-have-been-falling-2014-3*

*“Copper prices… falling trace back to China. China is the major culprit for the price drop, as the country is one of the metals biggest customers.”*

*http://blogs.marketwatch.com/thetell/2014/03/12/chinas-role-in-coppers-collapse-why-investors-should-care/*

*-Recently Copper futures hit their lowest level since 2009, indicating bear market conditions.*

*-It appears Copper commodity price to be correlated to China, since China is the main customer for the commodity.*

Jacob Mast

* Freeport-McMoran (FCX): What background does the company have that puts them in a position to succeed with the newly added oil segment?