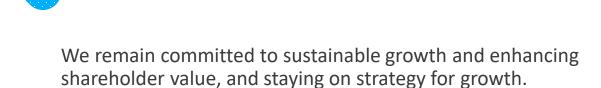


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CEO Message

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The fundamentals in the Indonesian market remains strong and even a period of lasting lower realised prices should be manageable for Geo Energy due to a strong balance sheet and competitive low mining costs.

The Group maintained existing cash balance of over US\$200 million as at 31 December 2018 for investment in new coal assets and businesses and for working capital. Barring any unforeseen circumstances, we believe in continuing our growth momentum and staying on strategy for sustainable growth in the years ahead.

We continue to remain focused on our strategic objectives in 2019:

- Continue monitoring market opportunities and optimising business value
- Actively assessing and implementing cost reduction measures
- Strengthening our capital position; and
- Returning value to shareholders

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The Group's operations are primarily located in Indonesia. It is a coal mining specialist with an established track record in the operation of coal mining sites for the purpose of coal production and coal sales since 2008. It owns major mining concessions and coal mines in East and South Kalimantan, Indonesia.

Investing in Environment, Social, Governance ("ESG") is important and much emphasis is now given by asset managers and investors on their investments in companies. We believe in creating sustainable value through good ESG practices and corporate governance, including building of schools, bridges and local infrastructure for communities, cattle and livestock breeding, scholarships, bursaries and support for the National Cancer Centre to raise awareness and support of cancer research.

Geo Energy was ranked 35th in the Corporate Governance and Transparency Index 2018, placed amongst the top listed companies. Our Board, including Independent Director Mr. Jim Rogers, together with the management team, have worked closely in maintaining a high standard of corporate governance.

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2018 Happenings and Awards

Geo Energy signed the Life of Mine Coal Offtake ("Offtake"), multi-year prepayment facility and trade finance with Macquarie Bank Limited ("Macquarie") for its TBR coal mine, together with a 5% equity investment in the Group.



Creative Awards 2018

Win GOLD at Hermes Creative Awards 2018 for the best design of our Annual Report 2017 – "The Year That Transformed Geo Energy"

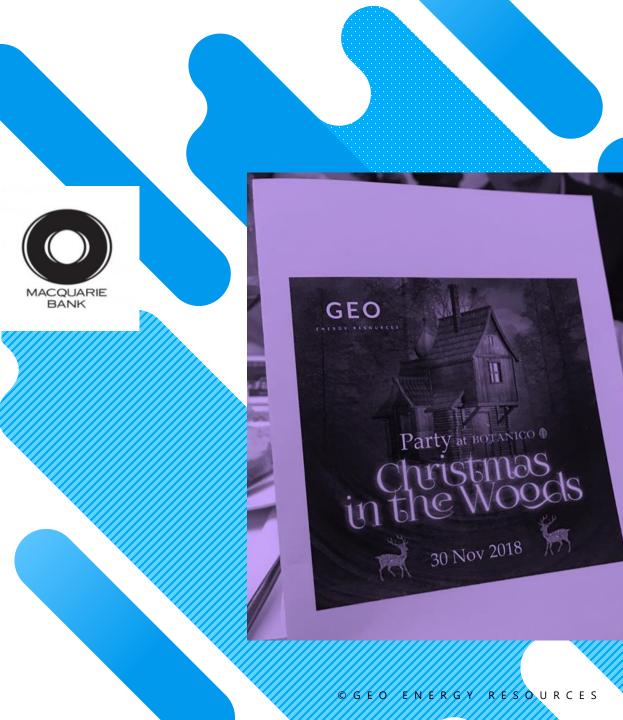


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Our People

Our leaders have invaluable experience in the coal mining and commodities industry, investment, and corporate finance to drive growth to meet strategic objectives to create value for our stakeholders. (Please refer to the Board of Directors profile in the Annual Report)



Charles Antonny Melati Executive Chairman/Director







Jim Rogers Independent Director



Our Vision

- Top 10 Coal Producer in Indonesia
- More than 10% Market Share in the 4200 GAR Coal Internationally
- More than 150Mt coal reserves
- ROE in excess of 20% with expansion of business

What are our Competitive Strengths?

- Leadership
- Superior asset characteristics
- Low cash cost
- Low cash requirement with strong source of liquidity from prepayment option







What are our Challenges?

- Small scale of operations
- Geographical concentration

What are our Risks?

- Coal price fluctuations
- Operational risks
- Regulatory risks

What is our Strategy for Sustainable Growth?

- Sales ramp-up
- M&A and investments







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The Group's results were impacted by the weaker coal price in 2018 and higher production costs in the first 9 months of the year, resulting in a loss of US\$5 million for 4Q2018. We adjusted our coal production in 4Q2018 to a lower coal production volume due to weaker coal prices, achieving a total of 7.9 million tonnes of coal production for the 12 months ended 31 December 2018 compared to our 2018 planned production and sakes of 8-9 million tonnes (which was revised previously for the later start of the TBR coal mine production during the year). The coal that we do not mine will remain underground. We will be able to deliver a greater value for our stakeholders when the market conditions improve.

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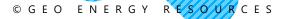
Key Highlights

- Revenue decreased by 5% from US\$316 million in 2017 to US\$299 million in 2018 due to lower volume of coal sold. The Group sold 7.1 million tonnes of coal in 2018, compared to 7.7 million tonnes sold in 2017. During 2018, SDJ coal mine sold 6.7 million tonnes of coal while TBR coal mine sold 0.4 million tonnes mainly to the Indonesian domestic coal market. The Group adjusted to a lower production volume due to weaker coal prices but will be ready to ramp up quickly when market conditions improve.
- The Group achieved an Average Selling Price ("ASP") of US\$42.08 per tonne for 2018, higher than US\$40.29 per tonne in 2017. The increase of 2018 ASP was mainly driven by our pricing which is based on the average index prices of 3 and 4 weeks prior to laycan shipment date and higher coal prices in the first 9 months of 2018.



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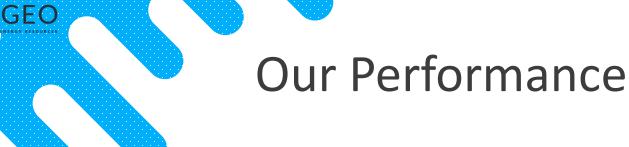
- Cash profit for coal mining in 2018 was an average of US\$11.28 per tonne compared to an average of US\$12.74 per tonne in 2017. This was mainly due to increased cost of production linked to higher coal prices for the first 9 months of 2018. Average production cash costs increased from US\$27.55 per tonne in 2017 to US\$30.80 per tonne in 2018. During the year, the cost was partially offset by lower stripping ratio of SDJ coal mine from 3.7 in 2017 to 2.9 in 2018.
- The Group achieved a net profit of US\$18 million and an underlying net profit of US\$36 million in 2018, a decrease of 51% and 25% respectively compared to 2017. This was mainly due to (1) lower volume of coal sold, (2) the steep fall in prices in November driven by policies in China restricting imports of seaborne thermal coal in November and December 2018, (3) higher production costs and (4) higher interests cost on the USD Senior Notes of US\$24 million. G&A Expenses remains at around S\$12 million.





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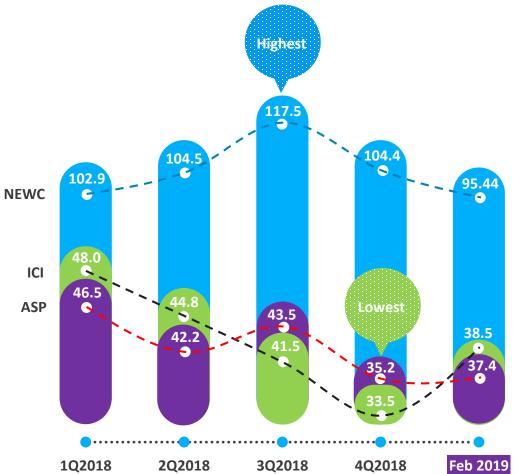
- A final dividend of S\$0.004 per share as our commitment to deliver returns to shareholders. Including the interim dividend of S\$0.01 paid on 5 September 2018 (2017: S\$0.02 paid), this implies a dividend yield of 7.4% based on the closing price of S\$0.19 on 27 February 2019.
- The Group targets production and sales of at least 8 million tonnes of coal for both SDJ and TBR in 2019 based on the production quota received. We will be reviewing the RKAB in 6 months to increase the production quota with the Indonesian mining authorities, if needed.
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Market Price Analysis

US\$33-48/mt

The average ICI price for 4,200 GAR coal was US\$33.48 per tonne in 4Q2018, down from US\$41.50 per tonne in 3Q2018 and US\$45.69 in 4Q2017. The Group recorded an Average Selling Price ("ASP") of US\$35.16 per tonne for 4Q2018, lower than US\$42.40 per tonne in 4Q2017. The higher ASP compared to the ICI price was due to our pricing based on the average index prices of 3 and 4 weeks prior to laycan shipment date. A higher discount from the Newcastle benchmark has contributed to the pressure. The Newcastle index reflects the selling price of high-quality coal (meaning coal with a gross calorific value--GAR--of 6,300 kilocalories per kilogram). The price reached US\$107/mt on average in 2018, compared with US\$88/mt in 2017.



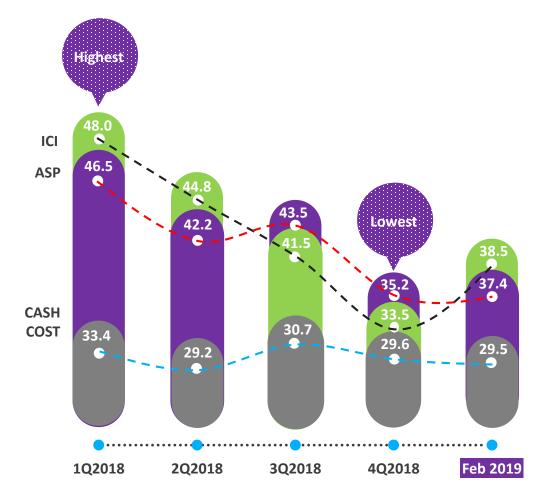


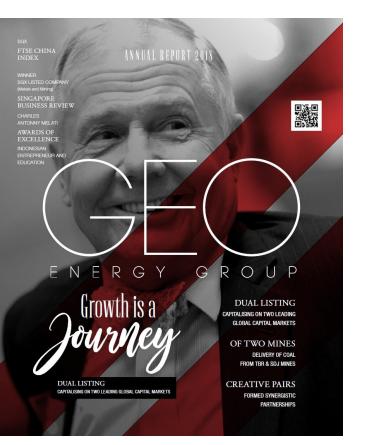
Cash Profit Analysis

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US\$6-13/mt

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Non-current Assets

Non-current assets increased to US\$282.5 million, mainly due to increases in deferred stripping costs by US\$50.0 million (prestripping cost upon commencement of production at the TBR coal mine), deposits and prepayments by US\$19.2 million (due to advance payment for provision of integrated coal mining support and infrastructure services).

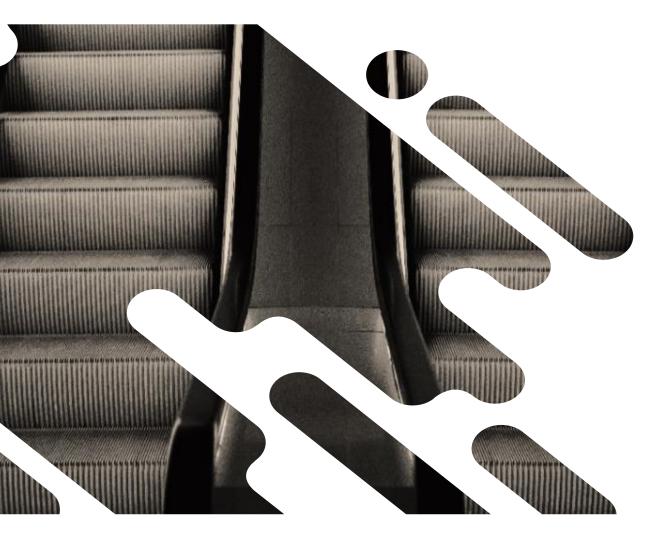
Non-current Liabilities

Non-current liabilities of US\$297.8 million mainly comprise the US\$300 million Senior Notes issued in October 2017.



US\$174m Net Assets





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 Steady coal price and cost control to drive earnings performance

- Undemanding valuation, trading at high single digit PE
- Weaker IDR trend upside risk to our earning: forecast

Top pick : ADRO and ITMG

Margin to stay strong. Indonesia's coal mining stocks are set to continue their positive performance next year. Current coal prices will support coal miners' pricing contract negotiation for next year. Furthermore, coal miners' efficiencies strategy via developing their in house coal mining services expertise and capacity also to support earnings performance. Higher-thanexpected output target and weak IDR trend against US dollar are the key upside drivers for our earnings forecast.

Coal price benchmark assumption retained at US\$75 per ton in FY19. We maintain our coal price benchmark assumption of US\$75 per ton in FY19 on steady supply-anddemand conditions. We also remain positive on coal prices in the long run, as we believe that China's proactive supply control will prevent the recurrence of any structural global coal oversupply.

Coking coal ventures (ADRO), dividend yields (ITMG) and

efficiencies (PTBA) not priced in. Adaro Energy (ADRO) spend US\$700-US\$900m in FY18 to expand its existing thermal coal businesses, and newly acquired coking coal business. We believe the investment will provide attractive returns to shareholder. Meanwhile, Indo Tambang (ITMG's) clean balance sheet and its intention to continue utiliang its high-margin concession will underpin its dividend streams going forward. On Bukit Asam (PTBA), railway capacity expansion and in house mining contracting to drive earnings growth and PTBA's share price valuation re-rating.

Retain our BUY for coal stocks and ADRO is our top pick

Coal miners offer positive earnings growth, double-digit profit margins and ROE in 2019, but trade at high single-digit Pr19 PE. However, low cost structure enable coal miners to deliver strong profitability ahead, in our view. Our top pick is ADRO, since we believe the share price underperformance relative to its coal mining peers will not sustain on lucrative earnings growth prospect.

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Adaro Energy : Indonesia second largest coal producer. It also has subsidiaries that operate in the mining contracting, barging and ship loading business

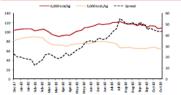
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Share Price Performance

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US\$ Bond Price Performance

For the aggressive as well as the defensive investor, what you don't do is as important to your success as what you do.

Geo Energy Resources Ltd. (B/Stable/--). S&P Global Rating Report, 13 February 2019

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Geo Coal International Pte. Ltd. provides coal mining and exploration services.

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S&P Global Ratings Report on 13 February 2019 Indonesian Coal Miners Could See Weaker Earnings In 2019

SINGAPORE (S&P Global Ratings) Feb. 13, 2019--S&P Global Ratings said today that the earnings and cash flows of Indonesian mining companies could come under strain in 2019 if pricing remains subdued for coal with low calorific value. Indonesia is a predominant producer of such coal, which saw pockets of pricing weakness late last year.

"A combination of negative news on the demand side, and Indonesia's evolving regulatory and competitive landscape underpins the current weakness in realized prices for a number of Indonesian miners," said S&P Global Ratings credit analyst Bertrand Jabouley. "While this will weigh on the industry in general, company-specific factors will primarily drive credit ratings instead."

A higher discount from the Newcastle benchmark has contributed to the pressure. The Newcastle index reflects the selling price of high-quality coal (meaning coal with a gross calorific value--GAR--of 6,300 kilocalories per kilogram). The price reached US\$108 per ton (/t) on average in 2018, compared with US\$88/t in 2017.

But, in parallel, the discount between higher and lower calorific content coals has been widening. For low-calorific value coal, S&P Global Platts Kalimantan 4,200 GAR average price stagnated between 2017 and 2018, and declined throughout 2018, from US47/t at the onset of the year to US30/t in late December. There was a similar downward trend for the Kalimantan 5,000 GAR.

Indonesian coal exports are also under pressure in two key markets: China and India. China, the world's leading producer and one of the largest importers of thermal coal, is currently restricting imports. This means the size of China's domestic coal production determines how much coal the country needs to import to serve essentially its power sector. It is unclear how soon China will relax those import limits. India's import growth decelerated toward the end of 2018, too. India's overall inclination for higher-quality coal imports seems to have increased, given that constraints from port and railway logistics limit its import volumes.

In addition, Indonesia-imposed domestic market obligations (DMO) requirements could weigh on realized prices. The DMO policy requires coal-mining firms to sell at least 25% of their production in the domestic market and cap the selling price for state-owned electricity firm <u>PT Perusahaan Listrik Negara</u> (<u>Persero</u>) (BBB-/Stable/--), with different applicable caps depending on calorific content. DMO sales reached only 21.7% of domestic production in 2018, and a number of coal miners could not meet their DMO requirement. Even though the lower-than-expected DMO allocation fulfilled national needs, the Ministry of Energy and Mineral Resources could impose sanctions on these non-compliant companies by reducing their production quota in 2019.

We believe lasting lower realized prices should be manageable for <u>PT Bavan</u> <u>Resources Tbk.</u> (B+/Stable/--) and <u>Geo Energy Resources Ltd.</u> (B/Stable/--). On Sept. 30, 2018, Bayan was in a US\$145 million net cash position, with minimal debt levels of US\$24 million. Such a strong balance sheet protects the company

US\$ Bond Price Performance

Geo Energy Resources Ltd. (B/Stable/--). On Sept. 30, 2018, Geo Energy's net debt was manageable at US\$55 million; yet it has substantial gross debt of close to US\$300 million. The company has an ample cash buffer, and multiple years before a potential put option on its bond in 2021 or maturity in late 2022; so we do not foresee rating pressure for the time being, barring any large acquisition with no commensurate cash flows.



We have to seize the opportunity to transform Geo Energy.

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