

## Hyperion Exploration

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**BUY, High Risk\***

12-month target price: C\$1.65 (was \$1.90)

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### Gathering Steam Through the Fourth Quarter

Market Information (C\$)			
Market Cap (MM)			\$60.0
Basic Shares (MM)			54.2
F.D. Shares (MM)			72.3
52-week High/Low			\$1.05-\$2.00
3-Month Avg Daily Trading Vol			104,235
Potential Return			99%
Financial Data			
FYE: Dec. 31	2010A	2011E	2012E
Crude Oil (\$US/bbl)	\$79.51	\$92.50	\$88.00
NYMEX (\$US/mcf)	\$4.37	\$4.35	\$4.50
Exchange (\$US/Cdn)	\$0.97	\$0.98	\$1.02
Oil/Liquids (bbl/d)	47	526	1,182
Gas (mmcf/d)	0.4	2.9	4.1
boe/d (6:1)	112	1,013	1,869
% Natural Gas	58%	48%	37%
Cash Flow (MM)	-\$0.2	\$8.9	\$19.1
CFPS (FD)	\$0.00	\$0.13	\$0.26
Net Debt YE (MM)	-\$5.1	\$12.2	\$21.1
Valuation			
	2010A	2011E	2012E
P/NAV	66%		
EV/DACF		8.1x	4.1x
EV/Production (boe/d)		\$71,295	\$43,400
Price/CFPS		6.4x	3.1x
Net Debt/CF		1.4x	1.1x

Led by higher than expected oil production, Hyperion's third quarter results came in above expectations. Production for the quarter rose 11% with oil volumes rising nearly 30% and driving a 14% increase in quarter over quarter cash flow. Operating activity for the quarter continued to be focused on Hyperion's Cardium plays with 3 (2.6 net) Cardium horizontal wells drilled with an additional 3 (2.6 net) wells expected to be drilled in the fourth quarter. With Hyperion's 3 (2.6 net) third quarter Cardium horizontal program all performing above our type-curve expectations, we believe the company is on track to easily meet (and possibly exceed) their 2011 exit guidance of 1,500 boe/d.

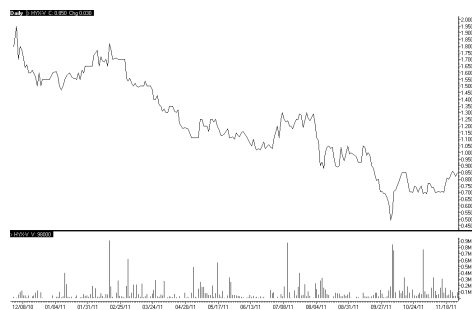
We continue to believe Hyperion offers investors inexpensive access to a strong balance sheet, increasing oil exposure and an unbooked 2011 Cardium drilling program. Given the strong third quarter financial and operating results, we are maintaining our BUY recommendation. As a result of a change to our target price calculation methodology (from a 100% roll-up NAV method) to an equally weighted roll-up NAV and 5.0 times 2012E EV/DACF we are reducing our target price to \$1.65 from \$1.90.

#### Third Quarter Results and Outlook:

- Production for the quarter averaged 1,050 boe/d (54% liquids) led by crude oil volumes which increased nearly 30% as a result of 2 (100% working interest) Garrington horizontal Cardium wells being placed on stream late in the quarter.
- As a result of non-recurring operating expenses, operating costs (including transportation) for the quarter increased 18% to \$14.39/boe. Excluding these extraordinary items, operating costs were \$11.20/boe. We expect go forward operating costs of \$12.20/boe, in line with company guidance.
- Capital expenditures for the quarter totaled \$11.4 million and included the drilling of 3 (2.6 net) horizontal Cardium wells. We estimate a fourth quarter capital program of \$15 million that will include the drilling and completion of 2 (2.0 net) horizontal Cardium wells at Pembina and the spudding of 1 (0.6 net) horizontal Cardium wells at Buck Lake.
- Hyperion exited the third quarter with net debt of \$0.6 million on an \$18 million credit facility (\$24 million if you include the acquisition line) suggesting the company has maintained a significant amount of financial flexibility. We estimate the company will exit 2011 with roughly \$12 million in net debt representing 1.4 times D/CF and 67% facility utilization.
- The company reiterated their 2011 guidance that includes average 2011 production of 950 boe/d (52% liquids); exit production of 1,500 boe/d (67% liquids) and operating costs of \$12.20/boe (including transportation).

Source: See Note 1

#### HYX: Price/Volume Chart



Source: Thomson ONE

#### Company Description

Hyperion Exploration is a junior oil and gas producer offering light oil exposure through a Cardium oil focused asset base. The company is well capitalized to carry out an active drilling program that has the potential to add significant growth to both production and reserves.

**Operational Update:****2011 Cardium Horizontal Program**

- All 3 (2.6 net) wells drilled during the third quarter continue to perform above our Cardium horizontal type curve assumptions with the Garrington 09-27 location performing the best to date.
- The company has drilled and completed 2 (2.0 net) Pembina Cardium horizontal wells in the fourth quarter with expectations to have the wells producing by mid December. Both wells were completed with a 20-stage slick water completion method.
- It is currently expected that Hyperion's second Buck Lake well (0.6 net) will spud late in the fourth quarter and be placed on production early 2012. The well was originally expected to be on production in the fourth quarter but given the positive results from the third quarter Cardium drilling program the company has elected to push this well into the New Year while maintaining their production guidance.

**Exhibit 1: Cardium Results to Date - Outperforming Our Type-Curves**

Cardium Play	Well Location	Well Status	Completion Method	IP(30)			Dundee Type Curve	
				IP(14) (boe/d)	IP(30) (boe/d)	% Oil (%)	(boe/d)	(% Oil)
Garrington	08-27-033-03W5	Producing	Foam	310	282	89%	180	80%
Garrington	09-27-033-03W5	Producing	Slick Water	744	498	89%	180	80%
Buck Lake	04-16-045-05W5	Testing	Slick Water	483	374	58%	175	75%
Buck Lake	05-16-045-05W5	Q4/11 Spud	Slick Water	N/A	N/A	N/A	175	75%
Pembina	04-24-050-10W5	Equipping	Slick Water	N/A	N/A	N/A	275	85%
Pembina	05-24-050-10W5	Equipping	Slick Water	N/A	N/A	N/A	275	85%

Source: Company Reports, Dundee Securities

**Exhibit 2: Third Quarter Summary**

Hyperion Exploration	Q3/11	Q2/11	% Change
<b>Production</b>			
Crude Oil and NGL's (bbl/d)	572	442	29%
Natural Gas (mmcf/d)	2.9	3.0	(5%)
boe/d	1,050	943	11%
% Gas	46%	53%	(14%)
<b>Wellhead Prices</b>			
Crude Oil and NGL's (\$/bbl)	\$84.68	\$87.86	(4%)
Natural Gas (\$/mcf)	\$3.89	\$4.23	(8%)
<b>Financial</b>			
Gross Revenue (\$/boe)	\$56.76	\$54.72	4%
Royalties (\$/boe)	-\$12.05	-\$8.11	49%
Operating Costs (\$/boe)	-\$12.79	-\$10.82	18%
Transport (\$/boe)	-\$1.59	-\$1.38	16%
G&A (\$/boe)	-\$5.09	-\$9.39	(46%)
Cash Flow (\$/boe)	\$25.52	\$25.29	1%
Cash Flow per Share (fd)	\$0.03	\$0.04	(4%)
Debt / Cash Flow	0.1x	-1.0x	106%
Development Capex (\$mm)	\$11.4	\$1.9	499%
Weighted Avg Basic Shares (mm)	54.2	44.3	22%
Net Debt (\$mm)	\$0.6	(\$8.3)	107%

Source: Dundee Securities, Company reports

**Exhibit 3: Revised Dundee Forecasts**

	2011E			2012E		
	Pre	Revised	% Change	Pre	Revised	% Change
<b>Production</b>						
Crude Oil&NGL's (bbl)	515	526	2%	1,082	1,198	11%
Natural Gas (mmcf/d)	2.9	2.9	0%	3.7	4.1	11%
boe/d	1,003	1,013	1%	1,701	1,885	11%
% Gas	49%	48%	-1%	36%	36%	0%
<b>Financial</b>						
Revenue (\$/boe)	\$46.25	\$45.68	-1%	\$47.70	\$47.56	0%
Operating Costs (\$/boe)	(\$11.15)	(\$11.00)	-1%	(\$11.00)	(\$11.00)	0%
Cash Flow (\$/boe)	\$23.54	\$24.35	3%	\$28.32	\$29.12	3%
CFPS (FD)	\$0.13	\$0.13	4%	\$0.25	\$0.28	13%
D/CF	1.5x	1.3x	-9%	1.3x	1.0x	-24%
E&D Capex (\$mm)	\$33	\$33	-1%	\$28	\$28	0%

Source: Dundee Securities, Company reports

**Valuation and Target Price - Continues to trade at a discount**

Given Hyperion's conservative 2010 reserve bookings, we continue to believe the company offers investors a low risk and inexpensive entry point into a Cardium producer with material production and reserve upside. The company is in the midst of an active second half 2011 Cardium drilling program that we believe will provide a significant increase to their 2011 reserve report due in the New Year. Ultimately, we feel Hyperion's current discount to their NAV is unjustified and offers value investors an attractive entry point.

We calculate our \$1.65 target price using a combination of our risked Roll-Up valuation methodology (displayed in Exhibit 5), and a 5.0 times 2012E EV/DACF.

**Exhibit 4: Valuation Comparison**

		2011E		2012E	
		HYX	Juniors	HYX	Juniors
P/NAV*	%	66%	86%		
EV/DACF	times	8.1x	8.4x	4.1x	5.2x
P/CF	times	6.4x	6.3x	3.1x	4.1x
EV/boe/d	\$/boe/d	\$71,295	\$75,960	\$43,400	\$51,517
D/CF	times	1.4x	2.0x	1.1x	1.5x
D/CF w/o converts	times	1.4x	2.0x	1.1x	1.5x
Capex/Cash Flow	times	3.7x	3.2x	1.5x	1.4x

\* Year End 2010E Futures NAV

Source: Company Reports, Dundee Securities

**Exhibit 5: Risked Roll-up Summary**

Upside NAV Potential Program	IP Rate (boe/d)	Reserves / well (mboe)	# of Wells (Net #)	Futures NPV/well (\$mm)	Futures Total NPV (\$mm)	Risk Factor (%)	Total Value/Share (\$/share)
Pembina Cardium Oil (High Rate Well)							
2011	275	215	2.8	\$4.3	\$12.1	80%	\$0.17
2012	275	215	2.8	\$4.3	\$12.1	80%	\$0.17
Pembina Cardium Oil (Base Case Well)							
2011	175	140	0.0	\$2.4	\$0.0	80%	\$0.00
2012	175	140	0.0	\$2.4	\$0.0	80%	\$0.00
Buck Lake Cardium							
2011	175	155	1.2	\$2.6	\$3.1	80%	\$0.04
2012	175	155	1.8	\$2.6	\$4.7	80%	\$0.07
Garrington Cardium							
2011	180	190	2.0	\$1.8	\$3.6	80%	\$0.05
2012	180	190	2.0	\$1.8	\$3.6	80%	\$0.05
Niton Cardium							
2011	175	140	0.0	\$2.4	\$0.0	80%	\$0.00
2012	175	140	1.5	\$2.4	\$3.6	80%	\$0.05
<b>2010 Futures NAV</b>							<b>\$1.25</b>
<b>2011/2012 Upside Potential</b>							<b>\$0.60</b>
						<b>Potential Value at End of 2012</b>	<b>\$1.85</b>
<b>Total Remaining Inventory Value - less 2011/2012 locations</b>							<b>\$0.90</b>
<b>Full Development Potential Value</b>							<b>\$2.75</b>

Source: Company Reports, Dundee Securities

**Key Risks to Target Price**

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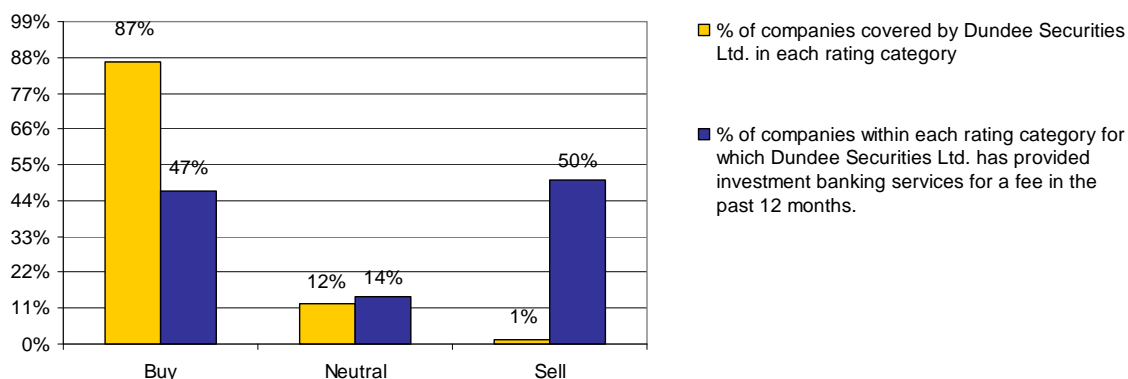
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