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# Lukoil Oil Company National Treasure

Symbol	(LKOD)	LUKOY	Ebitda Next Twelve Months ending 3/31/06 (US\$mm)	12,100				
Rating	· /	Buy	North American Natural Gas/Ebitda (%)	0				
Price (US\$/sh)		145.00	Natural Gas and Oil Production/Ebitda (%)	52				
Pricing Date		4/6/05	Adjusted Reserves/Production NTM	20.0				
Shares (mm)		209	EV/Ebitda	2.6				
Market Capitalization (US	(\$mm)	30,200	<i>PV/Ebitda</i>	3.7				
Debt (US\$mm)		1,500	Undeveloped Reserves (%)	40				
Enterprise Value (EV) (US	(\$mm)	31,700	Natural Gas and Oil Ebitda (US\$/boe)	9.84				
Present Value (PV) (US\$m	m)	44,900	Present Value Proven Reserves(US\$/boe)	2.32				
Net Present Value (US\$/sh	are)	208	Present Value Proven Reserves(US\$/mcfe)	0.39				
Debt/Present Value		0.03	Earnings Next Twelve Months (US\$/sh)	32.53				
McDep Ratio - EV/PV		0.71	Price/Earnings Next Twelve Months	4				
Dividend Yield (%/year)		2.4	Indicated Annual Dividend (US\$/sh)	3.44				
Note: Estimated cash flow and earnings tied to one-year futures prices for oil.								

Reported results may vary widely from estimates. Estimated present value per share revised only infrequently.

#### **Summary and Recommendation**

We continue to recommend purchase of the American Depositary Receipts of **Lukoil Oil Company (LUKOY)** as a leading equity participation in the unfolding value of Russian oil and gas. The demise of competitor Yukos seems to have had the indirect effect of strengthening the market recognition of the value of Russian oil. Lukoil appears to have taken great pains to act in line with the strategic interests of the Russian government and is likely to be an appreciated private entity in the optimal development of Russian energy resources. The company claims that recent disclosure of final reserves for 2004 place it second only to ExxonMobil, a somewhat exaggerated assertion, but a valid indicator nonetheless that the company's potential exceeds its stock price. The stock would appreciate 43% to reach our estimated present value of \$208 a share.

## No. 2 in Proven Reserves of Hydrocarbons?

Reporting 20.1 billion barrels equivalent of oil and gas reserves, Lukoil ranks just behind ExxonMobil at a reported 20.7 billions barrels (see table <u>Oil Production, Reserves and Present</u> <u>Value</u>). Though Lukoil's reserves are audited by U.S. engineer Miller and Lents, the estimates are made by Lukoil engineers according to the standards of the Society of Petroleum Engineers (SPE) rather than the cautious standards of the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission. SECbasis reserves may be half as much.

Lukoil's hydrocarbon reserves also include about 20% for natural gas that has little identifiable present value. That takes the Lukoil estimate down to about 40% of the ExxonMobil amount.

Finally, there is a steep excise tax on oil for export from Russia, and oil sold domestically draws a low price. As a result, Lukoil's estimated cash flow per barrel is less than 40% of that projected for XOM and its peers for the next twelve months. The last step helps explain a McDep Present Value estimate for Lukoil oil and gas reserves that is less than 16% of that for XOM.

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## **Oil Production, Reserves and Present Value**

	<u>Lukoil</u>	ExxonMobil
Production, 2004		
Oil (mmb)	630	941
Natural Gas (bcf)	228	3598
Oil Equivalent (mmb)	668	1541
R/P - Proven Developed		
Oil	16.9	7.3
Natural Gas	21.7	10.6
Oil Equivalent	17.2	8.6
Reserves, Proven Developed		
Oil (mmb)	10.65	6.86
Natural Gas (bcf)	4.96	38.20
Oil Equivalent (mmb)	11.48	13.23
Reserves, Undeveloped (%)		
Oil	33	36
Natural Gas	80	36
Oil Equivalent	43	36
Reserves, Total		
Oil (mmb)	16.0	10.8
Natural Gas (bcf)	24.6	59.3
Oil Equivalent (mmb)	20.1	20.7
Cash Flows (\$billions)		
Future Cash Flows	308	551
Future Costs	171	163
Future Net Cash Flows (pre-inc tax)	137	388
Discounting at 10%/year	87	189
Discounted Cash Flow (pre-inc tax)	50	199
McDep Present Value (\$billions)	32	230

All of the factors that deflate Lukoil's reserves also point to the opportunity. When Russia needs more investment from its own companies it will likely reduce the excise tax. As the economy grows, the discount for locally sold crude oil will likely narrow. Russian natural gas reserves are likely to play an increasing role supplying the global demand for clean fuel. The SPE standard indicates more likely future production while the SEC standard indicates minimum expectations.

## **Futures Point to Cash Flow Gains**

The outlook for future cash flow is up sharply from a few months ago as a result of recent oil price gains (see table <u>Next Twelve Months Operations</u>). Refining/marketing margins also appear unusually strong for the next twelve months.

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	Next Twelve Months Operations									
	Q3	Q4E 12/31/04	Year 2004E	Q1E 3/31/05	Q2E 6/30/05	Q3E 9/30/05	Q4E 12/31/05	Year 2005E	<i>QIE</i>	Next Twelve Months
V-h	9/30/04	12/31/04	2004E	3/31/05	6/30/05	9/30/05	12/31/05	2005E	3/31/06	3/31/06
Volume	150	150	(20)	156	150	1.50	150	(22	150	(22
Oil (mmb)	159	159	630	156	158	159	159	632	156	632
Oil (mbd)	1,730	1,732	1,727	1,732	1,732	1,732	1,732	1,732	1,732	1,732
Price										
Oil (\$/bbl)	42.00	49.20	41.44	40 44	56.95	50.02	50.25	56.14	50.11	58.31
WTI Cushing	43.89	48.30	41.44	49.44	56.85	59.03	59.25	56.14	58.11	
Lukoil export	36.52 7.83	40.18 5.90	34.37	41.14	47.30	49.11	49.30	46.74	48.35	48.52
NY Harbor 3-2-1 (\$/bbl)	/.83	5.90	8.56	6.22	12.53	12.25	10.57	10.39	11.40	11.69
Revenue (\$mm) Oil	5 012	C 402	21.004	6 412	7 155	7 0 25	7 955	20 546	7 526	20 (71
Oll Other	5,813	6,402 4,009	21,664	6,412	7,455	7,825	7,855	29,546	7,536	30,671
	4,009	,	13,179	4,009	4,009	4,009	4,009	16,038	4,009	16,038
Total	9,822	10,412	34,843	10,421	11,464	11,835	11,864	45,584	11,545	46,708
Expense	1 222	1 222	4 5 4 4	1 222	1 222	1 222	1 222	4.022	1 222	4 0 2 2
Fixed	1,233	1,233 4,074	4,544	1,233	1,233	1,233	1,233	4,932	1,233	4,932
Variable Other	3,699	,	14,008	4,080	4,743	4,980	4,998	18,801	4,795	19,516
	2,677	2,841	8,686	2,825	2,525	2,534	2,584	10,468	2,556	10,199
Ebitda (\$mm)	001	1.007		1 000	1 470	1 (12	1 (0)	<b>5</b> 01 4	1 500	(
Exploration and Production Other	881	1,096	3,112	1,099	1,478	1,613	1,624	5,814	1,508	6,223
Total Ebitda	1,332	1,168	4,493	1,184	1,484	1,476	1,425	5,570	1,453	5,839
	2,213	2,264	7,605	2,283	2,962	3,089	3,049	11,383	2,961	12,061
Exploration	38	38	163	38	38	38	38	152	38	152
Deprec., Deplet., & Amort.	292	292	1,098	292	292	292	292	1,168	292	1,168
Ebit	1,883	1,934	6,344	1,953	2,632	2,759	2,719	10,063	2,631	10,741
Interest	77	77	297	77	77	77	77	308	77	308
Ebt	1,806	1,857	6,047	1,876	2,555	2,682	2,642	9,755	2,554	10,433
Income Tax	397	650	1,719	657	894	939	925	3,414	894	3,652
Net Income (\$mm)										-
Exploration and Production	528	580	1,653	583	823	904	908	3,217	839	3,473
Other	871	618	2,640	628	826	827	797	3,077	809	3,258
Unallocated	10	9	34	9	12	13	13	47	12	50
Total	1,409	1,207	4,327	1,220	1,661	1,743	1,717	6,341	1,660	6,782
Shares (millions)	209	209	209	209	209	209	209	209	209	209
Per share (\$)	6.76	5.79	20.75	5.85	7.97	8.36	8.24	30.41	7.96	32.53
Ebitda Margin (E&P)	15%	17%	14%	17%	20%	21%	21%	20%	20%	20%
Tax Rate	22%	35%	28%	35%	35%	35%	35%	35%	35%	35%

#### Lukoil Oil Company Next Twelve Months Operations

## The More Cash Flow Can Be Sustained, the More It Is Worth

Our estimate of present value of \$208 a share in place for about a year now implies particularly low multiples of near-term cash flow (see table <u>Functional Cash Flow and Present Value</u>).

## Lukoil Functional Cash Flow and Present Value

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	NTM Ebitda <u>(US\$mm)</u>	Adjusted <u>R/P</u>	PV/ <u>Ebitda</u>	Present Value <u>(US\$mm)</u>	
Natural Gas					
Oil	6,200	20.0	5.1	31,900	71%
Downstream	5,900		2.2	13,000	29%
	12,100		3.7	44,900	100%
Debt (US\$mm)					1,500
Net Present Value (US\$mm)					43,400
Shares (mm)					209
Net Present Value (US\$/sh)					208

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## Buy Oil and Gas Producers at Mid Decade

Three to five-fold gain potential for oil and gas price over the next 5 to 13 years justifies investment in recommended oil and gas producers including LUKOY, in our opinion. Supporting improving prospects, the average futures prices of oil and gas for continuous delivery over the next six years are in a multi-year uptrend defined by the current quotes above the 40-week average. The recent benchmark oil average futures price for the next six years is more than \$53 a barrel. That is higher than the \$40 a barrel reflected in our current estimates of present value.

			Price			Net		
			(\$/sh)		Market	Present	Debt/	
	Symbol/		6-Apr	Shares	Cap	Value	Present	McDep
	Rating		2005	(mm)	(\$mm)	(\$/sh)	Value	Ratio
Producer/Refiners - Large Cap and								
Kinder Morgan, Inc.	KMI	S2	76.39	125	9,550	20.00	0.74	1.74
Imperial Oil Limited (30%)	IMO	В	77.62	105	8,190	64.00	0.11	1.19
Marathon Oil Corporation	MRO	В	48.39	347	16,810	42.00	0.30	1.11
ConocoPhillips	COP	В	110.87	706	78,300	128.00	0.23	0.90
Petro-Canada	PCZ	В	59.29	264	15,660	70.00	0.18	0.87
Norsk Hydro ASA	NHY	В	83.59	252	21,090	101.00	0.16	0.85
Suncor Energy	SU	В	40.95	460	18,840	54.00	0.10	0.78
PetroChina Company Ltd (10%)	PTR	В	64.44	176	11,330	94.00	0.05	0.70
Lukoil Oil Company	LUKOY	В	145.00	209	30,000	208.00	0.03	0.71
Total or Median					210,000		0.16	0.87

## Rank by McDep Ratio: Market Cap and Debt to Present Value

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