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San Juan Basin Royalty Trust (SJT) Record Administrative Costs

Symbol	SJT	Ebitda Next Twelve Months ending 6/30/17 (US\$mm)			
Rating		North American Natural Gas/Ebitda (%)			
Price (US\$/unit)	7.27	Natural Gas and Oil Production/Ebitda (%)			
Pricing Date	6/21/16	Adjusted Reserves/Production NTM	9.9		
Shares (mm)	47	EV/Ebitda	14.4		
Market Capitalization (US\$mm)	340	PV/Ebitda	15.8		
Debt (US\$mm)	0	Undeveloped Reserves (%)	0		
Enterprise Value (EV) (US\$mm)	340	Natural Gas and Oil Ebitda (US\$/mcfe)	1.17		
Present Value (PV) (US\$mm)	370	Present Value Proven Reserves(US\$/boe)	10.57		
Net Present Value (US\$/unit)	8	Oil and Gas Ebitda Margin (%)	47		
Debt/Present Value	0.00	Earnings Next Twelve Months (US\$/un)	0.49		
McDep Ratio - EV/PV	0.91	Price/Earnings Next Twelve Months			
Distribution Yield (%/year)	6.7	7 Distribution Next Twelve Months (US\$/sh)			
Note: Estimated cash flow and ea	arnings tied to one	-year futures prices for natural gas.			
Reported results may vary	widely from estin	nates. Estimated present value per share revised only infrequ	uently.		
Estimated present value pr	esumes a long-ter	m price for oil of US\$70 a barrel and natural gas, \$4.00 a m	illion btu		
For historical analysis of S	SJT since 2000 see	e www.mcdep.com/4sjt.htm			

Summary and Recommendation

A new trust officer has incurred record administrative costs for San Juan Basin Royalty Trust (SJT) reducing current distribution to near zero at a time of low natural gas price. Despite that burden, we raise distribution yield to 6.7% for the next twelve months (NTM), up from 4.5% last quarter (see *Industry Idea*, March 22, 2016). Yield is calculated on the basis of estimated distribution of \$0.49 a unit, up from \$0.23 last quarter. The more than doubling of NTM distribution was driven almost entirely by a 27% increase in expected natural gas price. Meanwhile actual administrative cost for the past three quarters since a new trust officer was appointed reached \$3.2 million compared to \$1.8 under the previous trustee who resigned unexpectedly after more than thirty years of exemplary service. After no single quarter from 2001-2015 exceeded a million dollars of costs incurred by the trustee, the first quarter of 2016 was a record \$1.2 million followed by a new record of \$1.3 million in the quarter just ended with monthly disclosures made on June 20 (see table Operating and Financial Estimates on page 2). At the least, some explanation should be included in the monthly press releases as to the application of the rising shortfall in distribution compared to reported revenues and costs. The high fees could be justified if they lead to a favorable recovery of possible overcharges made by ConocoPhillips, the operator of the trust properties. Otherwise we are concerned about possible conflicts of interest. By acquisition, a large European bank, BBVA, has become the trustee institution for SJT. European banks apparently are under profit pressure from negative interest rates imposed by the European Central Bank. The bank or the law firm it may have engaged may have other business with ConocoPhillips that creates a conflict. Nonetheless, the chart looks good for SJT with the stock price rising after scoring the golden cross (see chart on page 3).

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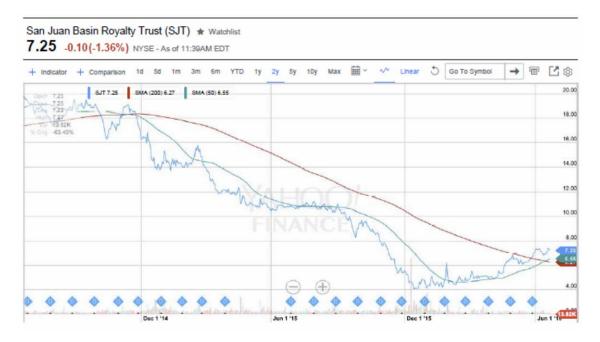
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Next Twelve Months Operating and Financial Estimates													
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	Q2	Q3	Q4	Year	Q1	Q2E	Q3E	Q4E	Year	Q1E	Q2E	Months	
	6/30/15	9/30/15	12/31/15	2015	3/31/16	6/30/16	9/30/16	12/31/16	2016E	3/31/17	6/30/17	6/30/17	
Volume													
Natural gas (mmbtu)	8.0	8.2	7.9	32.0	7.8	7.7	7.8	7.7	31.0	7.7	7.7	30.9	
Heat Content(btu/cf)	1,100	1,101	1,098	1,099	1,103	1,107	1,107	1,107	1,106	1,107	1,107	1,107	
Natural gas (bcf)	7.2	7.5	7.2	29.1	7.1	6.9	7.0	7.0	28.0	7.0	6.9	27.9	
Natural Gas (mmcfd)	81.3	81.4	78.2	79.8	77.0	76.8	76.4	76.1	76.6	75.7	75.3	75.9	
Days	89	92	92	365	92	90	92	92	366	92	92	368	
Oil (mb)	0.02	0.02	0.01	0.0636	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.0649	0.02	0.02	0.06	
Oil (mbd)	0.19	0.24	0.14	0.17	0.18	0.18	0.18	0.17	0.18	0.17	0.17	0.17	
Total gas & oil (bcf)	7.3	7.6	7.3	29.5	7.2	7.0	7.1	7.1	28.4	7.1	7.0	28.3	
Price													
Natural gas (\$/mmbtu) (Hen	ry Hub lag	ged two m	onths)										
Henry Hub (\$/mmbtu)	2.79	2.71	2.69	2.98	2.22	1.93	2.19	2.70	2.26	3.09	3.14	2.78	
Differential (%)	23	24	26	22	27	33	25	25	27	25	25	25	
Net to SJT (\$/mmbtu)	2.16	2.05	2.00	2,32	1.63	1.29	1.65	2.02	1.65	2.32	2.35	2.08	
Natural gas (\$/mcf)	2.38	2.26	2.20	2.54	1.80	1.43	1.82	2.24	1.82	2.57	2.60	2.31	
Oil (\$/bbl) (WTI Cushing la	gged two n	nonths)											
WTI Cushing	51.06	56.70	44.87	53.37	37.35	36.66	47.57	49.06	42.66	50.27	50.89	49.45	
SJT	37.20	54.65	46.25	47.00	27.54	27.03	35.08	36.17	31.44	37.05	37.50	36.44	
Total gas & oil (\$/mcf)	2.43	2.38	2.26	2.61	1.83	1.47	1.88	2.29	1.87	2.62	2.65	2.36	
Revenue (\$mm)													
Natural Gas	17.2	16.9	15.8	74.1	12.7	9.9	12.8	15.7	51.1	17.9	18.0	64.4	
Oil	0.6	1.2	0.6	3.0	0.5	0.4	0.6	0.6	2.0	0.6	0.6	2,3	
Total	17.8	18.1	16.4	77.1	13.2	10.3	13.4	16.3	53.1	18.5	18.6	66.7	
Cost (\$mm)													
Severance tax	1.9	1.9	1.8	8.1	1.6	1.2	1.6	1.9	6.4	2.2	2.2	8.0	
Operating	7.9	7.4	7.1	30.1	7.0	6.4	6.4	6.4	26.3	6.4	6.4	25.8	
Total	9.8	9.3	8.9	38.2	8.6	7.7	8.0	8.4	32.7	8.6	8.7	33.7	
Cash flow (\$mm)	8.0	8.8	7.5	38.9	4.6	2.6	5.3	7.9	20.5	9.8	10.0	33.0	
Development	5.0	1.6	1.5	12.8	0.6	0.3	0.3	0.3	1.4	0.3	0.3	1.1	
Net proceeds (\$mm)	3.0	7.2	6.1	26.1	4.0	2.4	5.1	7.6	19.1	9.6	9.7	31.9	
Royalty income (\$mm)	2.3	5.4	4.5	19.6	3.0	1.8	3.8	5.7	14.3	7.2	7.3	23.9	
Royalty/Net proceeds	75%	75%	75%	75%	75%	75%	75%	75%	75%	75%	7.5	75%	
Administration	0.8	0.4	0.7	2.6	1.2	1.3	0.3	0.3	3.2	0.3	0.3	1.2	
Distributable income (\$mm	1.4	5.0	3.8	17.0	1.8	0.4	3.5	5.4	11.1	6.9	7.0	22.7	
Units (millions)	46.6	46.6	46.6	46.6	46.6	46.6	46.6	46.6	46.6	46.6	46.6	46.6	
Per unit	0.03	0.11	0.08	0.36	0.04	0.01	0.08	0.12	0.24	0.15	0.15	0.49	



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