

Recommendation

Speculative Buy

Target Price

\$0.65

Risk

High

Ave. Monthly Trading Vol.

627,750

Quick Facts

Recent Price	\$0.42	
Symbol	JPN:TSX-VEN	
Shares O/S	29.5 million	
52 Wk. Range	\$0.70-\$0.05	
Fiscal Year End	Dec. 31	
	EPS	CFPS
1998	\$0.01	\$(0.06)
1999	(0.23)	(0.03)
2000	(0.02)	(0.02)
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STRENGTHS

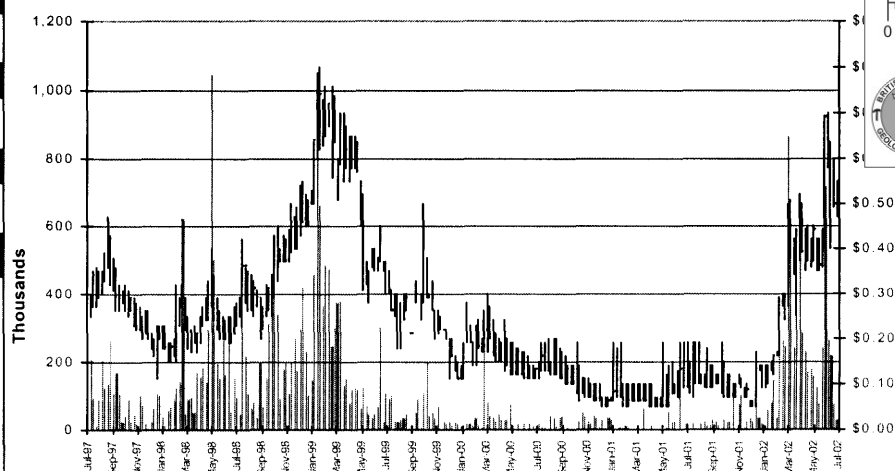
- Advanced gold projects with short lead times to production
- Three new high priority exploration targets at Blackdome
- An affiliation with Jipangu
- Re-structured balance sheet
- New Nevada projects

RISKS

- Gold price volatility
- Low cash position

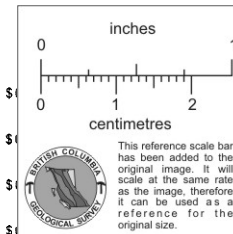
CONCLUSION

- A well-managed exploration and development company
- Good exploration exposure to Nevada

J-Pacific Gold Inc.

Data Source: www.wallstreetcity.com

J-Pacific Gold Inc. is involved in the acquisition, exploration and development of gold properties, with focus on North America.

**QUICKVIEW**

J-Pacific Gold Inc. (J-Pacific) completed an analysis of the mine tailings at the Blackdome Mine by conducting a short drill program at the facility in April. The tailings study by J-Pacific was successful and concludes that additional work is required to determine the recoverability of the gold.

As part of its strategy to grow the assets of the Company, J-Pacific has recently acquired (by option) four mineral properties, three of which are located in Nevada. With its Nevada interests, the strategy is to complete high quality stage one evaluations in anticipation that one or more of these properties yields significant results to warrant follow-up exploration. In this manner, properties that don't meet the initial exploration criteria will be returned to the vendor before incurring significant expenditures.

The properties recently acquired include the HC Property situated on the Battle Mountain/Eureka Gold Trend (Nevada),

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the RC Property located on the Carlin Trend (Nevada), the Callahan property in northern Nevada, and in southern British Columbia, the Elizabeth Property.

A technical overview of the Zenda Gold Project (California) was also prepared during the period by an independent engineering company. The study examined the past procedures and assumptions made in earlier studies and concluded that the work completed by the previous owners was reliable and conservative in its approach.

J-Pacific's working capital at June 30, 2002 is approximately \$50,000 and the Company is proceeding with an equity offering in July 2002 to fund its planned programs. We are upgrading our recommendation on shares of J-Pacific to a Speculative Buy from hold and increasing our 12-month target price to \$0.65 per share.

RECENT DEVELOPMENTS

At the Blackdome Mine, J-Pacific completed 51 drill holes to evaluate most of the tailings area. The results concluded that the average grade of the tailings is approximately 1.9 grams per tonne and that several areas contain elevated values of gold. Although metallurgical studies will need to be completed to determine how much of the gold is recoverable, it is encouraging to note that the tailings likely contain close to 20,000 ounces of gold.

Multi-ounce intercepts at the Elizabeth Project

The Company's recent property acquisitions in British Columbia and Nevada provide a good balance to the advanced projects currently owned (Blackdome, Zenda) by J-Pacific. Its newly acquired Elizabeth Project located in B.C. is situated between the Blackdome Mine and the Goldbridge/Bralorne gold camp. The Elizabeth Project hosts numerous high grade veins of gold mineralization that given its proximity to the Blackdome Mine, make this an attractive and a strategic acquisition that highly complements J-Pacific's existing land position. The veins, identified by earlier drilling and limited underground sampling typically contain multi-ounce intercepts over widths of 0.5 to 1 metre. The Company believes that the Elizabeth Project has the potential for early production following successful exploration.

New Nevada projects

In Nevada, the HC Property has a favourable stratigraphic setting for Carlin-type mineralization. Modeling and interpretative studies of earlier work indicates that the depth to the target horizon (Devils Gate Formation) is shallower than formerly thought and J-Pacific plans to test this with a short drill program in the second half of 2002. This project is located southeast of the former Buckhorn Mine that was operated by Cominco Resources International Ltd.

Further north from the HC Property, the RC Property, which J-Pacific has also optioned, hosts a carbonate succession of rocks cut by several high angle faults. In Nevada, this geological setting has produced significant high grade, structurally controlled and replacement gold deposits. Reconnaissance mapping and sampling has identified characteristic alteration and geochemistry for this type of deposit. J-Pacific plans limited additional mapping and sampling to more fully define the targets, which would then be drilled.

In northern Nevada, J-Pacific optioned the Callahan property for its Carlin-type attributes. Previous mapping, sampling, trenching and drilling have identified a structural and stratigraphic setting with associated geochemical anomalies permissive for the occurrence of high-grade, structurally controlled replacement gold deposits. Drill targets, based on the intersection of favourable structures and host rocks, have been identified by previous workers and will be the initial focus of the Company's exploration.

OUTLOOK

J-Pacific is making the right moves in building out the asset base of the company and sending a signal that it is actively pursuing opportunities gold projects in Nevada. As discussed, its approach to exploration for properties in Nevada is to perform a focused evaluation to identify the prime targets followed by short drill programs to test the identified targets. Property interests will only be retained if the initial drill results are favourable. This risk model generates new projects and improves the odds for an exploration success without building a portfolio of stale assets that comes with attendant maintenance costs.

The acquisition of the Elizabeth Property in BC is also a good fit for the Company as it represents a source of potential feed for the Blackdome Mine. A significant amount of work is required at the property before this may come to fruition and we like that fact that the sampling work by other operators has resulted in high grade gold values.

**The Elizabeth Project
appears promising**

J-Pacific requires capital to effect its formal exploration plans. The Company is proceeding with an equity offering to improve its balance sheet and set its programs into motion. The perception towards gold and gold equities has changed in a highly positive and dramatic manner in the past several months. A significant amount of financing has been completed by companies that, in general, have one or more of the following: production, defined resource bases, and proven track records. The magnitude of the financings seen in the past quarter has surprised many long-term observers of the market.

This environment bodes well for J-Pacific and we feel the Company will be successful in raising its required funds. To its advantage, the Company has several mine-ready assets with defined resources. We are increasing our recommendation on the shares of J-Pacific to a Speculative Buy and raising our 12 month target price to \$0.65 per share. The increase in the 12 month target price for the shares of the Company reflects the change in the price of gold bullion since our last report.

**Our target price is
\$0.65 per share**

OVERVIEW

J-Pacific Gold Inc. (J-Pacific) has interests in two gold projects that have short lead times to production. The quality of the assets, including dedicated exploration work in Nevada is intriguing and we feel that the Company offers good exposure to the gold sector. J-Pacific has the financial support of Jipangu Inc., an investment fund that has made equity investments into a selective number of North American-based junior and intermediate mining and exploration companies. We feel the Company is making good progress and is positioned to grow from its current platform.

J-Pacific is focused on the exploration and development of precious metal properties in Canada, the United States and Mexico. The Company maintains its principal office in Vancouver and is listed on the TSX-Venture Exchange. The main asset of the Company is the Blackdome Gold Mine located in British Columbia. With its higher-grade gold ores, the Blackdome Gold Mine generated strong cash flows for its former owner before closing in 1991.

The Blackdome Gold Mine contains an inferred mineral resource of 121,120 tonnes averaging 0.37 ounce per ton gold and 0.98 ounce per ton silver totaling 50,834 ounces of gold and 134,386 ounces of silver. An independent geo-technical study was recently completed on the Blackdome Gold Mine by SRK Canada Inc., which concludes that there are strong structural controls to the gold mineralization on the property and that there are three high priority targets, which need to be evaluated. In the opinion of SRK Canada Inc., the three targets require a combination of underground bulk sampling and trenching prior to drilling to minimize the variability of the gold distribution. The Company plans to follow-up on the findings presented in the geo-technical report with an exploration program in the first half of 2002.

J-Pacific also controls the Zenda Gold Mine in California. The Zenda Gold Mine is permitted for production and has a gold resource of approximately 60,000 ounces of gold.

The Blackdome mine is the near-term production asset of the Company

THE COMPANY

J-Pacific (formerly Claimstaker Resources Ltd.) has been exploring for precious metals since 1990. Some of the Company's initial exploration efforts were focused on projects in western Canada. In 1993, the Company acquired the Alwin Copper Project located in British Columbia and, two years later, purchased the Blackdome Gold Mine also located in British Columbia.

The Blackdome Gold Mine is the main near-term production asset of the Company. J-Pacific advanced the Blackdome Gold Mine property to production in late 1998 and suspended the operations due to the continuing low price for gold in 1999. In California, J-Pacific acquired the Zenda Gold Mine in 1997. The Zenda Gold Mine is currently inactive but can be activated quickly if the price of gold improves.

Over the past 5 years, J-Pacific has also investigated and acquired several gold exploration properties in Nevada. This includes the Golden Trend property near Placer Dome Inc. Pipeline/Cortez operations.

J-Pacific is affiliated with Jipangu

J-Pacific is corporately affiliated with Jipangu Inc., a Tokyo-based private investment fund that is focused on junior and intermediate gold mining and exploration companies. Jipangu Inc. ("Jipangu") is the largest shareholder of J-Pacific and its equity interest in the Company was prompted by its interest in Blackdome Gold Mine, an asset that is now owned 50-50 with Jipangu. Jipangu has increased its equity interest in J-Pacific over the past three years to approximately 40% and has also participated with J-Pacific as a partner in several other exploration projects.

MANAGEMENT

Nick Ferris, President, Director and CEO. Mr. Ferris has managed J-Pacific since mid-2000 and has an extensive background in economics and finance at senior managerial levels including Lloyds Bank Canada and Canadian Home Income Plan.

Ralph Braun, MBA, CGA, CFO. In addition to his CFO responsibilities, Mr. Braun coordinates Information and Technology applications and project planning for J-Pacific. Prior to joining J-Pacific in early 2001, Mr. Braun was the Controller for the Canadian Home Income Plan.

David Shaddrick, BSc., MSc. Mr. Shaddrick is the Company's Chief Consulting Geologist. Mr. Shaddick has played a leading role in the discovery and advancement of numerous projects including Foley Ridge (South Dakota) and Grassy Mountain (Oregon). Mr. Shaddrick is also the current President of the Geological Society of Nevada.

PROJECTS

The Blackdome Gold Mine-British Columbia

The Blackdome Gold Mine is located about 250 kilometers north of Vancouver in south-central British Columbia. With direct road access, production permits and a fully equipped 200 ton per day mill on site, the Blackdome Gold Mine is an excellent asset for a junior gold company to own. The Blackdome Gold Mine produced 240,000 ounces of gold at an average recovered grade of approximately 0.64 ounce per ton gold over a 5-year period ending in 1991.

The Blackdome Gold Mine is an excellent asset for a junior company to own

The Blackdome Gold Mine is located on a large, mostly unexplored property. First discovered in the 1950's, it took the persistent efforts of several highly respected geologists in the late 1970's and early 1980's to systematically put together surface exploration and underground development programs to advance the Blackdome Gold Mine to commercial production by 1986. Although a successful gold operation, the Blackdome Gold Mine appeared to suffer as corporate consolidation coupled with the intentions of different shareholders led to a situation whereby the mine was undercapitalized and exhausted its reserves. The cash operating cost of production for the Blackdome Gold Mine averaged approximately US\$208 per ounce of gold produced between 1986 and 1991. It is also worth noting that mine production exceeded the initial reserves of the mine by 145,300 tonnes or 55%.

Cash costs averaged US\$208 per ounce of gold

J-Pacific became interested in the Blackdome Gold Mine property in 1994 and purchased a 100% interest for cash, shares and issued a debenture to the vendor. Additional surface and underground work led to the completion of a feasibility study and soon after, the Company began to prepare the site for production. To help finance the project to production in 1998, the Company sold a 50% interest in the Blackdome Gold Mine to Jipangu for cash and specified property expenditures. The Blackdome Gold Mine re-opened in October 1998 and produced 6,547 ounces of gold and 17,300 ounces of silver before closing in June 1999. The reserves at the time of the 1998 start-up were 128,627 tonnes grading 0.40 ounces per ton gold or approximately 58,000 ounces of gold. A number of problems plagued the operation including poor mill recoveries and lower than expected grades of gold ore. From our perspective, these problems are the result of an undercapitalized operation.

Gold mineralization at the Blackdome Gold Mine is hosted in a series of quartz veins systems. The mineralization is discontinuous and nuggety in its occurrence, which led to more costly pre-production development costs. This situation hampered production in 1999 and, to some extent in 1990-1991, as the former owner/operation couldn't financially commit to a substantive underground development program to extend reserves and resources.

We have no misconceptions about the Blackdome Gold Mine and we appreciate that the geologic setting of the gold mineralization presents some challenges, however, the mine has operated successfully in the past and, according to our estimates, probably generated free cash flow of \$65 million over a five-year period. Generally speaking, exploration work away from the mine development was a lower priority for previous operators and, as such, represents an opportunity today.

A geo-technical study has identified three new high priority targets

In 2001, J-Pacific contracted with SRK Canada Inc. to prepare an Independent Study of the Blackdome Gold Mine, with emphasis on the geological and structural controls, to identify new exploration targets. The report from SRK Canada Inc. concluded that the mineralization is structurally controlled, with preferred, predictable ore sites. Three high priority targets and a number of lower priority targets are apparent from the SRK Canada Inc. report. The Company intends to follow-up on the recommendations in the report as they have opened up the possibility that another major ore system exists on the Blackdome property. The report, also points out that the new targets require a combination of trenching and underground bulk testing prior to drilling. It is felt that the variability of gold distribution is too significant on the vein systems to yield meaningful results based on drilling alone.

Work at the Blackdome Gold Mine is expected to commence soon

J-Pacific has begun the process of preparing the Blackdome Gold Mine for a resumption of exploration work. Future exploration and development activities will be designed to improve upon the current drill inferred gold resource, with a goal of defining a long-term economic deposit. The Company is optimistic that this work will lead to the commissioning of an independent feasibility study to help prepare for a potential mine start.

The Zenda Gold Mine-California

Zenda is open for expansion

The Zenda Gold Mine, located in southern California contains a small open-pit leach gold deposit. The gold resource at the Zenda Gold Mine encompasses approximately 60,000 ounces of gold in 1.4 million tons of material, which grades 0.042 ounce per ton gold. With a low strip ratio of (<0.5:1) and a higher-grade core of gold mineralization, the economics of the project are attractive.

The Zenda Gold Mine is owned 100% by J-Pacific and was acquired for shares of the Company in 1997. Under the terms of its agreement with the vendor, J-Pacific is to arrange financing for the project and provide additional equity shares after payback of capital.

J-Pacific feels that the mine could provide for two years of production at a rate of 24,000 ounces of gold per annum. Very little work has been done at the property in the past decade and it is felt by management that there is additional potential for resource expansion, as the deposit is open in all directions. The necessary permits for the project to advance into production are in good standing and should allow for the expedient commencement of production when the price of gold warrants.

The Golden Trend Project-Nevada

The Golden Trend property is well positioned south of the Pipeline/Cortez operation owned by Placer Dome Inc. & Kennecott Minerals Company. The Golden Trend Project is an early stage exploration property that is 100% owned by J-Pacific. Work on the property in the late 1990's helped to identify several exploration drill targets and, in 1999, the Company completed a small reverse circulation drill program. Results from the drill program were highly anomalous and J-Pacific hopes to re-activate its evaluation of the Golden Trend Property in 2002 with a limited reconnaissance exploration drill program.

The Golden Trend Project requires several deep drill holes to further investigate the mineral system at depth. Many of the significant gold discoveries made in Nevada over the past decade have resulted from exploring for deposits that are 100 to 200 metres below surface. The initial discoveries of sulphide mineralization at depth in the Post/Betze ore system (Barrick Gold Corporation), Ruby Hill (Homestake Mining/Barrick Gold Corporation) and Pipeline/Pediment (Placer Dome Inc. & Kennecott Minerals Company) are but a few of the examples of large gold systems that are masked by overlying barren material and/or have very subtle alteration assemblages.

Deep targets in Nevada

The Alwin Copper Project-British Columbia

The Alwin Copper Project is located near Merritt in southern British Columbia. The Company first optioned the property in 1993 and subsequently acquired a 100% interest through property expenditures. The Alwin Copper Project is immediately west of the major copper porphyry open pit operated by Highland Valley Copper Corp. (Teck Cominco Ltd. and BHP Billiton)

Work to date on the property has identified an underground resource of 430,000 tons of material grading 2.5% copper. The Company completed an underground development program in the mid-1990's to prepare the Alwin Copper Project for production. A limited amount of ore material was shipped to the Afton mill owned by Teck Cominco Ltd. before the operation was suspended. The Alwin Copper Project is inactive at the present time.

Relationship with Jipangu Inc.

J-Pacific benefits from the support of a strong financial partner, Jipangu Inc. of Tokyo, Japan. Recently, Jipangu has made significant progress in its goal of becoming a major international gold company by establishing affiliations with well-managed, junior and intermediate gold mining and exploration companies. Jipangu intends to utilize its financial expertise and access low-cost capital to enhance the asset base of these affiliates.

A strong financial partner in the current market goes a long way

In addition to being the largest shareholder of J-Pacific (approximately 40%), Jipangu has also acquired significant equity stakes in Cambior Inc. and High River Gold Mines Ltd.

As described earlier, Jipangu is also J-Pacific's joint venture partner at the Blackdome Gold Mine. The relationship with Jipangu has been highly positive, as Jipangu has provided critical financial support to the Company through a difficult time in the resource sector, which has helped J-Pacific re-structure and continue to grow.

FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

For the three-months ended March 31, 2002, the Company reported a loss of \$109,174 or nil per share. The Company has re-structured a short-term loan in the amount of \$1,017,562 in the past year. The loan, to J-Pacific, was made from Jipangu and was non-interest bearing and had no fixed repayment terms. Jipangu agreed to convert the short-term loan to common shares of J-Pacific in October 2001.

Three private placement financings recently completed

The Company has completed three private placement financings (\$1,554,500) since September 30, 2001 and is preparing an offering to raise exploration funds for its BC and Nevada properties.

J-Pacific has working capital of approximately \$50,000 at June 30, 2002. The Company's corporate burn-rate is approximately \$35,000 per month.

CONCLUSIONS

Has emerged as a stronger company

J-Pacific has undergone significant change in the past four years and has emerged as a stronger company. The most important development has been in the Company's ability to attract a financial partner, Jipangu. The affiliation with Jipangu has enabled J-Pacific to retain its key projects and build the confidence of the management team. In our view, the companies that have managed to climb through the carnage of five challenging years in the resource sector have one thing in common, a significant stakeholder. A stakeholder may take the form of an individual, corporation or network of parties, but make no mistake, without one, most companies will falter further as business conditions, albeit improving, are not yet sufficiently strong to support the hundreds of under-capitalized resource companies. J-Pacific is fortunate to have Jipangu as a shareholder and we feel that the Company will work hard and with diligence to foster this relationship and increase shareholder value.

The Blackdome Gold Mine has exploration potential and a built-in competitive advantage

J-Pacific has an interesting portfolio of projects, which forms a good foundation to build on. Its Blackdome Gold Mine has exploration potential and has a built-in competitive advantage compared with many advanced gold projects since the project has most of its operating permits in place and has an on-site processing mill. While gold production from the Blackdome Gold Mine is a near-term goal of the Company, a systematic exploration approach (including bulk testing) takes precedence and is expected to be underway in the second half of 2002. There has been very little work done at the Blackdome Gold Mine since the suspension of operations in 1999.

The Company's active position towards gold exploration in Nevada is very positive and provides balance to the other more advanced project holdings (Blackdome, Zenda) held by J-Pacific. An exploration portfolio provides leverage through discovery and can lead to meaningful share price appreciation.

Our 12-month target price is \$0.65 per share

We are upgrading our recommendation on shares of J-Pacific to a Speculative Buy and raising our 12-month target price to \$0.65 per share. The increase in the 12-month target price for the shares of the Company reflects the change in the price of gold since our last report.

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- Speculative Buy:** Expected total return within the next 12 months is at least 40%. Risk is High (see below)
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