

### SAMSON OIL & GAS LIMITED (SSN-AMEX, ASX, \$2.35)

Recommendation: Overweight; Target: \$6.00

SSN (AMEX, ASX) Rating Risk Target Price Projected Total Return	\$2.35 Overweight Above Average \$6.00 155.3%		
Market Data 52-Week Trading Range ADSs Outstanding, Diluted (m Market Capitalization (mm) Net debt FY11/Q4 (mm) Enterprise value (mm)	ım)	\$:	1.09-\$4.75 99.8 \$234.5 \$0.0 \$234.5
Forecasts FYE: June	2010A	2011	2012E
Production (Boe)	142	135	309
% Liquids	22%	48%	90%
EBITDAX (mm)	(\$1.2) \$5.9	\$69.3 \$10.1	\$10.7 \$25.0
Capex (mm) Net Debt (mm)	\$5.9 \$5.4	\$10.1 (\$58.5)	\$25.0 (\$44.2)
Per Share (\$) EPS (fd)	(\$0.01)		\$0.00
DCFPS (fd)	(\$0.02)	(\$0.11)	\$0.11
Current Valuation			
EV/EBITDAX	N/A	3.4	21.9
P/DCFPS	N/A	N/A	21.4
WTI US\$/bbl	\$75.30		\$85.00
Henry Hub US\$/mcf	\$4.09	\$4.15	\$5.00
Target Valuation NAV			
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# Initial Niobrara Well Looking Good; Increasing Price Target

### Potentially Good Oil Shows and "Fraccability"

Samson Oil & Gas Limited's (SSN) first horizontal well in the **Niobrara oil shale** play, experienced high resistivity and brittleness.

This increases our confidence in the successful development of the Niobrara, where Samson now holds 17.5K net acres.

Additionally, leading E&P companies announced with 2Q results that they were increasing activity in the play as we've noted elsewhere.

Finally, the company has the confidence of **Halliburton**, which has farmed-in to this well. Halliburton is one of the most experienced fraccing companies in the world.

Halliburton anticipates fraccing the well at the end of October.

Rig now mobilizing to drill well with two conventional targets supported by 3D.

### **Other Catalysts**

The recent filing of its first 10K, and addition of the shares to the S&P/ASX 300 may expose Samson to a much broader investor base.

### Valuation/Conclusion

We are increasing our NAV-based price target to \$6.00 from \$5.00, primarily based on recently acquired acreage positions.

We see our NAV as conservative for various reasons mentioned herein.



### **Initial Niobrara Well Looking Good; Increasing Price Target**

### Potentially Good Oil Shows and "Fraccability"

**Defender US**, Samson's first horizontal well into the **Niobrara oil shale** (southeastern Wyoming) reached TD of 11K feet, and experienced high resistivity (>100 ohms) throughout the majority of the hole. (High resistivity may indicate significant oil saturation).

The company also stated that open hole logs and core samples showed that the rocks were very brittle, thus increasing the likelihood of a successful frac job. Halliburton anticipates fraccing the well at the end of October.

Separately, we remind investors that **Halliburton** is carrying all well costs in order to earn a 25% interest in the well, indicating the bullishness by one of the most experienced fraccing companies in the world on SSN's Niobrara position. Moreover, Halliburton will be performing the frac job. Samson has a 37.5% working interest (WI) in the Defender well.

The rig is now being mobilized to drill the second portion of **Spirit of America** (100% WI), an 11K-foot vertical well testing multiple conventional targets supported by 3D. These targets consist of a Permian stratigraphic trap and a Pennsylvanian structural trap.

### Increased Confidence in our NAV Estimates

We are increasing our price target to \$6.00 from \$5.00. Our target is still derived from the average of two separate spacing assumptions for the Niobrara (Exhibit 1).

The increase primarily reflects recently acquired acreage positions in both the Niobrara (Goshen County, Wyoming) and **Bakken** (Roosevelt County, Montana) plays, as well as a closer look at our Bakken NAV estimates (though the Bakken only accounts for 10%-20% of our companywide NAV estimate).

Notably, we continue to assert that our price target is conservative; in addition to the reasons mentioned in our June 6<sup>th</sup> initiation report (including EUR and IP assumptions, and the exclusion of deeper Bakken formations):

- 1. the above-mentioned positive results from SSN's initial Niobrara well and positive Niobrara announcements by industry with 2Q results increases the likelihood of the more aggressive development scenario ("Case I" below); and
- our Bakken valuation includes just \$5mm for the newly acquired Roosevelt acreage, or \$250/acre despite the potential prospectivity of that area (see our July 5<sup>th</sup> and Aug. 11<sup>th</sup> notes).

Exhibit 1: Samson Oil & Gas- Est. NAV

NAV Per Well **Well Spacing** Total Well Count Total NAV<sup>(1)</sup> **NAV/ADS** 

CASE I					
	<u>Niobrara</u>				
	\$6,340,000				
	160				
	109				
	\$693,001,625				
+	\$6.94	=	\$7.82		
	+	Niobrara \$6,340,000 <b>160</b> 109 \$693,001,625	Niobrara \$6,340,000 <b>160</b> 109 \$693,001,625		

CASE II				
<u>Bakken</u>		Niobrara		
\$9,690,000		\$6,340,000		
640s and 320s		320		
9		55		
\$87,210,000		\$346,500,813		
\$0.87	+	\$3.47	=	\$4.35



 $(1) \ \textit{Bakken Total NAV includes $5mm est. purchase price of Roosevelt acreage}$ 

Source: Casimir Capital L.P. and company reports



### **Other Catalysts**

Two recent catalysts that may expose the company to a much broader shareholder base and increase the stock price:

- 1. the recently filed 10K marks Samson's initial status as a full-fledged U.S. filer; and
- 2. the shares were recently added to the S&P/ASX 300, a highly liquid index that covers large, mid and small-cap companies.

Our financial forecasts, which are shown in Appendix I and incorporate information from the recently filed 10K, are essentially unchanged. The company's *current* NAV (Appendix II) is also virtually unchanged from our initiation report.



## **APPENDIX I**

	FY11
	30-Jun-11
Production Oil (Bbls)	64,405
Gas (mcf)	423,077
Total (Boe)	134,918
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Oil (Bbls/d)	176
Gas (mcf/d)	1,159
Total (Boe/d)	370
Realized Price	
Oil (\$/bbl)	90.90
Gas (\$/mcf)	4.41
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Lease operating expense (\$/boe)	12.44
DD&A (\$/boe)	13.58
(104)	
(US\$) Income Statement (US\$)	
Oil sales	5,038,446
Gas sales	930,330
Interest income	368,251
Gain on sale of exploration acreage	73,199,687
Other	2,245
Total revenues	79,538,959
Lease operating expense	1,678,510
DD&A	1,832,558
Exploration expense	404,031
SG&A	8,561,734
Impairment expense	0
Accretion of asset retirement obligation	23,909
Interest expense Subtotal	906,838
Subtotal	13,407,580
Pretax income	66,131,379
EBITDAX	69,298,715
Taxes (benefit)	14,695,544
Net income	51,435,835
Net income	31,433,033
EPS	0.03
DCF per ADS	(0.11)
Shares outstanding- diluted	1,968,053,691
ADSs	98,402,685
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Cash Flow Statement (\$US)	
Receipts from customers and related	6,281,825
Cash received from hedges	152,171
Payments to suppliers and employees Income taxes	(7,073,109) (9,360,000)
Interest income	368.251
Interest costs	368,251 (878,528)
CFO	(10,509,390)
Sale of listed shares	49,040
Sale of exploration acreage Sale of other O&G assets	73,199,687 6,262,374
Capex- PP&E	(1,528,606)
Capex- exploration and evaluation	(3,751,769)
Capex- O&G properties	(4,792,620)
CFI	69,438,106
Characteristic	2 050 274
Share issuance Increase (decrease) in bank debt	3,969,374 (11,386,247)
Payments for costs assoc. w/ capital r	(244,282)
CFF	(7,661,155)
Net change in cash	51,267,561
Effects of FX changes	1,295,181
Cash	58,448,477
Bank Debt	0
Equity	77,926,665
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10	<u>2Q</u>	FY12 30	40	FY12
±4	24	20	<del>19</del>	1112
49,864	49,864	75,780	103,922	279,430
48,208	45,798	42,562	40,883	177,451
57,899	57,497	82,874	110,736	309,005
542	542	842	1,142	767
524	498	473	1,142 449	486
629	625	921	1,217	848
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76.50	76.50	76.50	76.50	76.50
4.28	5.23	4.75	4.75	4.75
14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00
12.00	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.00
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3,814,596 206,089	3,814,596 239,292	5,797,170 202,169	7,950,033 194,195	21,376,395 841,745
68,750	68,750	68,750	68,750	275,000
0	0	0	0	0
0	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
4,089,435	4,122,638	6,068,089	8,212,978	22,493,140
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810,581 694,784	804,957 689,963	1,160,231 994,484	1,550,302 1,328,830	4,326,071 3,708,061
1,250,000	1,250,000	1,250,000	1,250,000	5,000,000
1,875,000	1,875,000	1,875,000	1,875,000	7,500,000
0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
4,630,365	4,619,920	5,279,715	6,004,132	20,534,132
(540,930)	(497,282)	788,374	2,208,846	1,959,008
1,403,854	1,442,681	3,032,858	4,787,676	10,667,069
0	0	0	0	0
(540,930)	(497,282)	788,374	2,208,846	1,959,008
(340,550)	(437,202)	700,374	2,200,040	1,555,000
(0.00)	(0.00)	0.00	0.00	0.00
0.01	0.01	0.03	0.05	0.11
1,996,000,000	1,996,000,000	1,996,000,000	1,996,000,000	1,996,000,000
99,800,000	99,800,000	99,800,000	99,800,000	99,800,000
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4,020,685 20,115	4,053,888 20,115	5,999,339 0	8,144,228 0	22,218,140 40,231
(2,685,581)	(2,679,957)	(3,035,231)	(3,425,302)	(11,826,071)
0	0	0	0	0
68,750	68,750	68,750	68,750	275,000
0	0 707	0	0	0
1,423,969	1,462,797	3,032,858	4,787,676	10,707,299
0	0	0	0	0
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(6,250,000)	(6,250,000)	(6,250,000)	(6,250,000)	(25,000,000)
0	0	0	0	0
(6,250,000)	(6,250,000)	(6,250,000)	(6,250,000)	(25,000,000)
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	-	-	-	-
(4,826,031)	(4,787,203)	(3,217,142)	(1,462,324)	(14,292,701)
0	0	0	0	0
53,622,446	48,835,243	45,618,101	44,155,776	44,155,776
0	0	0	0	0
77,385,735	76,888,453	77,676,827	79,885,673	79,885,673

		FY13		
<u>10</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>30</u>	40	FY13
132,664 39,266 139,208	139,297 37,302 145,514	143,082 34,667 148,860	151,906 33,300 157,456	566,950 144,535 591,039
1,442 <u>427</u> 1,513	1,514 <u>405</u> 1,582	1,590 <u>385</u> 1,654	1,669 <u>366</u> 1,730	1,554 <u>396</u> 1,620
76.50 4.75	76.50 4.75	76.50 4.75	76.50 4.75	76.50 4.75
13.00 11.00	13.00 11.00	13.00 11.00	13.00 11.00	13.00 11.00
10,148,796 186,512 68,750 0 0 10,404,058	10,656,236 177,187 68,750 0 0 10,902,172	10,945,807 164,668 68,750 0 <u>0</u> 11,179,225	11,620,799 158,173 68,750 0 0 11,847,722	43,371,638 686,539 275,000 0 0 44,333,177
1,809,708 1,531,291 1,250,000 2,000,000 0 0 0	1,891,686 1,600,657 1,250,000 2,000,000 0 0 0	1,935,184 1,637,463 1,250,000 2,000,000 0 0 0	2,046,925 1,732,014 1,250,000 2,000,000 0 0 0	7,683,502 6,501,425 5,000,000 8,000,000 0 0 0
6,590,999	6,742,343	6,822,647	7,028,939	27,184,927
3,813,059 <b>6,594,350</b>	4,159,830 <b>7,010,487</b>	4,356,579 <b>7,244,042</b>	4,818,783 <b>7,800,796</b>	17,148,251 <b>28,649,675</b>
0	0	0	0	0
3,813,059	4,159,830	4,356,579	4,818,783	17,148,251
0.00 <b>0.07</b>	0.00 <b>0.07</b>	0.00 <b>0.07</b>	0.00 <b>0.08</b>	0.01 <b>0.29</b>
1,996,000,000 99,800,000	1,996,000,000 99,800,000	1,996,000,000 99,800,000	1,996,000,000 99,800,000	1,996,000,000 99,800,000
10,335,308	10,833,422	11,110,475	11,778,972	44,058,177
(3,809,708)	(3,891,686)	0 (3,935,184)	(4,046,925)	0 (15,683,502)
0 68,750	0 68,750	0 68,750	0 68,750	0 275,000
6,594,350	7,010,487	7,244,042	7,800,796	28,649,675
0	0	0	0	0
(8,750,000)	(8,750,000)	(8,750,000)	(8,750,000)	(35,000,000)
(8,750,000)	(8,750,000)	(8,750,000)	(8,750,000)	(35,000,000)
0	0	0	0	0
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
(2,155,650) 0	(1,739,513) 0	0 (1,505,958) 0	<b>0</b> (949,204) 0	<b>0</b> (6,350,325) 0
42,000,127	40,260,614	38,754,656	37,805,452	37,805,452
0 83,698,732	0 87,858,562	0 92,215,141	0 97,033,923	0 97,033,923
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### **APPENDIX II**

### **Current NAV**

 NPV10
 \$14,723,000

 Acreage
 56,850,000

 Cash
 58,448,477

 Total NPV
 130,021,477

 NPV/ADS
 \$1.30

NPV10 and cash as of June 30, 2011 Acreage includes est. purchase price of Roosevelt acreage of \$5mm Source: Casimir Capital and company reports



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Overweight: 77.27% (35.29% of which are investment banking clients), Equalweight: 18.18% (0% of which are investment banking clients), Underweight: 0%, Not Rated: 4.55% (100% of which are investment banking clients).

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