# BAKER STEEL RESOURCES TRUST LTD

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# **September 2014 Interim Factsheet**

| At 30 September 2014  | Price / Index Level | % Change in<br>Quarter | % Change from<br>Inception |
|---|---------------------|------------------------|----------------------------|
| Net Asset Value (pence/share)                                 | 52.7                | -0.6%                  | -46.2%*                    |
| Ordinary Share Price (pence/share)                            | 33.13               | -19.0%                 | -66.9%**                   |
| MSCI World Index - £  | 257.01              | +2.5%                  | +41.9% <sup>†</sup>        |
| Euromoney Global Mining 100 Index - £                         | 501.83              | -6.0%                  | -41.0% <sup>†</sup>        |
| Iron Ore delivered to Qingdao 62% Fe (Metal Bulletin)(US\$/t) | 78.05               | -17.0                  | -55.8% <sup>†</sup>        |
| Copper (US\$/t)   | 6720                | -4.6%                  | -9.8% <sup>†</sup>         |
| Gold (US\$/oz)  | 1208.16             | -9.0%                  | +3.5% <sup>†</sup>         |

Source: Bloomberg

† closing 27/4/10, \*\*Issue price 28/4/10, \* NAV 30/4/10

This document constitutes an interim management statement for the period from 1 July 2014 to ● October 2014 ("the Period"). Financial information has been drawn up as at 30/09/2014. There have been no material changes since that date.

#### Review

At the end of September 2014, Baker Steel Resources Trust Limited ("BSRT" or "the Company") was fully invested. In July, the Company acquired a 5.8% interest in Global Oil Shale Group plc ("GOS") valued at £1.75 million, and this consideration was satisfied through the issue of new Ordinary Shares of the Company, at the unaudited Net Asset Value ("NAV") as at 30 June 2014 to the vendor. GOS is a private oil shale explorer and developer whose key assets are the Julia Creek project in Queensland, Australia, and the Tarfaya project in Morocco. The Company subsequently invested a further £200,000 in new GOS shares allowing GOS to commence drilling on the Tarfaya project so that it will be able to report JORC compliant resources in its pre-IPO fundraising scheduled for the fourth quarter 2014. The Company has committed to subscribe a further £585,000 in the pre-IPO fundraising.

During the quarter, markets for mining equities weakened further, with the Euromoney Global Mining 100 Index falling 6% in Sterling terms. The Company's NAV per share was down slightly falling 0.6% during the period, largely due to weakness in the share price of Ivanhoe Mining on the Toronto Stock Exchange, partially offset by a fall in the value of Sterling against the US and Canadian Dollars in which the majority of the portfolio is denominated. In line with its valuation policy, in the absence of significant events, the Company reviews the carrying value of its unlisted investments relative to comparable market movements, only at the half year and full year ends.

Commodity prices fell during the period, in particular the iron ore price fell 17% to US\$78/t as increasing supply and a weakening growth rate in China has caught up with the one bulk commodity that had until this year shown remarkable resilience. The current iron ore price, which has fallen from over US\$130/t since the beginning of 2014, is expected to lead to a number of higher cost mine closures particularly in China. It should be noted that the Company's largest investment, Black Pearl, which is commissioning its iron ore sands project in Indonesia is expected to be able to deliver iron ore concentrate into China for less than US\$40/t and should therefore still enjoy healthy margins in the current pricing environment.

#### Outlook

2014 continues to be a year of consolidation for mining shares, albeit with continued volatility as markets remain concerned over the rate of Chinese growth. The mining industry has always been a cyclical one and it is only a matter of time before the continued lack of finance for exploration and new mine starts will filter through to supply/demand fundamentals. Although it is impossible to "call the bottom", the valuations prevalent in the market suggest the risk is greater on the upside than the downside.

#### **Investment Objective**

To seek capital growth over the long term through a focused global portfolio consisting principally of the equities, or related instruments, of natural resources companies.

#### **Investment Strategy**

Investing predominantly in attractively valued private companies with strong development projects and focused management and also in listed securities to exploit value inherent in market inefficiencies.

#### **Asset Allocation**

| <b>Unlisted Equities</b> | £28.4 M | 75.1 % |
|--------------------------|---------|--------|
| Listed Equities          | £9.4 M  | 24.9 % |
| Net Cash &               | £ 0.0 M | 0.0 %  |
| Equivalents              |         |        |
| Net Assets               | £37.8 M |        |
| Gearing:                 | 0.0%    |        |

#### Shares in Issue

| Trading:  | The London Stock Exchange |
|-----------|---------------------------|
| Ordinary: | 71,703,776                |
| Code:     | BSRT                      |
| ISIN      | GG00B6686L20              |

#### **Financial Calendar**

| Year End: | 31 December |
|-----------|-------------|
| Interims: | August      |
| Finals    | April       |
|           |             |

#### Top 10 Investments (at 30 September 2014)

#### **Black Pearl Limited Partnership**

16.0% NAV

Black Pearl is the private vehicle through which the investment in the Black Pearl beach placer iron sands project in West Java, Indonesia is held.

#### **Polar Silver Resources Limited**

14.0% NAV

A private company which holds a 50% interest in a silver project in Russia.

#### **Ironstone Resources Limited**

13.3% NAV

A private company with an iron ore/vanadium project in Canada.

#### **Ivanhoe Mines Limited**

11.2% NAV

A company listed on the Toronto Stock Exchange with major copper and zinc projects in the Democratic Republic of Congo and a platinum/nickel project in South Africa.

#### **Bilboes Gold Limited**

11.2% NAV

A private company with producing gold mines in Zimbabwe.

#### Metals Exploration plc

8.0% NAV

A company listed on the AIM market of the London Stock Exchange with a gold project in the Philippines.

#### **Ferrous Resources Limited**

7.0% NAV

A private company with two producing iron ore mines in Brazil.

#### **Gobi Coal & Energy Limited**

6.9% NAV

A private company with three coking coal projects in Mongolia.

### Global Oil Shale Group plc

4.9% NAV

A private company with oil shale projects in Morocco and Australia.

## **China Polymetallic Mining Limited**

4.6% NAV

A company listed on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange with a producing silver/lead/zinc mine and other development opportunities in China.

The remainder of the Portfolio (excluding cash) comprises six holdings totalling 2.9% NAV.

Further information is available on BSRT's website:

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#### **Investment Manager**

Baker Steel Capital Managers LLP

#### **Investment Advisers**

AWR Lloyd Capital Ltd **Rock Capital Partners Ltd** 

#### **Management Fees**

Monthly: 1/12 of 1.75% of

Market Capitalisation

Performance: 15% of NAV growth (if over 8% p.a. compound hurdle rate, with high watermark)

# **Board**

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