

Bulldog SPAC Updates

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Osprey Energy Acquisition announced a deal Monday morning to buy Blackstone's Eagle Ford Mineral Stakes. The warrants are trading strongly since deal announcement, with current levels around \$1.55 (closed at 98c on 5/31). Osprey boasted a strong management team, led by Edward Cohen, founder of Atlas Energy and Atlas Pipeline. Atlas Energy was sold to Chevron for \$4.3 billion and Atlas Pipeline to Targa Resources for \$7.7 billion. The units are currently trading at \$10.90. Investors who bought units (1 common + ½ warrant) at the IPO for \$10 in July 2017 have realized an IRR of 12%, with no downside risk.

As **MI Acquisition** moves closer to deal completion, the warrants have caught a bid. The warrants are currently trading \$1.25 level and the common at \$10.55 (above trust level of \$10.49). Total package is worth \$11.80 so little over 18% total return. MI is buying Priority Holdings, a provider of B2B and B2C payment processing solutions.

GS Acquisition Holdings Corp., the SPAC partially sponsored by Goldman Sachs asset management, priced its \$600 million IPO this morning at \$10. The SPAC is also sponsored by affiliates of David M. Cote who will serve as CEO. Mr. Cote was CEO of Honeywell from 2003 to 2017 where he did an excellent job building shareholder value. This is the largest SPAC year to date (currently trading \$10.20). So far in 2018 15 IPOs have priced raising over \$3 billion.

The New York Post reports that **Haymaker Acquisition**, a SPAC run by former Starwood Hotels and Resorts CEO Steven Heyer, is bidding for cruise ship and resort spa operator One Spa World from private equity firm L Catterton. Haymaker went public end October 2017, so if a deal is already on the table this is very quick. Heyer was forced out of Starwood after the Board received a letter accusing him of personal misconduct with women (The Post reports that Heyer, whose nickname was "The Tank" allegedly had sent a large number of emails and texts to female employees on a wide range of topics after office hours).

Electrum Special Acquisition delisted today and will liquidate and return all funds in the trust account to public shareholders. With the changes to the SPAC structure, liquidations are quite rare. Even though the SPAC failed, shareholders earned 4.8% on their money, far superior to an investment in a money market or T Bills!

If you have any questions, please call Steve or myself.