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Replication and extension of Henry's beta analysis

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1 Executive summary

- 1. Johnson Winter & Slattery commissioned CEG to replicate and extend the beta analysis from Henry¹ (2014) to the most recent period (June 2015). Henry's original analysis was based on the daily closing price, historical market capitalisation and net debt value of a collection of nine stocks ending on 28 June 2013. We have extended Henry's sample to include an additional three year of data up until 18 June 2016.
- 2. Our replication results are derived by regressing return series we have constructed for the relevant assets/portfolios. These have been compared to, and found to be consistent with, the "Historical Beta" estimates sourced directly from the Bloomberg terminal using "ASX 300 accum²" as the benchmarking index. However, while our results are broadly similar to Henry's raw equity betas in his Appendix A there are some slight differences (as detailed below).
- 3. Our extension of Henry's analysis shows that the average re-levered equity beta has increase materially by 0.1 using the most recent five years of data. This reflects a number of factors including an increase/decrease in the raw equity betas/gearing ratios of the remaining listed stocks (APA, DUE, SKI, AST) and an increase in the weighting of high-beta stocks (e.g. APA) in the value-weighted portfolios.
- 4. We note that the measured increase in beta is consistent with the observation from our DBP report³ which identifies a structural break in the average rolling beta series at 2014/15.
- 5. This report is structured as follows:
 - Section 3 replicates and extend Henry's analysis on individual firm betas;
 - Section 4 replicates and extend Henry's portfolio analysis;
 - Section 5 discusses the most recent 5 and 1 year estimates of the equity beta; and
 - The final section provides a summary of the replication and extension results.

1.1 Key results

6. Table 1 below summarises the result from our extension to Henry's individual stock beta analysis. This table is directly compared with Table 3-30 from the AusNet

¹ Olan T. Henry, *Estimating* β : An update, April 2014

² The same benchmarking index used by Henry (2014).

³ CEG, Estimating beta to be used in the Sharpe-Lintner CAPM, February 2016, Section 5



Services draft decision (July 2016). Evidence suggests that beta has increased around 0.10 or more since the end of Henry's sampling period.

Table 1: Summary of extension results for re-levered OLS weekly individual beta estimates

| | Longest available period | Longest available period (excl. tech boom and GFC) | Last five years |
|------------------------|-----------------------------|--|-----------------|
| Henry original results | 0.52 | 0.56 | 0.46 |
| CEG extension results | 0.60 | 0.66 | 0.65 |
| Change | 0.08 | 0.10 | 0.19 |

- 7. It should be noted that Henry's average "last five years" beta estimates includes six firms (APA, DUE, DNV, HDF, SKI and AST), among which ENV and HDF were delisted in 2013 and 2014, respectively. Including these two stocks at the time of our estimates (June 2016) would result in a considerably smaller number of observations than other stocks (169 for ENV and 75 for HDF as compared with 260 for others). Therefore, our "last five years" beta estimates is only averaged across the four currently listed firms as in Table 11.
- 8. Table 2 below shows the measured betas for the six portfolios as outlined in section 4.1 for the two sampling periods. Portfolios 1 to 4 have all have firms in them for which there is no additional data and, therefore, the change in beta estimates is muted (given that some firms have the same beta simply because there is no additional data). Portfolio 5 is the only portfolio comprised solely of firms with additional data (SKI, APA, ENV, DUE, AST). Portfolio 6 is added by CEG and is the same as Portfolio 5 but excludes Envestra which only has one year of additional data. Compared with Table 3-31 from the AusNet Services draft decision (July 2016), and focusing on portfolio 5, Table 14 suggests that average portfolio beta has increased by around 0.13 or more as a result of updating Henry's analysis.



Table 2: Summary of extension results for re-levered OLS weekly portfolio beta estimates

| | P1 | P2 | P3 | P4 | P5 | P6 |
|--|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Equal weighted | | | | | | |
| Longest available period | 0.52 | 0.56 | 0.52 | 0.53 | 0.52 | 0.54 |
| Increase vs Henry | 0.06 | 0.04 | 0.02 | 0.05 | 0.13 | N/A |
| Longest available period (excl. tech boom and GFC) | 0.56 | 0.56 | 0.58 | 0.61 | 0.61 | 0.64 |
| Increase vs Henry | 0.07 | 0.04 | 0.03 | 0.08 | 0.16 | N/A |
| Value weighted | | | | | | |
| Longest available period | 0.61 | 0.76 | 0.44 | 0.46 | 0.54 | 0.55 |
| Increase vs Henry | 0.11 | 0.06 | 0.00 | 0.04 | 0.15 | N/A |
| Longest available period (excl. tech boom and GFC) | 0.66 | 0.76 | 0.53 | 0.56 | 0.65 | 0.66 |
| Increase vs Henry | 0.12 | 0.06 | 0.01 | 0.06 | 0.17 | N/A |



2 Introduction

- 9. I have been asked by Johnson Winter & Slattery to provide a report on the replication and extension of the beta analysis from Henry⁴ (2014) to the most recent period (June 2015).
- 10. The remainder of this report has the following structure:
 - Section 3 replicates and extend Henry's analysis on individual firm betas;
 - Section 4 replicates and extend Henry's portfolio analysis; and
 - Section 5 discusses the most recent 5 and 1 year estimates of the equity beta
- 11. I acknowledge that I have read, understood and complied with the Federal Court of Australia's Practice Note CM 7, "Expert Witnesses in Proceedings in the Federal Court of Australia". I have made all inquiries that I believe are desirable and appropriate to answer the questions put to me. No matters of significance that I regard as relevant have to my knowledge been withheld.
- 12. I have been assisted in the preparation of this report by Yanjun Liu in CEG's Sydney office. However, the opinions set out in this report are my own.

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Olan T. Henry, *Estimating* β : *An update*, April 2014



3 Individual stock beta

3.1 Sampling period

13. Table 3 below summarises our extended sampling period for Henry's (weekly) beta analysis. It can be seen that for the four stocks that are still listed (APA, DUE, SKI and AST), our analysis has included an additional 155 weekly observations while for ENV there was only 63 new data points as it was delisted in October 2014.

Table 3: Extended sampling period of Henry's analysis

| Bloomberg ticker | Henry start date | Henry end date | Henry # of observations | CEG extended end date | CEG # of observations | Difference in # of observations |
|---------------------|---------------------|-------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| AAN AU Equity | 20/10/2000 | 17/08/2007 | 356 | - | 356 | 0 |
| AGL AU Equity | 29/05/1992 | 6/10/2006 | 749 | - | 749 | 0 |
| APA AU Equity | 16/06/2000 | 28/06/2013 | 680 | 20/06/2016 | 835 | 155 |
| DUE AU Equity | 13/08/2004 | 28/06/2013 | 463 | 20/06/2016 | 618 | 155 |
| ENV AU Equity | 29/08/1997 | 28/06/2013 | 826 | 20/06/2016 | 889 | 63 |
| GAS AU Equity | 21/12/2001 | 10/11/2006 | 255 | - | 255 | 0 |
| HDF AU Equity | 17/12/2004 | 23/11/2012 | 414 | - | 414 | 0 |
| SKI AU Equity | 2/03/2007 | 28/06/2013 | 330 | 20/06/2016 | 485 | 155 |
| AST AU Equity | 16/12/2005 | 28/06/2013 | 393 | 20/06/2016 | 548 | 155 |

Bloomberg data, CEG analysis

14. It should be noted that the following stock ticker changes have occurred: AGL AU Equity was renamed from AGK AU Equity for AGL energy limited; and AST AU Equity is renamed from SPN AU Equity for SP Ausnet.

3.2 CEG replication of Henry's Table 2 and A1

- 15. Henry's Table 2 shows the de-levered/re-levered beta and Table A1 in his appendix shows the corresponding raw estimates of equity beta. In replicating these tables, we sourced historical closing price, market capitalisation and net debt for each of the nine firms in the sample. We then calculate various beta measures using the open source statistic software R.
- The replication results are shown in Table 4 below. Consistent with Henry's notation,
 w stands for the re-levering factor⁵ and gearing is calculated based on the average market capitalisation and net debt during the sampling period.

⁵ W = (1-gearing)/(1-0.6)



| stock | equity beta | asset beta | w | gearing | re-levered equity beta_CEG (replication) | re-levered equity beta_Henry (actual) |
|---------|----------------|---------------|-------|---------|--|---|
| AAN | 0.570 | 0.380 | 1.567 | 0.373 | 0.893 | 0.880 |
| AGL | 0.383 | 0.265 | 1.738 | 0.305 | 0.666 | 0.681 |
| APA | 0.542 | 0.256 | 1.117 | 0.553 | 0.606 | 0.594 |
| DUE | 0.482 | 0.135 | 0.621 | 0.752 | 0.299 | 0.283 |
| ENV | 0.431 | 0.123 | 0.689 | 0.724 | 0.297 | 0.304 |
| GAS | 0.347 | 0.124 | 0.895 | 0.642 | 0.311 | 0.314 |
| HDF | 0.742 | 0.447 | 1.491 | 0.404 | 1.106 | 1.031 |
| SKI | 0.379 | 0.226 | 1.364 | 0.455 | 0.517 | 0.329 |
| AST | 0.294 | 0.120 | 0.995 | 0.602 | 0.292 | 0.287 |
| Average | 0.460 | 0.230 | 1.160 | 0.530 | 0.554 | 0.522 |

Table 4: CEG replication of weekly individual beta estimates (Henry's longest sampling period using weekly data)

Bloomberg data, CEG analysis

- 17. The last two columns in Table 4 compares our replication and Henry's actual figure side-by-side for each individual stock. We note that our estimates are different to Henry's, most notably for SKI, although the average figure is similar.
- 18. To examine robustness of our estimates (and the discrepancy with Henry's estimates), we have compared our estimates with the "Raw beta" from Bloomberg's "Historical Beta" field⁶ and found that our estimates are consistent with the figures from Bloomberg based on Henry's sample and benchmark index (ASX 300 accum); while Henry's raw beta from his Table A1 is slightly different.
- 19. We note that most of the difference in re-levered equity is due to differences in gearing estimates. For example, for SKI our gearing figure is 45.5% while Henry's is 66%. Similarly, our gearing estimate for HDF is materially lower (40% vs 48%). We have very similar gearing estimates for the other firms.
- 20. However, given our result is consistent with Bloomberg's figures and the difference in average is minimal, we have used our replication as the reference to compare with the results from the extended sample in the following sections.

3.3 CEG extension of Henry's Table 2 (as of June 2016)

21. Table 5 below shows our extension to Henry's Table 2. The red column corresponds to our replication of Henry's figure in Table 4 while the blue column shows the

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Screenshots included in Appendix A.



estimated (re-levered) equity beta based on the extended sample; the last column calculates the difference.

| Table 5: CEG extension of weekly individual beta estimates (Henry's | 5 |
|---|----|
| longest sampling period extended until June 2016 using weekly data | ı) |

| stock | equity beta | asset beta | w | gearing | re-levered equity beta_CEG (replication) | re-levered equity beta_CEG (extension) | change |
|---------|----------------|---------------|-------|---------|---|---|----------------|
| AAN | 0.570 | 0.380 | 1.567 | 0.373 | 0.893 | 0.893 | 0.000 |
| AGL | 0.383 | 0.265 | 1.738 | 0.305 | 0.666 | 0.666 | 0.000 |
| APA | 0.566 | 0.268 | 1.241 | 0.504 | 0.606 | 0.703 | 0.097 |
| DUE | 0.458 | 0.129 | 0.737 | 0.705 | 0.299 | 0.337 | 0.038 |
| ENV | 0.433 | 0.124 | 0.737 | 0.705 | 0.297 | 0.319 | 0.023 |
| GAS | 0.347 | 0.124 | 0.895 | 0.642 | 0.311 | 0.311 | 0.000 |
| HDF | 0.742 | 0.447 | 1.491 | 0.404 | 1.106 | 1.106 | 0.000 |
| SKI | 0.421 | 0.250 | 1.545 | 0.382 | 0.517 | 0.650 | 0.133 |
| AST | 0.364 | 0.149 | 1.035 | 0.586 | 0.292 | 0.377 | 0.085 |
| Average | 0.480 | 0.240 | 1.220 | 0.510 | 0.554 | 0.596 | 0.042 - 0.088* |

Bloomberg data, CEG analysis. * The bottom end of this range shows the change measured as the average across all betas – including for those that have no additional data and, therefore, have no change. The top end of this range is the change only for the four firms currently listed (i.e., the firms for which there is 3 years additional data which do not include ENV for which there is only an additional 13 months of data).

22. Our result suggests that the average re-levered equity beta has increased by around 0.04 simply by adding data since the end of Henry's sampling period in mid 2013 (or an increase of around 0.09 if we focus only on the firms for which 3 years of additional data is available).



4 Portfolio beta

4.1 Portfolio construction

- 23. Following the instructions from the AER, Henry (2014) constructed five portfolios each with different constituent stocks and sampling period⁷. In additional to these five portfolios, our portfolio analysis includes a sixth portfolio consists of the remaining four listed stocks (APA, DUE, SKI and AST) as ENV was delisted in 2014.
- 24. Table 6 below summarises the constituent stocks and sampling periods for our portfolio analysis. It can been seen P2-P4 are not affected by the extension as their portfolio end date is set to be before 2013.

| Portfolio | Constituent stocks | Henry start date | Henry end date | Henry # of observations | CEG end date | CEG # of observations |
|-----------|------------------------------------|---------------------|-------------------|----------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|
| P1 | APA, ENV | 16/06/2000 | 28/06/2013 | 680 | 20/06/2016 | 789 |
| P2 | AAN, AGL, APA, ENV, GAS | 21/12/2001 | 06/10/2006 | 250 | 06/10/2006 | 250 |
| P3 | APA, DUE, ENV, HDF, AST | 16/12/2005 | 23/11/2012 | 362 | 23/11/2012 | 362 |
| P4 | APA, DUE, ENV, HDF, SKI, AST | 02/03/2007 | 23/11/2012 | 299 | 23/11/2012 | 299 |
| P5 | APA, DUE, ENV, SKI, AST | 02/03/2007 | 28/06/2013 | 330 | 20/06/2016 | 467 ⁸ |
| P6 | APA, DUE, SKI, AST | 02/03/2007 | 28/06/2013 | 330 | 20/06/2016 | 485 |

Table 6: Portfolio construction and sampling period

Bloomberg data, CEG analysis

4.2 CEG replication and extension of Henry's Table 14 and A4

25. Henry's Table 14 and A4 document the beta estimates for five *equal*-weighted portfolio consists of different stocks and sampling periods. This section attempts to replicate his results.

⁷ Olan T. Henry, *Estimating* β : *An update*, April 2014, P. 35

⁸ ENV was delisted in 2014 so the # of observations is different for ENV and the remaining four stocks in P5.



26. As noted before, our beta estimates are slightly different from Henry's results. Table 7 below shows our replication result side-by-side with Henry's estimates for the equal-weighted portfolios. Note that Henry has only five portfolios while we have six. The different in average (re-levered) equity beta is around 0.03.

| Portfolio | equity beta | asset beta | w | gearing | re-levered equity beta_CEG (<mark>replication</mark>) | re-levered equity beta_Henry (actual) |
|----------------------|----------------|---------------|-------|---------|---|---|
| p1 | 0.505 | 0.187 | 0.911 | 0.636 | 0.460 | 0.458 |
| p2 | 0.441 | 0.240 | 1.264 | 0.495 | 0.557 | 0.520 |
| p3 | 0.531 | 0.219 | 0.977 | 0.609 | 0.519 | 0.504 |
| p4 | 0.514 | 0.218 | 1.026 | 0.589 | 0.528 | 0.476 |
| p5 | 0.461 | 0.175 | 0.969 | 0.613 | 0.446 | 0.387 |
| р6 | 0.445 | 0.179 | 1.020 | 0.592 | 0.454 | - |
| Average ⁹ | 0.490 | 0.208 | 1.029 | 0.588 | 0.502 | 0.469 |

Table 7: CEG replication of weekly equal-weighted portfolio beta

Bloomberg data, CEG analysis

- 27. Consistent with the approach adopted in the previous section, we use our replication as the reference to compare with the results from the extended sample in the following sections.
- 28. Table 8 below shows our extension of Henry's Table 16. The red column is our replication of Henry's figure while the blue column corresponds to the estimated (relevered) equity beta based on the extended sample.

| Portfolio | equity beta | asset beta | w | gearing | re-levered equity beta_CEG (replication) | re-levered equity beta_CEG (extension) | change |
|-----------|----------------|---------------|-------|---------|---|---|--------------|
| p1 | 0.518 | 0.211 | 0.998 | 0.601 | 0.460 | 0.517 | 0.057 |
| p2 | 0.441 | 0.240 | 1.264 | 0.495 | 0.557 | 0.557 | 0.000 |
| p3 | 0.531 | 0.219 | 0.977 | 0.609 | 0.519 | 0.519 | 0.000 |
| p4 | 0.514 | 0.218 | 1.026 | 0.589 | 0.528 | 0.528 | 0.000 |
| p5 | 0.482 | 0.209 | 1.087 | 0.565 | 0.446 | 0.524 | 0.078 |
| р6 | 0.471 | 0.217 | 1.148 | 0.541 | 0.454 | 0.541 | 0.087 |
| Average | 0.402 | 0.210 | 1.082 | 0.567 | 0.404 | 0.521 | 0 027-0 074* |

Table 8: CEG extension of weekly equal-weighted portfolio beta

Bloomberg data, CEG analysis. Bloomberg data, CEG analysis. * The bottom end of this range shows the change measured as the average across all betas – including for those that have no additional data and,

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Portfolio 6 is excluded in the average as this portfolio is not included in Henry's (2014) analysis.



therefore, have no change. The top end of this range is the change only for the three portfolios for which there is additional data).

29. Consistent with the result from Table 5, Table 8 shows that the average beta has increased by around 0.04 since the end of Henry's sample period (or an increase of around 0.07 if we focus only on the portfolios for which additional data is available)...

4.3 CEG replication and extension of Henry's Table 16 and A6

- 30. Henry's Table 16 and A6 present the beta estimates for five *value*-weighted portfolios consisting of different stocks and sampling periods. To replicate his result we must calculate the weight for each constituent stock in the portfolios based on their average market capitalisation in the sampling period.
- 31. Figure 1 below shows the calculated weights for each of the stocks in their corresponding portfolios based on the "Hist_mkt_cap" field from Bloomberg. We note that these weighting are close, albeit not identical, to the weights used by Henry¹⁰ (2014).

Figure 1: CEG replication of weights in value-weighted portfolios



Bloomberg data, CEG analysis

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Olan T. Henry, *Estimating* β : *An update*, April 2014, Annex A.



32. Table 9 below shows our replication result side-by-side with Henry's estimates for the value-weighted portfolios. We note that the difference between our replication and Henry's actual figure is 0.03, on average.

| Portfolio | equity beta | asset beta | w | gearing | re-levered equity beta_CEG (<mark>replication</mark>) | re-levered equity beta_Henry (actual) |
|-----------------------|----------------|---------------|-------|---------|---|---|
| p1 | 0.517 | 0.205 | 0.977 | 0.609 | 0.505 | 0.498 |
| p2 | 0.459 | 0.307 | 1.653 | 0.339 | 0.758 | 0.703 |
| p3 | 0.469 | 0.181 | 0.939 | 0.625 | 0.441 | 0.436 |
| p4 | 0.463 | 0.187 | 0.999 | 0.600 | 0.463 | 0.420 |
| p5 | 0.446 | 0.175 | 0.994 | 0.602 | 0.443 | 0.390 |
| p6 | 0.438 | 0.177 | 1.019 | 0.593 | 0.446 | |
| Average ¹¹ | 0.471 | 0.211 | 1.112 | 0.555 | 0.522 | 0.489 |

Table 9: CEG replication of weekly value-weighted portfolio beta

Bloomberg data, CEG analysis

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33. Following Henry's approach, we have calculated the portfolio weights to be applied in the extended sampling periods. This is shown in Figure 2 below. Compared with Figure 1, Figure 2 shows that the average market capitalisation for APA has increased relative to other stocks. As a consequence, its weight in portfolio p1, p5 and p6 has been lifted.

Figure 2: CEG extension of weights in value-weighted portfolios



Portfolio 6 is excluded in the average as this portfolio is not included in Henry's (2014) analysis.



34. Table 10 below shows our extension to Henry's Table 16. The red column corresponds our replication of Henry's figure while the blue column shows the estimated (relevered) equity beta based on the extended sample.

| Portfolio | equity beta | asset beta | W | gearing | re-levered equity beta_CEG (replication) | re-levered equity beta_CEG (extension) | change |
|-----------|----------------|---------------|-------|---------|---|---|----------------|
| p1 | 0.542 | 0.246 | 1.120 | 0.552 | 0.505 | 0.607 | 0.102 |
| p2 | 0.459 | 0.307 | 1.653 | 0.339 | 0.758 | 0.758 | 0.000 |
| p3 | 0.469 | 0.181 | 0.939 | 0.625 | 0.441 | 0.441 | 0.000 |
| p4 | 0.463 | 0.187 | 0.999 | 0.600 | 0.463 | 0.463 | 0.000 |
| p5 | 0.487 | 0.219 | 1.118 | 0.553 | 0.443 | 0.544 | 0.101 |
| р6 | 0.484 | 0.223 | 1.142 | 0.543 | 0.446 | 0.552 | 0.107 |
| Average | 0.484 | 0.227 | 1,162 | 0.535 | 0.509 | 0.561 | 0.052 - 0.103* |

Table 10: CEG extension of weekly value-weighted portfolio beta

Bloomberg data, CEG analysis. * The bottom end of this range shows the change measured as the average across all betas – including for those that have no additional data and, therefore, have no change. The top end of this range is the change only for the three portfolios for which there is additional data).

35. Consistent with results from Table 5 and Table 8, Table 10 shows that the delevered/re-levered equity beta has increase by 0.05 on average (or an increase of around 0.10 if we focus only on the portfolios for which additional data is available).



5 Most recent beta

5.1 Last five years beta (Henry's Table 4 and A3)

36. Henry's Table 4 and A3 shows his estimates of the weekly beta for the "last five year". To draw a comparison, we have also estimated the re-levered equity beta for the most recent 261 weeks. Results are shown in Table 11 below¹².

Table 11: CEG extension of weekly individual beta estimates for the most recent 5 years

| Portfolio | equity beta | asset beta | W | gearing | re-levered equity beta_Henry (actual) | re-levered equity beta_CEG (extension) | change |
|-----------|----------------|---------------|-------|---------|---|--|--------|
| APA | 0.547 | 0.298 | 1.361 | 0.456 | 0.540 | 0.745 | 0.205 |
| DUE | 0.274 | 0.096 | 0.877 | 0.649 | 0.244 | 0.240 | -0.004 |
| SKI | 0.478 | 0.345 | 1.800 | 0.280 | 0.299 | 0.861 | 0.563 |
| AST | 0.691 | 0.297 | 1.073 | 0.571 | 0.273 | 0.741 | 0.469 |
| Average | 0.498 | 0.259 | 1.278 | 0.489 | 0.339 | 0.647 | 0.308 |

Bloomberg data, CEG analysis

37. Apart from DUE which experienced a minimal decline, the 5-year weekly beta for the remaining three stocks have all increased considerably, almost doubling on average. We note that the rise in beta is much more apparent when examining the last 5 years because the "longest possible sample" analysis due to the relatively small weight additional data receives in the longer historical estimates.

5.2 Last one year beta

38. As noted in our DBP report¹³, a 5 year equity beta gives less weight to the most recent data and so will typically rise/fall more slowly after the point at which beta in the market rises/falls. To illustrate, Table 12 below shows our estimates of the weekly beta for the most recent 52 weeks. It can be seen that the increase in beta (comparing 1 year estimates to Henry's five year estimates) is around 0.13 (Table 12 vs Table 11).

¹² ENV and HDF are not included because they were delisted thus had considerably less amount of observations.

¹³ CEG, Estimating beta to be used in the Sharpe-Lintner CAPM, February 2016, Para. 115



Table 12: CEG extension of weekly individual beta estimates for the most recent 52 weeks

| Portfolio | equity beta | asset beta | w | gearing | re-levered equity beta_CEG (extension) | Change (with respect to Henry's five year beta) |
|-----------|----------------|---------------|-------|---------|---|--|
| APA | 0.669 | 0.343 | 1.282 | 0.487 | 0.858 | 0.318 |
| DUE | 0.308 | 0.135 | 1.097 | 0.561 | 0.337 | 0.093 |
| SKI | 0.625 | 0.462 | 1.847 | 0.261 | 1.154 | 0.855 |
| AST | 0.699 | 0.300 | 1.074 | 0.570 | 0.750 | 0.478 |
| Average | 0.575 | 0.310 | 1.325 | 0.470 | 0.775 | 0.436 |



6 Summary of replication and extension results

- 39. We have also replicated and extended Henry's table 3, 7, 15, 17, A2, A5 and A7 associated the sampling period excluding the technology boom (prior to 2002) and the GFC period (29/08/2008 to 06/11/2009). The detailed results are can be found in Appendix B.
- 40. Table 13 below summarises the result from our extension to Henry's individual stock beta analysis. This table is directly compared with Table 3-30 from the AusNet Services draft decision (July 2016). This evidence suggests that beta has increased around 0.10 or more since the end of Henry's sampling period.

Table 13: Summary of extension results for re-levered OLS weekly individual beta estimates

| | Longest available period | Longest available period (excl. tech boom and GFC) | Last five years |
|------------------------|-----------------------------|--|-----------------|
| Henry original results | 0.52 | 0.56 | 0.46 |
| CEG extension results | 0.60 | 0.66 | 0.65 |
| Change | 0.08 | 0.10 | 0.19 |

- 41. It should be noted that Henry's average "last five years" beta estimates includes six firms (APA, DUE, DNV, HDF, SKI and AST), among which ENV and HDF were delisted in 2013 and 2014, respectively. Including these two stocks at the time of our estimates (June 2016) would result in a considerably less number of observations than other stocks (169 for ENV and 75 for HDF as compared with 260 for others). Therefore, our "last five years" beta estimates is only averaged across the four currently listed firms as in Table 11.
- 42. Table 14 below shows the measured betas for the six portfolios as outlined in section 5 for the two sampling periods. Portfolio 5 is the only portfolio comprised of firms with additional data (portfolio 6 is added by CEG and is the same as Portfolio 5 but excludes Envestra). Compared with Table 3-31 from the AusNet Services draft decision (July 2016), and focusing on portfolio 5, Table 14 suggests that average portfolio betas has since then increased by around 0.13 or more (focusing on portfolio 5).



Table 14: Summary of extension results for re-levered OLS weeklyportfolio beta estimates

| | P1 | P2 | P3 | P4 | P5 | P614 |
|--|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Equal weighted | | | | | | |
| Longest available period | 0.52 | 0.56 | 0.52 | 0.53 | 0.52 | 0.54 |
| Increase vs Henry | 0.06 | 0.04 | 0.02 | 0.05 | 0.13 | N/A |
| Longest available period (excl. tech boom and GFC) | 0.56 | 0.56 | 0.58 | 0.61 | 0.61 | 0.64 |
| Increase vs Henry | 0.07 | 0.04 | 0.03 | 0.08 | 0.16 | N/A |
| Value weighted | | | | | | |
| Longest available period | 0.61 | 0.76 | 0.44 | 0.46 | 0.54 | 0.55 |
| Increase vs Henry | 0.11 | 0.06 | 0.00 | 0.04 | 0.15 | N/A |
| Longest available period (excl. tech boom and GFC) | 0.66 | 0.76 | 0.53 | 0.56 | 0.65 | 0.66 |
| Increase vs Henry | 0.12 | 0.06 | 0.01 | 0.06 | 0.17 | N/A |

¹⁴ Comparisons are made against replication of Henry (2014), because this portfolio is not included in Henry's (2004) analysis.



Appendix A Bloomberg historical beta screenshots

43. Figure 3 shows a number of screenshots from the Bloomberg "Historical beta" field for AAN, APA, DUE, ENU, GAS, HDF, SKI and AST. The "Raw Beta" in the right sidebar column can be compared directly with "equity beta" column in Table 4 of this report. This demonstrates that our estimates of the equity beta is consistent with Bloomberg's measure while being slightly different to the figures in Henry (2014).





Figure 3: Bloomberg historical beta screenshots



Appendix B CEG replication and extension of Henry's beta analysis for the period after the technology boom but excluding the GFC

B.1 Individual stocks beta

| stock | equity beta | asset beta | W | gearing | re-levered equity beta_CEG (<mark>replication</mark>) | re-levered equity beta_Henry (actual) |
|---------|----------------|---------------|-------|---------|---|---|
| AAN | 0.644 | 0.429 | 1.567 | 0.373 | 1.009 | 0.996 |
| AGL | 0.427 | 0.295 | 1.821 | 0.272 | 0.777 | 0.750 |
| APA | 0.572 | 0.277 | 1.160 | 0.536 | 0.663 | 0.635 |
| DUE | 0.504 | 0.146 | 0.635 | 0.746 | 0.320 | 0.299 |
| ENV | 0.476 | 0.139 | 0.756 | 0.698 | 0.360 | 0.366 |
| GAS | 0.351 | 0.125 | 0.895 | 0.642 | 0.314 | 0.317 |
| HDF | 0.684 | 0.426 | 1.524 | 0.390 | 1.043 | 0.905 |
| SKI | 0.383 | 0.236 | 1.422 | 0.431 | 0.544 | 0.340 |
| AST | 0.464 | 0.194 | 1.024 | 0.591 | 0.475 | 0.468 |
| Average | 0.500 | 0.250 | 1.200 | 0.520 | 0.610 | 0.564 |

B.1.1 CEG replication of Henry's Table 3 and A2



| stock | equity beta | asset beta | w | gearing | re-levered equity beta_CEG (<mark>replication</mark>) | re-levered equity beta_CEG (extension) | change |
|---------|----------------|---------------|-------|---------|--|---|--------|
| AAN | 0.644 | 0.429 | 1.567 | 0.373 | 1.009 | 1.009 | 0.000 |
| AGL | 0.427 | 0.295 | 1.815 | 0.274 | 0.774 | 0.774 | 0.000 |
| APA | 0.604 | 0.293 | 1.273 | 0.491 | 0.663 | 0.768 | 0.105 |
| DUE | 0.462 | 0.133 | 0.757 | 0.697 | 0.320 | 0.350 | 0.030 |
| ENV | 0.479 | 0.140 | 0.810 | 0.676 | 0.360 | 0.388 | 0.028 |
| GAS | 0.351 | 0.125 | 0.895 | 0.642 | 0.314 | 0.314 | 0.000 |
| HDF | 0.684 | 0.426 | 1.524 | 0.390 | 1.043 | 1.043 | 0.000 |
| SKI | 0.448 | 0.276 | 1.604 | 0.359 | 0.544 | 0.718 | 0.174 |
| AST | 0.528 | 0.221 | 1.055 | 0.578 | 0.475 | 0.557 | 0.082 |
| Average | 0.510 | 0.260 | 1.260 | 0.500 | 0.610 | 0.660 | 0.050 |

B.1.2 CEG extension of Henry's Table 3 and A2

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B.2 Portfolio beta

| Portfolio | equity beta | asset beta | w | gearing | re-levered equity beta_CEG (<mark>replication</mark>) | re-levered equity beta_Henry (actual) |
|-----------------------|----------------|---------------|-------|---------|---|---|
| p1 | 0.524 | 0.205 | 0.958 | 0.617 | 0.502 | 0.493 |
| p2 | 0.442 | 0.240 | 1.264 | 0.494 | 0.559 | 0.521 |
| p3 | 0.576 | 0.243 | 1.012 | 0.595 | 0.583 | 0.550 |
| p4 | 0.566 | 0.247 | 1.068 | 0.573 | 0.605 | 0.532 |
| p5 | 0.524 | 0.208 | 1.012 | 0.595 | 0.530 | 0.454 |
| p6 | 0.521 | 0.216 | 1.061 | 0.576 | 0.553 | - |
| Average ¹⁵ | 0.526 | 0.229 | 1.063 | 0.575 | 0.556 | 0.510 |

B.2.1 CEG replication of Henry's Table 15 and A5

¹⁵ Portfolio 6 is excluded in the average as this portfolio is not included in Henry's (2014) analysis.



| Portfolio | equity beta | asset beta | w | gearing | re-levered equity beta_CEG (replication) | re-levered equity beta_CEG (extension) | change |
|-----------|----------------|---------------|-------|---------|--|--|--------|
| p1 | 0.541 | 0.231 | 1.041 | 0.584 | 0.502 | 0.564 | 0.062 |
| p2 | 0.442 | 0.240 | 1.264 | 0.494 | 0.559 | 0.559 | 0.000 |
| p3 | 0.576 | 0.243 | 1.012 | 0.595 | 0.583 | 0.583 | 0.000 |
| p4 | 0.566 | 0.247 | 1.068 | 0.573 | 0.605 | 0.605 | 0.000 |
| p5 | 0.540 | 0.243 | 1.126 | 0.550 | 0.530 | 0.608 | 0.078 |
| р6 | 0.541 | 0.255 | 1.183 | 0.527 | 0.553 | 0.640 | 0.087 |
| Average | 0.534 | 0.243 | 1.116 | 0.554 | 0.555 | 0.593 | 0.038 |

B.2.2 CEG extension of Henry's Table 15 and A5

Bloomberg data, CEG analysis

B.2.3 CEG replication of Henry's Table 17 and A7

| Portfolio | equity beta | asset beta | w | gearing | re-levered equity beta_CEG (<mark>replication)</mark> | re-levered equity beta_Henry (actual) |
|-----------------------|----------------|---------------|-------|---------|--|---|
| p1 | 0.539 | 0.223 | 1.020 | 0.592 | 0.549 | 0.536 |
| p2 | 0.458 | 0.307 | 1.654 | 0.339 | 0.757 | 0.702 |
| p3 | 0.548 | 0.219 | 0.975 | 0.610 | 0.534 | 0.517 |
| p4 | 0.543 | 0.226 | 1.040 | 0.584 | 0.565 | 0.503 |
| p5 | 0.530 | 0.216 | 1.035 | 0.586 | 0.548 | 0.476 |
| р6 | 0.529 | 0.221 | 1.059 | 0.576 | 0.560 | - |
| Average ¹⁶ | 0.524 | 0.238 | 1.145 | 0.542 | 0.591 | 0.547 |

Bloomberg data, CEG analysis

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Portfolio 6 is excluded in the average as this portfolio is not included in Henry's (2014) analysis.



| Portfolio | equity beta | asset beta | w | gearing | re-levered equity beta_CEG (<mark>replication)</mark> | re-levered equity beta_CEG (extension) | change |
|-----------|----------------|---------------|-------|---------|--|--|--------|
| p1 | 0.572 | 0.269 | 1.157 | 0.537 | 0.549 | 0.662 | 0.113 |
| p2 | 0.458 | 0.307 | 1.654 | 0.339 | 0.757 | 0.757 | 0.000 |
| p3 | 0.548 | 0.219 | 0.975 | 0.610 | 0.534 | 0.534 | 0.000 |
| p4 | 0.543 | 0.226 | 1.040 | 0.584 | 0.565 | 0.565 | 0.000 |
| p5 | 0.561 | 0.260 | 1.153 | 0.539 | 0.548 | 0.647 | 0.099 |
| р6 | 0.564 | 0.266 | 1.176 | 0.530 | 0.560 | 0.663 | 0.103 |
| Average | 0.541 | 0.258 | 1.192 | 0.523 | 0.586 | 0.638 | 0.052 |

B.2.4 CEG extension of Henry's Table 17 and A7

Bloomberg data, CEG analysis

B.3 Most recent beta

B.3.1 Last five year beta (Henry's Table 7)

| Portfolio | equity beta | asset beta | W | gearing | re-levered equity beta_Henry (actual) | re-levered equity beta_CEG (<mark>extension</mark>) | change |
|-----------|----------------|---------------|-------|---------|---|---|--------|
| APA | 0.817 | 0.445 | 1.361 | 0.817 | 0.772 | 1.111 | 0.340 |
| DUE | 0.398 | 0.140 | 0.877 | 0.398 | 0.318 | 0.349 | 0.031 |
| SKI | 0.151 | 0.108 | 1.800 | 0.151 | 0.207 | 0.271 | 0.064 |
| AST | 0.688 | 0.295 | 1.073 | 0.688 | 0.361 | 0.738 | 0.377 |
| Average | 0.513 | 0.247 | 1.278 | 0.513 | 0.414 | 0.617 | 0.203 |

Bloomberg data, CEG analysis

B.3.2 Last one year beta

| Portfolio | equity beta | asset beta | w | gearing | re-levered equity beta_CEG (extension) | Change (with respect to Henry's five year beta) |
|-----------|----------------|---------------|-------|---------|---|--|
| APA | 0.814 | 0.417 | 1.282 | 0.487 | 1.043 | 0.271 |
| DUE | 0.435 | 0.191 | 1.097 | 0.561 | 0.477 | 0.159 |
| SKI | 0.300 | 0.221 | 1.847 | 0.261 | 0.554 | 0.346 |
| AST | 0.602 | 0.259 | 1.074 | 0.570 | 0.646 | 0.286 |
| Average | 0.537 | 0.272 | 1.325 | 0.470 | 0.680 | 0.266 |