

Poems

Souvankham Thammavongsa

BROKERAGE REPORT I

An announcement is coming this afternoon.
It's about targeted closings, forecasts,
assuming of sales, royalty revenues, gross proceeds,
multiple metrics, range of approximation, land
holdings, future spending, and commitments.
Watch how rank can be stronger than peers. More
details will be provided at the closing of transaction.
Defer any major decisions. Resume spending and
expansion. Deploy capital to improve physical
integration. Main concerns are related to potential use
of proceeds. Return to historical capital, ongoing
internal changes. There is an implied discount.
Proceeds and recommendation remain unchanged.
Continue to rank. Repeat. Buy. Press release.

BROKERAGE REPORT II

It's robust. The complex dynamics of a particular cycle. Prices can move higher. Oil wells naturally decline. Drill new wells. Concerns have been raised. Released already today. Proves to be correct. Robust. In the long run. The pace is slower than some investors would like. Nevertheless a trend is encouraging. The rest of the world. It's robust. Notwithstanding concerns. We do not recommend aggressive weighting at this time. In summary, given the difficulty of predicting and time, we do remain optimistic. A leader in this space. The universe remains the same. Robust. It's robust. Trends. The risks could be amplified.

Souvankham Thammavongsa is the author of *Light* (2013), winner of the Trillium Award; *Found* (2007), which was made into a film by Paramita Nath, and *Small Arguments* (2003), which won the ReLit Award for poetry. She is working on a collection of short stories and a memoir of her childhood. One of her stories, "How to Pronounce Knife," was shortlisted for the 2015 Commonwealth Short Story Prize.