SEARCHING OUT VALUABLE COMPANIES IN THE ENERGY METALS BULL MARKET
I'm not a geo, and likely neither are you; I'm not a financial advisor, so do your Due Diligence! I AM a scientist, researching, analyzing and writing some original material. I often present items I believe to be credible 'facts', which may subsequently be proven, or not.

D O'Brien – Covering the 'energy metals'; copper for 18 years, graphite for 6, lithium for 4 and now adding cobalt.
CYPRESS MAKES GREAT STRIDES IN NEVADA
WITH UNIQUE ‘NON-HECTORITE’ LITHIUM IN CLAYSTONES

By David O’Brien

Recent announcements indicate Cypress Developments Corp. (CYP: TSX-V, CYDF: OTC) has not only been making great strides in the development of their Nevada prospects... they are getting the recognition and earning the credibility, and buy-in, of one of the major players in the Nevada lithium brines, Pure Energy Minerals Ltd. (PE: TSX-V, HMGLF: OTC)

On September 27, 2016 Cypress announced the beginning of their ‘Phase 3 Exploration’ at Clayton Valley Lithium Brine/Clay Project in Nevada, which is a property-wide surface sampling program.

Cypress’ Clayton Valley Project is within half a mile of lithium brine wells belonging to the Albemarle Corp.’s (ALB: NYSE) Silver Peak Mine and the property shares its western boundary with the lithium resource area of Pure Energy’s Clayton Valley South project. Talk about an ‘area play’... they’re literally surrounded by producing and great potential projects.

Cypress has collected more than 500 samples over the past few weeks. These additional surface samples, now waiting for assay results, compliment previous sampling conducted by Cypress earlier this year in which CYP encountered a strongly mineralized zone averaging 2,350 ppm lithium along a 1 kilometre strike length. In addition to lithium, boron assays will also be completed for the surface grid sample program.

Back in August, Cypress optioned its flagship Clayton Valley Project to Pure Energy Minerals with Cypress remaining the operator of the project until Pure Energy earns a 51% interest. The agreement allows CYP to advance its Clayton Valley Project while working with and utilizing the geological expertise of the Pure Energy team. As Ronald Huston, President, Cypress Development Corp commented, “Cypress is excited and very pleased to have our land position in Clayton Valley recognized as a valuable to both companies through this Option Agreement with Pure Energy Minerals. Cypress already has Federal permits in place, so the Clayton Valley Lithium Property offers an immediate opportunity to drill for additional lithium resources. Planning for the field program is well advanced, and we should see field crews mobilizing for a systematic sampling program in the next two weeks.”

Robert Marvin, P.Geo, Exploration Manager for Cypress Development Corp. is the Qualified Person as defined by NI 43-101 and he approves all technical information.

Cypress Development Corp. is a publicly-traded exploration company advancing publicly traded lithium and zinc-silver exploration company that continues to acquire and develop potentially viable mineral projects in Nevada. CYP’s team is exploring its properties for high-grade lithium assays recovered from these claystones. Most lithium mines are produced from either hard rock, usually spodumene-bearing pegmatite; and secondly, from brines, called playas or salars. The third method is one that Cypress is pioneering: the cost-effective and less toxic method of extracting of lithium from softer claystones.

The unique chemical extraction process (Weak Aqua Regia digestion) uses a much cheaper diluted acid mixture of one part HNO3 (nitric acid), one part HO (hydrochloric acid) and one-part water (H2O) replacing the industry’s expensive and caustic standard 4-acid method of a corrosive combination of HO (hydrochloric acid), HNO3 (nitric acid), HF (hydrofluoric acid) and HClO4 (perchloric acid).

This is what other industry observers were saying wasn’t even possible because of the huge expense (OpEx) of ‘roasting-off’ the hectorite encumbered lithium. No hectorite, no problem... clinic cost flow from these deals puts CYP in a unique position for a junior. Sounds like management earns a Check, too. Do your Due Dil, of course.

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AIX: AHEAD OF THE CURVE IN THE JUNIOR ‘HARD ROCK’ LITHIUM SECTOR

By David O'Brien

Alix Resources Corp. (AIX: TSX.V) is a junior exploration company focused on exploring advanced lithium properties in excellent mining jurisdictions. Alix’s main lithium properties, the Jackpot property in Ontario and the La Corne Lithium Camp in Quebec, have historical lithium resources.

Alix is focused on maximizing their return on exploration spending and bringing historical lithium resources to NI 43-101 standards. Historical lithium resources enable Alix to start advanced exploration programs while others are still trying to locate spodumene. For this reason, we believe Alix has a unique opportunity to be ‘ahead of the curve’ in the junior ‘hard rock’ lithium sector.

Corporate Structure

Alix’s shares are fully diluted, with 50,381,941 common shares outstanding, 69,615,941 on a fully diluted basis, and 15,894,000 warrants, worth a total of $3,340,000.

LITHIUM IN MEXICO

• New discovery of clay mineralization returned up to 1.00 ppm Li from new Agua Fria extension of the Electra project in Mexico.
• Highest lithium values received by Alix to date from the Electra project and are strongly warranted.
• Aggressive work programs underway

JACKPOT LITHIUM

(2Mt of 1.09 Li2O, an HISTORICAL RESOURCE ESTIMATE)
Initial surface samples collected returned an average of 2.41% Li2O with above-limit tantalum concentrations. The La Corne 1 Lithium property is located in the Figueyre Township. Mineralization consists of spodumene-rich sub-horizontal, irregular dykes.

LA CORNE 1

(33,000t of 2.45% Li2O, an HISTORICAL RESOURCE ESTIMATE)
The La Corne 2 Lithium Property is situated in the La Motte Township. Mineralization is contained within two granite pegmatite dykes (181-295 m long x 2-3 m thick), rich in spodumene (Li) with accessory tantalite (Ta) and beryl (Be).

LA CORNE 3

(HISTORICAL ASSAYS OF 1.65% Li2O)
The La Corne 3 Lithium Property is located in the La Motte Township. Granitic pegmatites, 600 to 100 m thick, reveal 15 to 30% spodumene accompanied by beryl (Be).

LA CORNE 4

(CONTIGUOUS TO PAST-PRODUCING LITHIUM MINE)
The La Corne 4 Lithium Property is contiguous to the western boundary of RB Energy’s Canada Lithium Mine property located in the La Corne Township. RB Energy’s Quebec Lithium Mine reported measured and indicated resources of 293 Mt grading 1.19% Li2O and 209 Mt of inferred resources grading 1.15% Li2O, respectively. (Source: NI 43-101 Technical Report filed by Canada Lithium, on SEDAR, June 5, 2013).

ELECTRA PROJECT, SONORA, MEXICO

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These are the kind of projects that generate interest from potential joint Venture partners to advance, providing exit strategies at many stages of the development plan. Or, hold onto the shares for its longer-term growth prospects. Either way, keep an eye on the News coming from AIX, and, of course, do your Due Diligence.

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Cruz has recently acquired eight separate cobalt prospects across North America, and as Chris Berry of House Mountain Partners recently effused: “I think one of the things that’s surprised me is how many people haven’t woken up to the opportunity. Again, we can get into a lot of the details about battery and battery metals and how important lithium is, or cobalt is, or graphite is, but I think cobalt is really sort of an undiscovered opportunity right now.”

Cruz recently executed a “3 for 1 Forward Split”, potentially benefiting shareholders with increased liquidity as well as the increased shareholding, of course, and with their recent financing are rapidly ushering their stated goal of becoming the foremost cobalt Project Generator and developer on the TSX Venture Exchange. Other management moves will ensure progress as well, such as the addition of Fritz ten Doornkaat of Switzerland as a strategic European adviser and seasoned expert. For more information directly www.cruzcapitalcorp.com, 604 899 9150, info@cruzcapitalcorp.com and Twitter @CruzCapitalCorp.

Electric Vehicles (EV) and/or Energy Storage Systems (ESS) in the next several years.

- Tesla US$5 billion Gigafactory ahead of schedule. Ramp up production from current 36,557 cars produced in 2015 to 500,000 in 2018. First ESS to be in production end of 2016.
- Ford invest US$5 billion and bring 30 EVs to market by 2020.
- Volkswagen 20 EVs or hybrids to be introduced within VW Group by 2020.
- Renault-Nissan US$2 billion investment in EV and battery developments.
- Porsche investing €1 billion to produce first EV sport cars by 2018.
- BMW, and Volkswagen have all announced significant financial investments in producing Electric Vehicles (EV) and/or Energy Storage Systems (ESS) in the next several years.

THE FOREMOST COBALT PROJECT GENERATOR AND DEVELOPER IN NORTH AMERICA
Gold And Silver Are Soaring

Negative interest rates are spreading across the world like a wildfire... the economy is slowing... stocks are peaking... and the U.S. presidential election promises to roll global markets.

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or well over four decades — through some of the most turbulent and dangerous times in investing — the record shows there is no better place to find profits and safety than the legendary New Orleans Investment Conference.

But this year’s blockbuster event will be one of the most exciting in the long history of the New Orleans Conference.

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...there’s no wonder why gold, silver and mining stocks are on fire.

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eCOBALT SOLUTIONS’ FOUR ES
ESSENTIAL ENERGY ENVIRONMENTAL ETHICAL

By David O’Brien

Back in June, eCobalt Solutions Inc. (eCS: TSX), announced the completion of a CA$4.4 M financing allowing it to move forward and to complete it’s recently commissioned Feasibility Study on its Idaho Cobalt Project (ICP). The ICP will be the United States’ sole, near term, primary producer of high purity cobalt. Management and Insiders subscribed to 8% of the Offering.

We see this as a vote of confidence by the management “The closing of this financing is a major advancement in moving our Idaho Cobalt Project towards production” stated Paul Farquharson, President and CEO of eCobalt. He continued, “These funds are expected to allow us to produce a feasibility study that will assist the Company in moving forward on Project CapEx financing”.

Recently, Rick Honsinger, Senior VP was even more specific in that it ‘sets the stage’ for raising the CA$44MM required to complete construction of the mine and commence production.

Your author’s first ‘assignment’ for this group, 20 years ago, was to help the company’s image reflect the nature of its business: cobalt. It certainly is encouraging to have them get to the precipice of success… in the best way, of course.

More on management theory, Honsinger posted the ‘Four Es’: Corporate Mission

ESSENTIAL

The United States and China, among others, have categorized cobalt as a Strategic or Critical Metal. It is an important component of Renewable Energy Systems and Super-Alloys.

ENERGY

75% of rechargeable batteries currently produced contain cobalt. In addition to increased demand for cell phones, laptops, cameras, power tools, e-bikes, medical devices, electric power trains and grid storage, Electric Vehicles (EV) are expected to require 10-20kg of cobalt per vehicle. There are currently 17 auto makers developing EV’s.

ENVIRONMENTAL

Thanks to underground mining and modern mining techniques, eCobalt’s environmental impact will be minimal. Tailings will be dry stacked, there will be no tailings pond. Environmental reclamation at the end of the mine life will be 100%.

ETHICAL

eCobalt’s supply chain will be transparent and the labour force will be local. End-users will have a reliable and ethical source of quality Cobalt Sulphate Heptahydrate (the ICP’s primary product used in the cathodes of rechargeable batteries) and consumers can be confident their end use product will be ethically sourced.

Consumers are increasingly demanding transparency in the supply chains of raw materials used in the end products they produce. Apple was recently taken to task for not being transparent in their supply chain for cobalt used in the batteries they produce. eCobalt is in every aircraft jet engine and in land-based turbines used in power generation plants.

All in all, it’s encouraging to tell a story… with no negatives.

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key properties are advantageously located within Nevada’s Lithium Hub and South America’s Lithium Triangle. From a July 2016 News release “Dajin is an energy metals exploration company holding a 30% interest in 294 placer claims known to contain lithium (Li), lithium (Li) and boron (B) deposits within the Salinas Grandes Project covers a massive land position in the Salinas Grandes/Guayatoyoc salars in northwestern Argentina. Dajin has an option to acquire a 51% interest in 294 placer claims covering 3,851 acres (1,558 hectares) in the Alkali Lake region of Esmeralda County, Nevada. These claims, which cover 3,851 acres (1,558 hectares), are adjacent to the birthplace of US Borax Corp’s first borax mine. Dajin also holds 393 placer claims covering 3,851 acres (1,558 hectares) in the Alkali Lake region of Esmeralda County, Nevada. Dajin has entered into an option agreement with Nevada Energy Metals Inc. to explore these claims located 7 miles (12 kilometers) northeast of Rockwood’s Clayton Valley Lithium operation. In Argentina, Dajin holds a 100% interest in concessions or concession applications in Jujuy Province, that are acquired in regions known to contain brines with potassium (K), lithium (Li), and boron (B) values and are located in the Salinas Grandes/Guayatoyac salt lakes basin adjacent to concessions held by other companies. Dajin has an option to acquire a 51% interest in Dajin’s lithium properties in Argentina by making a payment of CDN $500,000 and expending a total of CDN $2,000,000. A KEY DIFFERENTIATOR IN NEVADA AND WITH THE BLM IS WATER RIGHTS: Dajin has Acquired Them at Teels Marsh Dajin has completed several geological studies including high resolution seismic and gravity surveys and is now gearing up to drill two large diameter exploration wells in the near-term. Dajin also acquired water rights for the Teels Marsh project through the Nevada Division of Water Resources. Regardless of the arrival of a decision on the type of extraction method to be used, acquiring water rights is a crucial milestone for the project given both the importance of water for lithium brine extraction and the political issues surrounding water allocation in the state of Nevada. In 2010, the Critical Materials Strategy, U.S. Department of Energy said the following “Lithium is now considered a key, strategic energy metal in the clean technology economy that is being fueled by advances in electric vehicles, energy storage and electronics. The U.S. Department of Energy has identified lithium as a critical material whose demand is forecast to grow dramatically in the coming decades, with rechargeable lithium batteries leading the way.” Dajin’s Teels Marsh and Alkali Lake projects are located in Nevada. Alkali Lake is approximately 7 miles from Clayton Valley, Clayton Valley, Teels Marsh and Alkali Lake all have active geothermal systems. The Teels Marsh prospect is also only 40 miles north in another geologically similar brine valley claims. In South America, the Salinas Grandes Project covers a massive land position in the Salinas Grandes/Guayatoyac salars in northwestern Argentina. Dajin has an option to acquire a 51% interest in 294 placer claims covering 3,851 acres (1,558 hectares) in the Alkali Lake region of Esmeralda County, Nevada. In the spring of 2016, Dajin’s Director and COO Dr. Catherine Hickson signed a co-operation deal for the exploration phase of the project. Shortly afterward, Dajin signed a deal that will allow Lithium S Corp. ("Lithium S") to earn a 51% stake in Dajin’s Lithium properties in Argentina. Under the terms of their...
It’s Not How Light You Make It... It’s How You Make It Light.

By David O’Brien

Scandium International Mining Corp. (SCY: TSX) is a metals technology story, focused on improving aluminum alloy properties through the addition of scandium.

Note what V.V. Zákravý states on this possibility in Metal Science and Heat Treatment. Here’s an edited version:

“It is shown that the addition of scandium considerably influences the structure and properties of aluminum and its alloys:

• Scandium is the strongest inoculant of the cast grain structure of aluminum alloys, the strongest suppressor of recrystallization, and the strongest hardener (per 0.1% of the additive)
• The addition of zirconium intensifies and stabilizes the action of scandium [...]

The combination of operating properties of scandium-bearing aluminum alloys is substantially superior to that of traditional aluminum alloys. The combination of operating properties of scandium-bearing aluminum alloys is substantially superior to that of traditional aluminum alloys. One of the main applications of these new scandium-enhanced aluminum alloys is in the production of aircraft fuselages, with both Boeing and Airbus participating in the industry transformation.

From Aerospace Manufacturing & Design we selectively quote an article with Dr. Matthias Miermeister, Manager, Field Engineering (Global Aerospace), Aleris Rolled Products, Germany, where he discusses his company’s new aluminum-magnesium-scandium alloy (AlMgSc). He states:

“Weldability is a game changer in higher strength aluminum alloys, where welding usually becomes difficult. Scandium transforms AlMgSc (5 series) alloy into the highest performing alloy choice for many demanding applications, immediately.”

SCANDIUM INTERNATIONAL MINING CORPORATION (Ticker Symbol: SCYO)

DEVELOPING THE WORLD’S FIRST PRIMARY SCANDIUM MINE

Nyngan Scandium Project - NSW, Australia

Production Planned For 2018

HIGHLIGHTS

• Feasibility Study Completed (2016)
• Surface-Mineable Resource (16Mt)
• Project Capital Cost – US$87M
• Project IRR – 33% IRR
• Initial Offtake Agreement in Place
• Experienced Management Team

From Scandium International’s corporate presentation, we capture some of the features and advantages, summarily:

- Aluminum-scandium alloys can be expected to roll back substitution from some lightweight steels, magnesium alloys, and carbon fibre.
- A better AlMgSc (5 Series) alloy will definitely be cost competitive, aluminum-based alloys are easier to apply to conventional manufacturing processes.
- These specfic alloys will be more field serviceable, repairable, and tougher in rough service.
- A 5 Series with scandium will add enough strength to move that alloy family into high value markets they cannot reach today.
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SCY MANAGEMENT’S OBJECTIVE:

Management’s objective is to be the world’s first primary scandium mine, with production in 2018. Their Nyngan Scandium Project in NSW, Australia (80% owned) has earlier this year completed a Definitive Feasibility Study (DFS) on the surface-mineable resource, with both excellent infrastructure and jurisdiction advantages:

- Financial results - 33% IRR, $225M NPV (8%), constant $, after-tax.
- Build cost – US$87M
- Scandia (Sc2O3) production target – 38,500 kg/year.

Taking a look at SCY’s corporate structure, we see 225mm shares O/S (488mm F/D), cash in the bank and no debt as at June 30, 2016.

Where Can AlSc Alloys Be Employed Today?

- Transportation uses (weight savings)
- Marine applications (corrosion)
- Extruded products (thin wall structures and fast flow rates)
- Stamped rather than CNC-machined shapes (less waste, better weldability)

Where Else Can Scandium Be Used Besides Aluminum Alloys?

- Solid Oxide Fuel Cells (SOFCs), where scandium is a superior heat stabilizer.
- Lighting systems, lasers and chemical catalyst applications.
Strategic Metals

What Does the Scandium Market Look like Today?

- Scandium’s benefits are known and understood, but the market today is very much under-supplied and over-priced.
- Sellers make scandium as a by-product from other mineral processing operations, or waste stockpiles.
- Limited supply means inadequate volume for wide-scale adoption.
- Virtually all current supply sources are located in Russia and China.

Increased supply, from reliable sources, at reasonable cost will be the catalyst for a dramatic increase in scandium interest and usage.

The Scandium Effect Is Most Dramatic In the 5 Series Family of Aluminum Alloys

The 5 Series alloys, consisting of aluminum and magnesium, show the best response to scandium additions, yet preserve their superior properties in other areas. They remain ‘manufacturing-friendly’ yet become significantly stronger. The 5 Series (+99% Al) also shows great strength increase in scandium interest and usages.

THE SCANDIUM INTERNATIONAL ADVANTAGE - HIGHLIGHTS

Advancing to Production

Substantial Scandium Resource and Expandable
The Nyngan Project scandium resource is of sufficient size to support a project of the size envisioned in the DFS for 160 years, or alternatively, to support significant project expansions over a 20-year term. In addition, the Company holds exploration licenses over a neighbouring area known as Honeybugle, which shows promise for similar grade scandium-enriched resources and further expansion capability.

Extraction Technology Understood
The planned scandium extraction process involves conventional metals separation techniques, specifically high pressure acid leach (HPAL) and solvent extraction (SX), supported by over US$2M in independent test work. The Company has filed five US patent applications to protect techniques developed from extensive independent test work on Nyngan’s resources.

First Offtake Agreement in Place
Scandium International has a 3 year offtake agreement in place with a knowledgeable aluminum alloy group, for 7,500 kg/year, at prices consistent with the DFS.

Ahead of its Competitors
While there are three scandium projects under development in Australia today, Nyngan is the only project with an independently-published DFS, providing a clear time line to construction and production.

Our Note of Recognition...
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It’s been said that anything can be endured except for an unbroken string of prosperity.

In Guyana, South America; the beginning of 2016 was for them, by all accounts, not good. But by the end of this year, they will have surmounted their strategic hiccups, faced their environmental challenges and not only hurdled through torrential downpours, lower-than-expected grade material, and equipment delays, but also saw the conclusion of Phase I mine construction on time and under budget, but the mid of the year was for them, by all accounts, not good. That’s okay. As Yannis Tsitos, President of Goldsource Mines, states, “The deposit is amazing, let me start with that.”

Located 200 km southwest of Guyana’s capital, Georgetown, and 45 km from the historic Omai Gold Mine which produced an estimated four million ounces of gold between 1993 and 2005, Eagle Mountain is about to go into overdrive.

“We’re going to add a full second shift within the 4Q of 2016 – that will see us in operation for 20 hours a day.”

In Guyana the official language is English, the system of law is British and Yannis says that the small but friendly country located between Venezuela and Brazil contains one of the most prospective, yet under-explored gold regions in the world. A few big mines and a long history of alluvial gold production – situated to accomplish this, "no one else is better-equipped and - situated to accomplish this,” states Yannis.

And that, more than anything else, demonstrates what the company is at its core: Golden.

“We’ve worked hard to meet the challenges of start-up. Now we’re working with the government and the people to bring even more jobs to the area to ramp up production and output. We’re working hard to see even better returns for shareholders. We won’t stop working. Because it’s not only our area of expertise, it’s our passion. And we believe no one else is better-equipped and - situated to accomplish this,”

But sometimes, the set backs that tell us who a company is at its core. More precisely, it’s how a company deals with those wrenches in the pipes that matters. A perfect modern example of this idiom is Goldsource Mines.

Based in Vancouver, BC, with operations in Guyana, South America, the beginning of 2016 saw the conclusion of Phase I mine construction in the early quarter. A truck was delayed 6 weeks. La Nina rainfall made the roads temporarily impassable. A project with time as discrete milestones are accomplished. And, he stresses, “we’re on time and under budget.”

"Yes it is true, we had some challenges in the earlier quarter. Attruck was delayed 6 weeks. La Nina rainfall made the roads temporarily impassable. A change in the system of law is British.”

In fact, we’re not only operating at or near capacity, but also increasing that capacity and improving the output. We’re working hard to see even better returns for shareholders. We won’t stop working. Because it’s not only our area of expertise, it’s our passion. And we believe no one else is better-equipped and - situated to accomplish this,”

But the by the end of this year, they will have met their strategic hiccups, faced their environmental challenges and not only hurled them, but working with all stakeholders to bring something entirely new to the country they’ve chosen to do business in. An intense, close-end system and environmentally safe leach reactor, to significantly increase gold recovery in comparison to their current pure gravity processing plant.

The deposit is amazing, let me start with that,” says Yannis Tsitos, President of Goldsource. “And the management team, you could not ask for better. Eric Fier, from Pegasus and Eldorado. Nicholas Campbell, SilverCrest and Canaccord, and on and on - we have an incomparable team in place.

The deposit is amazing, let me start with that,”

By Christian Vakenti

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Why Goldsource Mines?

• Extensive management experience in low-cost phased project execution in the Americas.
• Low pre-production Capex at US$9.4M for Phase I, close to US$5.9M with full Demobilization Phase II. 8 years net CAPEX (net for cash only), from mine hard rock.
• Anticipated Low Opex (US$800 to US$700/oz All-in sustaining cash costs), RIAS-5000/oz in first year - reach 30,000oz/y in year 4.
• Advanced gravity operation (current), expansion to leaching in 2017.
• Minimized technical risk.
• Short timeline to free cash flow (expected in Q1, 2017).
• Compelling economics (after-tax IRR 63% PEA) for Oxides, plus 35,000oz/y in year 3.
• Low pre-production Capex at US$4.8M for Phase I, close to US$5.9M with full Demobilization Phase II. 8 years net CAPEX (net for cash only), from mine hard rock.
• Commercial Production Announced in Q2 2016 (June 20, 2016).
• Aggressive Expansion Phases for H2 2016 and 2017.
SOUTH CAROLINA’S JEFFERSON GOLD PROSPECT... WHO KNEW?

By David O’Brien

Now and then this industry comes along with surprises... who among us knew that South Carolina had the United States' first gold rush in the 1820s, and has been producing ever since.

Right on trend with the past-producing Ridgeway and soon to be producing Haile Gold mines is a very attractive prospect in Pancon Gold (PUC.H: TSX-V) newly acquired Jefferson Gold Project. With modern techniques of exploration, management is expecting to prove up its viability quickly. Drilling is planned for November of this year. The potential is certainly there. In 2011, drill results from only 4 holes assayed 393 feet @ 1.27 g/t (hole #202) and 332 feet @ 0.88 g/t (hole #102), with a all 4 holes encountering gold mineralization.

Recently, mid-cap OceanGold Corporation (OGC: TSX/ASX/NZX) purchased Romarco’s properties for $856 million, and is developing the Haile Mine, only 7 miles up the road it will be an open pit mine with production scheduled to begin early next year. In September, they announced the potential for a future high-grade underground operation below the pit with together with recent drill results that included 11.2 m @ 3.5 g/t Au, 566 m @ 0.8 g/t Au, 274 m @ 1.17 g/t Au and 272 m @ 1.13 g/t Au. The Haile Gold mine in South Carolina, according to analysts' consensus, is expected to produce around 250,000 ounces of gold in 2017, 2018 and 2019 and is expected to ramp up to 250,000 annually.

11.3 g/t Au. The Haile Gold mine in South Carolina is ranked by the Fraser Institute's Annual Report as tied for 5th as a 'Favourable Mining Jurisdiction', with producing mines continually 'setting the example' for copper owned by VMS Ventures Inc. (VMS: TSX-V) through discovery, which we covered only five years ago, through a Joint Venture on the Reed Copper mine in Manitoba with the very successful Hudbay Minerals Inc. (HBM: TSX), to production in less than four years, which we also covered.

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BALMORAL RESOURCES
SITTING ON
SHALLOW GOLD

Near-surface deposits confirmed, more anticipated as >50 holes pending results

“The rapid expansion of the Bug South Deposit and the strengthening of the mineralized system apparent from these results are potential game-changers...”
Darin Wagner, President and CEO of Balmoral Resources

“We expect to start drilling Detour East by the end of this week (Sept 30th, 2016),” Wagner said.

Looking ahead to 2017, Balmoral Resources is prepared to enter the new year with a strong forecast, backed by both solid numbers in the ground and deep pockets.

“I’m proud to say we’re already fully funded for 2017 and beyond,” Wagner stated.

A pending sale of a non-core asset is expected to garner Balmoral an additional $2.5 million, which should top up their treasury to approximately $15 million.

“With Bug North and Martiniere West there are now three near-surface gold deposits on the Martiniere Property. All three are open at relatively shallow depths for expansion, and a number of other prospective zones and exploration targets can add to this list.”

As the company prepares to release results from the latest round of drilling at Bug Lake, they’re also gearing up to begin drilling on their wholly-owned Detour East property 30 kilometres to the west.

“We are pleased to have found a group with a background of safe and environmentally responsible project management to potentially move the Discovery Gold Zone forward,” Wagner stated at the time of the announcement.

“The funds acquired in this transaction will support our ongoing efforts to delineate and expand the nearby Martiniere Gold System and our continued exploration efforts throughout the Detour Trend Project area.”

All these developments spell good news for the Canadian junior, as it builds on a strong groundwork laid in 2016 and springboards into next year. With multiple drills turning, new drill permits in the queue and each successive round of results building upon the last, Balmoral has a solid outlook from an investment standpoint.

“Balmoral is following an established formula with a goal of maximizing shareholder value through the discovery and definition of high-grade, Canadian gold and base metal assets.”

By Christian Vakenti
The effect on the metals and minerals will be further magnified by structural imbalances in the sector itself - the gradual peak of gold production along with questionable silver supplies, intersecting with investor demand to safely insulated and profite in a zero percent interest rate world. Frankly, you’ve joined those straddling the “fear trade” and the “love trade” - the desire for precious metals by a bulk platitude, armed with rising disposable income. These tectonic plate drivers will propel gold, silver, palladium - and the mining companies who produce them - to new all-time nominal, and eventually, inflation-adjusted highs.

As you read this essay, the metals and minerals may still be in the midst of the first major consolidation since their new bull run. Gold prices have launched another attempt at 2011 highs. Perhaps you need to start a new position or not get around to reading our book. Take some time to research what’s going on, see how you fit into the picture, make your plan, and get involved. You think it’s hard to start a new position of add to one when opinions are all over the board, you would think!

There is only one difference between people like Rick Rule, Eric Spots, Mark Katsuka and the late Sir John Tempelton - who act - and the majority who just watch until prices rise to the levels they slightly miss and then start carrying it out! If you think it’s hard to start a new position, then start doing it! If you think the minority who just watch until prices rise to the levels they slightly miss and then start carrying it out! If you think it’s hard to start a new position, then start doing it!

What becomes obvious from these drilling results is that these systems are poly metallic, adding plenty of value to the silver grades reported.

In addition, ongoing exploration continues within the Juanicipio joint venture, which is concurrently working on reorganizing surface access to their 200% owned Cinco de Mayo property in Chihuahua State.

The August MAG Silver announced two significant discovery holes, high-grade intercepts confirm and extend Valdecañas Deep Zones laterally and to depth.

#1: In DEEP ZONE EAST (VATL), the mineralization below the East Vein and the West Vein was defined. This hole is a 100 metre offset to Hole P3, grading 235 g/t (8.17 oz) silver, 0.60 g/t gold, 4.92% lead, 5.79% zinc, 0.97% copper, including 7.21m (true width) grading 475 g/t (13.4 oz) silver, 6.30 g/t gold, higher grade zones within the East Vein overall intercept include very high-grade lead (up to 14%) and high-grade silver (1,390 g/t) associated with the highest copper values (6.9%) reported to date on the property. The metal grades are consistent with the later quartz veins that carry low Bonanza silver grades do not conform to the expected zoning of a typical epithermal vein. Further, Valdecañas continues to show the expected zoning observed below the Bonanza Zone and that these structures remain open to depth and more. The Deep Zone discovery is still in its early days and we look forward to results from the new highly successful USA$1 million drill program currently underway with six rigs turning on the joint venture property.

Dr. Peter McLaughlan, the Company’s Chief Exploration Officer, comments: “We can now see how changes over the vein. We have created a fan horizontally-elongated dilatant zone that should continue laterally for some distance in both directions. Further, Valdecañas continues to show the expected zoning of a typical epithermal vein. Further, Valdecañas continues to show the expected zoning observed below the Bonanza Zone and that these structures remain open to depth and more. The Deep Zone discovery is still in its early days and we look forward to results from the new highly successful USA$1 million drill program currently underway with six rigs turning on the joint venture property.”

Mr. John Denison, President and CEO of MAG Silver comments on news: “We are delighted to confirm wide, deeper mineralization with high-grade silver, gold, lead, zinc and now consistent copper in our deep drilling”, said George Paspaaly, President and CEO of MAG Silver. “Results show that a widening zone occurs below the Bonanza Zone and that these structures remain open to depth and more. The Deep Zone discovery is still in its early days and we look forward to results from the new highly successful USA$1 million drill program currently underway with six rigs turning on the joint venture property.”

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The theories actually can come true... to coin a phrase. Do you like Due Diligence? As ‘we’re’ not quite ‘Guigui’ representative, I think you would find a dominant landholding interest in 100% of the Guigui Property within the historically rich Santa Eulalia District.

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The Oro project in New Mexico has completed a 2,123 metre drill program at the Stockboost gold target. The program comprised nine reverse circulation holes with which tested an area within and around a previously outlined 900 metre by 500 metre gold-in-soil anomaly and mineralized outcrop exposure where rock chip samples returned up to 4.8 g/t Au. Visual results from the drill program have been encouraging with most holes intersecting multiple thick (>250 metres) beds of strongly silicified and hematite-rich sediments, which are visually similar to surface rock chips containing anomalous concentrations of gold. The drilling tested an area approximately 450m by 450m, which encompasses and expands the area defined by anomalous gold in a small outcrop and the surrounding soil survey. Samples have been submitted for analyses and assays are pending.

All in all, a promising resource outlook coupled with strong initial results and precise maneuvering by management bodes well for Southern Silver. We look to the near future to see similar results from the Pico project as well.

“Southern Silver is well funded to continue its programs and we look forward to continuance of a long and fruitful relationship with Electrum in the development of the property after earn-in and establishment of a joint venture for the exploitation of the resource.” finishes Page.

The management team at Southern Silver have been hard at work, diligently stuck-handling their way to a recent announcement (Sept. 28th, 2016) which gives further details regarding their structure and holdings. They own a 20% indirect interest in the Cerro las Minitas project in Mexico, and our Stockpock operation in New Mexico. Both have new progress reports that we’re pleased to share with you, including an update on our corporate side of things which spells good news for everyone.

The 13,700 hectare site will require further delineation of mineralization and new discoveries. The 13,640ha (130 sq. Km) property from 2011-2016 has led to identification and delineation of three mineral deposits (the Blind, the El Sol and the Santo Nino) as well as a new discovery at the Mina La Bocona Zone. Recently announced NI-43-101, with Mineral Resources at a 150g/t AuEq cut-off equal: Indicated Resource of 36.5Mozs AgEq: 10.8Mozs Ag, 189Mlbs Pb and 207Mlbs Zn; and Inferred Resource of 77.3Mozs AgEq: 17.5Mozs Ag, 237Mlbs Pb and 266Mlbs Zn (See News Release dated 03/18/16).

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Southern Silver Exploration Corp. (SSV:TSXV, SEG1:Frankfurt, SSVCL:SVX, SSVFF:OTCQB) is a Canadian-based precious/base metal exploration company focused on the acquisition, exploration and responsible mining development in Mexico and New Mexico.

In the Faja de Plata (The Belt of Silver) in north-central Mexico, 70 km by road from the city of Durango, exploration on the Cerro Las Minitas property from 2011-2016 has led to identification and delineation of three mineral deposits (the Blind, the El Sol and the Santo Nino) as well as a new discovery at the Mina La Bocona Zone. Recently announced NI-43-101, with Mineral Resources at a 150g/t AuEq cut-off equal: Indicated Resource of 36.5Mozs AgEq: 10.8Mozs Ag, 189Mlbs Pb and 207Mlbs Zn; and Inferred Resource of 77.3Mozs AgEq: 17.5Mozs Ag, 237Mlbs Pb and 266Mlbs Zn (See News Release dated 03/18/16).

A US$50,000, 2016 four hole drill program (recently completed) focused on the expansion of known mineral resources and new discoveries throughout the 13,640ha (130 sq. Km) property. Electrum Global Holdings L.P. headed by Thomas Kaplan, provides stable funding, up to $5 million over a maximum of all months, to advance the project towards development. Currently a surface exploration program on the company’s second project, the Oro gold, silver, copper, lead and zinc property in New Mexico is underway consisting of prospecting and trenching to resolve targeting prior to the next phase of drilling the Fall on the Stockboost project. The company has identified a widespread zone of porphyry/skarn alteration and near surface bulk tonnage gold potential.
“We have so much going on at the moment,” Michael Rapsch, VP of Corporate Communications at SilverCrest Metals began. Things got quieter as he shut the door to the conference room and switched us to speakerphone. “We applied for permits about earlier this year,” says Rapsch. “From the moment we received the green light we pulled the switch on our end and began to drill. And we sifted results and we dug some more. Now all the results are in from Phase I.”

And what do they tell you?

“Begin Phase 2,” we could hear Michael smiling through the phone, “with confidence”

Interim CEO and PGeo Dunham Craig put his official notes on the matter, “The remaining drillhole results from the Phase I drill program intercepted the Las Chispas vein which has further demonstrated continuity of high grades and potential mineable thicknesses. Phase II exploration work will continue to define the Las Chispas vein for resource estimation expected in Q4 2016. As we continue to systematically narrow the field down to three targets of import the self-titled Las Chispas, the William Tell vein and Babinacana. Here’s where the story picks up. “Look to us again in February or March,” says Rapsch. “I think you’ll see us with additional drill results and assays. Then following on the heels of that we expect our maiden resource estimate.”

Official company statements read: based on the recent success of the Las Chispas Phase I program and subsequent announced discoveries, SilverCrest is targeting a first resource estimation to be announced in Q4 2016 along with a 100,000 tonne bulk sampling plan to form the basis for a preliminary economic assessment.

Underground rehabilitation work continues as scheduled with approximately 5 kilometres of the estimated existing 11.5 kilometres reopened. The company is completing final permitting for the Phase II exploration program. Work is anticipated to commence in Q4 2016.

“...a lot happening that we can’t or haven’t put out yet through official sources, but when we do here’s what we expect: thousands of metres of drilling and all those results. Two thousand of underground drilling at Babinacana alone. Great continuity at depth with high grades.”

Continuation of the types of numbers we’ve already seen. More results, more resources from this property. More return on investment for shareholders. More Gold.

And for those of us who love a good story that ends in gold, that’s all we could ask for. When the next chapter in the saga that is SilverCrest’s quest for Mexican silver and gold is published read it here.
The world is awakening to the fact that it needs new mineral deposits. Meet directly with the people who are leading the recovery.

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