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Ribbon cutting with the VMS Team. From Left to Right: Dr Mark Fedikow VP Exploration, Jeremy Nickel Project Geologist, Neil Richardson COO, Rick Mark CEO, John Roozendaal President.











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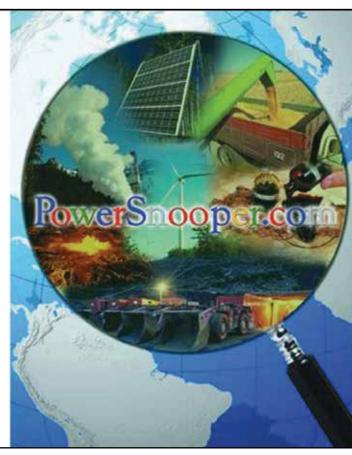
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ot yet into 'Commercial Production' however, based on **Hudbay** Minerals Inc. (HBM: 8, 2014) development at the Reed Copper Mine site continues, with **VMS Ventures Inc.** (VMS: TSX-V) and Hudbav Minerals moving towards Commercial Production:

"Reed

Of Hudbay's \$72 million estimated capital construction budget, the company has invested approximately \$63 million on the

project to January 31, 2014 and has entered into an additional \$4 million in commitments. As of January 31,, 2014, project development has advanced 2,004 metres with • Initial Production Now Underway an additional 598 metres of preproduction development for a total 2,602 metres of advancement.

Initial production was achieved during September 2013.

TSX)'s recent Report (Jan The project is on budget and on schedule and is expected to reach commercial production in the second quarter of 2014." [...emphasis mine Ed.1

> Shareholders of VMS will benefit in several ways, as their 30% ownership of the mine will be paid out of early revenues and as Chairman Rick Mark states "...at current or higher copper prices, VMS will likely be cash flow positive some time in 2015 and over

the mine life of (so far) five to six years, generate a healthy Return On Investment."

From the Pre-Feasibility Study base case, using \$2.95 copper, the project forecasts an IRR of 34.7%.

From the Cash Flow scenarios presented to your author, what becomes apparent is that the high grade nature of the Reed deposit is leveraged to the price of copper... presumably a good thing...with pressure still on to find new mines in the face of increasing world demand 'fundamentals'.

For VMS Shareholders, this allows management to continue to grow the Company through acquisition and exploration activities.

From their website presentation:

"We are actively seeking an advanced stage project and are continuously reviewing prospective projects. The current business climate is favorable for high value acquisitions as companies struggle to raise money and finance projects."

Other area of growth for the company include its 23.9% share ownership in NAN:TSX.V which is exploring a new high grade nickel belt in S.W. Greenland and revaluation of the Company as it moves from explorer to developer to producer. VMS as continues to hold and explore an extensive land package in the prolific Flin Flon - Snow Lake Greenstone Belt of Manitoba, Canada.



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It's been fascinating to watch as the junior mining market 'survivors' recover after the bottom was reached in mid-2013. We first heard about the Company when it announced the discovery of the high grade Reed Deposit in October 2007 and started coverage on VMS after they announced their Joint Venture with Hudbay in early 2010 to complete the evaluation and ultimately the construction of the mine...since then, this is, in fact, the basis of their success through the 'down market' experienced by almost all of the juniors.

Ever since then, many of the stocks are showing similar 'hockey stick' patterns to the upside, with various degrees of volatility, no doubt, as macro events still seem to 'sling shot' or ripple through buyers' minds... at least now some are encouraged to hold...or buy. This might be the biggest and possibly the last chance for Institutional Buyers to 'get in' for the security (Hudbay's Report) and the 'upside' [...which is 'Forward-Looking' we know: do your Due Dili!]

The main differentiating points still are 'how are the drilling programs impacting resource calculations' and 'has the company got the ability to take these assets to production'... now, VMS is leading the charge with a resounding "Yes!" to both questions: VMS and its Shareholders are 'carried' to production....and every new drill program enhances the asset calculation. Borehole Pulse Electromagnetic targets indicate the deposit remains open at depth. We like that.

"Hudbay has kept the construction of the mine on time and on budget, a rare thing in the world of mine construction" said VMS' **President John Roozendaal** "as we get deeper into the mine, their underground drill stations will explore for additional ore bodies and further define the size of the deposit.", which bodes well for all concerned.

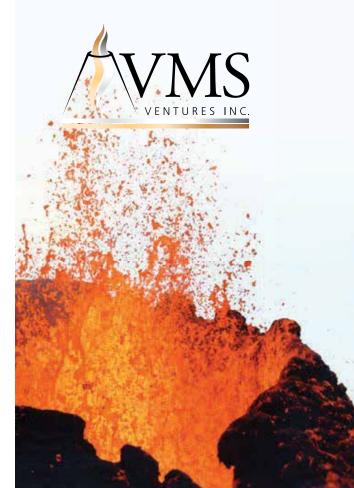
Corporately, and again to the benefit of Shareholders over the longer term, its \$6mm and the cash flow coming will enable VMS to continuously review prospective projects. Frankly, the adverse market sentiment works to the acquirer's advantage by keeping many companies in an under-valued state and unable to raise capital to finance their drilling and their market

awareness-building programs.

With a market cap of only \$30 million dollars, a high grade copper mine almost completely built and financed to full production and excellent exploration and acquisition upside VMS looks well positioned to help lead the next generation of developers into the next bull market, As well, VMS' investment of a 23.9% stake in North American Nickel Inc. (NAN: TSX-V), may well be the world's next Nickel Sulphide Camp as the prospective Maniitsoq property is 75 km long [...see accompanying article, this issue].

Your author has to keep reminding himself 'why don't I own this'...oh, yeah, 3rd-party objectivity...rats. Oh well, YOU don't have that excuse!

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MANITOBA'S NEXT COPPER MINE:

Reed Copper Project in Full Production 2014

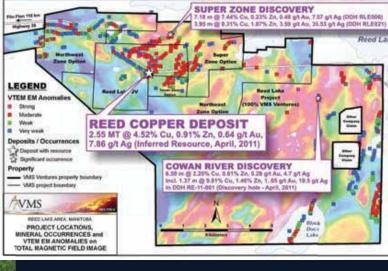
REED COPPER DEPOSIT DISCOVERED 2007

- Joint Venture with HudBay Minerals (operator) (NYSE: HBM) (T.HBM)
- VMS owns 30% of the project and is financed to production
- Reed Copper Deposit Prefeasibility Mineral Reserves:
 2.16M tonnes of 3.83% Cu, 0.48 g/t Au, 6.02 g/t Ag
- Borehole Pulse Electromagnetic targets indicate the deposit remains open at depth.

GROWTH BY ACQUISITION:

 With cash flow on the horizon, we are actively seeking an advanced stage project and are continuously reviewing prospective projects. The current business climate is favorable for high value acquisitions as companies struggle to raise money and finance projects.

- Large 100% owned land package in the Snow Lake-Flin Flon Greenstone Belt in Manitoba, Canada
- Well-funded; over \$6M in the treasury
- VMS Owns 23.9% of North American Nickel (NAN.TSX.V)





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NORTH AMERICAN NICKEL: 100 NEW EXPLORATION TARGETS IDENTIFIED AT MANIITSOQ

By David O'Brien

n our last issue of 2013 our Cover Story on North American Nickel Inc. (NAN: TSX-V, WSCRF: **OTCBB)** "Building the World's Next Sulphide Nickel Camp" we re-introduced you to a very capable team with an excellent prospect. We started coverage back in 2011. They keep moving things forward, and all positive:

Management has since received preliminary results from 2013's VTEM Plus helicopter-borne geophysical survey completed at its 100% owned Maniitsoq nickelcopper-cobalt-PGM project in Southwest Greenland

A total of 917.3 line-kilometres were flown in nine survey blocks, resulting in a total of 389 electromagnetic (EM) responses being detected. A preliminary review of the survey results by the Company has identified one hundred new conductor zones. These target zones will be field-

checked in 2014 and targets with **INVESTORS!** FINANCIERS! MINERS! BARKERVILLE Find out about breaking News from Explorationists, Developers and Producers utilizing a simple, intuitive reverse-search tool. Find financing opportunities from our participants such as MAG Silver Corp. (MAG: TSX, MVG: NYSE MKT). www.barkervillegold.com Pre-Register to many world-class resource investment events, usually saving the entrance fee. Locate properties with the resources you prefer, in the regions you'd prefer to invest in...just a few clicks away from their Stock Quotes and third-party First Sahara Energy information from Newsletter Writers and Research Analysts from around the world. www.firstsahara.com RESOURCES www.geodexminerals.com CINCO DE MAYO PROPERTY MUNICIPIO VILLA AHUMADA CHIHUAHUA, MEXICO The Circo de Mauo Project is a 25,000 hectare district scale project owned 100% by the Company Cinco de Mayo is located approximately 190 kilometres north of the city of Chihushua, in northern Chibushus State, Mexico, and is the most advanced of MAG's Carbonate Replacement Deposit ("CRO") Projects. The project consists of four major mineralized zones: the Upper Manto silverlead-zinc body: the Pegaso deep discovery: the Pozo Seco high grade molybdenum-gold resource area; and the surrounding Circo de Mayo exploration area. www.grizzlydiscoveries.com www.magsilver.com Take a look at MAG here: http://www.minesnooper.com/Companies Produced by Regional • Resource • Research
"... the new three R's."

higher nickel sulphide potential will be added to the growing drill target list at Maniitsoq.

The purpose of the 2013 VTEM Plus survey was threefold:

- 1) To obtain EM and magnetic coverage over areas which contain norite and other mafic-ultramafic intrusions that might be associated with economic nickel sulphide mineralization. All these new EM targets are outside the Greenland Norite Belt, which has been the focus of the Company's exploration work for the past 3 years;
- 2) To obtain deeper EM penetration over prospective areas that were surveyed in 2011 with SkyTEM (the new VTEM Plus system has four times the dipole moment of the 2011 SkyTEM system); and
- 3) To detail other conductors of interest detected by previous VTEM and SkyTEM surveys.

NAN CEO, Rick Mark, states: "The market has been focused on the **Imiak Hill Conduit Complex** for the past three months and rightly so, as the high grade drill results around Imiak have been outstanding. Today, we want to remind investors that our 100% owned Maniitsoq property, which is larger than the Sudbury basin, has the potential to host the world's next sulphide nickel-copper-cobalt camp. These preliminary airborne results bolster that belief and provide us with a new array of targets to analyze and prepare for in 2014."

I was going to editorialize on the above, however, as usual, Mark has expressed everything succinctly and on point.

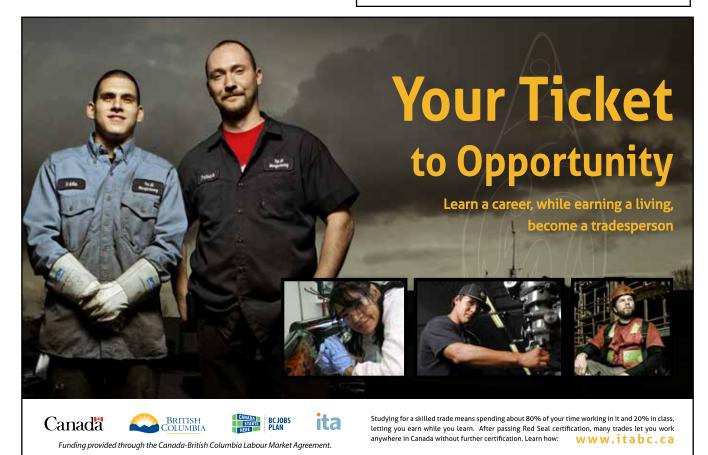
Find out more here:

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KLONDIKE SILVER

READYING TO RE-COMMENCE PRODUCTION

By David O'Brien



ast year Klondike Silver Corp. (KS: TSX-V) halted production from its Silvana mine due to the slumping silver price, and now management believes that their silver prospects, coupled with their lead and zinc assets, are in a stronger position.

With a pending financing to cover overheads, and a re-start made easier by their continuing maintenance, they are working towards putting one of the three permitted mines back into production in 2014: the **Silvana**. The **Hinckley** mine needs further

exploration to prove up additional mineable deposits. The **Wonderful** mine is 'incredibly rich' in zinc and will need to be drilled off to further define the resource. When and if zinc 'goes on a run' this will be huge for **KS** because of the very high grade zinc.

In 2012, Klondike generated revenues of about \$2.45mm, which comprised 53,620 oz Ag, 136 mT Pb and 253 mT Zn.

It has been accumulating land in the 'Silvery Slocan' mining district over the past 25 years, and now holds over 16,000 hectares, or about 80% of the camp. The wholly-owned mill in Sandon, B.C. has the capacity to process up to 120 tons per day, and the silver/lead and silver/zinc concentrates are then shipped to a smelting plant in Trail, B.C.

A LITTLE BACKGROUND ABOUT THE SLOCAN:

A 120 years ago the Slocan area of British Columbia was one of the greatest silver producing regions on earth. Since 1892, over 35 billion dollars (in today's value) of silver, lead and zinc have been produced from the Slocan area mines exceeding the value of the 3 major gold rushes; California,





Cariboo and the Klondike combined. The old historic mining town of Sandon sits smack dab in the middle of all the action.

Since a track record speaks of management's potential to bring about results for Shareholders. then the fact that the following mines were all brought into production over the past 40 years, and their share prices went from pennies to dollars: Belmoral, Sleeping Giant, Hemlo and Alamos Gold...then this 'speaks well'. Now Richard Hughes, President, feels that the consolidation of the land, and the ability to get into cash flow positive production, can generate 'quick-enough' revenues to re-explore the over 100 historical mines and turn the Silvery Slocan into a major, worldclass mining camp.

In a corporate presentation of various scenarios, cost and revenue estimates point to a profitable enterprise even at \$23 silver; and with an upgrade

to the ball mill to 100 tons per day, and with \$28 silver, there is a projection of well over half a million dollars per month profit! With a stock price as low as 5 cents recently, this looks like one of the best opportunities out there. Back in 2007, when we first presented **KS** to our German Media Partners, they were able to generate a keen following in a very short exposure campaign... unfortunately, later in 2008 when the 'credit crisis' impacted the financial markets, KS was one of the many juniors impacted.

However, with the almostimmediate cash flow scenario, the generation of funds to explore further without too much dilutive financing bodes well to create demand for this stock once again. Do your Due Dili, of course.

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Klondike Silver Plans to be in Production in 2014

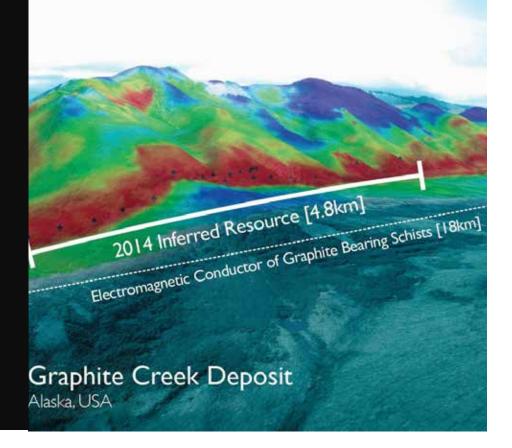
- Three mines are permitted...and they have been in production before...
- Lead & Zinc as 2nd & 3rd metals with the Silver are really good...
- Will zinc prices be going on a run with so many mines closing?
- Huge exploration potential on the very large land holdings, based on historical data. Klondike Silver's Geos know where the high-grade is...
- KS is working towards selling concentrate to Teck Cominco within 2014:
 Ag/Pb & Ag/Zn; so, that positive cash flow helps prevent further share dilution.

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GRAPHITE ONEHAS A STRATEGIC RESOURCE RIGHT IN THE US



By David O'Brien

Graphite ONE Resources Inc. (GPH: TSX-V, GPHOF: OTCQX) owns the Graphite Creek Property in Alaska, meaning it has a Strategic Resource: the USA has declared graphite a "Supply Critical Mineral", and the EU has declared graphite a "Strategic Mineral".

Graphite ONE is "exploring with the intent to develop the Graphite Creek Deposit, North America's largest known large-scale, large flake graphite deposit. Based on drilling 4.8km of an 18km strike length, Graphite Creek has an NI 43-101 inferred resource of 284.71 million tonnes at 4.5% graphite (including 37.68 million tonnes at 9.2% graphite and 8.63 million tonnes at 12.8% graphite)" from their recent Fact Sheet.

Investment Highlights, also from their Fact Sheet (emphasis mine Ed.):

- NI 43-101 inferred resource. (See Table 1)
- Scalable, low cost operation. Near surface, open-pit ready, with a potential +100 year mine life, and low waste-to-ore strip ratio.
- High-grade, large flake graphite at surface. Large-flake graphite offers the most diverse application & demand in the market today.

| Cut-Off | Tonnage | Graphite | Cg |
|---------|----------|----------|---------|
| | | In Situ | |
| 2% | 284.71Mt | 4.5% Cg | 12.76Mt |
| 5% | 95.93Mt | 7.2% Cg | 6.91Mt |
| 7% | 37.68Mt | 9.2% Cg | 3.47Mt |

in the region.

Strategically located to serve the entire US and Pacific Rim.

Supply critical mineral with increasing demand & no US production.

With global graphite consumption doubling since 2000, a graphite deficit is anticipated.

Experienced management team with a proven track record.

The Graphite Creek Property mineral claims comprises 129



What does this mean? Here's 'how much that rock is worth', so to speak: At \$1,750/t, 12.8% Cg =

an airstrip to the southeast.

totalling 6,799 hectares, on the

Seward Peninsula of Alaska. Graphite

One controls all prospective lands

with known graphite mineralization

The property is 3 km away from

intertidal waters at Grantley

Harbour, approximately 20 km away

from road systems, and 3 km from

@ \$1,250/oz 5.6g/t gold 4.4% copper @ \$2.75/lb 411g/t silver @ \$14/oz

About Graphite & the Market Pressures

Graphite is a naturally occurring, low-density allotrope of the element carbon (Cg).

It is available in 3 different types: flake, amorphous, & lump. 40% of production is flake graphite,



which has a much higher carbon content (80-98%) than its peers. Flake graphite, which has the highest carbon content of the 3 graphite varieties.

China produces over 70% of the world's graphite (amorphous), however resources are depleting and exports are declining as costs & taxes rise [36% export tax].

When we were introduced to Anthony Huston, President & CEO, at the Cambridge House's Vancouver Resource Investment Conference, every question on our now-famous 'checklist' was answered in the affirmative.

This was subsequently reinforced by Dean Besserer, P. Geol., VP Exploration, when we spoke at Cambridge's California event.

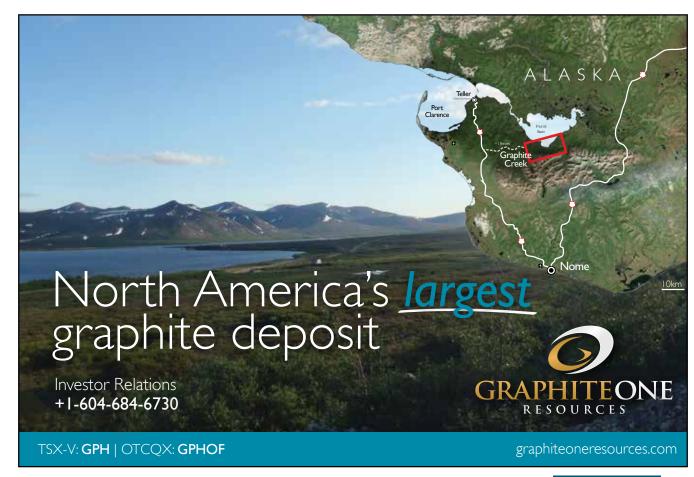
The key for this opportunity is the Strategic Mineral designation and the lack of other American producers...and the investment advantages relate to the purity of the large flake type of graphite resource, the ease with which it can be mined (open pit, nearsurface) and infrastructure features, including nearness to the intertidal waters.

So, Property, People and Place attributes: all good. For more: www.GraphiteOneResources.com

Do your Due Dili, of course; however, we can see why management is so optimistic.

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By Leonard Melman

FEW COMPANIES OFFER THE DOUBLE-BARRELED OPPORTUNITY NOW ASSOCIATED WITH VANCOUVER-BASED COMMERCE RESOURCES CORP, (TSX-V; CCE), (FRANKFURT; D7H).

ver the past few years, Commerce has advanced two separate projects, the Upper Fir Tantalum-Niobium Deposit in east-central British Columbia and the Ashram Rare Earth Element Deposit in northern Quebec to the point where positive Preliminary Economic Assessments (PEA) were achieved for both projects in 2011 and 2012 respectively.

Commerce acquired the Blue River Project in 1999-2000 and in 2005 the Upper Fir Deposit was discovered. Thanks to higher and more consistent grades than were found in previously explored zones, that area soon became the focus of Commerce's attention. By 2011, the company had advanced the Upper Fir Deposit to the point where a positive PEA was completed by AMEC and they also signed an Exploration Agreement with the Simpcw First Nations.

Blue River is located in a region

with excellent infrastructure, being served by a main provincial highway, a major trunk line of the Canadian National Railway and BC Hydro electric transmissions lines right onto the property. A municipal airport is located nearby in the Town of Blue River and water supplies are also located locally – the North Thompson River is the western boundary of the claim group.

Company geologists note that the tantalum (Ta) and niobium (Nb) are hosted in carbonatites, igneous rock bodies composed of more than 50%c carbonate minerals. These carbonatites occur as sills and dikes and the Ta and Nb form within the carbonatite bodies by primary magmatic concentration.

Tantalum's most significant attribute is the highest capacitance



known, which is the ability to hold more electricity per gram than any other material. As such, it is the go-to material used for most electronic capacitors which are then found in portable telephones, personal computers and automotive electronics. In alloy form, tantalum is also used for jet engine components, nuclear reactors, missile parts and surgical instruments.

Niobium is similar to tantalum in its composition and its main commercial applications are in alloy products designed to significantly increase the strength of steel for production of gas pipelines, air-frame components and infrastructure projects such as bridges and buildings.

A significant contributor to the world's tantalum supply had been artisanal production from the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC). However, America's Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform Act of 2010 requires that all endusers obtain their tantalum from "conflict-free areas", thereby severely limiting importation from the DRC. This reality has caused several tantalum end-users to seek out reliable supplies from more stable mining nations such as Canada, Australia and Brazil.

Commerce released a NI 43-101 compliant Mineral Resource update in June, 2013 which showed Indicated resources of 48,410,000 tonnes grading 197 parts

per million (PPM) Tantalum Oxide and 1,610 PPM Niobium Oxide and containing 9,560,000 Kg Tantalum Oxide and 77,810,000 Kg of Niobium Oxide. In addition, Inferred resources included 5,400,000 tonnes grading 191 PPM Tantalum Oxide and 1,760 PPM Niobium Oxide, containing 1,000,000 Kg Tantalum Oxide and 9,600,000 Kg Niobium Oxide.

An important feature of Commerce's Eldor Project is that the Ashram is a world-class rare earth element (REE) deposit with large tonnage, high grades and robust economics. REE's have multiple applications within the new world of high-technology.

The Ashram was discovered by prospecting in 2009 when a boulder field identified the possibility of a REE deposit. This was followed by a program including airborne geophysics and soil sampling and during this work, an outcropping was found in the Ashram area which contained 3%+ Total Rare Earth Oxide (TREO). A drilling program ensued in 2010 and it was during this work that a "discovery hole", EC 10-027, returned values of 1.72% TREO over 215.30 meters.

In all, C\$26 million has been spent to date on exploration and deposit definition, ultimately leading to the completion of a positive PEA by SGS in the spring of 2012. Features of the PEA include a \$2.3 Billion NPV and the statement that the Ashram Deposit has the potential to become one of the largest and longest-operating REE producers in the world.

Two difficulties encountered in processing ore within that region of northern Quebec involve the quantity of material to be shipped and the amount of acid required to process the ore. Commerce has addressed those difficulties by incorporating a plan to reduce the mass of ore on site to create a concentrate of only 3% of the volume of the original mined material while using significantly diminished quantities of expensive acids.

While the project area is located in a relatively remote area, infrastructure developments are being considered by the province in order to develop resources in their northern sector. Projected



improvements potentially include new roads into the area and improvements in linkage to Quebec's hydro-electric grid.

Commerce is led by an experienced management team including President and Director David Hodge, Chairman Axel Hoppe, VP Exploration and Director Jody Dahrouge and Directors Jenna Hardy, Ian Graham, Chris Grove and Sven Olsson.

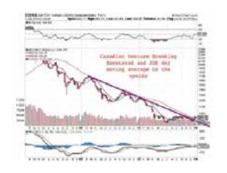
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Bullish Golden Crossover On The TSX Venture May Signal Better Times Ahead For Junior Mining Investors

By Jeb Handwerger

he TSX Venture is making a bullish move above the 200 day moving average. This is the first weekly move above this key technical level in more than three years. Now a bullish golden cross of the 50 and 200 day on the Venture Index may forecast a lot of capital to enter our small junior miners in North America. This bullish technical development may signal that the vicious downtrend in the resource sector may be ending.



Watch uranium as a bellwether for the revival of the sector. The Fukushima Disaster really was the major event to cause panic at the top in 2011. A bullish golden crossover of the 50 and 200 day moving average in the uranium price may be signaling a bullish turnaround in the entire commodity complex. This is the uranium prices third attempt at a breakout. The third time is usually a charm in the financial markets. Look for a breakout on Uranium Participation Corp at \$5.77.



reactors on in 2014. Some are

expecting at least one in five reactors to be turned on this year in Japan and a resumption of the bull market in uranium which was put on hold by Fukushima. The uranium price should move above \$40 per pound in the near term. The recent breakout in natural gas, heating oil and Brent Crude is accelerating the need for uranium as a cleaner and economic alternative. Japan can not survive economically only on imported fossil fuels. This weekend there is an election that I will closely follow as it is the anti-Nuke's last chance to delay the reactors from being turned back on. The anti-nuke regime has forced the Japanese economy to rely on liquefied natural gas (LNG) driving up electricity costs and inflation. Despite record fuel imports the prices for fossil fuels and coal are spiking there. If the nuclear reactors are not turned on soon then we can say sayanora to the Japanese economy. There may be a hidden agenda here. The Japanese nuclear shutdown has made the oil and gas producers very rich at the expense of the environment and economy.

Right now, uranium could be on the verge of an upside breakout and we may see something similar to 2007 when the priced soared to \$135 per pound.

Many of the planned mines have been mothballed and existing production has been suspended on projects from Australia to Canada to África to Kazakhstan. Rio Tinto is having problems at its Rossing and Ranger mines. Areva has just shut down their Niger Mines...Cigar Lake has been delayed...and the list goes on and on.

One mine shutting down in the uranium market can put significant upward pressure on the uranium price which is very thinly traded. Now we have numerous massive uranium mines being mothballed. New capital seeking uranium combined with a lack of supply could cause a massive price spike possibly more volatile than the 2007 uranium price spike to \$135 per pound. Very few analysts can find the companies that can actually make it into production.

Sometimes especially after a three year decline in the junior resource sector market caps don't make any rational sense. Keep a close eye on

Pele Mountain Resources (GEM.V or **GOLDF)** who controls the Eco Ridge Uranium and Rare Earth Mine in Elliot Lake, Ontario and has a market cap of below \$10 million. *They were* just featured in a documentary on Ontario's French Language Public **Television Station**. The episode highlights what I have been saying for years that rare earths will be the oil of the 21st Century and the importance of a secure supply of rare earths.

Elliot Lake is the only place in Canada which commercially produced rare earths as a byproduct of uranium. The revenue from the uranium could cover the operating costs. A rising uranium price combined with the





increasing demand for a secure supply of rare earths could make the chances of a revival of mining at Elliot Lake highly probable.

The recent addition of a former Cabinet Minister of Ontario John Wilkinson to the Board of Directors may signal that Pele Mountain may be Canada's most strategic uranium and rare earth asset despite trading for pennies on the dollar. In a recent Press Release CEO Al Shefsky said, "We are seeing increased interest from the Canadian government, the Ontario government, and major end users of rare earths in

the development of secure, local, rare earth supply chains to support value added manufacturing in clean energy and high technology applications. John's leadership, vision, and experience in the advancement of important largescale projects will add immense value as we progress toward the licensing and feasibility phases at Eco Ridge."

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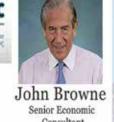


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Recent announcements from the world's leading graphite producer, China, suggest growing supply constraints. That development and other global events have added luster to Focus Graphite's "Lac Knife" graphite mining project in northern Quebec.

n fact, graphite has become so important the USA's Homeland Security Department and the European Union have listed graphite as a "critical mineral."

When potentially enormous new demand for graphite from the clean technologies sector is combined with present usage of graphite for applications such as steel making, lubricants, automotive brakes plus clutches and gaskets along with projected widespread environmental applications, it is anticipated that demand for graphite will increase by one million tonnes per year by 2020 - or 25 new mines with a 40,000 tonne capacity.

One of those environmental applications of special importance is the field of lithium-ion batteries for electric cars. It is estimated that each automotive lithium-ion battery will contain 30 Kg of graphite and the electric car industry is expected to grow by approximately 20% per annum.

At the same time the total demand for graphite is expected to rise, China, which presently supplies approximately 70% of the world's graphite supply, just announced they were temporarily suspending graphite production in Shandong Province, effectively cutting Chinese production by 20%. This news has highlighted the importance and timeliness of developing reliable sources of graphite outside the Chinese Mainland.

The Lac Knife project is located 23 Km from the town of Fermont in northern Quebec close to the Newfoundland-Labrador border. An unusually well-developed infrastructure including an all-season highway, two rail lines, low-cost electric power and assorted mining services in nearby centers. These facilities have developed through the years, thanks to past and present major regional iron mining activities.

Mineralization at Lac Knife is hosted in biotite-quartz-feldspar paragneiss and schist of the Nault Formation in association with iron formations of the Wabush Formation. High grade metamorphism and folding associated with the Grenvillian orogeny has resulted in the formation

of important concentrations of graphite dominated by value-enhanced large flakes.

Exploration at Lac Knife began in the 1960s with the identification by a Quebec Ministry of Energy and Resources of a massive strip of one-meter thick graphite ore. Interest developed during the 1980s thanks to graphite price increases and intensive exploration resulted in a decision by two companies, "Mazarin" and Princetown Mining to bring the property into production. However, falling graphite prices in the early 1990s put a temporary halt to those efforts.

Focus Graphite then acquired 100% ownership of Lac Knife, comprised of 57 map-designated claims covering 2,986,31 hectares, during October 2010. Since that time, Focus published a NI 43-101 compliant Resource Estimate in early 2012 and prepared a Preliminary Economic Assessment (PEA) in late 2012 which was subsequently updated in late 2013. According to the updated PEA, production costs estimates are estimated to be \$458 per tonne versus a weighted average selling price of US\$1,866 per tonne of runof-mine concentrates.

On January 28, 2014 the company issued a press release detailing results of an updated mineral Resource Estimate for Lac Knife resulting from data gathered from 2012 and 2013 drill programs totaling 92 drill holes covering 9,103 meters combined with information from previous programs of 105 holes over 9,217 meters.

The new estimate shows Measured & Indicated resources of 9,576,000 tonnes in the Measured & Indicated categories grading an average of 14.77% graphitic carbon (Cg) containing 1,414,000 tonnes of in situ Graphite and an additional 3,102,000 tonnes in the Inferred category grading 13.25% Cg and containing 411,000 tonnes of in situ Graphite. Focus recently announced it had



secured an historic 10-year off-take agreement for up to 40,000 tonnes of future production per annum with a minimum purchase of 20,000 tonnes per annum with a major Chinese conglomerate. According to company President Don Baxter, "... Markets will understand this agreement introduces a new level of stability to our Lac Knife Project... The agreement propels Focus into a potentially advantageous position - both commercially and operationally."

Going forward, Focus plans to obtain project financing then publish a Feasibility Study during 2014, and ultimately enter production in 2016 or possibly sooner.

Focus is led by an experienced management team headed by President and COO Baxter and includes CEO and Director Gary Economo; Jeff Hussey, VP Project Development; Benoit LaFrance, VP Exploration and QP and Joseph Doninger, Director of Manufacturing and Technology.

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All over the world, and for thousands of years, 'gold is money'. It was often, along with silver, the only form of exchange that was not the items being traded for, but a standardized way of valuing everything else...relative to these precious and rare metals.

It was in fact, the 'gold standard' that fiat currencies (bank, government and mercantile paper notes) were all measured against...until the U.S. dollar was 'unpegged' from that standard. Since then, all other world currencies were 'floating' in their value versus the U.S. \$.

As the economies around the world have dramatically changed, there is resistance to having any one country's currency reign so supreme.

It's even recently brought about the existence of 'crypto-currencies' like BitCoin and other 'AltCoins'...all facilitated by the internet.

The algorithms that 'back up' these currencies are supposed to secure the value...and there's now plenty of concern over the ultimate future of these...and some countries, like China. ban them altogether.

A new proprietary technology from **VALAURUM** has enabled the company to come up with an alternative... the Aurum...a small amount of gold flattened into a sheet (1/10th of a gram, for example) and coated on both sides by polyester. For \$10 you can buy one, and this lowers the

'entry level' of gold ownership. They can be imprinted with images, making them unique...and collectable. As it was unveiled to us in the past two Cambridge House events (Vancouver in January and **California** in February) the audience reaction has been spectacular...if not 'speculative'. People were asking for so many Aurums, the company's President, Adam Trexler, was starting to reconsider his volume discount of 'buy ten for \$80US', as he was running out of samples.

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in Europe, China, Taiwan, Hong Kong, Singapore, Iceland, India, Australia, Canada, and elsewhere."

Precious metal enthusiasts, like **David Morgan** the 'Silver Guru', were lining up to talk about the concept...and buy some Aurums, too.

One argument about coins in currency is that they are assets, whereas bills are debt. Real gold is 'better than paper'.

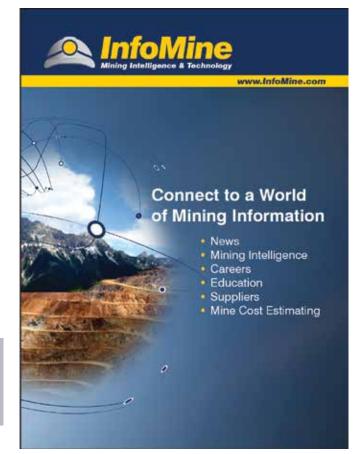
In another vein (no pun intended), any given country could decide to use the Aurum as its National Currency. This is almost revolutionary.

The main principal of the Aurum still is that it's in small enough increments that anyone can afford it...it 'democratizes gold ownership'.

Go to www.VALAURUM.com for more, including a pretty impressive Board.

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David O'Brien, is the owner of Int'l Mining Research Inc. which employs Media, Event and Online exposure, including MineSnooper.com, O'Brien also owns W.I.T. Marketing, an ad agency, and has been contributing articles to The Prospector NEWS, on demand. He owns no shares in the above companies.





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PUTTING RESOURCE EXPLORERS ON THE RIGHT PATH

By Christian Vakenti

"WE SEE THROUGH ROCK," SAYS ROBERT FISHER, CEO OF LEAF AND STONE.

handy talent to have when you're in the exploration business, and one which Robert is willing to share with resource developers worldwide.

The technology that allows Robert to make such a bold claim, and more importantly, to back it up with science and in-field results, uses the same principles as MRI (magnetic resonance imaging).

Known as Molecular Resonance Coupling, it detects a spectrum change that occurs when two atomic structurally identical substances match each other.

Leaf and Stone have developed a proprietary method of measuring this response so that given a sample of oil or other mineral, they can locate the same substance underground, where it was previously undiscovered. What does all this mean for explorers?

What does all this mean for explorers? Well, one huge leap forward: if you are searching for diamonds for instance, MRC will look for diamonds and not the host kimberlite rock nor the magnetic qualities of the surroundings.

qualities of the surroundings. It also reduces the risk of drilling in the wrong place, reduces overall costs and complements existing surveys and seismic work. And satellite based technology is not affected by the weather nor does it damage the environment

Another item of note here is that these features and structural trends which may contain hidden mineral deposits often cannot be observed on surface and may not be detectible by conventional geophysical methods or surface prospecting.



Robert Murray, the prospector who found the copper property in New Brunswick

"This technology is revolutionizing the exploration for and discovery of mineral deposits worldwide," says Robert.

As with any new exploration method, there are many who would urge caution before plunking down a wad of shareholder investment and Robert's road to prove MRC's worth has been daunting at times. Trying to get companies to buy into new methods can be frustrating; a true entrepeneur knows the best way to get attention is to become a competitor. And so that's exactly what Robert did.

"Instead of convincing people to use it, we simply went out and staked our own claims, using MRC to look for copper, in this case, where we were told there was no copper," says Robert. "And thereby



Garth Ranford, (left) taking instructions from geologist, Robert Borowski, B.Sc., GIT on how to label on-site samples.

proved the technology works by discovering deposits, exactly where MRC predicted."

In September of 2013, Leaf and Stone hired well respected geologist George C. Sharpe (P. Geo.) to oversee ground truthing at their Henry Lake and Soaring Eagle copper claims in New Brunswick.

From Sharpe's report (available at www.leafandstone.ca):

"In these cases there was little or no indication of any copper mineralization on surface other than nearby zones of altered, broken rock, and scattered pieces of malachite bearing rock. Trenching in these locations did confirm the presence of copper mineralization in the bedrock right where the satellite structural trend indicated where it should be found."

"Based on what was found in this last field investigation, there is now conclusive proof that the Leaf and Stone Resonance Technology and where the satellite image indicates a mineralized structure, the likelihood of finding, new, undiscovered zones of the target mineral is very good."

As a true innovator in the exploration field, Saskatchewan-based Leaf and Stone have used the technology on exploration projects in Australia, Cambodia, Chile, USA, Tanzania and more. This capability has been applied to oil & gas, gold, silver, platinum, zinc, copper and is currently being tested on other resources as well.

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