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By Chris Temple

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The much-hyped Phase One trade deal between the globe's two chief economic (and now, ominously, geostrategic and military) powers is a dead letter. Though as of this writing President Trump himself *still* doesn't want to come right out and belatedly admit that, he *has* just said that he's given up for now on any more deals; a "Phase Two" or otherwise. Both sides of late have traded barbs, sanctions, and more.

Throw in Hong Kong...China's ongoing incursions into disputed areas of the western Pacific and South China Sea... Trump's allowing the military to send U.S. forces in...repercussions over the ongoing global virus pandemic...the likelihood of a relapse of economic weakness, financial markets turmoil and more...and you have a toxic mix!

A LOT OF HISTORICAL HYPOCRACY

There is no question that China represents the most substantial economic, geopolitical and military threat to the world generally and to the

U.S.A. specifically. From the F.B.I. to U.S. Intelligence services, **of the present/ongoing cases involving industrial espionage against America have come from China.** F.B.I. Director Christopher Wray has copiously documented and explained all of this, in his own attempt to call attention to what he knows is the Number One threat to America (to the chagrin of some Democrat Party figures and their fellow-travelers in the media, who still are attempting to keep their "The RUSSIANS are Coming!" canard alive.)

To his credit—and notwithstanding his general failure to understand a lot of the individual moving parts—**President Trump has at least been honest enough on America's part to point out that WE are largely responsible for turning China into the present-day superpower rival it now is.** Just as it was the U.S. that was responsible for the life, health and longevity of the old Soviet Union (to the benefit of the Deep State and Military-Industrial Complex, which got ever fatter and richer when we



thereafter had to "defend" ourselves against that home-grown enemy) so,

too, can we “thank” Corporate America and banking interests for creating the present-day China.

Now, of course, we are at a point where China is flexing its own muscles—in its own right—ever more. It wants to be in the driver’s seat; and now is to a great extent. It’s no secret to any of us that have followed China’s ascendance in the half century since former President Richard Nixon opened the door of the global economy to them that the nation sees itself again someday as THE dominant global empire; just like it was in the past.

The question now is, how easily will they get there; and will America now become such a hindrance that it could one day mean war.

NOW, A NEGATIVE POLITICAL PING-PONG BALL

One of the reasons I have even more trepidation than usual where the near-term fate of the stock market and (unrealistic, in my view) expectations of economic recovery goes is that **we are going to hear an increasingly shrill haranguing of and threats against China by both major U.S. presidential candidates.** Being “tough on China” is a winning issue for the incumbent; and Biden knows it. Thus—together with his apparent epiphany where being “America First” is concerned (plagiarizing Trump economic priorities just recently)—“China Joe” is also suddenly a hawk on China himself.

Neither man is completely sincere, though Trump is more so on China *in relative terms*. Even he essentially caved in late last year in agreeing to what I said at the time was a joke of a “Phase One” deal; but it was more important to him to have a deal for its own sake so as to be able to crow about it. As for Biden, he

has demonstrated himself for decades as a man with virtually NO guiding principles. *He’ll admit to being a bed bug, if you’ll vote for him and AGAINST that evil orange man.*

Still, though, augmenting the political “tough on China” rhetoric between these two presidential candidates is an acceleration of events that will require them to further harden their own stances, and policy positions. Contrary to some Democrat and Establishment/Fake News media claims that President Trump has failed to “lead” in having a coordinated, global answer to China, across the board one country after another IS pushing back, needing no help from Washington.

Just as I am writing this—and brushing off very public threats from China—the **United Kingdom HAS decided to boot out Huawei and its 5G platform.** Around the world, Tik Tok and other Chinese apps and platforms are being jettisoned. The usually-milquetoast European Union is standing its ground; defending its own economy and technology companies.

Even Australia—arguably China’s most important ally *economically* and the source for a great deal of its raw materials—is pushing back; among other things of late, in advising people not to travel to Hong Kong.

CAN AN OVEREXTENDED CHINA KEEP ALL THE BALLS IN THE AIR.

“Cargo Plane Jay” Powell at the U.S. Federal Reserve has had nothing on Chinese officials and the Peoples Bank of China in *their* wanton creation of ever more debt-money to keep everything afloat. **But as I have pointed out numerous times, in China’s case—not having global reserve status for the yuan, as the U.S. has for the dollar—the risk of a MAJOR credit crisis and the implosion of China’s markets and economy is a relatively bigger threat.**

And aside from the overall global deflationary and economic pressures everybody is facing, **China in the recent past has faced some considerable push back from the countries along the path of its dreamed-of revived “Belt and Road”;** a revival/modern-day manifestation of the old Silk Road of empire past.



Ancient Trade Routes

For centuries, a network of trade routes spread westward from China across Central Asia, reaching as far as the Mediterranean Basin. Beyond commerce and culture, however, there was a strategic purpose to the Silk Road. Its development was rooted in China's struggle to defend its heartland from invasions from the west and the north, a pursuit since the Han Dynasty.



> Unlike the U.S.—which partly CAN compel foreign money to come into and/or stay in *its* paper—China does *not* have that stature and ability.

One after another, countries which have *taken on debt*—now owed to China—in recent years as China has built often shoddy and overpriced infrastructure and various other projects in their countries are crying foul. They are now questioning those

debts and DEMANDING “haircuts” or some other redress. Most *telling*—as the *Financial Times* reported on June 25—Pakistan is demanding renegotiation of some debts, claiming inflated costs and shoddy work on some energy projects. Most noteworthy about that—and telling about China’s increasing isolation as it finds ways to piss *everybody* off—is that Pakistan *had been* a natural ally against China.



...OR WILL CRISIS AND ISOLATION RESULT IN A BACKLASH AND EVEN MORE AGGRESSION?

For the most part, China’s reaction of late has been to tell everyone who has a problem of one kind or another with them to simply *get lost*. **Indeed, many a legitimate expert on geopolitical relations and such has been pointing out with growing alarm China’s new disposition to simply not care what others think: whether over its essential overthrow of the government/order in Hong Kong, or anything else.** Perhaps President Trump—or a President Biden—when it suits them wants at times to maintain the façade of peaceful, constructive relationships between America and China. China seems not to care any longer. To them, the attitude more than at any time since the pre-Nixon days is, “This is who we are. Like it, or else.”

A few particularly astute takes on China’s growing militarism and hard line stance of late I’ll commend to you for further reading:

- <https://aheadoftheherd.com/Newsletter/2020/Is-China-preparing-for-war.htm> -- Rick Mills’ recent article.
- And <https://www.lewrockwell.com/2020/07/doug-casey/doug-casey-on-what-happens-next-for-china-collapse-or-war-with-the-us/> by Doug Casey.
- Finally, this one -- <http://ronpaulinstitute.org/archives/featured-articles/2020/june/30/stumbling-towards-catastrophe-the-new-cold-war-with-china> -- by Dave DeCamp, on the web site of the Ron Paul Institute for Peace and Prosperity.

China is also bristling over *increasingly overt* threats by some levels of power in the U.S. to basically *push them* off a cliff. The last of those articles I just gave you *particularly* speaks to that.

I have many a time discussed the desire of some in the Deep State—and even among Trump’s “national security” team in particular—to attempt to do to China what the

Reagan Administration did to the former Soviet Union: essentially, drive them out of existence. Back in the 1980's this involved outspending on armaments and strategically outmaneuvering in the end a decaying Soviet empire that just couldn't hold up. *Thankfully, the end result was a NET positive.*

But when the former Soviet Union collapsed, the global financial and economic fallout was slight. The size of the Soviet economy hardly constituted a rounding error in comparison to the global whole. Its banking system and markets—such as they were—existed in relative isolation.

Yet China is a different kettle of fish. Its military capabilities—augmented by its vast and demonstrated cyber warfare capabilities—exceed that of the Soviet Union. And *especially* unlike that *former* world power (the one, though, some Democrat Party stalwarts *continue* to suggest is THE global bogeyman in their seeming attempts to be elected chairman of what remains of the old John Birch

Society) China's economy is now the world's *second* largest.

AND ITS NOW-TIGHTER APPENDAGE HONG KONG IS THE MOST-LEVERAGED MAJOR FINANCIAL CENTER ON THIS PLANET.

On top of the tag team of U.S. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo and Commerce Secretary Wilbur Ross tightening screws in the form of all manner of suspensions of the former “special status” relationship with Hong Kong, **we now have as well discussions of essentially a new front potentially being opened up in the long-simmering global currency war: a deliberate undermining of Hong Kong's dollar-pegged currency;** see <https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2020-07-07/trump-aides-weigh-proposals-to-undermine-hong-kong-s-dollar-peg>. Further, the Trump Administration seems to be ramping up efforts to curtail U.S. funds' ability to invest in most Chinese-listed companies; among other things, starting to warn

U.S. public pension funds of the “security risks” of having some of their portfolio in Chinese stocks.

Writing in the EXCELLENT publication *Geopolitical Futures* on July 8, (go to <https://geopoliticalfutures.com/the-thucydides-trap-and-the-rise-and-fall-of-great-powers/>; a free trial, if you are not a subscriber as I am, will allow you to read the content) Jacek Bartosiak in both a somber and scholarly fashion discusses why a MUCH bigger conflict between the U.S. and China may be inevitable. **I especially commend this, too, to your further reading.**

America will not willingly or easily relinquish its present Global Empire; it sees itself as that proverbial “immovable object.”

China with near-religious devotion and confidence sees *itself* as the “irresistible force” which one day will be a *renewed* Global Empire.

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XIMEN MINING: FINDING A NEW MINE IN AN OLD MINE

By Peter Kraut

Ximen Mining Corp. (TSXV:XIM; OTCQB:XXMMF; FRA:1XMA), which is positioning itself to be British Columbia's next significant gold producer, has been firing on all cylinders.

No industry or individual business has succeeded in escaping the challenges posed by the Covid-19 global pandemic. But the best-managed companies have either doubled down their efforts or found underlying opportunities.

In the case of Ximen, it's clearly been full steam ahead.

What the company's management has accomplished over the past four months is nothing short of remarkable. But you don't have to take my word for

it. A quick glance at its share price, the voice of the market, says it all.

While the average junior gold stock is barely break-even since late February, XIM has powered higher by 30%, and nearly doubled since its March lows.

That's a clear testament to the outstanding work being done to advance this exceptional junior gold company. There have been a lot of developments in recent months, so here's what you need to know.

KENVILLE'S ROAD TO PRODUCTION

Kenville is Ximen's shortened path to production and self-funding. Over half of the property is so far unexplored, yet management is confident that

the current gold trend likely extends throughout the area. By exploiting the high-grade veins with the latest technology, Kenville can become a high-grade gold mine.

With the underground development and drilling program permitted, the current exploration permit is being amended to accommodate a planned 10,000 tonne bulk sample. In the early stages of accumulating the bulk sample, the company plans to submit for a small mines permit. That will facilitate a smooth transition to continuous production at Kenville, leading to self-funding.

To that end, Ximen has started discussions with Golden Dawn Minerals to use its mill facility in Greenwood,



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- Strong high-grade resource growth projection (+350MOZS AGEQ): +30MT Grading 80-120G/T and 4-8% Pb/Zn
- Completion of recent Lock-cycle metallurgy work has successfully identified highly saleable Pb, Zn, Cu concentrates

Oro Cu-Mo-Au Project, New Mexico, USA:

- Cu-Mo-Au Porphyry Target – multiple drill-ready targets within a six sq.km alteration footprint
- Z-TEM survey over entire property completed and evaluated, additional claim staked

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BC, to process gold feed material from the Kenville Gold Mine. This permitted 200 tonne/day mill, on care and maintenance since 2009, can facilitate the transition to production while avoiding a major capital expenditure.

In late May Ximen received encouraging news about Kenville. Test work on ore material submitted showed an exceptionally good response to gravity and flotation treatments, providing for a combined recovery of 99% of contained gold and 96% of contained silver.

With Kenville's recent 257 Level portal refurbishment in the works, development is now in high gear. Historical resources (not considered by Ximen as current resources or reserves), show high grade material in close proximity to the 257 level. Once the portal has been completed, a new decline will be started, with permitting well advanced and currently being reviewed by regulatory authorities.

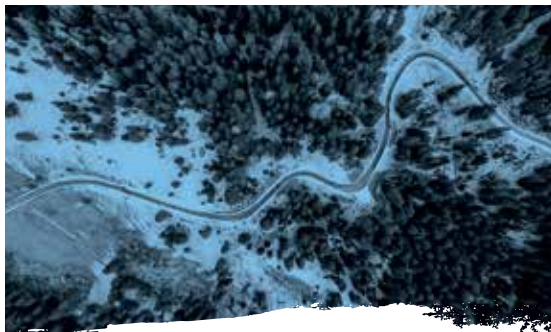
Thanks to numerous positive aspects, these permits are expected within months.



Water drainage is excellent, waste rock is non-acid, underground excavations should benefit from good geotechnical stability, and power is sourced directly from the local hydro-grid.

AMASSING LAND IN SOUTHERN BC

In late March, just as the Covid-19 was becoming a serious issue in North America, Ximen announced it had



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- completed significant acquisitions in the Nelson Gold Camp. In total, 13,667 hectares were acquired from seven separate groups near the Kenville mine, bringing the total holding to 14,234 hectares.

mine shows a resource potential with an average grade of 3.09 g/tonne gold. Shortly thereafter three new claims adjoining the Ymir property were acquired, covering about 2,294 hectares. Previous helicopter-borne geophysical

Golden Crown property in question has a resource disclosed by Golden Dawn Minerals in 2017, consisting of 163,000 tonnes at 11.09 g/tonne gold and 0.56% copper Indicated, plus 42,000 tonnes at 9.04 g/tonne gold plus 0.43% copper. (Updated Preliminary Economic Assessment on The Greenwood Precious Metals Project, Greenwood, British Columbia, Canada, Effective Date: May 5, 2017, Prepared for Golden Dawn Minerals Inc. By P&E Mining Consultants Inc., filed on SEDAR June 19, 2017).

Prior to these royalties, Ximen also acquired 6 mineral claims totaling 380.6 hectares, for a current total of 17,152 hectares in the Greenwood area. In order to press forward with consolidating its holdings in these historic mining camps, management is planning to keep pursuing additional property acquisitions.

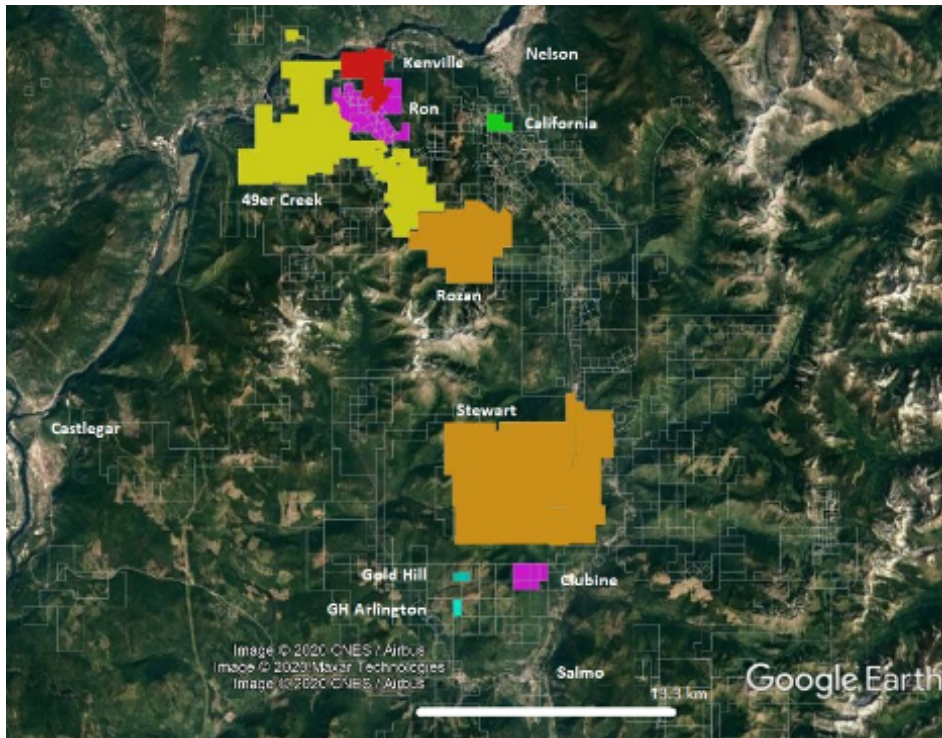
ADVANCING THROUGH EXPLORATION

The Amelia Gold Mine project, near Mt. Baldy in southern B.C., has a long history of mining and exploration as far back as the late 1800s. The Cariboo-Amelia produced 124,452 tonnes of ore, including over 80,000 ounces of gold (average grade 24.68 g/t) and over 32,000 ounces of silver.

Given that solid history, Amelia has strong potential. That's why Ximen announced prospecting and mapping has just started on this property, with the goal of generating new targets for trenching and drilling to facilitate permitting for drilling later this season. Most of the Amelia Property has never been explored by modern methods, providing tremendous potential for a significant discovery on the Cariboo-Amelia vein below historical mine workings and along strike, in addition to parallel vein structures.

But there's also the Brett Gold property near Vernon, B.C., located in an epithermal gold district. Historical intercepts include up to 168 g/t over 1.3 m core length, with visible gold being common. In 1995-96, 291 tonnes of surface trench samples graded at 28 g/t gold and 64 g/t silver.

Ximen is planning a drone-based magnetometer survey over part of this property.

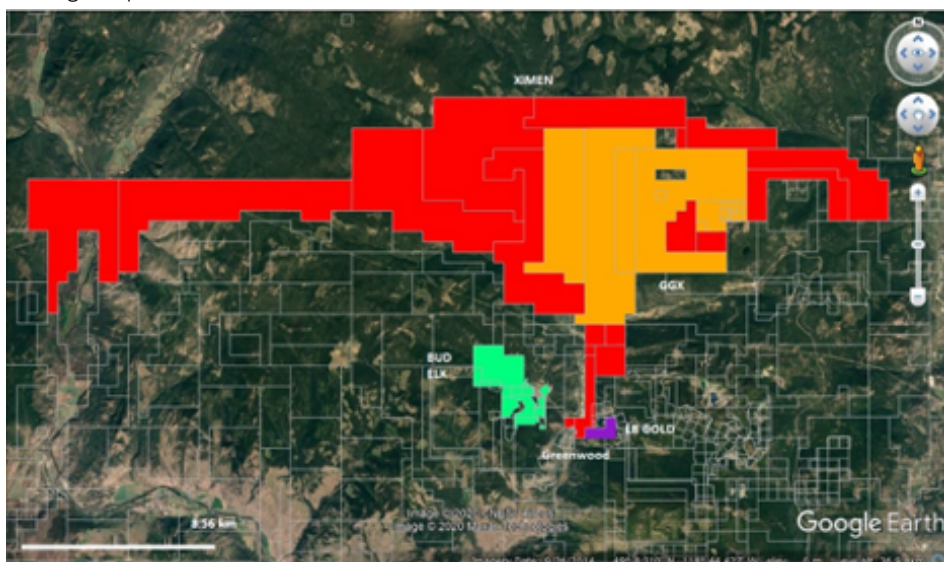


Caption: Satellite image showing Ximen's Nelson Gold Camp holdings.

In early June, Ximen announced it had acquired 100% interest in a property covering several historic gold-silver mines and prospects near Ymir in southern BC. The new property consists of 11 mineral claims over approximately 1,600 hectares. A 2005 estimate of a tailings deposit near the historic Wilcox

surveys pointed to a mineralized trend.

Ximen has also just acquired royalties on Greenwood Camp properties, further demonstrating the underlying value it sees in those properties. These include a 3% net smelter royalty (NSR) on the Golden Crown and May Mac Properties, as well as a royalty on material processed in the May Mac Boundary Falls mill. The



Caption: Satellite image showing Ximen's Greenwood area holdings.



And that's the hallmark of a truly successful explorer/developer. Throughout the Covid-19 pandemic, Ximen has chosen to plow forward on all fronts: property acquisition, exploration, and mine development.

Chris Anderson, CEO of Ximen Mining Corp. recently summarized it best,

“ Now that we have completed this part of our acquisition plan, we will move forward at Kenville as planned to start mining. As early as next week we'll have boots on the ground, and the crew will begin refurbishing the Kenville mine portal before building the portal for the new decline. As soon as this part is finished, we can start cracking rock. The most exciting time for Ximen Mining starts right now! **”**

The aim is to potentially extend a previously identified northwest-trending magnetic low anomaly further to the west.

As you can see, Ximen will be active not only with field work this summer to advance exploration and resource definition but also with Kenville, its most direct path to production and self-sufficiency.

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WHAT'S LEFT TO BUY AFTER THE JULY MARKET RUN? COPPER-GOLD EXPLORERS...

By Liam Hardy

July has been an exceptional month in the junior mining space and whether it's because of abnormal government stimulus or straight up euphoria for mining and materials from a new, younger, generalist investor crowd, the buzz around explorers worldwide has hit mainstream media. Pensana Rare Earths made UK headlines with their recent transition to the LSE and hopefully, this is the beginning my first 'bull-market' as fresh faced amateur investor.

While most of the buzz has been around gold and silver, with AMEX running up some 80%, Mountain Boy securing financing from Eric Sprott to expand their exceptional BC campaigns and Vangold managing to secure warrants in advance of their stock price in Mexico... Many have overlooked the base metals, notably copper.



I'm currently seeing copper-gold projects as a superb backdoor into the, already overhyped, precious metals space. With big government spending on infrastructure sure to drive copper demand through the roof and inflated gold-silver prices as a kicker, there are still many gems hiding in the alluvial dirt.

This seems to be working! Boliden and First Quantum are having comfortable runs in the middle of my basket and look set to capitalise on rounded precious-industrial metal demand with low AISC and steady production forecast for 2020.

To find a gem, you need to learn a little about the gems, this is where having a geologist friend, or picking up a few evening classes can really smash your investing game out of the park. Here we'll open up one of these potential gems... Where some unusual geological targeting is paying off...

When it comes to copper, South America reigns supreme, accounting for a global majority of production by a country mile. Most of the copper projects around the Andean belts are dull porphyries, the kind that fit Uni textbook diagrams and get blasted into open pits by majors day in day out, but a few buck the trend

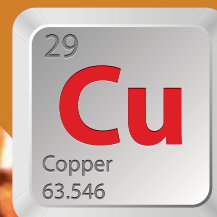
and present something a little more seductive to us dribbling, adventure-hunting geologists.

TSXv: PERU - Chakana Copper's end game is probably going to end up being deeper seated porphyries, but at surface they're hitting tourmaline breccias across their Soledad project in Central Peru.

"What's a tormabrekky-whatsit" I hear you cry... Don't panic, I didn't really know either until a few months ago! These near-vertical intrusions at Soledad are intrusive breccias, rocks made up of other rocks, that were smashed up under violent pressures

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and temperatures at deep crustal levels, forced up through a weakness into the covering country rock, then solidified (and often mineralised) by any hydrothermal fluids that accompanied them on their journey.

The 'smashed' nature of these intrusions means they are riddled with cracks for metalliferous fluids to penetrate, so they form some of the highest grade copper-hosting intrusions in the world, including many of those at the 5km long open-pit 'Los Bronces' Mine in Chile, which has been mined continuously since the 1970s.

Not only are they prospective host-rocks for a range of metals, they are absolutely stunning to observe in core. Lineated chunks of country rock and xenoliths of their source magma leached of reactive elements and set in a shiny matrix of tourmaline and (often) metalliferous sulphides.

Before we even look at their economic potential, these are worth dropping jaw for. The shear destructive force of the inner earth's tantrums exposed

raw and weathered on a calm Peruvian mountainside.

I originally bought this stock while a little tipsy after a chat with their IR rep Michella, using my regular bar-stool 'those rocks look pretty and I like the team' philosophy, which has had fairly abysmal results (but has been a lot of fun!).

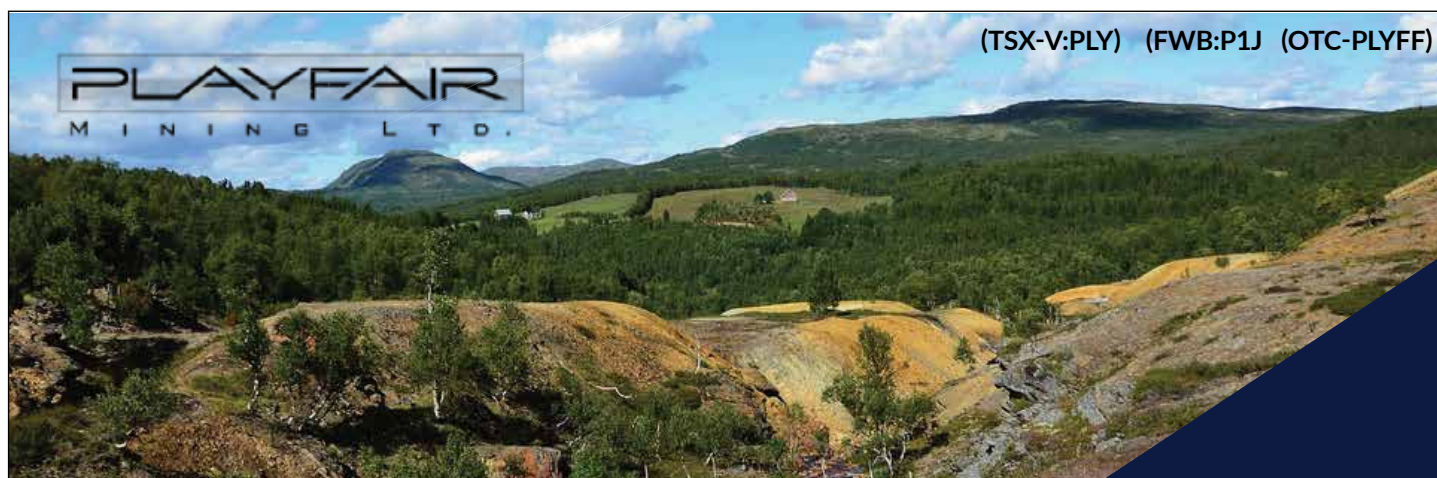


After buying, I got into researching the technical geology, through decades of academic papers and, while I wasn't particularly excited as an owner at €0.11, I definitely got my monies worth in technical inspiration and self-educational time.

While I was writing this, Chakana were having a leisurely Sunday walk on the market, hanging around the €0.12-€0.14 range with limited volume or coverage.

Peru was one of the first countries to close down operations when Covid struck and fear of a long wait to restart seemed to knock investor confidence, but with the overhanging positive sentiment of the junior mining space this July and then the announcement of drill-permit approval on 9th July, a leisurely stock stroll hit the turbo button and Chakana's stock rocketed by 194% in just 2 weeks. It is a now (somewhat accidentally, I must add) my biggest holding in value (overtaking EMX Royalty Corp) and looks set to boom as soon as drills hit the ground.

I am in no way qualified, skilled (or tipsy enough) to tell you what to buy with your hard-earned currency, I do rock-licking with a side-serving of investment for entertainment and to see my girlfriend's terrified expression when I tell her what I've done with our savings... But I'm holding onto this one. If the stock can run 194% on drill permitting, imagine the market's reaction when they put holes through these 80-100m wide bodies of annihilated-metalliferous rock in a friendly jurisdiction, just as the corona regulations ease off...




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SIXTY NORTH GOLD MINING LTD.: GOING DEEPER AT MON (SXTY: CSE, 2F4: FSE, SXNTF: OTC-PINK)

By David O'Brien

As we continue our expose of **Sixty North Gold Mining Ltd.** (SXTY: CSE; 2F4: FRANKFURT; SXNTF: OTC-PINK)'s *Mon Gold Project*, the original Mon Gold Mine's geological features were the first clue, and the parallels to the nearby **Discovery Mines** was the second... it's the deeper regions in the ore body that are what give the new operators great hope. **Not just a 'stope 'n' hope'**, as is too often the case.

[Based on feedback and subsequent questions from readers, your Editor was often referring people to SXTY's website, so, unusually, I have taken the entire Mon Gold Project section and reprinted it below, with minor edits. Our German readers are wild about the grades, so this next program will be very interesting to them.]

HIGH-GRADE GOLD MINING OPPORTUNITY: RESTARTING A PAST-PRODUCING HIGH-GRADE MINE

"LOCATION AND ACCESS

The Mon Gold Property consists of 11 contiguous mining leases and three

mineral claims, covering 1,536.92 acres, located about 45 kilometres north of Yellowknife. Personnel, food and materials are provided through the combination of float or ski-equipped aircraft and helicopter from the City of Yellowknife, about 15 minutes flying time south. A winter road provides access for fuel and other heavy or bulky materials from Yellowknife via the Bluefish Hydro-Electric Dam, 20 km south of the Property.

"OWNERSHIP

The project leases and claims are held by New Discovery Mines Ltd. (NDM). Sixty North Gold Mining Ltd. has an option to earn an 80% interest in the *Mon Gold Project*, subject to a 20% carried interest and a 2% net smelter returns royalty by spending \$6m on the project to the end of 2020. NDM is the Manager of the Project and Sixty North Gold is the Operator under the Restated Minerals Property Earn-In Agreement between the parties.

"PERMITS

NDM obtained a Land Use Permit and a Water Licence to restart the mine at 100 tpd. The permits allow all listed exploration and development work

including the installation of camp and related infrastructure, mine shops and related mine infrastructure to allow for diamond drilling and underground development and mining. In addition, these permit NDM to install and operate a 100 tpd gravity plus flotation mill, related infrastructure, roads and tailings containment facility on a limited total volume of material moved basis before renewal of the permit is required.

"HISTORY

A high-grade quartz vein was discovered in 1937 by prospectors working for Cominco Limited during an aerial reconnaissance flight north of Yellowknife.

In 1988 the Property was optioned by Cominco to David R. Webb. Between 1991 and 1997 the mine was in operation on a summer only basis, with a total reported production of 3,100 ounces of gold from 10,000 tons of ore for a calculated recovered grade of 10.63 gpt for royalty purposes. In total, it is estimated that 15,000 ounces of gold were recovered from 15,000 tonnes of ore contained in 15 m of elevation from the west limb (West Stope) and 15 m of elevation from 15 to 20 m of strike-length on the east limb (East Stope).



These are historical results and are only reported for completeness, and this information cannot be verified and should not be relied upon.

“GEOLOGY

The Mon deposit is an Archean, turbidite-hosted, stratabound, non-stratiform quartz shear/vein deposit and as such has substantial potential. The deposit is described as an anticlinally-folded quartz vein, plunging to the south at around 20 to 40 degrees. The higher gold grades at the fold nose are consistent over the mined length of 75 meters (open to south), with lower grade gold values being found in the limbs of the structure. Fundamentally, the production records show that the previous operators were able to successfully follow the interpreted mineralized structure and obtain gold grades that are representative of the sampling done.

The overall size, grade and form of the mineralization as well as its host rock assemblage is similar to the Discovery

Mine (located 50 km to the north) where 1 million tons of ore were mined and 1 million ounces of gold were recovered between 1949 and 1969. There are no known resources or reserves on the Mon Gold Property and the presence of mineral deposits on properties adjacent to or in close proximity to the Mon Gold Property is not necessarily indicative of mineralization on the Mon Gold Property. The mineralization identified in the A-Zone appears to be a viable exploration target for a “Discovery Mine” type of deposit.

“RECENT WORK PROGRAMS

Sixty North Gold and NDM conducted a 5-hole, 378.9 m drilling campaign in 2016 that confirmed mineralization below the mined-out stopes on the A-Zone. All drill holes intersected the A-Zone at target depths.

Verification continuous chip samples (2016) at the mouth of the central adit (crown pillar) in the former-producing A-Zone averaged grades of 147g/t of gold over 3 m (see NI 43-101 report Dupre and Fitzpatrick, 2017).



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RESTARTING A PAST-PRODUCING HIGH-GRADE MINE NEAR YELLOWKNIFE, NWT, CANADA

MON GOLD PROPERTY

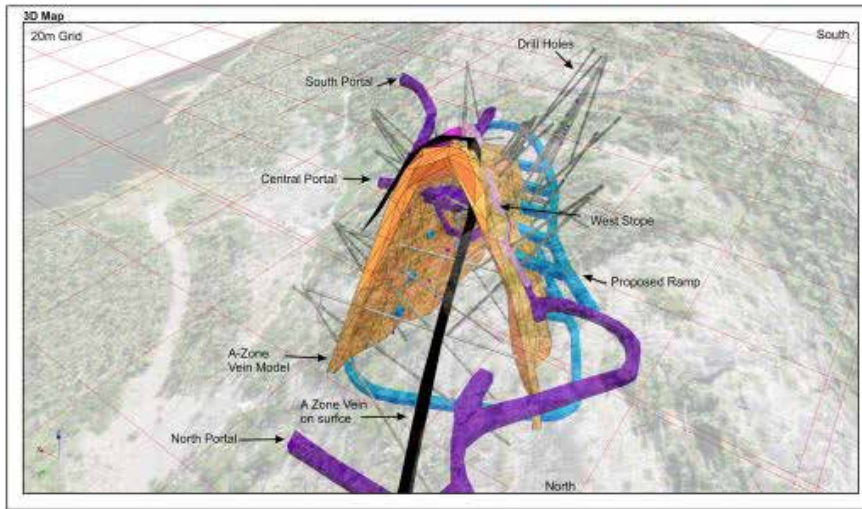
- Mon Gold is permitted for production in the NWT
- Mining equipment and camp has been acquired, ready for transport to site
- Similar geology, scale and structure to the regional 1m oz gold Discovery Mine
- Crown pillar grades up to 688 g/t gold over 0.5m; 98.8% met recoveries
- Further exploration potential for silver and gold-rich VMS deposits

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> No mineral resource nor mineral reserve estimations have been completed by Sixty North Gold Mining Ltd. A surface prospecting program was carried out in 2017 on other areas of the property away from the former-producing A-Zone.

“Recommended Program from Technical Report:

- A surface prospecting and sampling program to confirm and

qualify old showings that have not been reviewed in several decades, as well as identify new showings.

- A >1000 tonne bulk sample be collected from the A-Zone from several locations along the vein. The large sample of the vein by sub-drifting will allow for a most definitive assessment of grade, width, and continuity which is critical in high-grade vein deposits.”

“The Deal is done. The Financing is in place. Time to start!” **Dave Webb**, Pres., CEO & Dir.

[Disclaimer: There are no known resources or reserves on the *Mon Gold Property*, and the presence of mineral deposits on properties adjacent to or in close proximity to the *Mon Gold Property* is not necessarily indicative of mineralization on the *Mon Gold Property*.]

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| | 6,860,000 (\$0.10 Expiry: August 30, 2021) |
| | 3,520,000 (\$0.075 Expiry: July 2, 2022) |
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| Fully Diluted: | 82,022,833 |

KEY OPERATIONS PERSONNEL

[quoted from supplied text]

Dr. D.R. Webb, Ph.D., P.Geo., P.Eng. has over 40 years of experience, completed his M.Sc. and Ph.D. in Yellowknife.

He discovered four gold deposits in Yellowknife, developed the largest gold resource reported in Yellowknife in the past 50 years subsequently taken to feasibility, and the largest granitoid-hosted gold deposit in the NWT. He acquired the *Mon Property* in the late 1980's from **Cominco Ltd.** and developed it into production in the 1990's. He recently obtained operating permits for mining, processing, and storage of tailings at the *Mon Property*.

independent mine contractor installing several kilometres of underground workings at various remote sites and has been a former contractor at one of the NWT's diamond mines.

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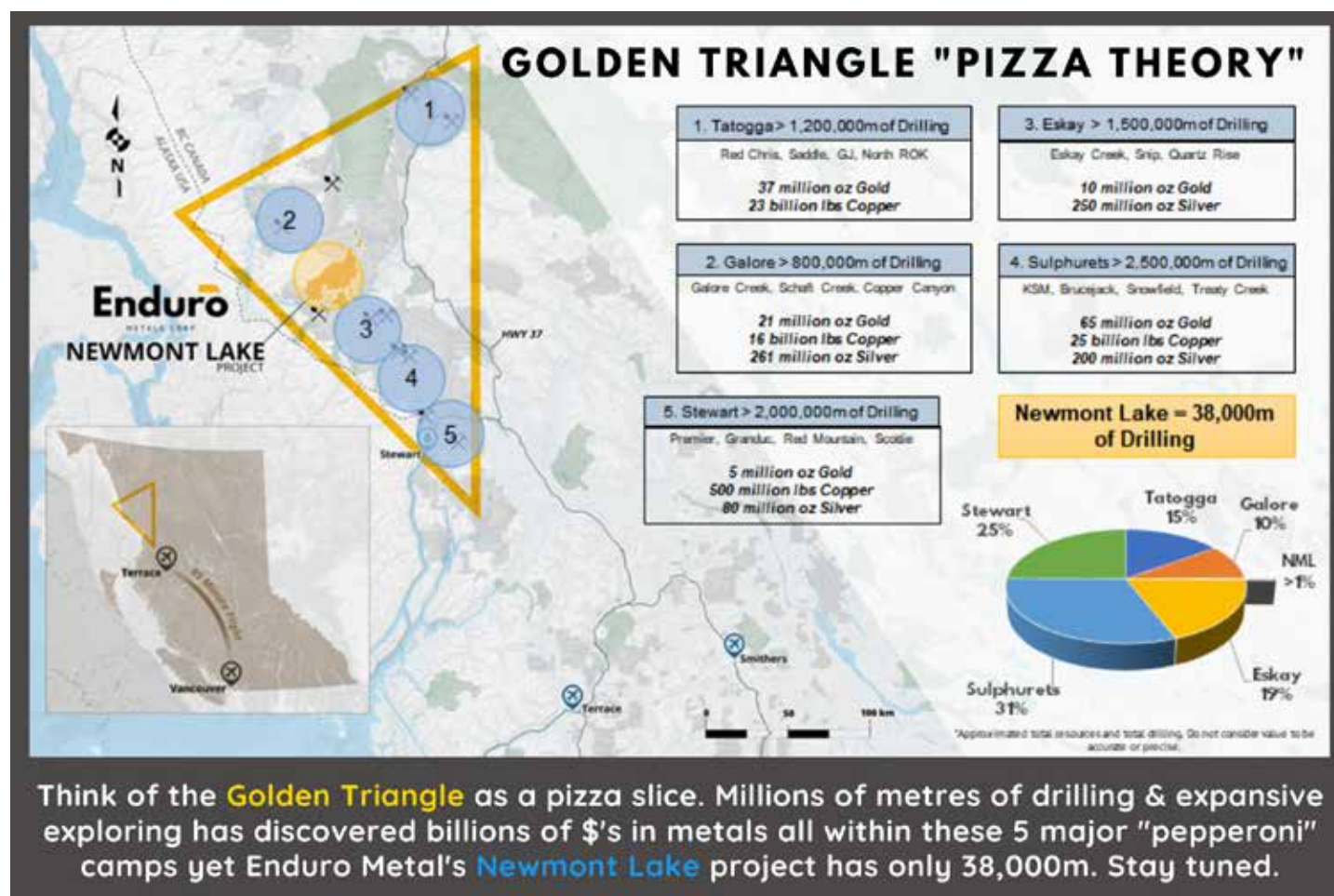
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GOLD MINES IN YOUR WALLET, GOLDFIN X (GIX)

By Andrew O'Donnell

I have kept away from specific sectors for some time, as waiting for the right project is an important consideration. When dealing with Fintech, and particularly crypto, it takes a lot of effort to sift through the thousands of coins to find a coin that makes sense. Recently, I have found the coin that can not only create a great deal of wealth but also address one of the biggest problems facing the mining industry: artisanal mining.

Here is a coin that takes the Ethereum platform of blockchain to provide a socially conscious investing option. It is an investment backed by a growing amount of gold accumulating in the vaults of international financial institutions and a streaming model that has a significant net positive result for the environment and the community it invests in.

Each gram of gold is identified and traced, just like in seeds of corn, wheat, or other types of food. There has been careful consideration given to the impact of artisanal mining on the environment, along with the absolute necessity of mining towards the necessary improvements needed in the future combined with a fully operational ESG crypto investment. We can build towards tomorrow now while addressing many of the

global concerns regarding fair trade, equality of opportunity, meaningful work in safety, and instilling hope in desperate regions.

THE ISSUE WITH ARTISANAL MINING

The use of mercury is a controversial practice where much of the mercury pollution comes from third world

environment, regulations, and safety are irrelevant when you have no food to eat. These projects never get funded, resulting in a lack of proper consultation, engineering, and technical expertise. Workers exhaust themselves for 10 to 12 hours a day, and daily handling of toxic elements like mercury and cyanide cause health ramifications to the miners, their communities, and the world's



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artisanal mining – no, not the large-scale mining companies but the hundreds and thousands of artisanal mines operating illegally around the world. These are small-scale operations, usually functioning in Third World and developing nations, in which

ecosystem, especially with traces of mercury being found all the way to the oceans.

What if you could help alleviate these issues and improve these miners' health, compensation, opportunity with the use of state-of-the-art equipment instead of relying on backbreaking work? What if a business model existed that solved all of these devastating problems and yet had an attractive revenue model that attracted capital.



on providing funding, safety protocols, equipment, and training to the roughly 20 million workers within the artisanal gold-mining communities worldwide. Although there are a few examples around the world that exemplify small-scale mining working correctly under the watchful eye of local government, most projects around the world are much more dangerous and unregulated.



https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=24&v=T48zwbw3Dco&feature=emb_logo

THE SOLUTION FROM GOLDFINX

GoldFinX finances artisanal mining projects around the world and focuses

UN PLANET GOLD

At the core of GoldFinX is the objective of creating wealth in a fiscally, socially, and environmentally responsible manner. This is what the UN, WEF and BlackRock refer to as ESG. It gets people to a standard where they have the luxury to worry about not hurting the environment. These areas are

dramatically poverty-stricken, and people endure and barely survive. If they can be substantially helped, funded responsibly, and given the access to health standards, they can dream of their hard work providing more than the bare necessities but rather a future of exponential change. This is an enormous endeavour, but the GoldFinX team has the expertise and the track

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record. In fact, they have operations functioning today in the Ivory Coast, and the reward is not merely profits. This market will be massive, and this company has the chance to make substantial returns, but it also brings measurable change to impoverished areas. It deals with environmental

degradation and supports building communities – this is what ESG is all about, and it's the future!

ESG

This term refers to socially conscious investing or sustainable investing. It is a topic unto itself, but make no mistake about it, if you read reports from major financial funds and globalist groups this is part of the Great Reset.

GoldFinX is the first fair trade, ESG cryptocurrency in the artisanal gold-mining sector. That is a mouthful to say, but this is the real deal. I have shied away from much of the crypto space, because it is simply far too confusing for most people. That is not insulting either – it is why when you ask people who trade crypto to explain it to you as an elevator pitch, they cannot easily do it, and it ends up

being more confusing. This company and strategy are straightforward and is an incredible example of how to use a blockchain platform like Ethereum to monetize, create safety standards, create employment, wealth, and hope in third world countries.

CRYPTO, COINS, LEDGERS

As an example, let us say that it is estimated that a mining property needs US\$1 million to fund the operation. This amount becomes the advance purchase agreement. Once the mines start producing, they must return what was purchased in advance. When that obligation is paid back, the business continues giving GoldFinX 20 percent of their production, in gold, for the remainder of the mine's life. This becomes essentially a streaming/royalty type model. GoldFinX's responsibility begins the moment the mineral is out of the ground. From that point on, a documented supply chain is created all the way to the refinery. The refinery will buy 100 percent of the gold if you can demonstrate that it has been

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sourced legally. It will buy it at the daily price at the London Bullion Marketing Association. The miners' share— 80 percent of the gold mined — is liquified into US dollars and wire-transferred to the cooperative.

Of the 20 percent of the gold that is given to GoldFinX, 5 percent is sold and used to finance the company. The remaining 15 percent is stored permanently in a vault from an international financial institution, along with the initial amount of gold received as per the advanced purchase agreement. The amount of gold in the vault progressively increases over time. This latter detail is to the benefit of GIX holders. If for any reason GoldFinX ceases to be able to exist, the gold in the reserve will be sold and distributed to GIX holders.

What we get is an investment sitting outside the inflated and watered-down fiat market system that appears to be systemically broken. There is a marriage of old and new technology and philosophies, which is the very understanding of progress. And to build upon the wisdom and intelligence of the work of those who laboured on these issues before us. We get a decentralized digital coin that is backed by an increasing amount of physical gold, an asset which has had historic and intrinsic social value for over 6,000 years. If you are interested in a blockchain deal that participates in the gold industry, and a streaming model that also fits many of the checkboxes the UN, WEF and other globalist groups are promoting, then look no further than this exciting project. GoldFinX has a profitable and thoughtful approach to dealing with our new world realities, and the Great Reset.





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SMT: CHECKING ALMOST ALL THE BOXES IN OUR DUE DILIGENCE

By David O'Brien

There are about ten questions I have for potential Clients of mine, and **SMT** checks almost all of the boxes. **Sierra Metals Inc. (SMT: TSX, SMT: BVL, SMTS: NYSE American)**

People, project, jurisdiction, infrastructure, macro economic criteria (economy, price of commodities), community sentiment, environmental concerns...

In **SMT's** case it's really clear they're a well-advanced explorationist with lots more property on trend, and a developer of mines with one producing mine in Peru and two producers in Mexico:

Operations

Yauricocha Mine

Bolivar Mine

Cusi Mine

Exploration

Peru

Victoria

Adrico

San Juan

Carmencita

Ipillo

Exicto Sur

Yauricocha Fault

Yanamachay/Silacocha

Mexico

Batopilas Property

Maguarichic Property

Moris Property

Bacerac Property

Arechuyvo Project

Oribo Project

East Durango Project (Ticolote)

Melchor Ocampo Project

There's been a recent change in top management and the new Exec looks good on paper. Here's a link to the new CEO, **Luis Marchese's** Bio www.sierrametals.com/about-sierra/management/default.aspx.

As **Mr. Marchese** asserts

“ We have a solid balance sheet with \$37M in cash and \$42M in working capital. The Company still expects free cash flow this year despite COVID-19 interruptions and expects to finish the year with a higher cash balance than we started with in 2020. **“**

VP Exploration Alonso Lujan says, with respect to SMT's new silver zone discovery at Cusi:

“ This exploration program confirms the existence of high-grade silver mineralization and demonstrates the important potential of a new zone not previously known. As such, it gives us a reason to continue exploration in the Cusi fault area

at depth and along strike, as well as at other high-value zones on the property. **”**

Yauricocha and Bolivar are ramping back up to full capacity post-COVID-19 shut downs with protocols in place to avoid further disruptions. Cusi is working to come out of Care & Maintenance in Q3, more difficult as it's not a remote mine like Yauricocha and Bolivar.

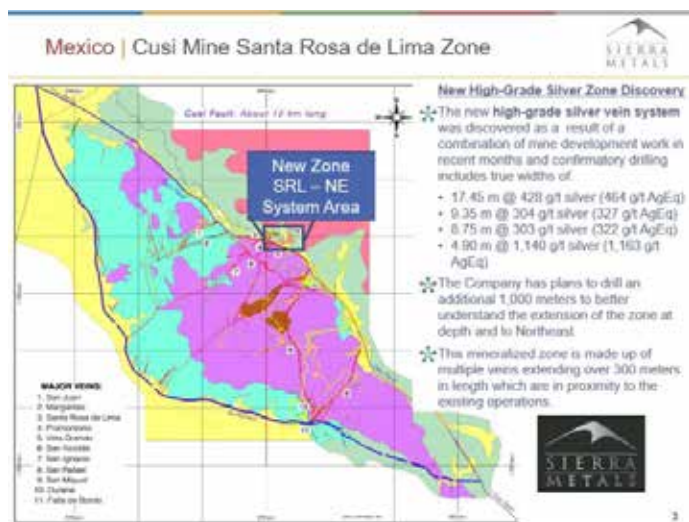
- Yauricocha expecting to be at 3,600 tpd throughput with permits to advance to that level expected in H2 2020
- Bolivar advancing to 5,000 tpd by year-end and through an updated PEA expected to be able to surpass that throughput rate based on recent large resource increase.
- Cusi expected to come out of care and maintenance in Q3 and ramp up to 1,200 TPD to become profitable producer within the portfolio. New silver zone discovery in close proximity to the mine to add significant upside to grade and mine life.



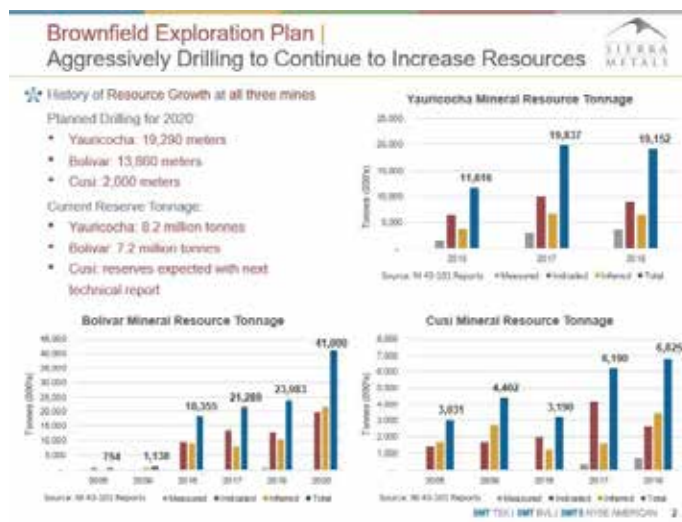
Yauricocha Mine



Bolivar Mineralized Exposure



Mexico Cusi Mine Santa Rosa de Lima Zone



Brownfield Exploration Plan

THE MAIN STORY HERE THEN, IS GROWTH.

Both Peru and Mexico are great mining jurisdictions and all of the properties are in regions considered positive in infrastructure and community sentiment.

There might be no better time to load up on a gold and polymetallic producer with many new properties to develop

in what appears to be the start of a bull market for commodities (imho, Ed.).

The next consideration for investors would be timeline, length of investment term, exit strategy... and they're all different for everyone, of course. Subjective, while being as objective as possible.

Do your Due Diligence, of course.

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OMINECA METALS AND MINING: A DOUBLE-THREAT CARIBOO MINING DISTRICT GOLD PLAY.

By David H Smith

The week of 6 July saw the price of gold close several days in a row above US\$1,800/ounce, its highest since 2011. While gold may or may not reach the \$2,000 level over the next few months, it's reasonable to think it could succeed in doing so either by the end of this year or Q1 2021. Summer side-ways action is unlikely to change this scenario.

In March, The Morgan Report stepped a bit out of its comfort zone to profile a small exploration play, soon to become a gold producer, in B.C.'s Historic Cariboo Mining District. It was only "Uncomfortable" in that at the time, almost all the daily volume took place on Canada's TSX-V, whereas a big chunk of our readers are U.S. investors. However, it does trade informally on the Pink Sheet OTC, under the ticker OMMSF, with liquidity now no longer a problem as its 10 day average volume is running around 200,000 shares. The full story of Omineca <https://www.ominecaminingandmetals.com/> is a multi-faceted one, about which in this short space, we can only give a thumbnail sketch.

THE STORY

The Cariboo Gold Rush, most famous of the British Columbia gold fevers, took place during the 1860s, with echoes for many years thereafter. It centered on two small streams - Williams Creek, alongside of which the gold rush town of Barkerville grew up, and Lightning Creek. In 2019, Osisko Gold Royalties bought the Cariboo Gold Project from Barkerville Gold Mines, site of 4.5 Moz. of historic placer and hard rock gold production, along with, according to Osisko, an additional 4.4 Moz. of new resource in the surrounding hillsides.

Lightning Creek is where Omineca comes into the picture. Much of the current

creek bed was worked by the early miners, but several kilometers of a rich placer gold-infused paleochannel, a much older riverbed lying beneath the current Lightning Creek and buried under 40 meters of soggy overburden, remained inaccessible - defeating every attempt to mine it, for over 125 years. Pumps couldn't dewater the mess, known locally as "Cariboo Slum" quickly enough to allow excavation to reach the gold.

Then in 2012, CVG Mining (now Omineca), in partnership with 49 North Resources, unlocked the puzzle near Wingdam, using ground freezing technology, a process pioneered in Saskatchewan to mine potash and uranium. The existing underground bedrock workings were dewatered, and a frozen "halo" of the wet Cariboo Slum from underground, just above the old riverbed was created, in order to tunnel across it and recover the placer gold sitting along the bottom of the paleochannel. The yield from this relatively small crosscut which measured just 2.4 meters high by 2.4 meters wide, by 24 meters across the old riverbed was 173.5 ounces of placer gold! The now barren gravel was backfilled into the cross-cut and sealed off, and the ground allowed to thaw, returning the Cariboo Slum to its original state - minus the gold.



174 oz yield from the 2012 Test run.

Omineca is heading toward placer production soon, with a planned larger bulk sample of multiple sequential side-by-side step cross-cuts beginning with the first 300 meters of the paleochannel's buried length. As of this spring, the Company's extended placer claims now cover some 15 kilometers of potential paleochannel along Lightning Creek.



Two unique, time, money, and share-dilution saving strategies are being utilized to "front-load" production, cash flow, and activation of "the other" gold exploration campaign. First, due to the success of the test cross-cut sample and confidence in the likelihood of the placer gold continuing along the paleochannel, the Company does not intend to issue an NI-43-101 Report, hence the terminology of "bulk sample multiple cross cuts". Second, unlike most companies which decide, before production can even begin, to build a mill - spending several years trying to finance the \$15-\$20m dollar cost, Omineca has signed a joint venture with KR Investments/HCC Mining, who are providing all upfront capital and startup expense to the point of liberating the first ounce of gold to earn a 50% share the gold produced. As for ongoing mining expense, Omineca only pays an all-in, fixed price of C\$850/ounce produced for its gold. Omineca's

profit will be the difference between C\$850 and the going spot price. The chart nearby shows this very large differential, especially if you compare it to USD gold. With gold currently at **C\$2450/c.USS\$1800** their “take home” pay would be C\$1,600/ounce (c. US\$1200)

The cash flow will serve to help fund a hard rock lode gold exploration program on Omineca's large claim block, looking for the source (and additional resource) of the rich placer which found its way into the Lightning Creek paleochannel. Visual inspection of the placer nuggets recovered in 2012 hints that the gold deposited in the creek had likely come from several sources not far away. Some specimens were jagged, rather than smooth-edged and others still had quartz pieces within the nuggets, which could have come from as close as 50 – 100 meters away.

Omineca has claims to a large area package - comprised of three functional elements - a Placer Lease, Placer Claims, and Mineral Claims - surrounding the project. In 2019, they performed geophysical surveys over the properties and identified several drill

targets with similar structural features to that of the Barkerville Gold Mine's deposit. Geologically, Omineca lies in mirror image to the Osisko's deposits, the two lying on either side of a NW/SE running anticline.

Although at this writing, the Company's stock has moved substantially higher since March, even before the first ounce of placer gold has been liberated from its long-time resting place in the paleochannel, this is still an early day's story. Beyond our generally bullish view on gold, the immediacy of positive cash flow from a project like Wingdam, which looks to have gold in hand later this year, offers potentially great promise right out of the (sluice) box.

When asked about plans for the cash flow from the placer gold recovery operations, Dean Nawata, Omineca's Vice President, indicated that

“While we certainly can't make promises at this stage, we have always thought to take half of the net gold recovery proceeds, and put it towards our exploration and drilling programs

that are looking for the hard rock sources of the rich placer recovered from beneath Lightning Creek. As for the other half, we would like to arrange some sort of special dividend payout to shareholders, either as cash or in physical gold. In due time, we will have to see how or if this can be done.” ”

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What Would Be the Best Indicator Mineral to Find a Gold Deposit?

5.4 Kilos of Placer Gold



HARD ROCK EXPLORATION

- Looking for the source of the rich placer gold at Wingdam
- Jagged-edged placer from paleochannel can indicate nearby source
- Parallel and mirror image geology to Osisko's Cariboo Gold Project

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JUNIOR MARKETS ARE FROTHY AND THE SUMMER DOLDRUMS ARE LOOMING

By Mickey Fulp

The junior resource market has been booming for the past couple of months. This uptrend has occurred in the midst of a Chinese flu epidemic intentionally exported to the rest of the world, global economic collapse, pending debt defaults, all-time records for the VIX (aka “fear index”), and record US unemployment. Most recently, economic and social turmoil has been exacerbated by riots and violence promulgated by paid anarcho-socialist organizations on the streets of America’s largest left wing-governed metropolises.

The big junior stock rally has of course been led by what it is always led by ... gold. In times of geopolitical and/or economic uncertainty, safe-haven demand for gold soars and so does its price. Then gold equities generally follow suit.

Below is our composite 24-year seasonal gold chart that also shows gold’s performance year-to-date (+14%). If we examine the last 50 trading days, gold has gone from a low of \$1474 an ounce on March 19 to a close of \$1729 on May 29 for a gain of 17%.

Note that our historical gold data is from the daily London pm price fix and sourced from our friends at Kitco.com; also recall that 21 trading days equals about one month.

The pronounced V-shaped fall and rise of gold over eight trading days was due to margin calls as the world’s major equities markets were melting down.

Luckily, my numbers wonk-dom kicked in a few days before as I recalled a similar event in mid-November of 2008 and a sharp decline in the gold price. I checked our database to confirm the depth of that downturn and its duration. We then lined-up a buying strategy, confirmed bullion availability from a dealer with the lowest markup (although still twice the normal) and fastest delivery (10 days), and bought a tranche on March 18. Say hey, who says you cannot time the market?

I like to buy gold on the dips regardless of bull or bear market conditions.

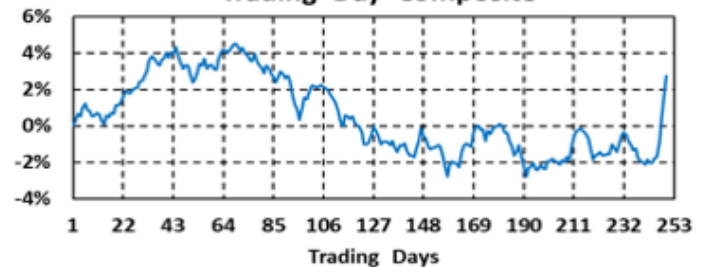
Global spread of the Wuhan flu in early March rapidly spawned massive retail gold demand. When combined with temporary mine shutterings, refinery shutdowns, and supply-chain breakdowns, the price of bullion soared with major gold miner valuations soon following. GDX is now at a seven-year high, up a whopping 80% since bottoming on March 19, the same day as gold.

We certainly expected the big gold miners’ buoyancy to first trickle down to the small gold miners and then eventually to the best gold junior explorers. But I cannot imagine that any pros thought it would happen so quickly.

The Toronto Venture Exchange Index is our proxy for junior gold stocks and it dropped to an all-time low of 339 on March 18. Its previous low-water mark was 474 during tax-loss selling in mid-December of 2018. So this move to the downside was unprecedented in the 18-year history of the TSXV.

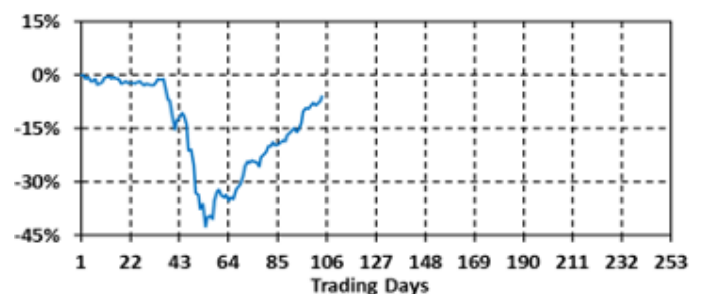
Here is the composite yearly seasonal record since inception of the Venture Exchange in December 2001:

**TSXV Index 2002 - 2019
Trading Day Composite**

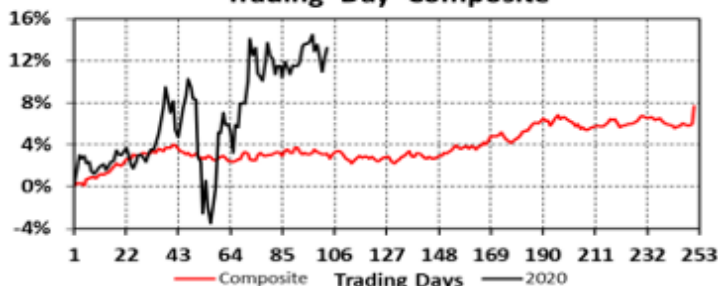


Due to the huge range and extreme volatility of the TSXV Index year-to-date, we cannot overlay its record on the historical pattern. So here is 2020 YTD for comparison; note the tremendous range in the y-axis scale compared to the one above:

TSXV 2020



**Gold 1996 - 2019
Trading Day Composite**



With May's close at 554, the TSXV Index has marked a gain of 63% from its low of 339 in just 50 trading days. But in 2020, it still remains in negative territory at -4%.

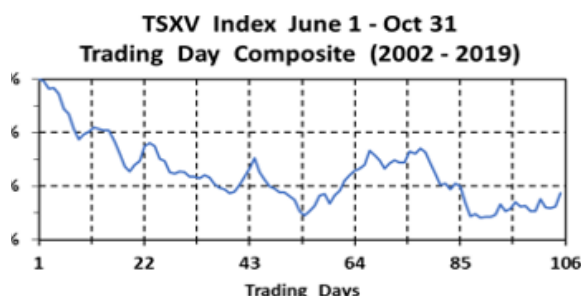
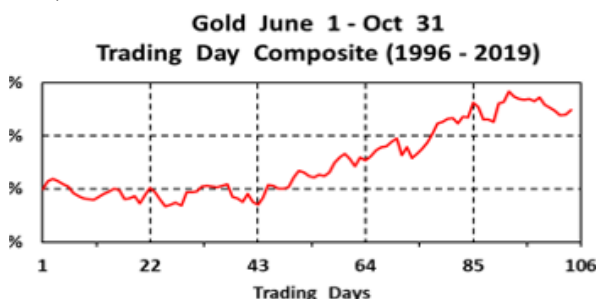
To further illustrate the wide-ranging uptick in junior resource valuations over the past two months, my personal resource portfolio of 30 junior explorers, one NYSE and two junior royalty companies, and three NYSE.AM-listed developers/miners is up 76% since the end of March. Compare this performance to the 38% gain for the TSXV Index and I have doubled the return!

But that's all in the past. Given current market volatility, I must develop a trading strategy going forward.

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That said, I submit that past and present must be analyzed to understand and predict future trends.

We are entering the last month of Q2 with the summer doldrums imminent and in general, a time of falling gold and stock prices. Our summer to mid-fall gold and TSXV composite charts are presented below:



So let's assume that past is prologue. Our seasonality charts and my market experience indicate:

- The summer doldrum period from mid-June to Labor Day is a time of flat to down prices for gold; it often reaches its yearly lows in short duration dips over these months.

- Steady downticks occur on the Toronto Venture Exchange because news flow is slow, investors go on vacation, interest wanes, and trading volumes drop. With few bids, prices follow suit to the downside.

Contrast these usual trends with performances so far in 2020:

- Gold is up 17% since the new year began and is vastly outperforming its average seasonal pattern established over the past 24 years.

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- There has been a phenomenal run up (+63%) in the TSXV Index over the past 50 trading days, a unique occurrence over its 18-year record.

Economic news for May is guaranteed to be dire. So despite gold's usual summer season trend, I opine that current geopolitical events, pandemic lockdowns, economic recessions, growing government debt loads, rampant increases in money supply, and historically low to negative interest rates are all positive for the near-term price of gold.

That said, if normal patterns hold, there will be dips in the price of gold over the next three months and they present buying opportunities.

I surmise that the junior resource sector may be a different matter. Many recent high flyers are overbought. Considering that the summer is a historically slow season for all equity markets, I doubt a longer-term TSXV uptrend is sustainable without an intervening slowdown, correction, bull market dip, and/or retrenchment.

Given the above premises, here is my current plan to play the junior

resource market over the next three to four months:

- I intend to sell longer-term stock holdings that have been underwater during the bear market if/when they reach break-even valuations.
- For companies that have current or pending drill programs with good targets on good projects, I will take interim profits as soon as results start to come in.
- For company holdings with current doubles and in one case, a 20-bagger, I will continue to take profits in tranches on the uptick and the downtick as described in my Power of Two trading methodology. In fact, I sold another tranche of my biggest winner just a penny off its all-time high on Monday.
- In the mid- to late fall, I will sell holdings that have become mal-investments, management failures, share rollbacks, and/or zombie miners without hope or a prayer of recovery. They will generate losses to reduce my tax burden from robust capital gains

taken in January and February and I trust, during the summer months.

- At this juncture, the incipient bull market for junior stocks is spotty and uneven. Therefore, I will continue to seek undervalued plays that have not participated in the recent run up in the gold and other metals sectors. As an example, I bought a good copper-gold explorer last week at its low since the commodities crash of January 2016.

In conclusion, the junior resource market appears frothy to me with the summer doldrums coming in two to three weeks. At this juncture, I urge you to be a rational contrarian, trade without emotion, and most importantly, do not allow greed to rule your trading patterns. You need only recall what occurred during the summer of 2016 and how quickly an incipient bull market evaporated in the fall when gold dropped \$90 in 12 days. In my opinion, major equity markets are shaky, basically ignoring all negative news during recent recoveries. In response to the big flu scare, governments at all levels created new,



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systemic economic problems that have yet to play out. If the large markets falter and correct again, the junior resource sector will surely follow suit.

Barney Baruch, who made an immense fortune playing the stock market, including some early mining ventures in the Canadian goldfields, said it best: *"I made my money by selling too soon."*

A point well-taken, folks: It is *never* a bad move to take profits.

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FRESH AND SUSTAINABLE SAXONIAN EXPLORATION SHOULD INSPIRE MODERN EUROPEANS

By Liam Hardy

The first 'Bergamt' mining office was recorded in 1241, with one of the world's earliest mining codes, the Bergrecht, published in 1307, but mining in Saxony has formed an integral part of the region's development and economy since the Bronze Ages of 3200-600bce.

Bizarrely, the University of North Texas have published an exceptional set of digital records of German mining from 1493-1927 and show details of some 169,000,000 fine-ounces (5,256,488 KG) of silver being produced in the Saxonian region between 1163 and 1896.

History is a fun place to start for any mineral explorer, we all know that technology has progressed and waste dumps of old are now considered high-grade commodities worldwide, but what could possibly be left in a developed western region, surely we've exploited everything we possibly can in our frenzy for technology in Europe?

No, not even slightly.

Due to the rise of colonialism and cheap (blind and contemporaneously unethical) sourcing of African and Asian resources in the 18-1900s, Northern Europe has become a mass consumer of most metals and mostly ignored its own geology. A 'not in my back-yard' approach has scuppered some huge projects, from the Norra Karr REE prospect in Sweden, to the Rosia Montana Gold project in Romania, most Europeans have shown time and time again that they neither understand, value or care for what lays beneath them in the ground.

Enter a new generation: a digitally connected, globalised, travel hungry and environmentally aware generation who have marched against war, locked down city streets in protest

of environmental destruction and tweeted about the demise of children working in Central African mines and we very quickly flip the table. Whether you like today's youngsters or not...

Bucharest and a determined group of 200 canoeists able to blockade Adani's coal port in Australia for weeks through a Facebook event page.



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production and exploration activities in their own Europe. Either side of the knife is a terrifying pool of felsic lava, bubbling and ready to swallow mining companies whole at the casual push of a soft, blue Twitter button.

Back in Saxony, the region has had more than its fair share of political turmoil over the years and has come out economically poorer than much of modern-day Germany. Since the last mines were closed in 1969, Saxony has been dependent on farming and lower level industry and has had to follow in the shadow of Munich, Frankfurt and Stuttgart's economic prowess. The region is crying out for opportunity, investment and skilled jobs which the government can't provide alone.

Enter Globex Mining's Jack Stoch and German geologist Matthias Jurgeit. With the little-known publication of Saxony's first modern-era mining code and pledges of government support for development, they snuck under the radar early and pegged almost the entire historic Freiberg mining district for silver and gold exploration.

Hats have to be taken off here to Matthias, who spent the whole of summer 2019 walking soil grids and sampling what was then named the 'Braunsdorf' project, before finally capturing the attention of Excellon Resources, a Mexican silver producer with enough dosh in the bank to really kick up some dirt.

As we speak, the same skilled Bulgarian drill crew responsible for sizeable hits at Prospech's Slovakian licences are mobilising to test historic producing

vein systems and fresh targets defined by Matthias in 2019, fully funded by Excellon. The potential bounties with modern processing technology from the waste dumps alone are monumental, the underground mining potential for these systems using modern, safe and non-environmentally risky methods are equally as exciting.

I believe that with the support of the local government, the world-famous Mining University of Freiberg and the experienced team at Excellon, Germany may be on the road to presenting Central Europe her first realistic, environmentally friendly and profitable mine for years. Furthermore, with the right community engagement at national level, this story could become a posterchild for modern mining & safe development in Europe. It's a lot of pressure on the shoulders of Globex and Excellon to manage this properly, a second of failure could fire up angry protesters from nearby Berlin to jump onto trains and kill mining potential in the area long-term, but proven success could open up Saxony as one of the world's premier destinations once again.



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Right now, the European mining community need to come together and make sure this project has all the support it needs at every technical and PR level, so we don't end up embarrassed about another Norra Karr incident.

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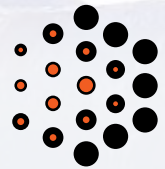
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